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Catalan Pyrenees motorhome route

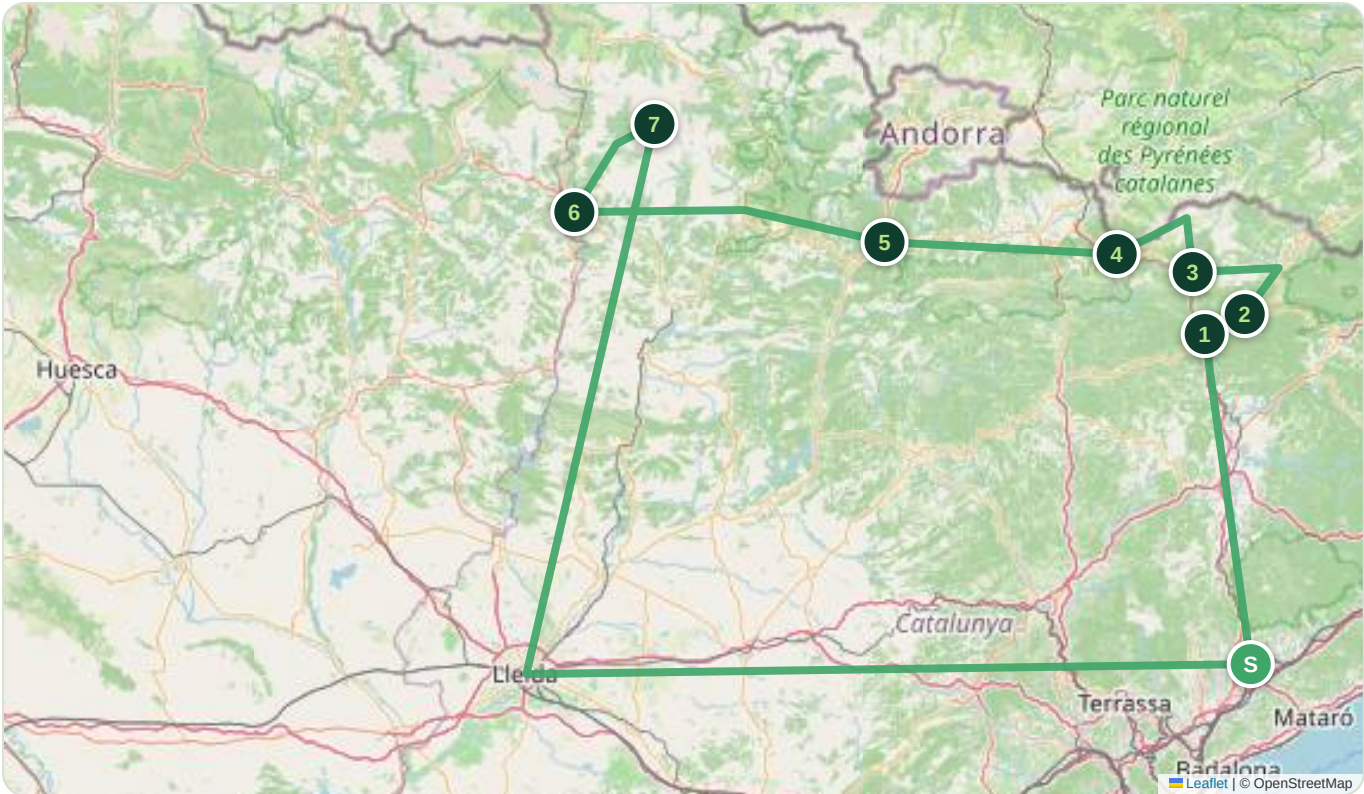
From the Ripollès to the Vall de Boí: Romanesque monasteries, the Núria rack railway, the Cerdanya and Catalonia's only national park, heading north on the C-17.

**START AND FINISH****Les Franqueses del Vallès****DURATION****7 rental nights****APPROX. DISTANCE****650 km****BEST TIME****All year round****MILEAGE****Unlimited (rentals of 7 days or more)****INDICATIVE PRICE****from €875 rental in low season**

From our base in Les Franqueses del Vallès you take the C-17 towards Vic and Ripoll, and within an hour and a half you are in the Pyrenees without going near Barcelona. This route crosses the Catalan Pyrenees from east to west: the Ripollès, the Cerdanya, the Alt Urgell, the Pallars and the Alta Ribagorça.

It is a seven-day rental, seven nights: you collect the motorhome on the afternoon of day 1, spend six days with one to two hours of driving per stage on mountain roads with passes and bends, and return it on the morning of day 8. With 7 days, mileage is unlimited. It works all year: in summer for walking among lakes, in winter for snowy valleys with the heating on.

Route map (approximate line)



Route plan

Day 1	Pick-up • Ripoll
Day 2	Ripoll • Sant Joan de les Abadesses • Camprodon
Day 3	Ribes de Freser • Vall de Núria
Day 4	Collada de Toses • Cerdanya
Day 5	La Seu d'Urgell • Sort
Day 6	Vall de Boí
Day 7	Aigüestortes • N-230 to Lleida

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 · Pick-up and the drive to Ripoll

You collect the motorhome in the afternoon, between 16:00 and 19:00, and after the handover you take the C-17 towards Vic and Ripoll. You are there in just over an hour: a short first stage with no mountain passes, ideal for getting used to the V66 without any rush. Spend the night at a campsite or authorised area nearby and save the sightseeing for the next morning.

Day 2 · Ripoll, Sant Joan de les Abadesses and Camprodon

Start with the monastery of Santa Maria de Ripoll, whose portal is one of the most important Romanesque works in Europe. A few kilometres on, Sant Joan de les Abadesses has another monastery and a medieval bridge over the Ter. End the day in Camprodon, with its stone Pont Nou and streets of elegant townhouses. It is an easy stretch before the passes of the following days.

Day 3 · Ribes de Freser and Vall de Núria

Drive back via Sant Joan and Ripoll to Ribes de Freser. There is no road to Núria: you ride the rack railway up from Ribes de Freser or Queralbs. Leave the motorhome below and spend the day in the valley, at around 2,000 m, with its sanctuary, lake and trails for every level. In winter there is a small ski area, ideal for families. Sleep back down in the valley.

Day 4 · Collada de Toses and the Cerdanya

The road over the Collada de Toses climbs to almost 1,800 m: it is the twistiest pass on the route and can see snow in winter, so check conditions and take it slowly. On the way down the Cerdanya opens up, a wide plain with the Serra del Cadí to the south. Stop to stock up, then follow the Segre west. If you would like more time in this valley, our Andorra and Cerdanya route explores it at a gentler pace.

Day 5 · La Seu d'Urgell and Sort

La Seu d'Urgell has a Romanesque cathedral and the Parc del Segre, built for the 1992 Olympic Games. The road then crosses into the Pallars Sobirà. Sort is the rafting capital of the Noguera Pallaresa river, and from spring to summer you will see companies running trips. If the Pallars leaves you wanting more, our Pallars and Montsec route covers it in depth. Spend the night nearby before crossing into the Alta Ribagorça.

Day 6 · Vall de Boí

From Sort, the Coll de Perves takes you to El Pont de Suert and on to the Vall de Boí. Its Romanesque churches, including Sant Climent and Santa Maria de Taüll, Sant Joan de Boí and Santa Eulàlia d'Erill la Vall, have been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000. The villages are small and steep: park at the entrance and explore on foot. In winter, the Boí Taüll ski resort is close by.

Day 7 · Aigüestortes and down to Lleida

Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici is Catalonia's only national park. From Boí, private vehicle access is restricted: visitors go up by 4x4 taxi or set off on foot from the designated car park. After your walk the journey home begins, about 4 hours in all, best split in two: today, just over two hours on the N-230, an ordinary single-carriageway road that follows the Noguera Ribagorçana, and a night in the Lleida area. On the morning of day 8, the motorway brings you back to the Vallès in a little under two hours, in good time for the return, between 9:00 and 12:00.

What you will see



Camprodon



Vall de Boi



Aigüestortes

Where to sleep

The Catalan Pyrenees have plenty of campsites, and several villages have authorised motorhome areas. Some campsites close in the low season, so in winter check what is open before you go. In summer and on ski weekends, book ahead in the Cerdanya and the Vall de Boi. Park4Night or Campercontact help you find areas and check whether they have water services.

You may park wherever any vehicle may, as long as you are not camping: no awning, chairs or levelling ramps, and no emptying of water. Wild camping is not permitted in Catalonia, and protected natural areas such as the surroundings of Aigüestortes have stricter rules. Always follow the signs and each town's local bylaws.

Practical tips

- In winter, the Segimon Rental V66 is ready for it: Truma Combi 4 heating with EisEx and a heated grey-water tank. Snow chains are an optional extra; ask for them if you travel between November and April. There is more advice in our winter motorhome guide.
- Check road conditions before crossing the Collada de Toses or the Coll de Perves, especially when snow or ice is forecast.
- In very cold weather the heating uses more gas: keep an eye on the bottles and plan where to refill.
- Fill the 116 L water tank before heading up to the highest valleys, and empty grey water only at campsites or serviced areas.
- The old centres of Camprodon, La Seu d'Urgell and Taüll are narrow. At 2.74 m high and 2.14 m wide, it is better to park outside and walk.

Information and bookings

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