

Snow Shoe Trek Pyrenees

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About Us

Action Challenge

We are Action Challenge, and we bring people together through challenge & adventure.

Since 1999 we've organised inspirational challenge events & adventures in the UK and Worldwide, for individuals to join, and for groups, companies & charities. Take on a challenge just for yourself, or link it to a special cause and fundraise – so far our events have raised over £90 million for charities. Now is the time to set new goals, to re-energise, and to get active!

We have over 40 UK & overseas challenge events that you can sign up to now – ranging from a meandering 25 km Thames Path walk, to conquering a mighty Himalayan peak. Take on an unforgettable group adventure and push yourself further! We welcome individuals, couples, or groups of friends & family – and you can self fund, or link your challenge with fundraising for a chosen charity.

Few experiences bring a group closer together than an outdoor adventure which challenges comfort zones, builds resilience & understanding, and forges respect & friendships. If you have a group, you can join one of our 40 or so scheduled events, or if you want something special – we can craft a bespoke itinerary or plan a unique challenge event to meet your objectives and get your team energised!



Why Choose Us?



1

100% ATOL PROTECTION

We are 100% ATOL (Air Travel Organiser's Licence) bonded - ATOL number 6296. Offers full financial protection by the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) for clients who have booked package trips, including flights.



2

UK LEADERS & MEDICS

Every challenge is managed & led by one of our expert UK Qualified & trained Mountain Leaders, working alongside them will be a UK Medic whom has experience of expeditions & group challenges.



EXPERIENCED LOCAL TEAMS

Our hand picked local teams & crew know the routes like the back of their hands! You will be fully supported by the experts - who will also teach you about the destination, people, culture & history!

4 THE GROUP EXPERIENCE

Join as an individual, couple, or group of friends - we bring people together and create an atmosphere where each person is supported, motivated & encouraged through the trip. Sharing adventures together we have a lot of fun!

5 TRAINING & SUPPORT

Once you've signed up to the challenge, you'll be supported by our teams with specifically designed training plans, a challenge app, an invite to join our Facebook group & options to join us on training walks & challenge briefing. By the time you are due to travel you'll be ready & raring to go!

6 OUR ITINERARIES

OVER 20+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BRINGS YOU THE BEST ITINERARIES & DESTINATIONS

7 QUALITY ASSURED VALUE

We pride ourselves on selecting the best local teams, hotels (always 3*+), restaurants & guides so you can experience the best each destination has to offer. A highlight will certainly be our final celebratory meals & party at a fantastic venue!

8 OUR CLIENTS

We've taken teams from Harrods, Blackrock, HSBC and more to the summit of Kilimanjaro, and have also run events here in the UK for companies such as Tesco, British Gas and M&S. We've got over a decade of experience of working with organisations of every size. Our team of experts will work with you to ensure that your event is a success, achieving your goals and leaving a lasting impact.

The Challenge



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SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE IN THE FROZEN PYRENEES

We transfer from Toulouse to the pretty Pyrenean town of Luchon, our comfortable base before and after the 3 day snowshoeing trek. Our snowshoe challenge takes us to the 1000 Lakes region, which we explore over the course of a 3 day journey whilst staying in a remote mountain refuge! You'll access a remote and quiet frozen high mountain paradise that so few get to experience! We spend 2 nights in the stunning Refuge de Colomers surrounded by the most spectacular frozen and snow covered terrain. Perfect for watching sunsets, sunrises and late night star gazing.

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DAY 1 - ARRIVE TOULOUSE

Your AC leader and UK medic will meet you at Toulouse airport, we will transfer south to the vibrant mountain town of Luchon. Once settled in to your local guesthouse, we go through kit lists and there's the chance to hire anything you might need. After, you may wish to explore the town and rest before the welcome meal, but for anyone keen to get out and stretch their legs, we head out on a local walk, before making our way back for a 3 course meal and briefing from the leader before a good night's rest.

Meals: D **Accom:** 3* Luchon guesthouse or hotel



DAY 2 - SNOWSHOE TO COLOMERS

Today we drive to the Spanish side of the Pyrenees. From the top of the pass we descend into the Val d'Aran, and then get snow-shoes and rucksacks on ready for the adventure. We climb up through the Aiguamox valley, stop for a tea break at the Bans De Tredos, before heading up the valley again to the Refuge de Colomers, in an awesome location next to a large lake (frozen at this time of the year) with which the refuge shares its name. We'll have a briefing on hut protocols and the plan for the next couple of days, then time to enjoy the evening out in the mountains!

Meals: BLD **Accom:** Refuge de Colomers



DAY 3 - SNOWSHOE TO COL DE COLOMERS

We continue our exploration, climbing up towards the Col de Colomers. The views are spectacular, with jagged peaks in every direction and sparkling lakes below. The way up to the Col is a remote pass, the only way to cross into the stunning glacial cirque below. A tough ascent, but the panoramic views are our reward, not just of the path we've just climbed, but the incredible Cirque de Colomers. We make our way back to the refuge for a welcome dinner and an evening under the stars.

Meals: BLD **Accom:** Refuge de Colomers



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DAY 4 - HEAD BACK TO LUCHON

Today is our final day out on the snowshoes and after bidding adieu to the refuge, we take a circular route around the Estany de Ràtera. Our route twists and turns through forests and alongside lakes, with open sections allowing us to admire the views and appreciate the distances covered. Now that we are seasoned snowshoe-ers, it doesn't take long to descend back towards the refuge and, after another well-deserved hot brew and a snack, we head further down into the forest and pick a trackfree route down into the valley, where we're met by our vehicle to transfer back to France, and Bagnères de Luchon, for a celebratory group meal.

(Snowshoeing time 5-6 hours)

Meals: BLD Accom: 3* Luchon guesthouse or hotel

DAY 5 - DEPART TOULOUSE

With a free morning in the wonderful Bagnères de Luchon, you have a few options, whether you'd rather try your hand at rock climbing, spend a relaxing morning at the local spa, or enjoy a lazy breakfast and a long lie in, before a stroll through town and take a visit to the local hot caves system, a natural hammam. Time to grab lunch and any last souvenirs, we will then transfer to Toulouse Airport our departure flights, and head home after a fun and revitalising week in the Pyrenees! Transfer to Toulouse Airport.

Departure timings TBC – usually depart Luchon at 13:00

Meals: B



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INCLUSIONS

- Guided snowshoeing with a Action Challenge Leader (IML qualified) and UK medic
- Airport transfers to and from Toulouse
- Transfers Toulouse to Luchon
- Transfers to and from the mountain base
- Technical equipment (snow shoes) - see note on kit list (trekkers will need to bring poles, not included)
- 2 nights in mountain refuge
- 2 nights in a 3*Luchon guest house, B&B, based on 2 people sharing
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner on refuge nights
- Dinner in Luchon on arrival

DATES & PRICES

Visit website for dates in 2022.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

An online Registration Deposit is required to secure your place on this challenge. Once registered, there are 3 payment options available to cover the remaining cost of your trip.

SELF FUNDING

You pay the registration deposit, and then the full final balance directly to us.

CHARITY SPONSORSHIP

You pay the registration deposit & fundraise twice the amount of the final balance. Your chosen charity pays us the final balance from this fundraising.

MIXED FUNDING

A bit of both. You pay the deposit and split the final balance with your chosen charity. You will fundraise twice the amount that the charity is due to pay.



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