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**The Aigüestortes National Park** is located in Catalonia in the central part of the Pyrenean range, bordering the Southern part of Val d'Aran.

It is a typical high mountain area, with peaks culminating above 3000m.

There are plenty of glacial lakes and streams to be found (*Aigüestortes* means 'winding river' in Catalan).

Those wild spaces, which managed to retain a great amount of biodiversity, have indeed the biggest concentration of lakes in the Pyrenees.



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The **Haute Route of the Pyrenees**, also known as the **Tour of the Encantats**, offers you the possibility to do a ski trip over the course of 3 to 5 days in the heart of the Aigüestortes National Park.

This area is a stunning place, perfect for ski touring thanks to various mountain huts which offer a comfortable and high-standard type of accommodation.

It truly is an ideal terrain for ski touring with beautiful open valleys and also some steeper slopes for those who are keen on skiing that too.

The geographical location of the massif allows a perfect compromise between a sunny type of climate and a sizeable amount of snowfall. Also, the fact that mountain huts are maintained in winter gives us the possibility to leave some equipment while ski touring.

### IN SHORT

- Duration : 5 days
- . Number of participants : maximum of 6 people
- . Physical level : intermediary (about 800m + per day)
- . Technical level : ski every type of snow



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## Accommodation

Full board in mountain huts (dinner, night, breakfast and lunchbox except for the first day)

## Main features

- . Duration : 5 days
- . Number of participants : maximum of 8 people
- . Physical level : good (about 800m vertical each day)
- . Technical level : ski every type of snow

## OUR ASSETS

- . Moderate and adjustable physical level (between 5 and 7 hours each day)
- . Comfortable accommodation in mountain huts
- . The ascent of a few summits
- . Beautiful descents on different types of terrain
- . A quick access from Toulouse (about 1h30)





# Program

## DAY BY DAY

The meeting is on Sunday night in Vielha for dinner and going through the last checks.

### Day 1 : Restanca mountain hut

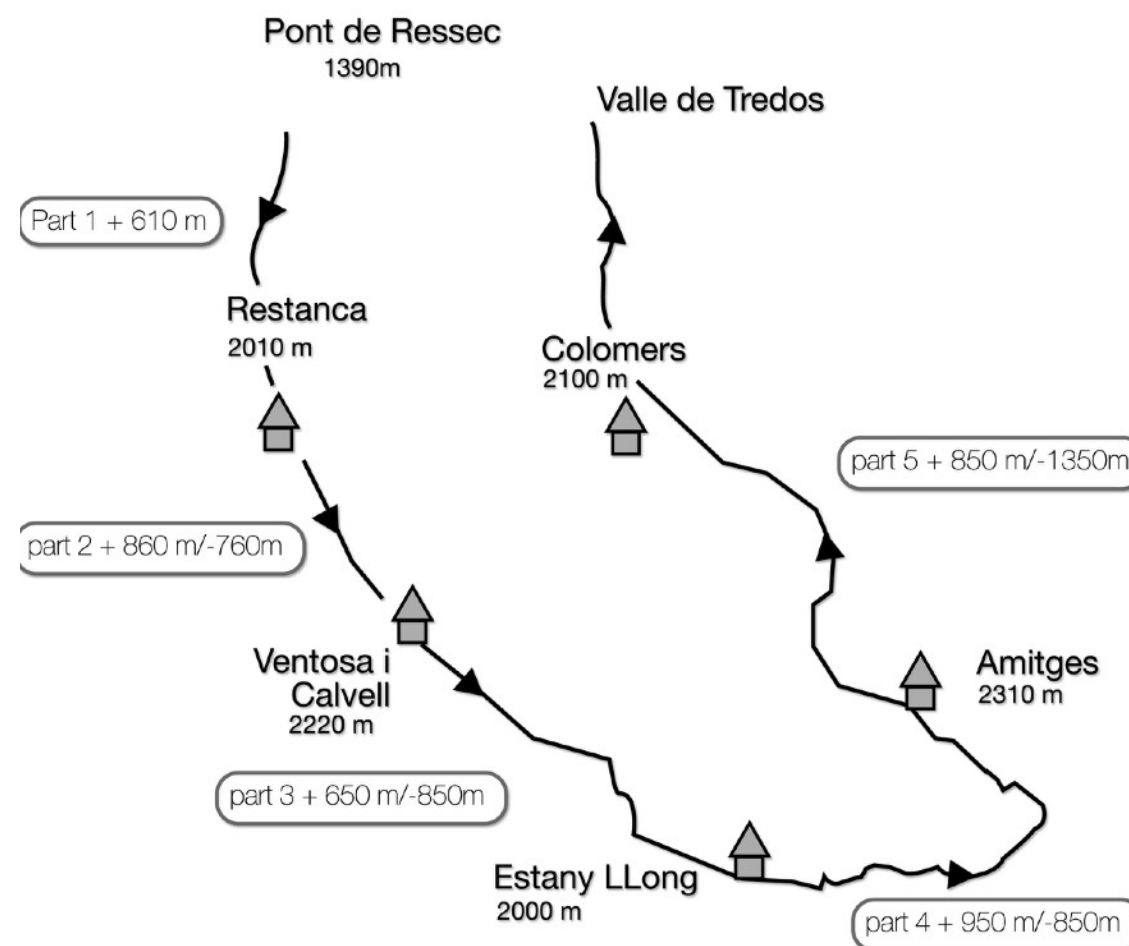
Pont de Ressec (1390m) near Artiès will be the starting point of our raid around the Encantats. We skin up to the Restanca mountain hut (2000m). Option: there is the possibility to ski in the afternoon the beautiful slopes of Tossau de Mar (2747m).  
Vertical: +610m.

### Day 2 : Ventosa mountain hut

We cross the Port de Crestada pass (2474m) then continue our ascent to the top of the Montardo peak (2826m), a famous balcony from which we can contemplate most of the Pyrenean range. From there, we ski down to the Ventosa mountain hut (2200m), admiring the Estany lakes along the way.  
Vertical: +860m and -760m.

### Day 3 : Estany Llong mountain hut

From the pond of Gran de Colieto, we skin up a small valley to the Contraix pass, before doing a very nice descent down to the Centrelata mountain hut. From there, we skin up again to the Estany Llong mountain hut. There is also the possibility to skin up to the summit of Pic Contraix from the pass and ski down.  
Vertical : +650m and -850m.



### Day 4 : Amitges mountain hut

From the Estany Llong mountain hut, we skin up to the Portarro d'Espot pass and ski down to the Estany of San Maurici, from which we have a stunning view of North face of the Encantats. We finally skin up to the Amitges mountain hut.  
Vertical: +950m and -850m.

### Day 5 : Colomers mountain hut, Tredos valley

From Amitges, we set off due west and skin up the slopes of the Tuc de Ratera. Then, we get back to the Port de Ratera pass and switch to slopes on the opposite side, Colomers and Tredos valley. We eventually reach Val d'Aran, the starting point of our ski raid.  
Vertical: +850m and -1350m.

# Our Prices

FLEXIBILITY. ADAPTABILITY



**825 € per person** (departure guaranteed from 6 people)

**Duration :** 5 days

**Dates :** february /march

**Number of participants :** maximum of 6 people

You are a family or a group of friends? Do not hesitate to contact us to customize and adapt this stay to your needs.

## INCLUDED

- .The supervision of the group by a mountain guide during 5 days
- .Full board during 4 nights
- .Taxi transfers the first and last day
- .A training/an update with avalanche safety devices

## NON INCLUDED

- .Personal ski equipment
- .Avalanche safety equipment
- .The night and dinner on Sunday
- .The lunchbox on Monday

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