

# COME DISCOVER THE VULTURES OF THE PYRENEES AND THEIR TERRITORY

The Egyptian vulture, the griffon vulture and the bearded vulture don't adhere to the notion of borders between Spain and France. Their territory is the Pyrenees, where they find all the necessary resources to live.

From 2009 to 2012, the Pyrenean valleys of Navarra, the district of the Hoya de Huesca, and the Ossau Valley have developed an environmental awareness initiative around these species: VULTOURIS, rooted in a set of touristic and educational resources intended for a diverse range of visitors.



Conservation status of Pyrenean vultures

According to the "Red List" of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Egyptian vulture is an endangered species, while populations of bearded vultures and griffon vultures are not worrying on a worldwide scale.

Nevertheless, within the scope of Spain and France, the bearded vulture is considered to be an endangered species and the Egyptian vulture to be vulnerable.



**With the Vultouris Trans-Pyrenees Itinerary we offer a way for visitors to access the region and gain intimacy with Pyrenean vultures while generating motivation to support the conservation of biodiversity and the environment.**

# THE VULTOURIS TERRITORY



Route through the Mallos de Riglos (Huesca)

Covering terrain on both sides of the crest of the Pyrenees, in the Communities of Aragon (Huesca) and Navarra in Spain and in the Ossau Valley of France, it's a transition zone exhibiting a great variety of landscapes and unique conditions that allow for exceptional diversity.

Testament to its diversity is the great portion of the territory assigned with designations of protection: National Park, Protected Natural Areas, the Natura 2000 network and Special Areas of Conservation for birds.

Several geological formations within the territory are of particular interest. Valleys are

interspersed with cliff bands, canyons, rock towers and walls that not only impress with their beauty, but offer an ideal home for certain species.

Here, bearded vultures, Egyptian vultures and griffon vultures find a refuge in which to nest and feed. Fundamental to the story is the region's longstanding agricultural and livestock farming tradition that ties humans closely together with the local environment and specifically with these species.

Scavengers play an essential role in the ecosystems of the Pyrenees, and to date, their sustenance still depends in large part on human activity.

# THE VULTOURIS TRANS-PYRENEES ITINERARY

Vultouris encourages you to discover the region and the Pyrenean vultures that inhabit it with an itinerary that incorporates environmental education centers, nearby walking and sightseeing routes, lookouts, points of interest and a long list of possible activities.

A unique variety of resources are made available to you at the environmental education centers: exhibitions, games, film projections, guided visits and the exceptional fauna observation cameras. The careful placement of filming equipment enables you to observe the vultures live without them being disturbed in their natural environment.

**All information on the project, resources and activities available at: [www.vultouris.net](http://www.vultouris.net)**

Route through the Col d'Aubisque: Boucle Soum de Grum. Vallée d'Ossau



Route through Abodi (Navarra)

## The VULTOURIS project:

Vultouris, a Cross-Border Ornithological Tourism Network, is an INTERREG project co-financed by FEDER within the framework of POCTEFA (Programa Operativo de Cooperación Territorial España, Francia, Andorra).

Its objectives:

- Establish a network of organizations and environmental education centers dedicated to birds and the promoting of ornithology-based tourism.
- Protect and make known the natural heritage of the scavenging birds of the Pyrenees.
- Reinforce the border identity of the towns and people that fall within the territory of the birds.

The network is made up of 6 environmental education centers which belong to the 3 partners of the project: Comarca de la Hoya de Huesca (Aragón), the village of Aste-Béon (Ossau Valley, Pyrénées-Atlantiques) and Gestión Ambiental de Navarra (Navarra).

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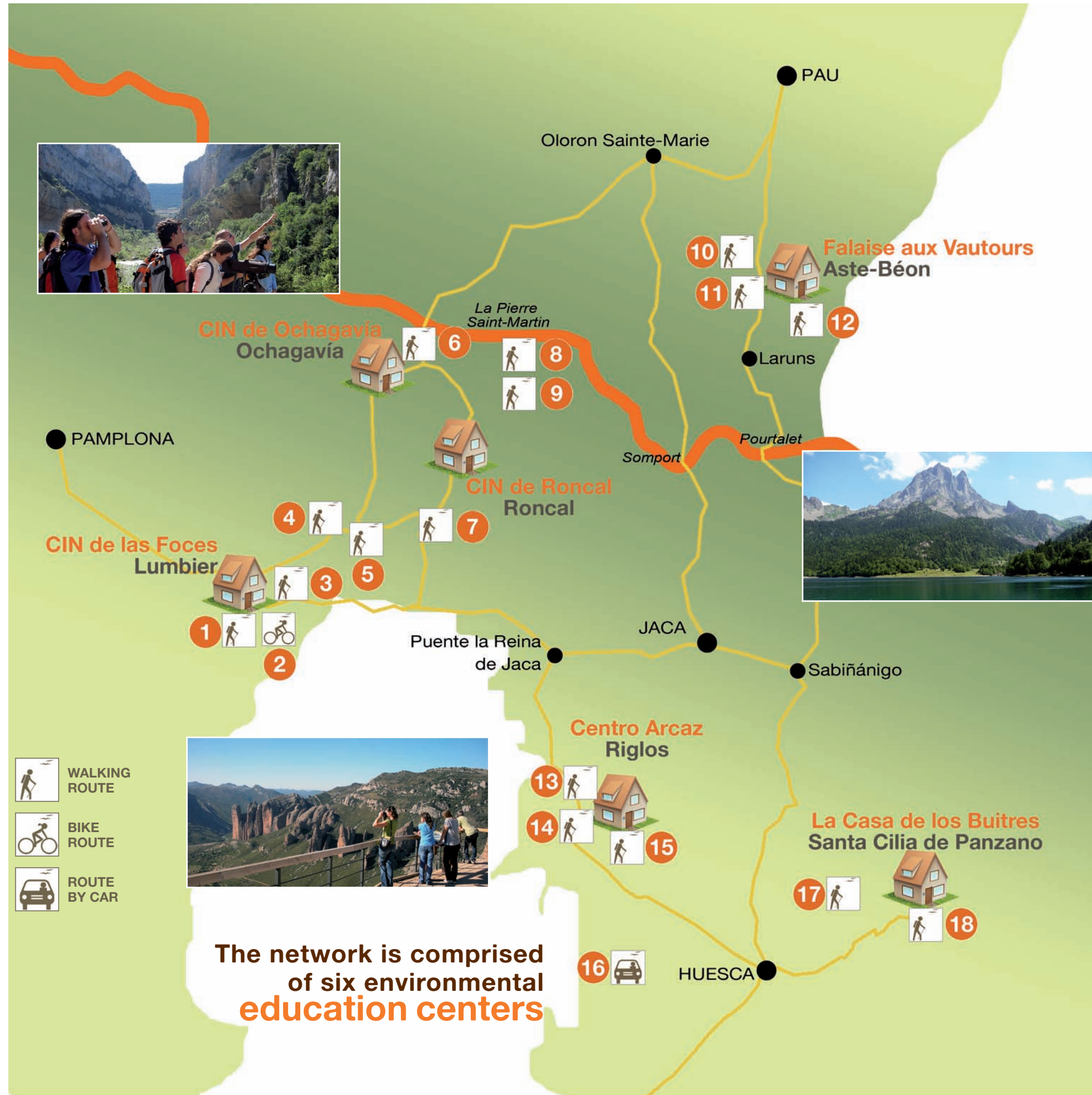


## TRANS-PYRENEES ITINERARY OF THE VULTURES





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## Local routes

- 1 **Iturbero – Sielva**  
Distance: 1,44 km. / total ascent: 39 m. / return path
- 2 **Foz de Lumbier**  
Distance: 5,89 km. / total ascent: 186 m. / loop
- 3 **Foz de Lumbier – Foz de Arbayún**  
Distance: 9,66 km. / total ascent: 82 m. / return path
- 4 **Foz de Santa Colomba**  
Distance: 3,09 km. / total ascent: 126 m. / loop
- 5 **Foz de Benasa**  
Distance: 1,15 km. / total ascent: 44 m. / return path
- 6 **Abodi**  
Distance: 4,22 km. / total ascent: 155 m. / return path
- 7 **Foz de Burgui**  
Distance: 1 km. / total ascent: 20 m. / return path
- 8 **Zemeto**  
Distance: 3,99 km. / total ascent: 138 m. / loop
- 9 **Rincón de Belagua**  
Distance: 9,98 km. / total ascent: 215 m. / loop
- 10 **Bilhères en Ossau : Les Cromlechs**  
Distance: 6,19 km. / total ascent: 131 m. / loop
- 11 **Aste-Béon : la promenade des vautours**  
Distance: 4,05 km. / total ascent: 82 m. / loop
- 12 **Col d'Aubisque : Boucle Soum de Grum**  
Distance: 4,94 km. / total ascent: 141 m. / loop
- 13 **Paredón de los buitres**  
Distance: 2,02 km. / total ascent: 101 m. / return path
- 14 **Mallos de Riglos**  
Distance: 4,98 km. / total ascent: 385 m. / loop
- 15 **Sarsamarcuello – Mirador de los buitres**  
Distance: 6,88 km. / total ascent: 280 m. / return path
- 16 **Ruta ornitológica de la Sotonera**  
Distance: 27,46 km. / total ascent: 95 m. / loop
- 17 **Vadiello – San Cosme – San Damián**  
Distance: 11,24 km. / total ascent: 244 m. / loop
- 18 **Tozal de Guara**  
Distance: 22,16 km. / total ascent: 1.649 m. / return path

Look into routes and landmarks of interest at: <http://es.wikiloc.com/> and type "VULTOURIS" in the search bar.

Find out more about each center at [vultouris.net](http://vultouris.net)