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### **December Great winter holidays in Baqueira Beret**

**The Constitution Day (December 6<sup>th</sup>) and the Immaculate (December 8<sup>th</sup>) holidays is always an excellent thermometer to measure the health of winter tourism. More than 70,000 skiers have visited the Val d'Aran and Valls d'Àneu ski resorts during this long weekend, and this fact augurs a great season.**

Already thinking about the Christmas holidays, the large snow amounts on tracks and the 140 km of open slopes, allow being optimistic. This two holiday days of December 2017 will be remembered as one of the best in Baqueira Beret, where 90% of the slopes in high areas were open with snow depths above one meter.

The weather has been changing, going from splendid days with powder snow to cloudy days with intense cold. However, skiers and snowboarders could enjoy all the operating services at the ski resort (restaurants, children's parks, ski schools, etc.).

For the good circulation of the skiers, the technical services of the ski resort opened all the ski lifts and worked on the treading of slopes so that the skiable surface was not only good in kilometres, but also in amplitude.

### **Events with great atmosphere**

The leisure events that have been held at the ski resort were a success, such as the opening of the Moët Winter Lounge in Orri on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with a party on the terrace, as well as the wine tasting at the Hotel Montarto Winebar (by Viña Pomal) on the same day. The DJ sessions at the Baqueira Bar that took place every afternoon at 3:00 pm are already a classic of the *après ski* offer, and are becoming more popular among skiers who want to relax after spending the day on the slopes.

At the sporting level the Salomon Quest Challenge was an unquestionable great success, a popular event halfway between a competition and a family sport, which brought together more than 700 participants at the ski resort: Banked slalom, ski-cross and other modalities that supposed a very stimulating proposal for all the participants.

The resort is already preparing its facilities for the Christmas holidays. If the weather is good, all the tracks and slopes will be open. The online booking center, which guarantees the best prices of the hotel offer in the Val d'Aran and Vall d'Àneu, is the best platform to plan your stay: [www.viajes.baqueira.es](http://www.viajes.baqueira.es)

### **Future sporting events**

**Marató de TV3 (Catalan Television)**. Open (giant) solidarity race on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> to collaborate with this event, from 10.30 am to 12.30 am, at the Beret Stadium. At 4:00 pm trophies will be given at the Baqueira Bar 1500.

**25 RTV-Christmas Trophy Meeting**. Giant race on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Beret Stadium at 12.30 pm.

Naut Aran Skating. First “Copa de España Loterías de esquí de fondo” (Cross Country Spanish Cup) race on the official calendar of the Royal Spanish Winter Sports Federation (RFEDI) on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>. The CAEI club organizes this freestyle race for all categories. More information: [www.caei.es](http://www.caei.es)

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