

Ski Pyrenees Formigal Ski Holiday



Premium rural hotel – fantastic ski resort - relaxed atmosphere - uncrowded slopes - stunning scenery – inclusive price

A luxurious short ski holiday in the Spanish Pyrenees.

As perfect for experienced skiers as it is an ideal taster for first timers.

Ski the 137km of Formigal during wonderfully peaceful weekdays.

Our price includes car hire, your four star hotel, a visit to the spa, lift passes and breakfasts.

Enjoy excellent food then drift off to sleep in your stylish village hotel.

Chosen by BBC Holiday as one of its top ten winter breaks.

This is a Pura *handpicked* holiday with an activity rating of *medium* and a comfort rating *premium*.



Stylish, luxury village hotel.



"Thank you for such a wonderful holiday. We have never booked through a company before, but found your holiday provided us with a structured freedom that was perfect!" Rebecca C.

Holiday Itinerary

Sunday | Tena | **arrive and relax**

Please note: flights to Barcelona (or other airport of your choice) are not included.

Collect your comfortable car at Barcelona airport and drive the 3 hours up into the Pyrenees.



A mid-week day in January at Formigal.

Driving is on main roads; expect to see snow only on the last short minor road to your hotel.

From your village there are two resorts within 10km: Formigal and Panticosa.

Both are very good for anyone from beginners to advanced skiers. The Spanish Ski School is based at Formigal so teaching facilities are excellent.

Make your way to your hotel to relax and settle in.

Take advantage of our arrangement with a rental shop in the village itself to rent any gear you need this evening and hit the ground running in the morning.

Dinners are not included but you can either eat in the hotel restaurant or in one of the selection of other restaurants in the village.

Monday | Tena | **ski the Pyrenees**

After a good breakfast enjoy a day in the Formigal resort, just a few km from your hotel.

Runs are natural meadows, without rocks, set over four valleys.

Formigal has 97 pistes of different levels making a total of 137km serviced by 21 lifts.

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Formigal is Spain's most extensive ski resort.



Friendly, unpretentious atmosphere.



Relax in your stylish hotel room after a satisfying day on the slopes.

There are some lovely long blue and red runs.

The resort also has a good number of challenging black runs, enough to challenge all levels of skiers and boarders.

Return to your hotel this evening to relax. There is a very well appointed spa facility at your hotel.

On this holiday we include one visit to the spa per person.

Try one of the first class restaurants in the neighbouring village for dinner this evening.

What makes this area so lovely for skiing is that it retains its authentic Spanish atmosphere. (b)

Tuesday | Tena | **ski the Pyrenees**

Return to the slopes for a full day of skiing.

If you can come during the week then you will enjoy pretty much crowd free slopes.

The great thing about there being so few people around during the week is that you never have to queue to get on a lift.

You will find that you use your time differently.

At a normal, crowded resort you will generally work your way through the pistes in strict rotation as you queue up to get up onto every possible run so you don't miss anything.

Here in Formigal you should find yourself adopting a much more relaxed attitude. If you didn't get your line right on the first run, loop back round and try it again until you are happy. Then move on.

This is skiing without the crowds, without the pretension and without the stress. It's wonderful. (b)

Wednesday | Tena | **ski the Pyrenees**

Return to the slopes for a full day of skiing.

If you fancy, the resort of Panticosa is also nearby and offers a much smaller but different range of pistes.

It is run by the same company as Formigal so passes are interchangeable.

You can also try other winter sports in this area, from snow shoeing to cross country ski and even husky sledding. (b)

Thursday | Tena Valley | **ski or relax**

Enjoy your final full day in the area with more skiing.(b)

Friday | home | **travel back**

As your lift pass lasts until the end of today, you can choose to book a late flight back from Barcelona in which case you might find that you can fit in a solid few hours of skiing until lunch time.

Return down the mountain to the airport for your early afternoon return flight. (b)

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Holiday Information

Pura Handmade

This is one of our Pura Handmade holidays.

We have been working with the hotel since January 2004, a few days after it opened.

The owners, Anabel and Juan Ignacio have remained good friends ever since. They continue to do a wonderful job of caring for our clients.

To take the stress out of your holiday, we include car hire, a sensibly sized car such as a Ford Focus, as well as lift passes and even a visit to the hotel's spa.

The Pyrenees are close enough for a relatively short trip to ski the relaxed, unpretentious and uncrowded slopes of Formigal.

It is quite conceivable that in four mid-week days at Formigal, you will get in more skiing than you could at a crowded Alpine resort over five or six days.

Enjoy being able to eat out properly with good food at sensible prices.

The Tena Valley is one of the most varied valleys of the Pyrenees, offering different mountain landscapes from the volcanic rocks of the Midi d'Ossau, to the calm of the Anayet lakes or the alpine ambiance of the Balaitus area.

How long?

5 nights, Sunday to Friday, but can be tailored.

How Active?

Entirely up to you but lift passes are included for the Monday through Friday at Formigal.

Skiing and snowboarding are the main activities. The range of pistes and the uncrowded slopes and lifts mean that you can do as much or little as you like.

You might also like to try your hand at cross-country skiing or snow-shoeing.

How Comfortable?

Very comfortable, stylish 4* village hotel with 29 rooms. Hotel walls date back to an abbey built in 1470. We assume a standard double room but you can upgrade if you prefer. Call us for details.

Suggested accommodation: Hotel el Privilegio.

How Independent?

Completely, but with local advice and guidance plus local support should you need.

Flights

Flights are not included.

The most comprehensive range of flights are to Barcelona from where it is a three hour drive to the hotel.

You can also fly to Zaragoza with [RyanAir](#) from London Stansted. RyanAir also offer flights Stansted to Pau which is a possible alternative.

How Responsible?

Pura Aventura is passionate about the places it visits. To help preserve the integrity of these destinations we:

- Work directly with local businesses and organisations to directly benefit local economies. We use small, locally owned hotels and restaurants.
- Work with local guides so that our holidays are more interesting for clients and more beneficial locally.

Pura Aventura actively supports the Spanish mountain conservation charity www.quebrantahuesos.org

When should I go?

As with any mountain environment, the weather can be unpredictable but skiing conditions in the Tena Valley are generally good throughout the season from 1st December through to early April.

We advise against weekends as Formigal attracts heavy weekend traffic from the nearby city of Zaragoza.

Not Based in the UK?

We are very happy to discuss your requirements if you are not travelling to and from the UK.

Please call us on **+44 1273 676712** between 9am and 7pm weekdays.

Not Quite Right?

If this holiday's not quite right for you, call us to discuss your ideas or consider:

Ski Pyrenees: Cerler Self Drive Inclusive, independent self drive holiday to the lovely Spanish resort of Cerler.

Ski Pyrenees: Family Ski Week Perfect for the family looking to learn or to improve their skills in a relaxed, peaceful and family friendly resort.

Ski Chile: Ski the Andes great skiing high in the Andes in July and August. Small group or tailor made.

Prices & Departures

2011	09 Jan 16 Jan 12 Jan 27 Feb 13 Mar 20 Mar 27 Mar £548pp 06 Feb 13 Feb 20 Feb £648pp
Prices include	Five nights' double accommodation in a premium boutique hotel; Car hire; Five days' lift passes; Breakfasts.
Not included	Flights; equipment hire.
Please note	Whilst we keep this itinerary as up to date as possible, the definitive list of our departure dates and prices can be found at www.pura-aventura.com/departures

*Prices are per person based on twin share or double accommodation.
Prices may be subject to change: please confirm at booking.*

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