



MOUNTAIN TOURISM AND SUSTAINABILTY FIELD SCHOOL¹

PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA JUNE 5-22, 2022

All College students as well as College alumni and students from partner institutions are invited to take part in a hands-on learning experience in the mountains of one of the most unique countries on Earth – the microstate of Andorra, which lies high in the Pyrenees between France and Spain. Take advantage of this opportunity for general interest or to receive College credit for Introduction to Environmental Sustainability (ENST 200) or Sustainable Tourism (TOUR 237). This learning opportunity features a 4-5-day alpine trek (with comfortable accommodation each night) and a separate day-hike to summit Andorra’s highest mountain. As well, you will engage governmental, non-governmental and industry stakeholders on topics such as the natural environment as a driver for tourism, tourism’s impact on the environment, carrying capacity, land-use, and climate change.

The field school is an opportunity to have a structured, organized and insider’s experience in Europe. For some participants, this field school may be an easy way to travel internationally for the first time. For more experienced travelers, the field school may be a jumping off point for an entire summer of travel in Europe.

Cost:

- TBA

Cost includes:

- Airfare from Cranbrook or Calgary to Barcelona return
- Bus transportation from Barcelona to Andorra return
- Shared accommodation
- Breakfasts x 3 and dinners x 3 during the alpine trek
- Via ferrata training course (for those choosing this option)
- Travel medical insurance
- Farewell dinner
- Operational costs

Cost excludes:

- College of the Rockies tuition, meals (other than mentioned above), via ferrata rental equipment (an equipment list will be supplied), vaccinations and/or medicines, and personal expenses.

¹ Information as of 5 May 2021.

Accommodation:

- 12 nights shared accommodation in hotels in Andorra (including 10 nights in rooms that have kitchens), 3 nights hostel-style accommodation in mountain refuges, 1 night accommodation in a hotel in Barcelona

Scholarships:

- College of the Rockies students who are selected to take part in this field school will automatically have the costs of this experience reduced through an International Travel Learning Award.
- College of the Rockies students can apply for an [Irving K. Barber International Travel Award](#). Contact College's Financial Assistance and Awards Advisor, [Lois Murray](#), for more information.
- Students from other institutions should contact their Financial Assistance and Awards Office for information regarding any available scholarships.

Deadline to apply:

- November 30, 2021 (Space is limited. Early applications are encouraged and applications will be considered in the order that they are received.)

Application procedure:

- Submit an application form to Tracey Brenton, International Projects Officer (studyabroad@cotr.bc.ca)
- Submit a \$500 deposit.²
- Have an instructor or someone else who is familiar with you / your abilities submit a reference form to Tracey Brenton.

Tentative program:

June 5:	Depart Cranbrook or Calgary for Barcelona
June 6:	Arrive in Barcelona; bus transportation to Andorra
June 7:	Orientation to Andorra (at the University of Andorra) and to the Madriu Perafita Claror Valley World Heritage site (at its interpretative centre).
June 8-11	Alpine trek with the first day passing through the Madriu Perafita Claror Valley .
June 12	Down day
June 13 – 17	Seminars and on-site visits with a variety of actors in Andorra with a view to the Andorran context bringing to life various topics related to environmental sustainability and sustainable tourism. Actors to be engaged may include the Madriu Perafita Claror Valley World Heritage Site Interpretative Centre, a private land owner in the Madriu Perafita Claror Valley, the Grand Valira Ski Resort, the Snow and Mountain Research Centre of Andorra, the Ministry of Tourism, and the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability.
June 18	Down day or optional day trek to summit Coma Pedrosa , which at 2,942 meters, is Andorra's highest peak.
June 19	Down day or optional outdoor activity
June 20	Student presentations; Depart for Barcelona
June 21	Free day in Barcelona
June 22	Depart Barcelona for Cranbrook / Calgary

² Deposits are non-refundable. The College reserves the right to cancel the program due to insufficient enrollment or other factors beyond its control. In case of program cancellation, the College will refund the \$500 deposits.

Need more information?

- Contact studyabroad@cotr.bc.ca
- To learn about how credit opportunities relate to your program of studies, please see an Education Advisor or your Program Coordinator.