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BADMINTON

AND BIKEPACKING IN THE SPANISH PYRENEES

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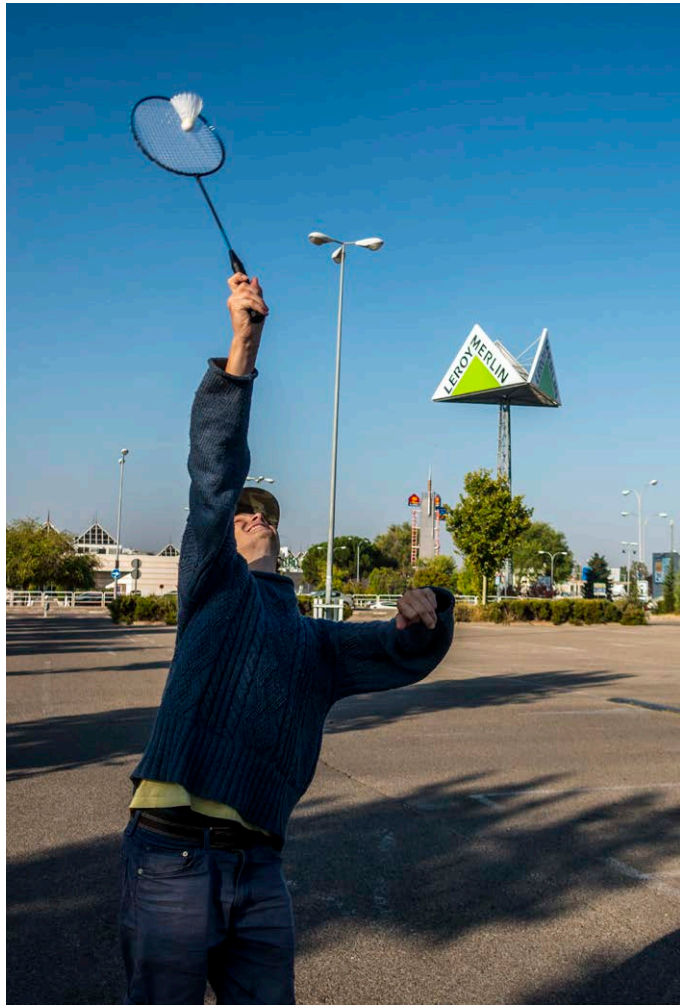
Above: "This is worse than flat-pack furniture" John and Dave are experts at square pegs in round holes.

Left: The adventure began with a 2 mile trek from arrivals



Above: Dave flipping the bird in the warm up zone

Right: Foraging for biscuits and booze. No racquet string was available locally, luckily we avoided a blow-out

"YOU SHOULD BRING THREE BOTTLES EACH, I GIVE YOU GOOD PRICE"

“I’M SURE IT’S THIS WAY, BUT IT LOOKED FLAT ON THE MAP!”

Above: Actual size, you can cut him out and stick him on the wall for a laugh

Right: Sometimes Back-Country Badminton can be a good walk spoiled

Left: Farm tracks with switchbacks and hedges offered a natural net with a unique split level match surface

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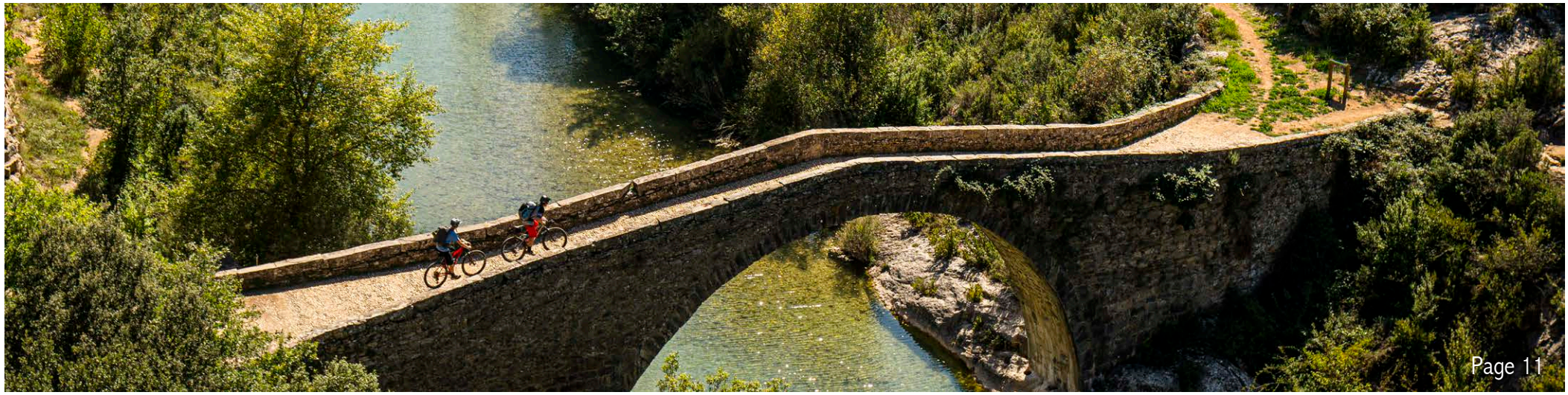
“OH LOOK, THERE’S A BRIDGE ROUND THE CORNER”

Left: We had no all-weather shuttlecocks, so the worlds first river badminton match never happened

Right: Best use for the hammocks. Although sleeping at regulation net height was risky

Below : A Roman Bridge. Probably



“THIS WIND IS GIVING ME RACQUET RAGE!”

Left: We wanted to play a match on top of the rocky peak, but Trev forgot the ladder

Right: If we had luminous shutlecocks, we could have played a night tournie. Doh!

Below: This was the finest and flattest pitch we found on the whole trip. Three rounds of 21 points and a massive sandwich made a siesta compulsory