

PICOS DE EUROPA
WALKING TRIP
27 May - 4 June 2025



Outline Details

The Costa Blanca Mountain Walkers (CBMW) are arranging a trip to the Picos De Europa in Northern Spain in May/June 2025. The walking will be led by Jo Fletcher and the hotel accommodation arrangements by Emeri Royuela. Jo has led two walking trips to the Picos in previous years.

The Area

The Picos de Europa are a range of mountains 20 km inland from the northern coast of Spain, in the Autonomous Communities of Asturias, Cantabria and Castile and León; they are part of the Cantabrian Mountains. The route from Denia is 855km and takes 8hr 30 mins driving so when the trip was held previously it was found that it is worth making an overnight stop along the way in places such as Burgos, Segovia or Salamanca to name but a few. Although this is a long distance from the Costa Blanca this is a premier walking areas of immense beauty and well worth the long journey.

Potes is capital of the Picos De Europa and is located in the centre of the Liebana region where the Deva and Quiviesa rivers meet. Our hotel is in the outskirts of Potes.

The Hotel Infantado

We currently have a booking at the Hotel Infantado in the village of Ojedo, which is in the Liebana valley 1 km from the main town of Potes.



The hotel (<https://www.hotelinfantado.com/>) is set back from the main road in a quiet rural setting. It consists of a 50 bedrooms hotel with bar and restaurant, peaceful gardens and an outdoor swimming pool. There is free parking in the hotel grounds. Unfortunately, there is no refrigerator in the rooms

The Walking

There are a variety of walking trails both from the area of the Hotel and around the area of Potes. The outline plan is to arrive on Tue 27 May and have guided walks on Wed 28 - Fri 30 May, have a rest day on Saturday 3 May and then walk again for 3 day Sun 1 - Tue 3 Jun. We will depart the hotel on Wed 4 Jun. Depending on the weather these walking days may change. Also depending on the weather will the routes, but the aim is to take in the high-level routes around the Fuente De cable car plus the upland pastures, meadows and woodlands in the Liebana valley which at this time of year should be at its best for flowers. All plans will be totally dependent on weather and fitness levels of the group. The walking level, based on the CBMW gradings, will be MS/S but the walking will tend to be over less rough terrain than that found in the Costa Blanca.....but not always! Current planning is based on one leader and 19 walkers but depending on volunteers to lead, the groups and level of walks could vary.

Booking

There are a limited number of rooms available in the hotel as this is the peak time for the flora and fauna viewing in the area and all hotels are in high

demand and are expensive. We have currently booked 8 double rooms and 4 singles. The cost of the accommodation and half-board for 8 nights is €992 per double room and €720 per single room. In general, CBMW feels that the leaders should take priority over walkers and also walkers who are regular walkers should be prioritised over the occasional walker. To help with this process please complete the application form [HERE](#). In the remarks section, please add any other information that could help us decide on priorities if the walking is oversubscribed. Once we have received your form, we will confirm as soon as possible, whether you have been successful in your bid. This could take a couple of weeks so that we can ensure a good mix between walkers and leaders, and that we satisfy as many requests as we can. Once we have confirmed your attendance, we will then require a deposit to confirm your booking. If, in the future, your availability changes and you have to cancel, deposits will only be refundable if the hotel accepts the cancellation or we are able to find a replacement walker.

Many thanks for your interest. If you have any questions then please contact me by email and I will reply as soon as possible. I am currently travelling so email/WhatsApp is the only means of contact.

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