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Hiking in the Principality of Andorra

7 night Hiking & Discovery Tour

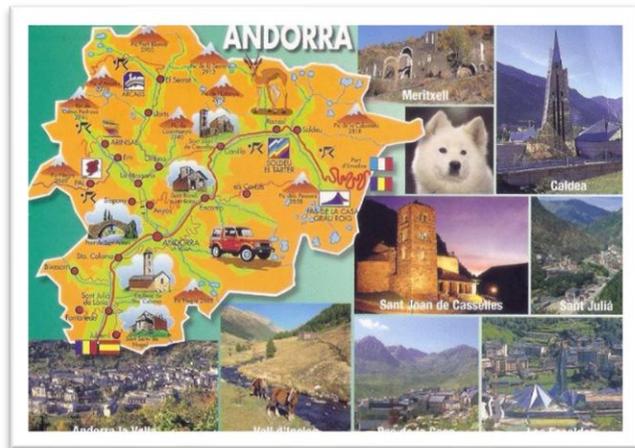
Barcelona – Andorra - Barcelona

The Principality of Andorra is a small, landlocked, independent co-principality of the EU. It's situated among the southern peaks of the Pyrenees Mountains and bound by France to the north and east and Spain to the south and west. It is one of the smallest states in Europe and the energetic capital is Andorra la Vella.

With a population of only 82,000, this Catalan (northern Spanish) language-speaking principality boasts some of the most beautiful natural spaces in Europe.

For this reason, it attracts adventure seekers year-round – primarily for skiing (alpine & cross country), hiking, biking and climbing. These mountains are not high by Pyrenean standards, they are all under 10,000 feet. Most offer charming grassy ridge walks, and an opportunity to traverse from valley to valley in long outings. In spring and early summer there is a profusion of alpine plants that swamp the valleys and clothe hillsides in a kaleidoscope of colour.

Our tour offers 5 days of hiking and 7 nights in both Barcelona and a comfortable hotel base in Andorra's modern and well-appointed capital of Andorra la Vella. Choice of daily hikes will be dependent on weather conditions, trail conditions, advice of local information and ability of group.



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Day 1 Arrival to Barcelona

Bienvenido a Barcelona! Spain's enigmatic northern capital of culture and the warm-hearted Catalan society. After making your way to our tour hotel in the historic centre, you'll be met by your trip guide and enjoy a welcome dinner with the group! If you arrive early, we'll make some suggestions for visits around Barca itself!

Hotel 4 star Silken Ramblas <https://www.hoteles-silken.com/es/hotel-ramblas-barcelona/>. Welcome dinner included.





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Day 2 Tour of Barcelona / Pm journey to Andorra

This morning we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Barcelona's highlights before grabbing a tapas lunch and then departing for our 3-hour drive into the Pyrenees to our destination of Andorra! Upon arrival you can self-explore around the resort town before dinner. Hotel for the next 5 nights will be the 4 star **Hotel YPMP Centric Andorra** yomohotels.com. Breakfast & Dinner included.



Day 3 Andorra Hiking Day 1

Our first hiking adventure in Andorra. We'll explore a wooded route leading up to a lake area capturing incredible views of the Pyrenees! Transfer to / from the trailhead is provided today. **Hotel** same as previous night. Breakfast included today. Trail lunch items can be accessed locally. **Hiking Distance:** 5-8 km **Elevation Gain** (approximate): 750-1200 feet



Day 4 Andorra Hiking Day 2

This morning we'll set off by vehicle only 20 minutes to the trailhead above a rural village area. Today's hike follows a good gradient passing dairy farm and open pastures offering incredible views! Transfer to / from the trailhead is provided today. **Hotel** same as previous night. Breakfast & Dinner included today. Trail lunch items can be accessed locally. **Hiking Distance:** Options of 4-7 and 10-12 km **Elevation Gain** (approximate): 500 to 1000 feet

Day 5 Andorra Hiking Day 3

Today we'll venture into higher ground to appreciate the National Park lands of Andorra and hike an alpine region where we'll find less people and virtually no urban development, a beautiful get-a-way from the hustle and bustle of the valley below! Transfer to / from the trailhead is provided today. **Hotel** same as previous night. Breakfast included today. Trail lunch items can be accessed locally. **Hiking Distance:** 6-10 km options **Elevation Gain** (approximate): 600 to 1000 feet





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Day 6 Andorra Hiking Day 4

Our final hiking day and we have some options in store that can either be alpine based or following Andorra's river systems and valleys – all weather and energy depending! Transfer to / from the trailhead is provided today. **Hotel** same as previous night. Breakfast & Farewell Dinner included today. Trail lunch items can be accessed locally. **Hiking Distance:** 7-12 km options
Elevation Gain (approximate): 400 to 1000 feet



Day 7 Departure to Barcelona Airport

This morning after breakfast our private coach delivers us 3.5 hours back to Barcelona International Airport (BCN), from here you can self-explore more of the region or continue on your journey. No activities planned today and Breakfast is provided.

INCLUDED in your ANDORRA Tour:

- 7 tour nights' accommodation in comfortable tourist class hotels throughout
- Meals as per itinerary - breakfast for all hotel nights)
- All transfers as per itinerary in private coach and where necessary, local bus or taxis
- Hiking leadership from the Adventurebug Team
- Driver and hotel restaurant staff gratuities
- Wifi available at all hotel destinations

NON INCLUSIONS

**Flights to/from Barcelona (BCN) Airport, PERSONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE, entrance fees to attractions, optional activities, additional transfers, personal room expenses, lunches throughout the trip, beverages at dinners.*

**PLEASE NOTE – It's obligatory that participants have a personal health travel insurance policy and we strongly recommend cancellation insurance as well for any unforeseeable disruptions.*



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TRAVEL IN ANDORRA: What to Know

- Euros are the currency of Andorra. Bank ATM Machines are widely available and we recommend obtaining small amounts of Euros for your daily travel. Please inform your bank (and cell phone provider), that you will be travelling in the EU and wish to use the services of bank cards and possible cell phone packages for connectivity.
- Language of the region is Catalan Spanish however English is spoken in the main tourist areas and hotels and French to a lesser extent.
- Road travel in Andorra is good but expect at times narrow, winding, mountain roads and highways. Travel distances are never that long.
- Weather patterns throughout Andorra spring & autumn resemble typical spring conditions in the Pyrenees. Some snow above 6-8000 feet may still be present and the wildflower season will have already begun! Expect cool evenings and mornings and warm, mild days of up to 70 F. Rainfall can be sporadic but not normally very intense.
- Wifi is frequent, free and of high quality in our chosen hotels (note - it may not always be available in rooms)
- Most special diets and allergies can be tolerated and provided for but it may be very limited at times. Please bring supplements just in case.



Andorra Electrics

Note that Andorra uses 220 volts so an adapter and power converter is needed if you are bringing electric items from North America (with the exception of plugging in cell phones, lap tops and tablets which SHOULD have built in power convertors).

Andorra's plugs are based on Type F so bear this in mind when plugging in items with a North American plug.

Additional Nights pre/post Tour

Please consult with us directly if you require additional pre or post tour nights at our hotels. We will try book this for you in advance or put you in touch for direct booking by credit card as this is often easier for participants to arrange (to fit their personal travel needs). The room rates will be announced in due course but online it may be a better rate via www.booking.com or similar, for example.

PACKING & EQUIPMENT LIST

Please bring only what you need, this helps you to travel light and without straining yourself. There are a number of times you are required to roll (or carry), your principal luggage on/off trains, planes and to/from buses. Some of the hotels are in non-urban settings and may require short paths, trail and stairs to access rooms. Generally, your guiding team is on hand to assist, but this may not always be the case.

We recommend a mid-sized or conservative rolling suitcase or soft rolling pack (that can be locked) for carrying your daily clothes and personal items. Your daypack should have a waist belt and a chest strap to give your back / shoulders a rest and to support the personal items you need to carry daily (water, snacks, layer of clothing, camera, etc). During the activities and visits, you are required to carry your own water and rain wear, etc.

___ Hiking / active clothing – loose fitting, quick dry, cool light layers, good hiking socks and spares

___ Good walking shoes with solid grip designed for rural paths with ankle support (worn in beforehand)



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- ___ Extra pair of shoes to wear like sandals or sneakers for evening and post activity sessions
- ___ Loose, comfortable wear for evenings in the tropics (non formal) that is light to carry
- ___ Light Rain layer for the small possibility of an afternoon shower
- ___ Day pack for day visits / activities (25 litre minimum / waterproof or with rain cover)
- ___ Water bottle (refillable) or water bladder (camel bak)
- ___ First aid or medication supplies such as band aids, blister support, Tylenol, Aleve/Advil, prescriptions, etc.
- ___ Walking pole(s) recommended for the varied terrain
- ___ Toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc) & spare reading glasses
- ___ Zip lock bags
- ___ Towel and swim wear including a sun protective swim top
- ___ Large, sun-protective hat cover that is light and cool
- ___ (head light) and extra batteries
- ___ Pocket knife or multi tool (remember to pack in your checked baggage on flight)
- ___ Hand wash, antibacterial – for washing hands before meals, etc.
- ___ Quality Face Mask(s) for disease prevention
- ___ Good waterproof sun block / SPF lip protection & polarized sunglasses
- ___ Optional shoe covers (gators), to prevent rock / sand from entering top of boots
- ___ Other optional: Camera, binoculars, phrase book, water-sand proof cover for phone (zip-lock bag?), energy snacks / fluids, duct tape for minor repairs, mask/snorkel, small master lock and key, small waterproof bag for canoe, kayak and river float, battery pack & charger for phone and camera