

...where climbing is a true passion...



Spain



Yuri van Vliet on the spectacular Dosis (8b+) at Sella,
photo by Paul Lahaye

It is easy to get to with plenty of cheap flights and accommodation, it has great weather in winter, fantastic scenery with a stunning rural countryside, and a great coastline, but above all it is the ultimate playground for climbers. Spain has so much rock you'll need a few lifetimes to see it all - no matter where you choose to go, the experience will be unforgettable!

This is the country of passionate Flamenco, bullfights, tapas, Las Ramblas, Picasso, and Gaudí. Spain has an incredible history which is reflected in its many palaces, ruins, and cathedrals. Spain's cultural uniqueness is rooted in its history - the Spanish nation was made up of a conglomeration of separate kingdoms, each bringing their own flavour to the pot. Over the past few decades Spain has become well loved by foreigners whom come to admire its great cities, gorgeous coast line, and beautiful landscape. And, of course, to appreciate the Jamón and the culture!

Its rugged landscape is packed with top quality climbing areas. The climbing is extremely diverse and you'll be hard pressed to find a climbing style that isn't represented here - granite slabs, long multi pitches, tufa-and-stalactite fests, trad climbs, long cracks, huge roofs, fingery vertical walls... we could go on and on! The crags are beautifully situated and the ambience is always super relaxed. A trip to Spain in winter is ideal for those who long to get away from the inhospitable winters of Northern Europe, which hinders climbing activity so much. But also there are venues that are suitable in summer. Whatever your choice, flights are cheap year round and the accommodation options are endless and, outside the high tourist season, very reasonably priced. Many areas even have a typically relaxed climbers campsite with bungalows, which really adds to the

holiday feeling. Yes, Spain is definitely one of those countries that make you want to come back to over and over again.

Climbing information

Climbing is possible almost everywhere in Spain - from the Pyrenees to the Canary Islands and from the Mediterranean to the North Atlantic coastline. Actually it sometimes feels as if the whole country is made out of rock and despite there being hundreds of developed crags there seems to be unlimited rock waiting to be climbed. The Spanish themselves are, unsurprisingly, very able and strong climbers - have a look at the world sport climbing ranking list of the UIAA!

Most of the rock is good quality limestone but there is also granite and conglomerate to be found. In general the routes are always very well bolted and have good lower-offs, which makes it a perfect place to try harder stuff and push your limits with confidence.

Since Spain has so many climbing areas it is an almost impossible task to choose the best. Nevertheless we have tried to give an overview of, in our opinion, the most interesting and unique areas.

Climbing area Pre-Pyrenees

In the north the foothills of the Pyrenees host a number of impressive crags. Not far away from the French border, Riglos and Rodellar, both have some fantastic climbing. Riglos is exceptional for its huge red-coloured conglomerate pillars. Rodellar is without doubt one of the best sport climbing destinations in Europe.

Climbing area Madrid

The best crags around Madrid, La Pedriza and Patones, are situated north of the capital. Each offers a completely different style of climbing - from pure slab climbing to technical moves on steep and overhanging rock! It is a great opportunity to combine good climbing with a visit to Madrid.

Climbing area Malaga

Malaga is home to the world famous El Chorro. This fantastic place offers all a climber could dream for! The setting in a deep gorge is simply stunning and the climbing is tremendous. Another fabulous nearby crag, Desplomilandia, makes your whole trip complete.

Climbing area Costa Blanca

The Costa Blanca is mainly known for its beautiful coast line with the most stable winter weather in Spain. It also has some very nice crags, such as Sella, Sierra de Toix, and Gandia.

Climbing area València

Hidden away about a two hour drive inland from València is the best bouldering destination in Spain. Some even say that Albarracín is only second in Europe after Fontainebleau for bouldering. Closer to València you'll find Montanejos, with a large number of sport and traditional routes where one can happily spend a few months.

Climbing area Costa Daurada

South west of Barcelona are two supreme crags - Siurana and Montsant. This is one of the cheapest and easiest to reach destinations in Spain, favoured by many. Siurana is already widely known for its fantastic limestone and incredibly chilled atmosphere. Nearby Montsant is still a secret to some but is also on its way to becoming one of Spain's top venues.

Climbing area Mallorca

The island of Mallorca situated in the Mediterranean Sea provides truly excellent rock climbing in beautiful surroundings. It is a good choice for both families and hard rock climbers, and for those who enjoy good nightlife. It also has fantastic deep water solo possibilities.

Spain





Climbing area

Routes

1	Valdehuesa	250	
2	Picos de Europa	750	
3	Etxauri	625	
4	Pre-Pyrenees		
	Rodellar	220	
	Riglos	164	
5	Pared de Aragón	50	
6	Cavallers	600	
7	Montserrat	379	
8	Costa Daurada		
	Siurana	635	
	Montserrat	45	
9	Morata de Jalón	350	
10	Madrid		
	La Pedriza	1800	
	Patones	744	
11	Cuenca	665	
12	València		
	Albarracín	1000	
	Montanejos	1400	
13	Jérica	220	
14	Mallorca		
	Mallorca	850	
15	Costa Blanca		
	Sella	280	
	Sierra de Toix	179	
	Gandia	210	
16	Murcia	2135	
17	Castillo de Santa	112	
18	Peña Cabrera	68	
19	Loja	175	
20	Malaga		
	El Chorro	1000	
	Desplomilandia	150	
21	Tenerife	803	

Note: This list only shows the major climbing areas in Spain.

Climate

Spain can be unbearable hot in high summer. During the months of July and August most visitors either stay up high, in any of its mountain ranges, or along the coast, where the water provides some refreshment. Roughly speaking the north is quite a bit cooler than the south for the rest of the year. The higher regions, such as the Pyrenees and Madrid, can get very cold during winter.

The best time to go climbing is during spring and autumn. However climbing along the south and the east coasts in winter can be really pleasant - Spain is, not without reason, a highly favoured winter climbing destination for Northern Europeans. The worst time for climbing generally is July and August but there are still crags that are suitable.

Month	Average temperature (°C)	Average rainfall (mm)
Jan	6	35
Feb	7	37
March	10	39
April	12	44
May	15	43
June	21	31
July	24	11
Aug	25	11
Sept	21	34
Oct	14	47
Nov	9	52
Dec	6	44

Climate table Madrid

The average temperatures along the Mediterranean coast are a few degrees higher from October to May.

Getting there

By plane

A large number of budget airlines operate flights between numerous European cities and several different Spanish destinations. Amongst them are Ryanair, Easyjet, Thomsonfly, BmiBaby, Air Berlin, TUIfly, Transavia and Vueling.

For the Pre-Pyrenees area the quickest way there is to fly to Zaragoza but the best deals are often found to Barcelona. For the crags around Madrid it is naturally best to fly to Madrid. For El Chorro fly to Malaga. Alicante is the cheapest and quickest for any of the crags on the Costa Blanca. For the bouldering at Albarracin or the sport climbing at Montanejos fly to València. Book a flight to Barcelona if you are heading for the Costa Daurada and when going to Mallorca, Palma de Mallorca is your place.

If you're coming from the USA or Canada it often is cheaper to fly to some European cities outside Spain, such as London, Dusseldorf, or Amsterdam. From any of these cities hop on one of the low cost airlines operating flights to a number of Spanish cities. If you choose to fly directly either Iberia or British Airways is a good starting point for your search. Iberia now offers round trips from \$512 between Madrid and several cities in the USA.

By train

Spain is well connected by train from many other European countries. An excellent website to start your search is: www.reiseauskunft.bahn.de. Check the prices carefully as plane tickets often are a cheaper and quicker alternative of getting there. The



Spain offers some fantastic sea cliff climbing - here at the Costa Blanca, Sierra de Toix

Spanish national railways website www.renfe.es gives information on train schedules within Spain and some international destinations. If you're travelling a lot by rail, a rail pass might work out cheaper, especially if you are a student - www.inter-railnet.com provides all information.

By bus

Travelling to Spain by bus is still popular although mostly only with younger people. Madrid, and the cities along the coast - Barcelona, Alicante, and València - are all popular destinations. Start searching at www.eurolines.com.

By car

Spain is a long drive from most other European countries but if time is on your side then it is a very worthwhile drive. The drive from France into Spain through the Pyrenees is very pleasant indeed, especially if you take any of the smaller roads like the D929 / A138 via the Bielsa tunnel.

Moving around

For most areas mentioned in this chapter you'll really need to have a car to move around with the exception of La Pedriza, Montanejos, Siurana and El Chorro.

Airport information

All Spanish airports are modern and well organized, and it goes without saying that all national and international car rental agencies are always located in the arrivals hall. Transport from the airport to the city centre is generally by bus.

By public transport

Spain has an extensive bus and train network and it is usually possible to take a train or bus to the nearest city. However your own wheels still



Paddy Clarke enjoys evening sunshine on Yellow Arrete (6b), El Chorro, photo by Eoin Lawless

come in handy to get from the bus station to your accommodation or campsite. A lot of climbers also choose to hitch a ride for this last bit. The national railway company in Spain is called Renfe and their website www.renfe.es gives train information.

By car

The road conditions in Spain are generally good with clear road signs. Most roads are toll free except for several highways along the coast.

Cars can be rented easily at the airports. The best deals are found on Mallorca where daily rates can go rock bottom at €20 for the smallest class and unlimited mileage. On the mainland rates usually start at €30 per day and €175 per week. Make sure you book ahead on the internet as this is almost always cheaper than arranging a car on the spot.

Accommodation

Spain has a wide range of accommodation. There are plenty of campsites, mountain huts, farm houses (called *fincas*), hotels, and apartments. Camping prices range from €10 to €20 per night for 2 persons,



A typical old Spanish village



Soak up the tranquil atmosphere of the Costa Blanca, photo by Paul Lahaye

a car and a tent. Budget hotels usually start at €35 for a double room. The months of July and August are high season in Spain and prices easily go up 25% compared to low season.

Food & drinks

The Spanish cuisine is deeply influenced by the different cultures that have passed through the Iberian Peninsula - from the Romans to Moors. One of the best ways to sample Spanish food is to try *tapas* which are served at any time of day in local bars. A *tapa* literally translates as a lid or a cap - traditionally, a *tapa* was a free snack (hot or cold) served on a small plate on top of your glass when ordering a drink in a bar. Nowadays, *tapas* are generally ordered separately and most bars have a wide range available, so it's possible to eat a full meal this way. Many Spanish people make an evening of going from bar to bar drinking Spanish wine or beer (*cerveza*) and trying different *tapas*. Certain bars specialise in, and have reputations among the locals for particularly good, say, seafood or cured

meat tapas – have a look around and order what the locals are eating, and you'll have a great time!

Many of the specialties of Spanish cuisine are based on seafood, although regional specialties are easier to find inland than along the coast. Also the Spanish paella has a well-deserved reputation. It can be prepared in many ways, based on meat or seafood. Eating out in Spain is still relatively cheap, however prices along Las Ramblas in Barcelona are outrageous compared to what you would pay in those small charming cities which you'll pass through on your way to the rocks. Here a good meal with a beer would cost you something like €15. A cappuccino shouldn't cost more than €2 and the same goes for a good glass of beer. For lunch, a Bocadillo is the way to go, which is a large filled sandwich - virtually all bars and bakeries will prepare you one fresh in the morning and wrap it up to take away (para llevar) for €2-€3.

Spain has convenient large shopping centres. These clusters of shops are often located along the highway and signposted as 'zona comercial'. These have huge supermarkets such as 'Carrefour'



One of Mallorca's beautiful coves

where you can get all you need in one place. Prices are comparable to Western Europe though fruits and vegetables will mostly be cheaper.

Climbing guidebook

Guidebooks exist of all the areas described in this chapter. See the 'Where to find the local climbing guidebook' section for each area for more details.



A beautiful lake not far away from El Chorro



The old part of Albarracín

Facts about Spain

Facts & figures		Language	
Population:	45 million	Goodmorning	<i>Hola / Buenos Dias</i>
Religion:	Roman Catholicism	Thank you	<i>Gracias</i>
Capital:	Madrid	Goodbye	<i>Hasta luego / Adios</i>
Time zone:	GMT +1	Yes / No	<i>Si / No</i>
Telephone code:	+34	Right / Left / Straight	<i>Derrecha / Izquierda / Todo recto</i>
Money		Rock climbing	<i>Escalar</i>
Currency:	Euro (€)		
ATM machines:	widespread		

Visas & formalities			
EU	Other European nationalities	USA / Canada	All other nationalities
No visa required.	No visa required for a period of up to 90 days.		Most other nationalities do not require a visa for a period of up to 90 days.

Safety	Use of mobile phone
Spain is a safe country to spend a holiday. Take the normal precautions when parking your car and don't leave any valuables inside.	There is wide GSM coverage although some of the crags which are located in National Parks have limited or no network availability.
	Internet access
	Internet cafés are spread throughout the country. Prices range from €1 to €4 per hour.
Emergency numbers	Water
General: 112	Always check if you can drink the local water from the tap. It usually is ok although it often tastes bad. A 1½ litre bottle of mineral water costs around €0.50.

Climbing area València

València is the third largest city in Spain and is situated on the Mediterranean Sea. Like Alicante it receives a very large number of tourists each year who mainly come to enjoy the pretty beaches. Inland, the countryside changes rapidly and the rough interior is home to some splendid crags and a fantastic bouldering area.

One of the best kept secrets of Spain lies close to a little medieval village named Albarracín. It's Spain's bouldering paradise and the sandstone boulders are located just outside the village. Fontainebleau's little brother would be a good description, although it certainly doesn't receive the same number of climbers as its French counterpart. The friendly environment is also great for families with children. Albarracín is 180km from València.

Montanejos is the other pearl of the València area. The climbing here is mainly on pocketed limestone



Spring



Summer



Autumn



Winter

and there is a combination of bolted routes and traditional climbing. There is a choice of more than 1400 routes spread out over 80 sectors. And there is a potential for thousands of more routes! The green environment is simply beautiful with a big lake called Embalse de Arenoso and plenty of spots to take a dip in thermal pool! This crag is located 90km from València and 115km from Albarracín.

So if you are after great bouldering or you simply want to do some challenging sport routes, head for València, rent a car, and explore the region!



Albarracín is one of the prettiest villages in Spain

Climbing area València



When to go

The optimal times of year for climbing are spring and autumn. Albarracín lies at an altitude of 1200 metres, which makes it cold during the winter when it can also snow. Although the pine trees provide some relief from the sun, the summers are still way too hot. The same also applies to Montanejos. Early autumn is still a little hot for Montanejos, so the best time is from the end of September until November.

Crag

- A Albarracín
- B Montanejos



How to get to the area & how to move around

A car is required for Albarracín but not for Montanejos. From any of the hotels in Montanejos you can walk to the crags.

 *By public transport*

There are several airlines flying between València and other European cities: Transavia, Vueling, German Wings, Air Berlin, Jet2 and Ryanair. An alternative for Albarracín only is to fly to Zaragoza.

The bus company 'Autocares Herca' has twice daily services on work days between València's bus station at Menéndez Pidal 11, and Montanejos. It leaves València at 10am and 4.30pm during the week and 8pm on Sunday's. It returns at 6.30am and 1pm on weekdays and 4.45pm on Sunday.

 *By car*

València is situated between Alicante and Castellón. The city lies close to the A7 motorway.

Where to stay

Both Albarracín and Montanejos have a wide range of accommodation. Albarracín has a campsite which Montanejos lacks, although the Refugio in Montanejos has a few spaces reserved for tents.




The beautiful surroundings of Albarracín

Albarracín

Camping Ciudad de Albarracín

 Camino de Gea, s/n
44100 Albarracín
 +34 978 710197
 www.campingalbarracin.com

 N 40°24'43,8 W 01°25'44,1

Open Year round


Price €12.60 for 2 people, a tent and a car; bungalow €60 - €85 per day up to 6 people


This is a very quiet campsite with clean bathrooms. It has a bar and is a favourite place to stay with climbers.

Directions

When arriving in Albarracín follow the road to Bezas. The campsite is signposted.

Casa de Oria

 C/Garita 5
44100 Albarracín
 +34 978 700351

 N 40°24'29,7 W 01°26'12,3

Open Year round

Price €38 for a double room without breakfast

This hostel is the cheapest place to stay in Albarracín after the campsite. Surprisingly rooms are very tasteful decorated by the friendly owners. Try to get a room on the top floor!

Directions

When arriving in Albarracín take the turn for Bezas. The hostel is found on a narrow street a few hundred metres after the turn on your right.



The pine forest provides good shelter from the sun at the boulders of Albarracín

Hotel Prado Del Navazo



✉ C/Llano del Arrabal 6
44100 Albarracín

☎ +34 978 700350

📍 N 40°24'29,2 W 01°26'18,9

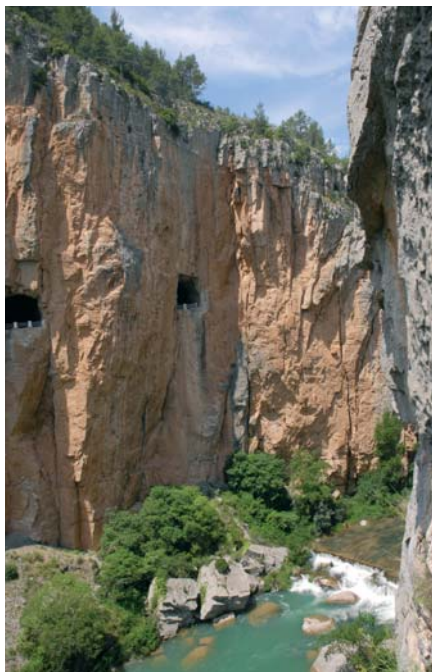
Open Year round

Price €58 for a double room without breakfast and €68 for a suite

A two star hotel with clean rooms not far away from the old part of Albarracín.

Directions

When arriving in Albarracín take the left turn for Bezas and go past the café El Molino del Gato. The hotel is next to the road after a few hundred metres.



The stunning Sector Los Miradores, Estrecho del Mijares of Montanejos

Habitaciones Los Palacios



✉ C/Los Palacios 21
44100 Albarracín

☎ +34 978 700327

🌐 www.montepalacios.com

📍 N 40°24'31,6 W 01°26'44,3

Open Year round

Price €40 for a double room without breakfast

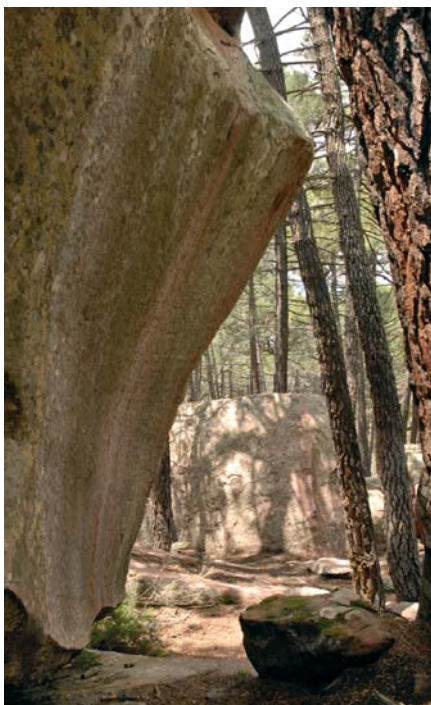
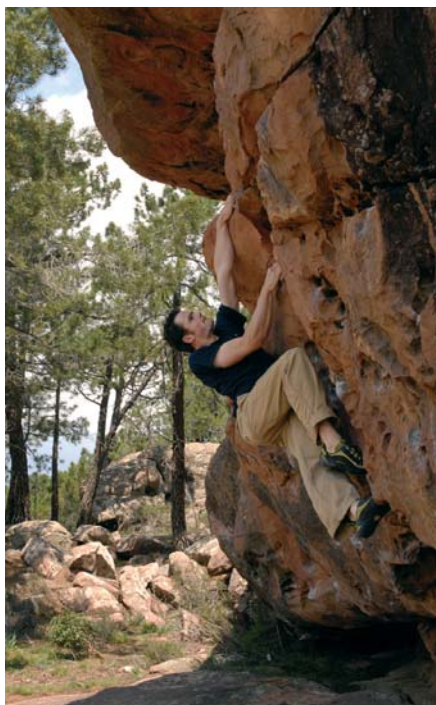
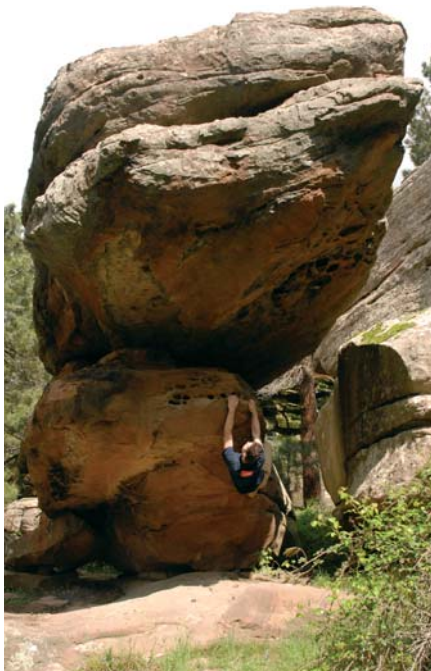
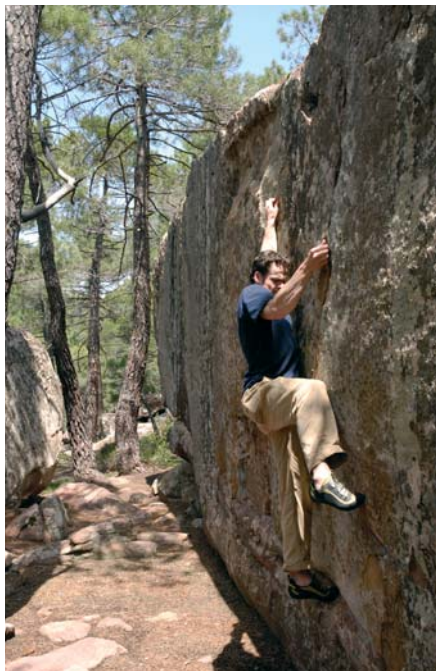
This hostel has simple but fine rooms with a great view over Albarracín.

Directions

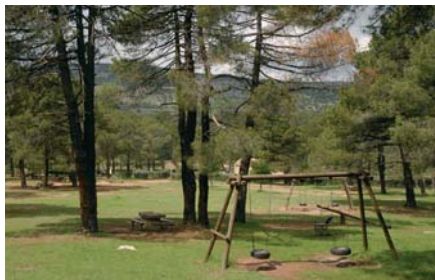
The hostel is situated in the old part of Albarracín, a few minutes on foot from the Plaza Mayor.



The narrow streets of Albarracín



Impressions of the bouldering in Albarracín



Albarracín is great for families



An authentic sundial

Hotel Arabia



✉ Bernardo Zapater 2
44100 Albarracín
☎ +34 978 710212
@ reserves@montesuniversales.com
🌐 www.montesuniversales.com

📍 N 40°24'28,8 W 01°26'28,4

Open Year round

Price €65 for a double room;
€80 - €120 for a 2 to 8 person
apartment

This huge place has many rooms and apartments that can sleep up to 8 people. The size of the hotel does no favours for the atmosphere.

Directions

When arriving in Albarracín don't take the turn for Bezas but continue on the same road for a few more metres. Take the first turn on your right which is the street Bernardo Zapater.



Hotel Arabia

Montanejos

Albergue El Refugio



✉ Carretera de Tales 27
Montanejos
☎ +34 964 131317

📍 N 40°04'18,1 W 00°31'36,1

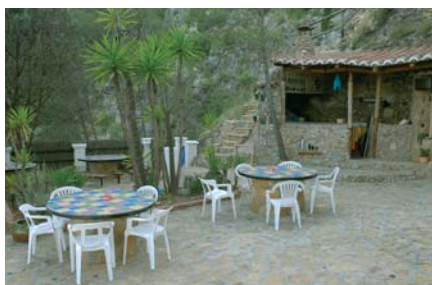
Open Year round

Price €15 p.p.n.in the bunk room
including breakfast and diner;
€32 - €45 per night for the hut

The friendly refugio is a great place to meet other climbers and is conveniently located for the climbing. It has a bunk room and two separate huts which sleep 4 to 6 people.

Directions

Coming from the direction of Caudiel continue through Montanejos. The refugio is on the left after the bridge and just before the turn to Zucaïne.



Refugio of Montanejos

Hotel Gil

✉ Avda. Fuente de Banos 28
12448 Montanejos
☎ +34 964 131380
@ info@hotelgil.com
🌐 www.hotelgil.com

📍 N 40°04'09,8 W 00°31'29,2

Open February - December 15th

Price €60 for a double room including breakfast

One of the cheaper hotels in Montanejos. It has clean rooms that lack ambience.

Directions

Coming from Caudiel follow the main road through Montanejos. The hotel is on this road on the right.

Hostal Casa Ovidio

✉ C/Elvira Peiró 41
12448 Montanejos
☎ +34 964 131309
🌐 www.casaovidio.com

📍 N 40°03'59,8 W 00°31'32,1

Open Year round

Price €50 for a double room with breakfast

The hostel has basic rooms, a bar and a restaurant.

Directions

Coming from Caudiel the hostel is situated directly on the right side of the road as you enter Montanejos.

**Where to buy groceries?**

Albarracín has some small supermarkets. There is a supermarket situated a few hundred metres after the turn for Bezas on the road to the campsite and the boulders. The bakery is opposite the supermarket. Nevertheless it is better to do your shopping in Teruel which has a Mercadona supermarket. To get to this, follow the signs to the centre coming from A23. The supermarket is signposted and lies close to the main road leading through town.

There are also shops in Montanejos but Sagunto and València have a much wider selection.

Where to find the local climbing guidebook

There's a very small topo for Albarracín. It is mainly a promotional leaflet for a manufacturer making climbing holds but some of the areas are described on the back. It can be picked up for free in Albarracín at the café 'El Molino del Gato' which is situated at the turn for Bezas.



Montanejos has two guides. One is called 'Montanejos' (€25) and is both in Spanish and English, and a more extensive (and expensive) one is called 'Escalada en Montanejos' (€38). Both books are sold at Albergue El Refugio in Montanejos.



What else is there to see & do

Albarracín

Albarracín village

A tour around this National Monument is a must! Around every corner in town you'll find narrow cobbled streets and ever more delightful picturesque houses. If you look up to the walls of the castle it still feels like the village is protected by it. Once inside, this highly photogenic place breaths out an atmosphere of peace and quietness.

Hiking & Mountain biking

There are endless opportunities for hiking and mountain biking in the woods of Albarracín! The surroundings are simply beautiful. The forest also hides several ancient rock paintings. The tourist office, which is situated just of Plaza Mayor, can provide information.

Montanejos

Kayaking & Mountain biking & Caving

There are many adventures to be had around Montanejos. The tourist office on C/Carretera de Tales can provide information on prices and how to make arrangements.



Fantastic ambiance at Estrecho del Mijares in Montanejos

Thermal baths

'Montanejos, Villa Termal' it tells you on driving into town. The village is famous for its thermal baths and many come to enjoy the water, which is at a constant temperature of 25°C. It is very relaxing and good for the muscles after a hard day's climbing!



Albarracín



Albarracín

Albarracín is not as big as Fontainebleau but is equally beautiful. There are a large number of magnificent boulders hidden in a pine forest waiting to be developed. This is obvious from the 'clean' nature of the majority of the boulders, which are, as yet, unsullied by chalk. The sandstone has perfect friction, which comes in handy as a number of the boulders are as high as 4 to 6 metres. This place will keep a boulderer busy for a very long time!

Generally the problems are hard and only a small number are graded below 6a. There are many roofs to add to the challenge, and the top outs are mostly on slabs with not much to go on... Don't let this put you off, Albarracín really is a dream destination if you can climb 6a and higher. The place is packed with 6th and 7th grade problems, as well as some harder ones. But it is a huge place and problems

can always be found for the less experienced climber. Some of the 4th and 5th grade problems are documented in the free topo guide.

The topo gives an overview of the sectors where climbing is allowed and tells you about prohibited areas. Between P1 and P2 (see detailed drawing) there are some very good vertical boulders that are easily accessible. This is a good place for the first day or two, so you can get used to the sandstone. The majority of the other sectors lie on the east side of the road. As it is easy to get lost in the forest it is best to follow the S1 & S2 signs that mark a path. This leads automatically to a good number of boulders.

Albarracín has a petrol station and an ATM.



Directions



One of the typical sandstone structures

► From València take the A7 towards Sagunto. Continue on the A23 to Teruel. Coming from Zaragoza take the A23 directly to Teruel. From Teruel follow the A1512, which takes you the 33km to Albarracín.

Once in Albarracín follow the road to Bezas through the village until you come to a Y junction. Take the right hand branch and continue for 3.2km until the first parking (P1) on the left or another 600 metres till the second parking (P2) on the right.



Waypoints P2



N 40°23'16,0 W 01°24'23,2

Type of rock

Sandstone

Family friendly

Yes



Climbing angle

Face direction



Slab



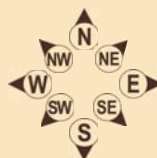
Vertical



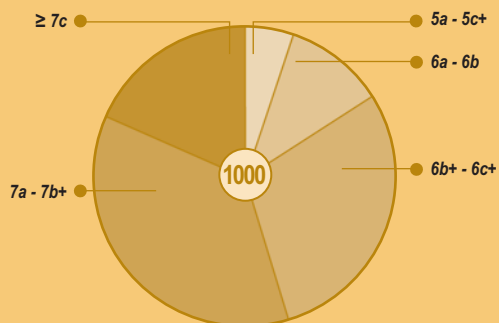
Steep



Really steep



Number of routes & Grade range





Montanejos



Montanejos offers a choice of more than 1400 routes spread out over 80 sectors with routes up to 260 metres in a stunning environment.

The two most important and popular zones are the 'Maimona Gully' (Barranco de la Maimona) and the 'Mijares Gorge' (Estrecho del Mijares). Maimona has lots of overhanging routes while climbing at the Mijares is all about mainly vertical rock. At these two zones the climbing takes place on both sides of the river on good quality rock. The routes at Estrecho del Mijares are more concentrated and easily accessible compared to those at Barranco de la Maimona. But this has the longest routes in the area and is definitely the most impressive, as well as being in a lovely setting.

The cover photo of the Montanejos guidebook is taken in Sector Centro del Estrecho at Estrecho del Mijares. The climber is on the classic 'Pericondrio tragal' which has a very interesting traverse with a spectacular view. Even though the first pitch of the four is polished, it is a highly recommended route. The friendly couple living in the Albergue El Refugio can give a lot of good tips for routes to do and those not to waste your time on.



The sectors on the east side of the river, Estrecho del Mijares zone



Sector Entrada a Miradores



Crag details Montanejos



Waypoints Parking

N 40°04'18,1 W 00°31'36,1

Waypoints Sector Iniciación

N 40°04'13,2 W 00°31'47,4

Waypoints Parking 1

N 40°04'48,6 W 00°32'23,1

Type of rock Limestone

Family friendly No

Protection

Climbing angle

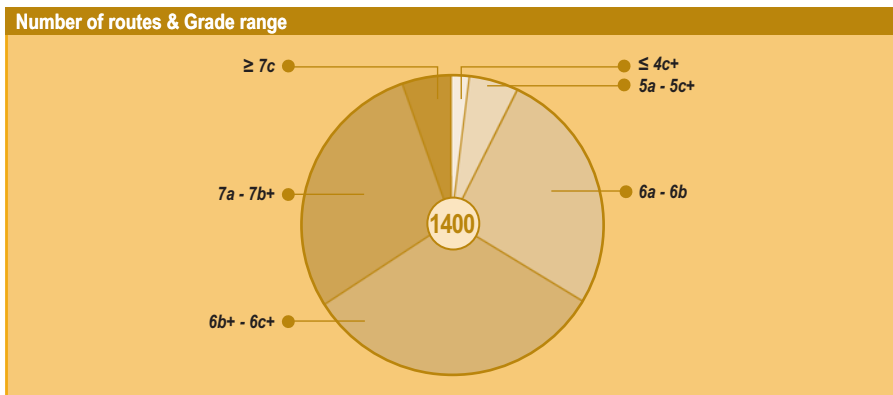
Slab Vertical Steep Really steep

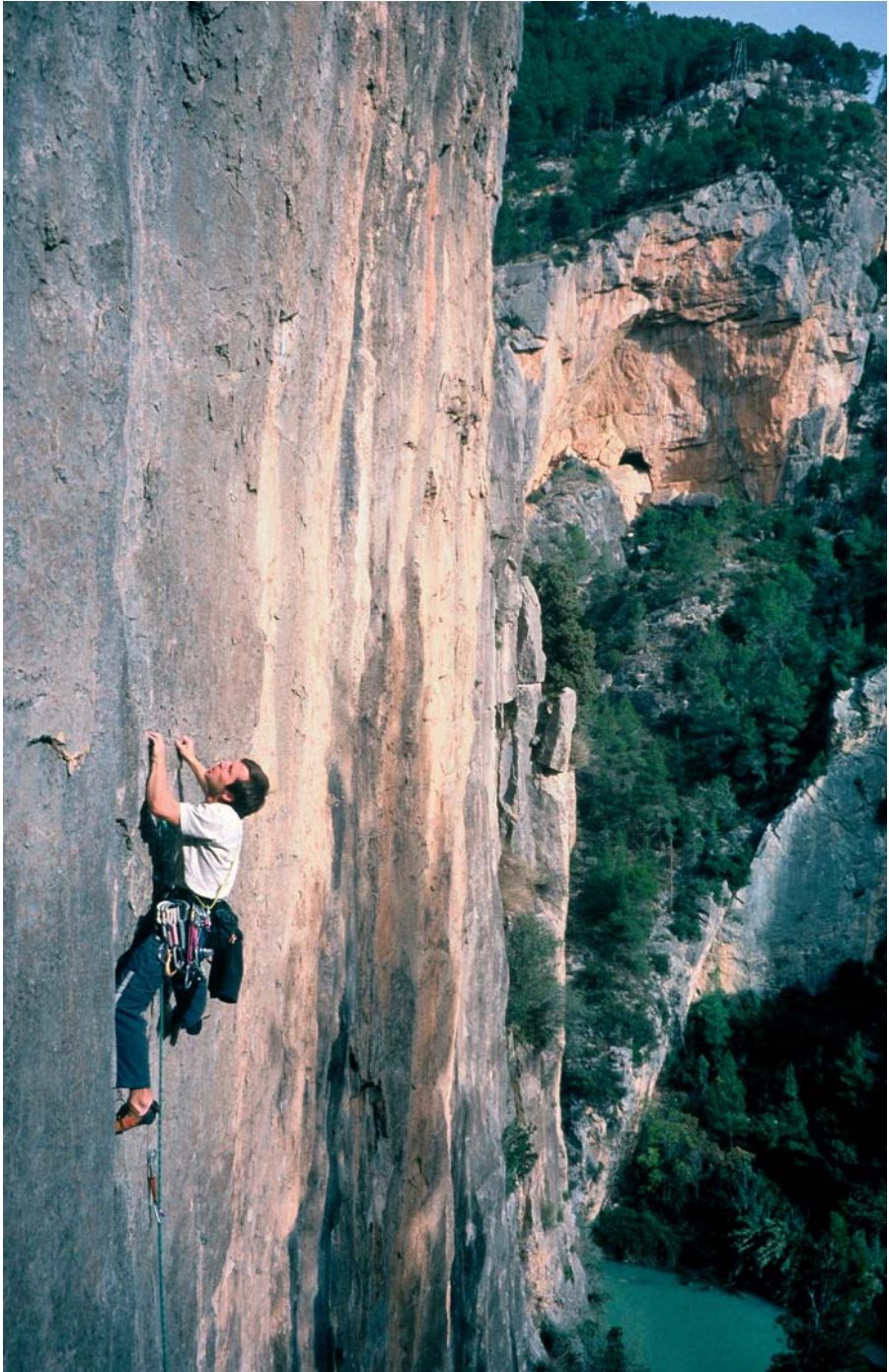
Face direction

Estrecho del Mijares & Barranco de la Maimona

Estrecho del Mijares

Barranco de la Maimona





Guy Maddox getting his footwork sorted on one of the brilliant 6c routes at Sector La Polaca in Montanejos, photo by Jon Bibby



Directions



Welcome to Montanejos

► From València take the A7 towards Sagunto. Continue on the A23 in the direction of Teruel. Take the exit for Caudiel, on the CV195, and continue to Montanejos.

Climbing area Costa Daurada

The Costa Daurada or Golden Coast stretches for more than 200km along the north east coast of Spain. Nearby Barcelona is the best known and most popular destination in the area. Its Art Nouveau architecture is world famous and its fantastic nightlife attracts many visitors from all over the world.

South West of Barcelona, near the city of Reus, lies one of the top crags of Spain, Siurana. Some even say Siurana is the best place for climbing in Spain, but that's for you to decide! The variety of routes is enormously - cracks, tufas, slabs, roofs, crimp pockets, big jugs, and so on. And a good job has been done of the bolting, thanks to the Spanish and a number of international climbers. This is a place to push your limits though it is not really for beginners! It's also worth mentioning that Siurana is one of those places where you can come alone; the welcoming campsite at Siurana is a great place to meet other climbers.

Montsant, in contrast, is far less spoken of and written about, but the climbing is still great. It is situated west of Siurana, not too far away. This crag is a bit of a hidden gem, with mostly hard routes too. It is on its way to becoming a very important venue on the Costa Daurada.

In short, if you are looking for a prime sport climbing destination for those long and dark days in the winter put the Costa Daurada on your tick list!

When to go

The best time to visit the Costa Daurada is from October to May, the months October, November, March and April being the best. In the winter it can rain and can get cold although there is still a very good chance of fine weather. The summer months are too hot.



Spring



Summer



Autumn



Winter



Neeltje Tops warming up on one of the few 6a's of Siurana at Sector Can Marges