

EXCURSION TO THE SPANISH AND FRENCH PYRENEES (CERDANYA) **24 TO 27 APRIL 2018**

24.04.2018

Departure **07.30** hrs from the bus stop, **Plaza de Constitución, Peñíscola**. Then we proceed via the AP7/A7 to **Sitges**. After a light lunch consisting of tomato bread with ham and cheese (invitation of the AACE) we have a short sightseeing tour of the town on foot. At 14.00hrs our journey continues via Vilafranca, Manresa, Berga and the tunnel of Cadì to our final destination **Puigcerdà** near the French/Spanish border. After check-in at the 3 star **Hotel del Prado**, where we spend the next 3 nights, there is time for a short walk to explore surroundings. We then meet for dinner in the hotel restaurant which also has a pleasant lounge and bar.

25.04.2018

Breakfast in the hotel. Then transfer by bus to the nearby railway station of Bourg Madame. From there we travel by a nostalgic train through the valley of the river Têt to the French medieval village of **Villefranche-de Conflent**, surrounded by its enormous walls and controlled by the ancient Fort Libéria. The train journey will be an absolute highlight, because for economic reasons the track may have to close in the near future. The time in the village is free to explore until we leave again in the afternoon towards Puigcerdà. We arrive back at about 20.00 hrs and have dinner in the hotel.

26.04.2018

Breakfast in the hotel. Then we travel along the valley of the river Segre to the ancient bishop seat **La Seu d'Urgell**, where we have a guided visit of the town with its cathedral, the bishop's residence and other places of interest. We then have enough time for lunch in Seu before we continue to Andorra in the afternoon. Andorra is an autonomous feudal state under the jurisdiction of the Spanish bishop of Seu and the French Count of Foix. The centre of the capital is quite modern with no places of historical interest but it offers a lot of possibilities for shopping. In the evening we return to our hotel for dinner.

27.04.2018

Breakfast in the hotel followed by a guided visit of the town of **Puigcerdà** with the Schierbeck Lake and the adjoining park, the old casino Ceretà and several interesting "Plazas". Puigcerdà lies on a hill and has a fine view right down the beautiful Cerdanya Valley, irrigated by the trout-filled Riu Segre. At lunchtime we have a group meal in a nice cottage in the Segre valley. In the afternoon we return to Peñíscola along the water-reservoirs of Oliana and Rialb. In Ponts we make a stop for a coffee or similar before we continue via Lleida and the Ebro valley back home, where we arrive at about 21.00 hrs.

Price per person: Members 220 Euros Non Members 250 Euros

Accommodation in double room (twin beds)

Single accommodation supplement: 60 Euros

Provision of service include:

- Coach Trip (Driver Manolo of Rutas Rodriguez)
- Accommodation in a 3-star hotel, double occupancy rooms, single supplement applicable
- All rooms with 3-star level
- Public rooms: bar, restaurant, sitting room, lift, garden with terraces and outside swimming pool.
- Wine and water with dinners in the hotel
- Light lunch in restaurant in Sitges
- Lunch on the last day in the Segre valley
- Local guides for the visits indicated
- Tickets for the train to Villefranche
- Travel insurance

Not included:

Extras in the hotel, entrance to museums or monuments, and in general, service that is not detailed above.

The above timings (except date of excursion) may change according to circumstances.

Important notice: The trip by train is not assured as we can only book it a few days in advance. Due to various circumstances the train often does not circulate. In that case we go by bus to the French village of Villefranche. The road trip is just as beautiful.

Registration and full payment before the 20th March 2018

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Payment to the treasurer of the AACE or at the bank before the 20th March 2018



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Recipient: - Asociación Amigos de la Cultura, 12598 Peñíscola.

**Reason: - Puigcerdà + Name +Passport number or NIE +
Any special diet or assistance**