

EWES

EUROPEAN WILDERNESS
EDUCATION SCHOOL

WE ARE NATURE



WILDERNESS GUIDE LEVEL 1
Spain & France 2023/2024

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WILDERNESS GUIDE LEVEL 1

The Wilderness Guide Level 1 course is our most complete and diverse training taking place in different ecozones: temperate forest, cold and arid environments. This 5-week course is spread out of a year and will give you the opportunity to learn and work at the same time.

For us, a positive learning curve and developing your soft skills as a natural leader are more important than learning from books or focus on hard skills only. Anybody with a positive learning attitude, an open mind and a reasonable physical shape is welcome.

ABOUT EWES

We are a Wilderness Guide Association (WGA) certified training institute with a highly experienced team of qualified instructors who have great passion for their work. Personal growth, respect for people and nature, self-awareness, proactivity and learning by trial and error are some of our key values.

We believe we are all learning every day, both instructors and students, and therefore prefer progressive improvement above judging and rating students on a specific moment. It is all about consciousness and attitude, all the rest is secondary.

By combining the hard skills necessary in the wilderness with the soft skills needed to create memorable experiences for guests, this course offers you insights and training in wilderness expedition, survival practices, wildlife observation, interpretative guiding and hospitality, while also focusing on personal development and (re)connection with nature.

Our international network is growing every day, both on a professional and personal level, would you like to join us on our journey?

The EWES Team







LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Awareness and consciousness on personal growth.
- Natural leadership and self-care.
- Transmission of sustainable practices to minimize environmental impacts.
- Being a key figure and communicator in social/culturally sensitive situations.
- Understanding of participant's behavior and apply leadership techniques efficiently in order to manage group dynamics.
- Plan, evaluate risks and execute multi day activities in wilderness areas.
- Survival and other outdoor skills relevant to specific environments.
- Business development relevant to the work field.
- Skills and knowledge building necessary to deliver meaningful experiences in mountain, winter and desert areas.
- Push your comfort zone and deepen your own connection to nature.
- Full immersion in interpretive guiding, hospitality, wilderness experience and rewilding.



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-  Sadernes,
Alta Garrotxa, Spain
-  Valle de Madriu
Pyrenees, Andorra
-  Vercors National Park,
Pre-Alps, France
-  Doñana National Park
Andalucía, Spain



WILDERNESS GUIDE LEVEL 1 COURSE STRUCTURE

MODULE 1	<p>THEORY</p> <p>5 days - 50 hours +8 hrs online introduction</p> <p>📍 Alta Garrotxa, Spain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural leadership • Risk management • Equipment • Nutrition • Wilderness ecology and nature conservation • Business development • Navigation • Expedition planning 	
MODULE 2	<p>WILDERNESS ADVANCED FIRST AID (Wafa)</p> <p>5 days - 50 hours</p> <p>📍 Alta Garrotxa, Spain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilisation, treatment and evacuation guidelines • Accident scene management • Basic life support systems • First aid related to environmental threats • Musculoskeletal system • Evacuation procedures • Wilderness medicine & medical kits 	
MODULE 3	<p>WILDERNESS GUIDE & SURVIVAL INTRODUCTION</p> <p>7 days - 84 hours</p> <p>📍 Vall de Madriu, Andorra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain navigation • Shelter building • Axe and knife handling • Firemaking • Tracking • Wildlife observation • Group dynamics • Personal development and natural leadership 	

ELECTIVE MODULE (only one is obligatory):

MODULE 4	<p>COLD ENVIRONMENTS MODULE</p> <p>7 days - 84 hours</p>  <p>📍 Vercors or Pyrenees, France</p>	MODULE 4	<p>ARID ENVIRONMENTS MODULE</p> <p>7 days - 84 hours</p>  <p>📍 Doñana National Park, Spain</p>
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PRACTICAL PERIOD OF 28 DAYS:

- 6 days of preparation/planning
- 22 days in the field with a WGA certified guide (at least 50 % of the time)
- required to obtain the WG1 certification

COURSE DETAILS



Language of course:
English



Minimum requirements:
Strong motivation, physically
in shape, level B2 of English



Minimum/maximum of
participants:
6/12

2023 / 2024 COURSES:

WG1 - SPRING COURSE

17 - 21 APRIL 23	Module 1 - Theory
24 - 28 APRIL 23	Module 2 - WAFA
1 - 7 MAY 23	Module 3 - WG & Survival
19 - 25 JUN 23	Module 4 - Arid module
8 - 14 JAN 24	Module 4 - Cold module

Inscription deadline for WG1 spring:
• 1 of March 2023

WG1 - AUTUMN COURSE

25 - 29 SEPT 23	Module 1 - Theory
2 - 6 OCT 23	Module 2 - WAFA
9 - 15 OCT 23	Module 3 - WG & Survival
17 - 23 JUN 24	Module 4 - Arid module
8 - 14 JAN 24	Module 4 - Cold module

Inscription deadline for WG1 autumn:
• 1 of August 2023

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COURSE FEE:

2.750€ per person

INCLUDED:

- EWES Wilderness Guide Level 1 certification
- WAFA certification
- Adventure Cyber tracker certificate
- Personal interview and evaluation
- Online classes segment
- Module 1 - Theory
- Module 2 - Wilderness Advanced First Aid
- Module 3 - Wilderness Guide & Survival introduction
- Module 4 - To choose from Cold or Arid
- Lunch during module 2 and 3
- Safety protocols and insurance
- At distance guidance by EWES Experts
- Course manual
- Option de hire specific course equipment
- Practical period guidance and evaluation

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel expenses to the modules
- Lodging during the course (estimate 10€/night)
- Food during the course (estimate 7€/day)
- Personal equipment
- Specific accident insurance
- Personal costs

OPTIONAL MODULE FEE: - Arid or Cold -

750€ per person

[Special price for WG1 course students:
500€ per person]

MEET THE TRIBE



Bram von Blomberg
Lead Learning Coordinator &
Arid module lead guide

*"I love diversity,
movement, nature,
wilderness, family."*

*"I love to learn & evolve,
serve, live in the now,
to enjoy,
being challenged."*

Gerard van der Berg
EWES Director &
Leadership expert



Peter Blockland
Cold module lead guide

*"I love valuable
connections, deeper
layers of others,
harmony and
challenges."*

*"I love connecting with people
and grounding in a natural
environment. Let nature play
around you and with you."*

Onno de Boer
Wilderness Guide 1
course coordinator



Ferran Cardeña
Survival lead guide

*"I love being in the wilderness,
music, live in the now, travel,
learn, and make a positive
impact on the people and the
world."*

*"I love to learn, the wild
nature, meet interesting
people, to teach others,
new challenges, & to feel
nature."*

Jose Maria Galán
Animal tracking expert



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"I love to feel alive, permaculture, nature, learn and teach."

Jaime Barreiro López
Wilderness first aid expert



Miguel Fernández
Wilderness first aid expert

"I love to grow, be surrounded by people, help others, sports."

"I love challenges, nature-connection, wilderness, team-work, a good laugh."

Georg Messerer
ReWild &
Interpretative guiding expert



Nathan Beard
Risk management expert

"I love being deeply connected with the outdoors, sharing my passion with others."

"I love to learn, the wild nature, meet interesting people, to teach others, new challenges, & to feel nature."

Ramón Dies Miracle
Navigation expert



Anna Gili
Learner support &
Marketing

"I love being in nature, share with others, feel connected with something bigger than us."

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"I love to help others, share, travel, enjoy family and friends, I love nature."

Ester Giménez
Financial administration



David Boix
Navigation expert

"I love being happy, have good friends, grow every day, be connected with nature, share my life."

"I love family and friends, sharing, joy, learning, being authentic."

José Arco
Navigation expert



Josetxu Estébañez
Mountain rescue expert

"I love the sea, mountains, healthy food, wilderness, to take care of the planet, animals."

"I love to be, live and work in the outdoors, share and teach with other my survival skills, learn new things every day."

Albert Vila
Survival expert



Kieran Creevy
Nutrition expedition expert

"I love adventure, to cook in the wilderness, to connect with nature."



WE ARE

Creating experiences
of
**Being and
learning in
nature**

We believe all life on earth is connected.

We are one. . . we are nature.

We are **co-creating** a world in which all beings are connected to everyone and everything.

We do this by creating experiences of **being and learning** in nature and inspiring to lead and live from that wisdom.

The experience of our guides and experts allow us to explore to the edge within a **caring and empowering environment** and the best safety standards framework.

After fifteen years **learning, growing and evolving**,
EWES has transformed into an intentional community of purpose driven, committed, passionate individuals who thrive in the knowledge, a continuous pursuit for genuine growth and evolution targeting **health, awareness**, and most of all joy for life.

Dare to join us on that wonderful journey





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Association EWES is an trainings institute certified by the Wilderness Guides Association (WGA) and accredited by the Institute of Profesional Education of La Pobla de Segur in Catalunya.



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