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#ordino
estripagecs



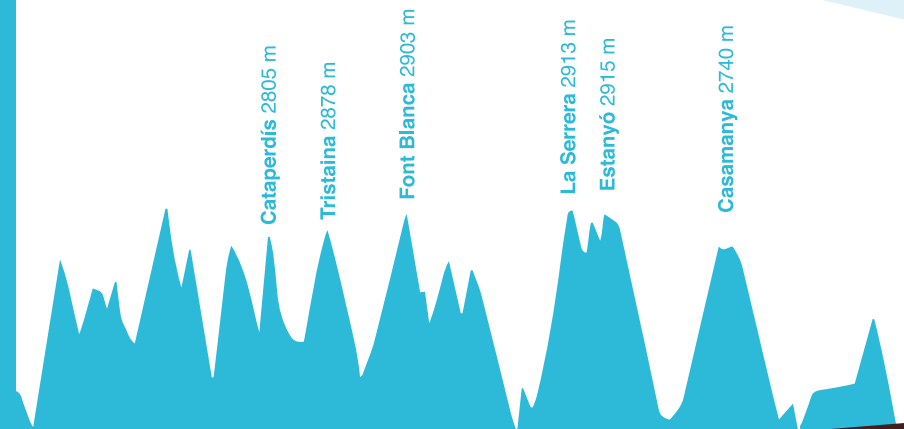
**ARE YOU FAMILIAR
WITH THE 6 MOST
EMBLEMATIC PEAKS
IN ORDINO?**

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1. WHAT IS THE ORDINO ESTRIPAGECS?

Ordino proposes a challenge for mountain lovers, so they can know the six most emblematic peaks of Ordino and its estripagecs.



The estripagecs are metal bars with irregular side skewers that are placed in the windows to prevent someone from entering. The name comes from its function: tear the coats of thieves, “gecs” in catalan. They are part of the cultural and architectural heritage of Andorra and are exact replicas of the estripagecs of the parish of Ordino.



2. CASAMANYA PEAK 2.740 m



2 740m
CASAMANYA



7,4 km go & return



760 m +/-



4 h go & return



Medium

Departure GPR coordinates: 42°33'22.1"N 1°34'19.4" E

Departure: Coll d'Ordino

Seasonality: We recommend doing all itineraries above 1,700 meters from the end of June to the end of September.

The **Casamanya** is a charismatic peak, located in the center of the country, between the Parishes of Ordino and Canillo. Of an altitude of 2,740 m, constituted of calcareous rock that gives a very whitish tone to him in contrast to the other mountains of around. It offers incredible 360° views over Andorran territory. Its ascent begins from the hill of Coll d'Ordino along a path that will take us into the forest of the Airola, where the black pine (*Pinus uncinata*), the aconite (*Aconitum napellus*) and the serpol (*Thymus serpyllum*) predominate. We will go up the signposted path by yellow points to the north, until we reach a clearing (Coll de les Vaques). We will continue until we reach Cap del Astrell, from where we will have a splendid view over Valira d'Orient valley and the villages of Ordino and la Massana. Once we have overcome the following slopes, we will arrive at Casamanya Peak.



3. ESTANYÓ PEAK 2.915 m



2.915 m
L'ESTANYÓ



11,7 km go & return



1.035 +/-



7 h go & return



High

Departure GPR coordinates: 42°37'33.3"N 1°33'06.8"E

Departure: Parking of the Rabassa in the Sorteny Natural Park (1,780 m).

Seasonality: We recommend doing all itineraries above 1,700 meters from the end of June to the end of September.

We will leave the parking lot of the Sorteny Valley Natural Park in the direction of Sorteny Refuge (refuge saved at 1,965 m), we will leave the Botanical Garden on the right. We can observe the remains of the testimony of economic activities such as cattle raising, with the bordes, the dry stone walls and mowing meadows. We cross the Sorteny river and begin to ascend towards the Estret del Estanyó (step between the Roc del Rellotge and the Coma Obaga). We will cross an area of marshlands and shortly after we will reach the Estanyó lake (2,340 m), this lake is a fishing reserve where the trout fario (*Salmo fario*) is found. In the summer there are often horses and some ass or donkey around the lake. To get to the Hill, we will take the path that takes us through the Serra del Roc del Relotge (in this Roc you can see the chamois —*Rupicapra pyrenaica*— at first and last hour) to the Estanyó Peak (2,915 m), second highest peak in Andorra, after the Comapedrosa Peak, with 2,946 meters. Remember that on this excursion you will find a shelter with a catering service, the Borda de Sorteny refuge, which you can contact on the website www.refugisorteny.com or on the phone: + (376) 84 64 46



4. SERRERA PEAK 2.913 m



12,18 km go & return



1.133 +/-



7 h go & return



High

Departure GPR coordinates: 42°37'33.3"N 1°33'06.8"E

Departure: Parking of Sorteny Natural Park (1,780 m)

Seasonality: We recommend doing all itineraries above 1,700 meters from the end of June to the end of September.

We take the track that leaves the parking lot in the direction of the shelter Borda de Sorteny (refuge saved at 1,965 m altitude). We enter the valley following the path of the GRP (great tour of the country) until arriving the pass of the Serrera (2,230m) —the views from this point on the peat bogs and the small shelter we will find are magnificent. In the background, we can see the Roc del Rellotge, where in the early morning or at the end of the afternoon you can see the chamois —point out that this route was very used for transporting iron from the 17th century to the 19th century, time of the exploitation of iron mines in Andorra—. Throughout our march, we will be accompanied, to the right of the road, by quarries that descend from the Estanyó peak and the Cabaneta peak. Afterwards, we will arrive at the collada dels Meners, which gives access to the Ransol valley. One last effort and we will achieve the Serrera peak (2,913 m) one of the six highest mountains in Andorra, which exceed 2,900 meters. Remember that on this excursion you will find a refuge with a catering service, the Borda de Sorteny refuge, which you can contact on the website www.refugisorteny.com or on the phone: + (376) 84 64 46



5. FONT BLANCA PEAK 2.903 m



9,75 km go & return



1.050 +/-



6 h go & return



High

Departure GPR coordinates: 42°37'55.6"N 1°30'40.6"E

Departure: Cabin of the Castellar (1.853 m).

Seasonality: We recommend doing all itineraries above 1,700 meters from the end of June to the end of September.

We take the path that crosses the forest of Castellar, continue advancing on the left of the Comís Vell river towards the Coma del Mig (2,400 m). We walk a little over an hour until we reach the Collada (2,730m.) where we will enjoy wonderful views of the Rialb portella and the Serrat valley. We recover forces and we started the climb to Font Blanca peak, one of the highest peaks in Andorra, which will offer us spectacular 360° views.



6. TRISTAINA PEAK 2.878 m



7,8 Km go & return



+ 680 m / -40 m



7 h go & return



High

Departure GPR coordinates: 42°37'54.9"N 1°28'56.1"E

Departure: C. G. 3, entrance of the Coma del Forat - Ski resort Ordino - Arcalís

Seasonality: We recommend doing all itineraries above 1,700 meters from the end of June to the end of September.

We start from the start of the plateau of the Coma del Forat, along the old way, we go down to the lever that allows us to pass a stream and we climb up leaving the Bruig way (GR) on the right. Before reaching the hill -with views of the first lake- we took the opportunity to observe the meanders located in the humid area of the Coma del Forat, as well as the entire Coma basin and the ski slopes of the Ordino-Arcalís station. We descend to skirt the first lake on the right bank and follow the path until we reach the third lake. We leave the lake to ascend in the direction of the port of Arbella. Halfway up, we turn left to follow the path that will lead us to the Tristaina Peak through a very rugged relief where we will have to follow the way exactly for security reasons —from its crest we will have impressive panoramic views both side Andorran as of the French—. We will continue climbing on the right until we reach the top. The return can be done by the same route or, in the case of the most expert mountaineers, by the port of the Arbella.



7. CATAPERDÍS PEAK 2.805 m



CATAPERDÍS
2.805m



3,64 Km go & return



442 +/-



3 h go & return



High

Departure GPR coordinates: 42°37'18.3"N 1°28'42.2"E

Departure: End of C.G. no. 3 - Mouth of the tunnel of Port del Rat - Ski resort Ordino - Arcalís.

Seasonality: We recommend doing all itineraries above 1,700 meters from the end of June to the end of September.

We will drive up to the end of the C. G. no. 3 (track since the Orris de la Coma del Forat). From the mouth of the tunnel, we will take the path that goes to the peaks d'Arcalís (solar mountain) and Cataperdís. We will pass near humid areas to reach the foot of a steeply sloping cliff. The path climbs up to the crest of Cap de la Coma with views over the lakes of Angonella and the basin of the Coma del Forat (Lake of Creussans, lakes of Tristaina). We will ascend to the right until we reach the peak of Cataperdís where, in addition to the views of the Andorran basins, we can enjoy stunning views over the valley of Lake Soulcem, from the port of Arinsal, passing through the peak of Medecorba (2,914 m), the port of Bouet, the Souocarrane Peak (2,902 m), the Punta de Roumazet (2,842 m) until reaching the Canalbonne peak (2,914 m).



8. FOR THE MOST DARING VERY DIFFICULT

Are you a brave?

Coll d'Ordino / Refuge of Sorteny / Cap dels Graus (Canya de la Rabassa) - by the East peaks

Path reserved for experts or mountaineers well prepared physically.



15,65 Km



+ 1.191 m / - 1.799 m



8 h 50 min



Very high

Departure GPR coordinates: 42°33'22.1"N 1°34'19.4"E

Departure: Coll d'Ordino

Arrival: Cap dels Graus (Canya de la Rabassa)

Seasonality: We recommend doing all itineraries above 1,700 meters from the end of June to the end of September.

2h 20 min: Casamanya peak

4h 30 min: Estanyó peak

5h 20 min: Cabaneta peak

6h: Collada dels Meners

6h 35 min: Serrera peak

8h 10 min: Borda de Sorteny refuge

8h 25 min (8h50 min): Cap dels Graus (Canya de la Rabassa)

We drive up Coll d'Ordino by the CS 340. We take the path of the Casamanya peak that we follow until we reach the peak (2,740 m). We continue east along the mountain to the coll d'Arenes —passing through a kind of coma where the relief is almost lunar—. From the coll d'Arenes, we take the way towards the Ferreroles pass, which we will leave more or less at the height of 2,700 m to continue advancing over the large pond of the Riu valley, to the large raft that is located more above it, from which we will ascend towards the Estanyó peak (2,915 m) -we can also follow the ridge, from the Ferreroles pass to the peak, but it's very rocky, and, although it isn't dangerous, this travel is a little longer (count 20 more minutes).

From the Estanyó peak, we follow the path along the ridge descending to a flat terrain from which we ascend again towards the Cabaneta peak (2,865 m) from which we have to descend straight down a path along the marked path; the descent of about 500 m is impressive, then we will follow the path on both sides of the ridge that leads us to the coll dels Meners.

Eye!: in case of bad weather with fog, especially it's imperative to follow the path marked with yellow dots.

Arriving at the hill, we ascend to the Serrera peak (2,913 m). We return along the same road to the collada dels Meners, from which we descend in a westerly direction towards the guarded refuge of La Borda de Sorteny, following the GRP (yellow and red mark). From the refuge, we descend to the cap dels Graus (parking above) or to the Canya de la Rabassa (parking below), where is located the information booth of the Sorteny Natural Park.


In the **Sorteny Natural Park** there is a sculptural group formed by five large dimensions totems, created by the Andorran artist **Pere Moles**, which take the form of five estripagecs.



9. PRACTICAL TIPS

The possibility of being able to make a walking tour for people who don't have this habit, sometimes raises the question of whether you are physically prepared or if you have the right clothes and equipment not to have a bad experience in the mountains.

An indicative list of what is necessary to carry is (adapt the list to the weather and to the corresponding time of year, and, of course, to your personal needs):

<div>Backpack (30-40 litres)</div> <div></div>	<div>Compulsory trekking boots (Ideally covering the ankle)</div> <div></div>	<div>Gore-Tex type waterproofs (rain cape recommended)</div> <div></div>
<div>A thermal vest</div> <div></div>	<div>Long trekking trousers</div> <div></div>	<div>Sunglasses</div> <div></div>
<div>A fleece or similar</div> <div></div>	<div>Hat</div> <div></div>	<div>Sun protection cream</div> <div></div>
<div>Telescopic hiking sticks</div> <div></div>	<div>Personal first-aid kit</div> <div></div>	<div>Water and food sandwich, energy bars, fruit</div> <div></div>

10. PREVENTION AND SAFETY

At the time of walking...

1. Always carry a detailed mountain map of the area, where are all marked roads and paths, level curves and corresponding heights. They don't serve road maps.
2. Before leaving, find out about weather conditions and their possible evolution. Renunciation of the activity if the forecasts are bad.
3. If you don't see clearly continue the trip, because of a road in poor condition, because of the weather or because a partner isn't well, you have to know how to give up doing it and go back.
4. Go always accompanied or, in any case, communicate to someone the planned activity.
5. Use appropriate material and equipment for the activity.
6. In case of accident, notify emergency services through 112. Have serenity.
7. Respect the danger signs.



11. INFORMATION AND APPS

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