



The Pyrenees

PYRENEES SWITCHBACK CHALLENGE

A taste of Spain and a dash of France

The *Pyrenees Switchback Challenge* is the latest in our Switchback Challenge series, all of which are designed to provide for maximizing the time riding amazing mountain passes while minimizing hotel changes. This 7-day Club Class tour is for experienced riders who are passionate about twisty mountain passes and who want to experience some of the best motorcycling roads in the world.

This Adventure will use two base hotels: the first is in culturally-rich and dynamic Barcelona, known for its architecture, Spanish cuisine, and nightlife. Three nights here is a highlight of this tour and should be especially pleasing to non-riding companions.

The second base hotel is in the small city of La Seu d'Urgell from which we will take daily loops into the Spanish and French Pyrenees. These amazing roads will paint a smile on every rider's face! There is so much to see in this beautiful part of the world. We will pass through Andorra, one of the smallest countries in the world tucked between Spain and France. A "café au lait" replaces "café con leche" as we cross the border into France to experience the French version of riding in the Pyrenees.

Our last riding day, as we return to Barcelona, will be along the breathtaking coast of Costa Brava. A fitting end to a fantastic tour!

Key attractions include:

- Barcelona - one of the most dynamic cities in Spain
- Twisty mountain roads with little traffic connecting medieval villages.
- The tiny principality of Andorra, tucked into the mountains between France and Spain
- An excursion into France to ride the northern slopes of the Pyrennes
- The Aigüestortes National Park with its scenic 8500 ft peaks.
- The Costa Brava - a stunning stretch of coastal road

7 days, Begin/End in: Barcelona, Spain

September 19 - September 25, 2020

September 18 - September 24, 2021

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive Barcelona, Spain

Day 2 - Barcelona - Backcountry Adventures, ~175 miles

Day 3 - Barcelona - Into the Pyrenees, ~145 - 155 miles

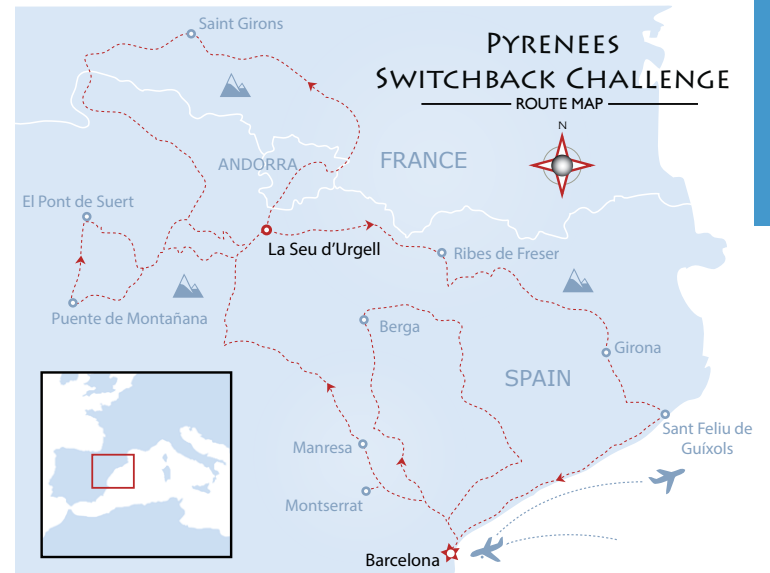
Day 4 - Barcelona to La Seu D'Urgell, ~175 miles

Day 5 - La Seu D'Urgell - Three Flags Day, ~235 miles

Day 6 - La Seu D'Urgell to Barcelona - Via the Costa Brava, ~200 miles

Day 7 - Depart Barcelona, Spain

Total ~940 miles



PRICING

Rider: \$3,250

Co-rider: \$2,200

Single Room Supplement: \$600

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our Club Class tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts and 4 dinners.

The really nice attribute of joining an organized tour like Ayres is that they do all of the pre-work in finding interesting local hotels, restaurants, routing and skilled tour guides, so all you have to do is show up with your gear and just ride. They know the map and the territory and can take you to enchanting places you would never find on your own.

- Jeffrey Bernet, Granger, IN

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved. The majority of the tour goes through very twisty and challenging mountain roads with countless turns. Corners on this tour can vary from wide sweeping turns to very tight, angled hair-pin turns. While this tour is suitable for two-up riding, the rider should have experience with riding very tight corners and be comfortable handling the bike at both slow and faster speeds on twisty roads.



Barcelona, Spain



The Backroads of Spain