



# FEELING THE MOUNTAINS THE EASTERN PYRENEES

## 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

Near Barcelona, the Pyrenees mountains takes us to the altitude world. The Ripollès is a Catalan region in the East just over an hour and a half driving from Barcelona. To the north it borders France, forests occupy 94% of its surface and its highest point almost reaches 3,000m above sea level. 35% of its territory is protected by the Natura 2000 network. Thanks to its topography and abundant rainfall, Ripollès offers a great diversity of plant species and landscapes, charcuterie and artisan production and a rich historic heritage Romanesque art as the Monastery of Ripoll or the Monastery of Sant Joan de les Abadesses, and a lot of charming villages like Queralbs or Camprodón. Our proposal runs spectacular places, we stayed in cottages and realized excursions and hikes to takebreathing corners of these places.

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1: BARCELONA – RIPOLLÈS / PIRINEOS  
SANTA MAGDALENA RANGE**

**DAY 2: RIPOLLÈS – GORGES OF ESTIULA**

**DAY 3: RIPOLLÈS – HIGH NURIA VALLEY - BARCELONA**





## DESCRIPTION

### DAY 1: BARCELONA – RIPOLLÈS / PYRENEES

7:00 Meet the guide in Barcelona. Transfer to El Ripollès, in the Pyrenees.

9:00 Start first hike. One of the best preserved Catalanian beech forests, less well-known because the path to get there has almost disappeared and is difficult to follow | Santa Maria de Cambrils Romanesque chapel, which is located in the highest point of Sierra de Sta. Magdalena, is hidden by the trees all around it. It is an isolated and magic spot | Bauma stream, with many cascades of crystalline water

15:00 - 16:00 One-hour visit to a farm which makes organic cheese.

Josep, the owner, will show us how the farm day to day, as well as the process to make cheese. Josep loves his job and his animals, and is committed to making excellent cheese. To conclude, a tasting of Josep's cheeses accompanied with Catalan wine chosen by Miguel, our wine expert.

18:00 Check into the Lodge

20:00 Supper at the Lodge

**Hike: Distance 13.8km | Duration 6-7h | Cumulative ascent 680m**



### DAY 2: RIPOLLÈS – GORGES OF ESTIULA

8:00 Transfer to the starting point of the hike after breakfast.

The Torrent de la Cabana. It is a stream with 7 beautiful cascades. On the base of each there is a pool of turquoise green water. The path will take us to all of them.

14:30 Finish walk.

Transfer to Ripoll for lunch in a restaurant located in a Modernist house built in 1909.

16:30 Visit the butchery Carles i Milà. Carles, the butcher and owner, will show us how they make sausage (butifarras, chorizos, etc) following an artisanal process with no additives or other chemicals. The meat comes from pigs grown in a farm located only 2km from Ripoll. To conclude, we will be able to taste Carles' products accompanied by a selected wine which Miguel has chosen.

18:00 Short guided visit to see other Modernist buildings in Ripoll, such as Capilla de Sant Miquel de la Roqueta and Casa Bonada

18:30 Return to the Lodge

20:00 Supper in the Lodge

**Hike: Distance 8km | Duration 4h | Cumulative ascent 350m**



### DAYS 3 RIPOLLÈS – HIGH NURIA VALLEY – BARCELONA

8:00 Transfer to Queralbs after breakfast.

8:30 Start ascent to Núria. The path which leads to Nuria from Queralbs goes along the Nuria river. We can admire awesome cascades and gorges | The alpine landscape with high crags: daunting | The loud roar of the water due to the steep gully it follows to escape the valley | We may see chamois  
Comments We will descend on foot or by rack railway, according to the fitness level of the group

15:00 End of the walk in Queralbs. Transfer to Ripoll.

15:30 Guided visit to the Monastery, famous for its magnificent Romanesque main front and cloister.

17:30 End of the visit. Return to Barcelona

19:00 Arrive Barcelona. End of our services

**Hike: Distance 7km | Duration 5h (ascent on foot and descent by the rack railway) Cumulative ascent 730m**





**PRICE PER PERSON:**

**4 a 8 pax group : 515€ hab. Double room ( 575€ individual room)**

**9 a 14 pax group : 375€ hab. Double room ( 435 € individual room )**

**Prices for TTOO only**

**INCLUDED**

- Accommodation: two nights full-board in old country house. En-suite rooms.
- Wine included with dinners, every day.
- 3 packed lunches
- Accident insurance while in the wilderness
- Local certified UIMLA Mountain Guide with you throughout, expert in the culture, geography, flora and Romanesque art of the Pyrenees.
- All transfers contained in ROUTE
- All non-walking activities contained in ROUTE

**NOT INCLUDED**

- VAT
- Flights
- Transfer Barcelona city to and from Airport.
- Any other cost not listed above



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