

MOUNTAINS • 2 H 30

## Pallars and Montsec motorhome route

The Mont-rebei gorge, the starry skies of the Montsec, the Noguera Pallaresa valley and Espot, gateway to Aigüestortes, on a 4-5 day mountain trip.



### START AND FINISH

Les Franqueses del Vallès

### DURATION

5 rental nights

### APPROX. DISTANCE

700 km

### BEST TIME

May — October

### MILEAGE

1,500 km included (300 km/day) • extra km €0.40

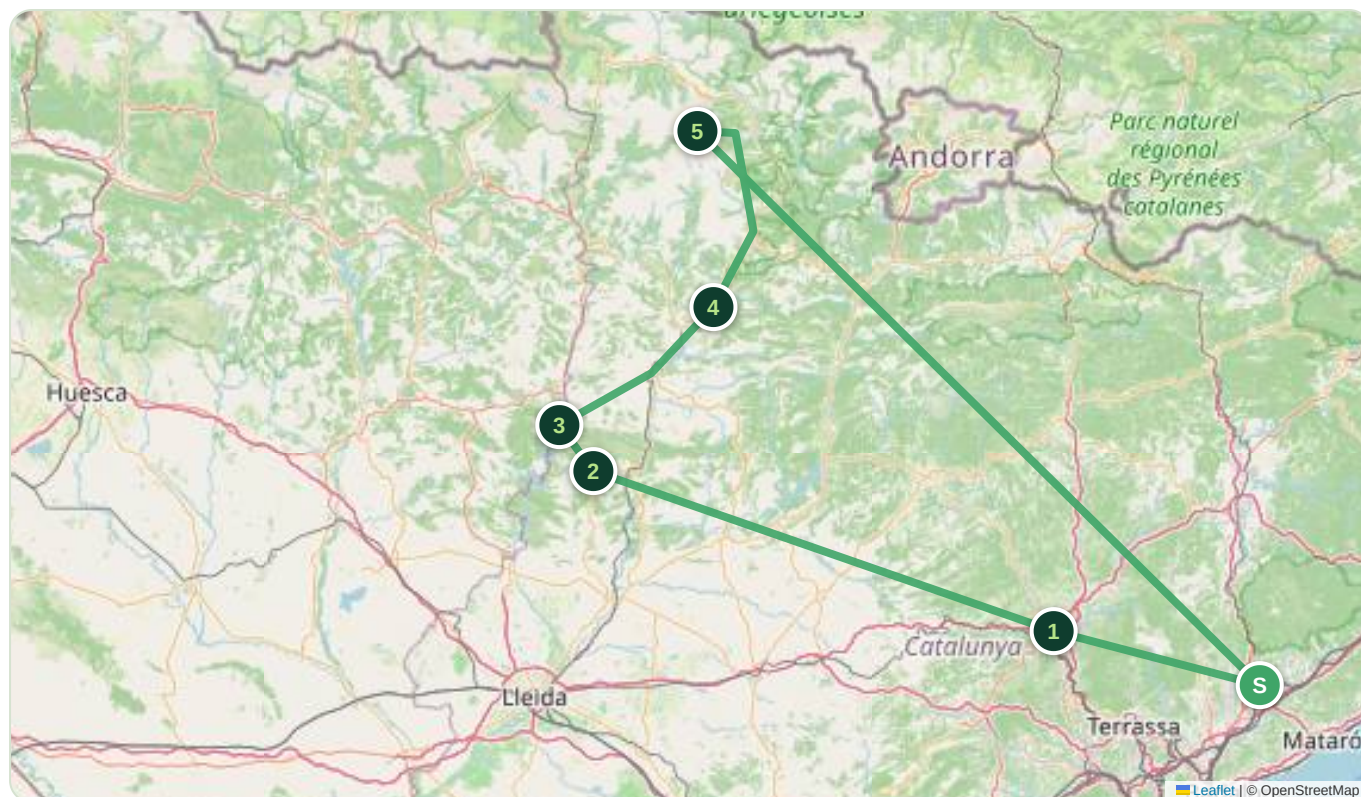
### INDICATIVE PRICE

from €625 rental in low season

Between the Montsec range and the Pyrenean valleys, the Pallars holds some of the wildest landscapes in Catalonia: the Mont-rebei gorge, carved by the Noguera Ribagorçana; a night sky with Starlight certification; and the Noguera Pallaresa valley, which climbs to the gates of the Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici National Park.

From our base in Les Franqueses del Vallès, Àger is about 200 km away, 2 h 30 to 3 h via the C-17, the Eix Transversal (C-25) and local roads. With the return leg the route comes to around 700 km: a 5-day rental with Segimon Rental includes 1,500 km (300 km a day) and a 4-day rental 1,200, so there is room for detours. Pick-ups are in the afternoon, so day one is a short first leg and you reach Àger on day two.

## Route map (approximate line)



## Route plan

|       |                                            |
|-------|--------------------------------------------|
| Day 1 | Pick-up • first leg on the Eix Transversal |
| Day 2 | Àger • a night of stars in the Montsec     |
| Day 3 | Mont-rebei gorge • Tremp                   |
| Day 4 | Collegats • Gerri de la Sal • Sort • Espot |
| Day 5 | Sant Maurici lake • halfway home           |

## Day-by-day itinerary

### Day 1 · Pick-up and first leg

Collect the motorhome in the afternoon, between 16:00 and 19:00. Àger is 2 h 30 to 3 h away, too far to finish after dark on local roads, so just do a first stretch: take the C-17 towards Vic and the Eix Transversal (C-25) west, and spend the night at a campsite or authorised area around Manresa or the Segarra. You get used to the V66 on dual carriageway and reach Àger the next day, rested and in daylight.

## Day 2 · Àger and a night of stars in the Montsec

In the morning, finish the drive: the final stretches are local roads through cereal fields and hills. Àger sits in a broad valley at the foot of the Montsec, with the collegiate church of Sant Pere above the village. The area holds Starlight certification for the quality of its sky, and the Montsec Astronomical Park, with its Centre d'Observació de l'Univers, runs observation sessions by advance booking. If they are full, a clear, moonless night is already a spectacle with the naked eye.

## Day 3 · Mont-rebei gorge and on to Tremp

The gorge is a cleft with walls several hundred metres high that separates Catalonia from Aragon, with a path cut into the rock and suspended footbridges. On the Catalan side, access is from the La Masieta car park, run by the Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera; the last stretch of road is narrow, so take it slowly. At weekends, on public holidays and in summer the car park usually requires a booking, so check beforehand. Allow several hours on foot there and back, with water and sun protection. In the afternoon, head to Tremp.

## Day 4 · Collegats, Gerri de la Sal, Sort and Espot

From Tremp, the main town of the Pallars Jussà beside the Sant Antoni reservoir, follow the C-13 north through La Pobla de Segur. The road crosses the Collegats gorge, partly through tunnels; the old road can be walked to see the Argenteria rock face up close. Further on, Gerri de la Sal keeps its old salt pans and the monastery of Santa Maria by the river. Sort, the capital of the Pallars Sobirà, is a good place to fill the tank and the cupboards; if the Noguera Pallaresa tempts you, in season local companies run raft and kayak trips by booking. Late in the afternoon, take the turning for Espot, at about 1,300 m.

## Day 5 · Sant Maurici lake and halfway home

Espot is the eastern entrance to the Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici National Park. The track to the lake is closed to private vehicles: leave the motorhome in the village and walk up or take the authorised 4x4 taxis. At the top, the twin spires of the Encantats are reflected in the water; a walk along the shore or to a nearby viewpoint fits into a morning. After lunch start the drive home (about 290 km in all, via the C-13 and Tremp) and spend the night halfway, around Manresa or Vic, so you can return the motorhome the next morning, between 9:00 and 12:00.

## What you will see



Congost de Mont-rebei



Estany de Sant Maurici



Parc Nacional d'Aigüestortes

## Where to sleep

Around Àger, the Tremp basin, La Pobla de Segur, Sort and Espot there are campsites and a few motorhome areas. In summer and on long weekends it is worth booking, especially in Sort and Espot. Park4Night and Campercontact show facilities and recent reviews.

Camping is not allowed in the national park, and wild camping is generally not permitted in Catalonia. Parking wherever any vehicle may park is legal in Spain (DGT instruction 08/V-74), but without awning, chairs or levelling ramps, and without emptying any water.

## Practical tips

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- The roads to La Masieta and Espot are narrow and winding; at 6.66 m long the motorhome copes fine, but drive slowly and give way.
- Fuel stations are scarce in some valleys: fill up in Tremp, La Pobla de Segur or Sort.
- For the Montsec, check the lunar calendar: nights around the new moon are best. Bring binoculars and warm clothes.
- Espot is chilly at night even in July; the V66's Truma heating handles it without needing a hook-up.
- Fill up with water and empty grey water at campsites or service areas; in protected areas there is no other legal option.

### Information and bookings

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