

Ski the French Pyrenees

February 11-21, 2011

Join two dozen North Stars for a week of cross-country skiing on the sunny slopes and in the valleys of the French Pyrenees. The area is noted for its reliable snow and sunshine (boasting more sunny days than the Rockies). We will stay in Font Romeu, established in 1921 as the first ski resort in France. Although known for gentle alpine skiing terrain, it also has an extensive cross-country trail system. Other nearby towns, notably Pyrenees 2000 and Formigueres, have cross-country trails that will provide a variety of destinations for our skiing adventures. In addition to nordic and alpine skiing, other popular winter activities in the area include snowshoeing and hiking on a network of marked trails — as well as ice climbing, para-sailing and dogsledding. We will stay at the family-owned, three-star Hotel Sun Valley, featuring Catalan cuisine unique to this area of France. The town has restaurants and bars featuring live music, as well as a skating rink, swimming pool, fitness center, and more. Following a week of winter sports in the Pyrenees, we will spend two days in Barcelona, Spain, where we will have an opportunity to see the medieval architecture of the city center, experience Catalanian culture, and visit museums and other attractions of this Mediterranean city.



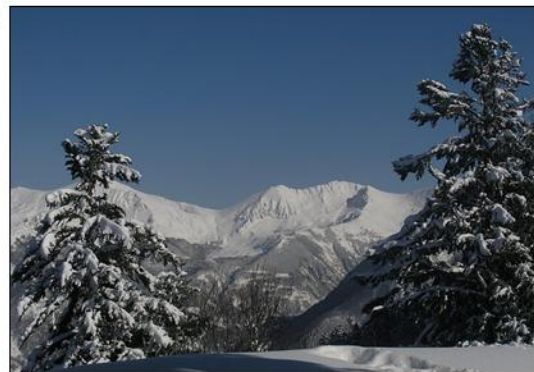
Font Romeu



Hotel Sun Valley

The estimated cost of \$2350 includes roundtrip airfare between MSP and Barcelona, transfers to Font Romeu and Barcelona, all lodging, breakfasts and dinners in Font Romeu, breakfasts in Barcelona, and cross-country trail passes. Not included are lunches, dinners and attractions in Barcelona, local transportation costs in the Pyrenees and Barcelona, and luggage fees.

To reserve your spot, send a trip waiver and \$500 deposit payable to Anne McKinsey, to 45 Thomas Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55405.



Pyrenees panorama

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