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**Press Release – 21 December 2016**

**Baqueira Beret, everything is ready for the Christmas, New Year and Kings Day holidays**

**From the 24th of December to the 5th of January, the resort of the Val d’Aran and the Valls d’Àneu propose a special program for the Christmas holidays. Santa Claus will visit the little one and all types of activities will be organized for all ages. Among these being the traditional downhill torch run, the New Years’ concert and the parade of the Three Kings from the East.**

One more year, Baqueira Beret puts on its best to receive the thousands of skiers who come to the resort to celebrate the Christmas holidays to the max, with their families or group of friends. During these days you will certainly enjoy the snow, skiing or snowboarding on the more than 70 km of open pistes in Baqueira, Beret and Bonaigua.

From the 24th of December to the 5th of January, the resort offers a wide arrange of activities which will delight all ages. Saturday the 24th is reserved for the little ones as they will receive a visit from Santa Claus. They can greet him and explain which gifts they have asked for. The last day of the year will be the time for the downhill torch run and there will be a big party to say goodbye to 2016.

2017 will get off to a good start with the New Year’s concert, “The Grand Music of Christmas”, in which compositions of Bach, Händel, Telemann and others will be played. All of the funds raised will be used to subsidize social actions by the non-profit association, “Mundo en Armonía”. On the afternoon of Thursday the 5th of January the parade of the Three Kings will arrive.

During these holidays all of the services of Baqueira Beret will be in full operation. This includes the Ski Service and Baqueira Store and the themed restaurants such as the 5J Grill Baqueira in 1800, the classic Moët Winter Lounge in Orri and the relaxed Refugio San Miguel in Bonaigua. In the Forum zone of 1500 the Borda Lobato, the Winebar by Viña Pomal, the Drinkery and the new shop, Deli Baqueira, will be open.

**Program of Events**

**Saturday, 24 December 2016**

12.15h: Arrival of Santa Claus to Beret in front of the Era Escòla ski school, at the base of the Control Tower.

12.45h: Arrival of Santa Claus at the 1800 area of Baqueira, next to the Era Escòla ski school, at the base of the Control Tower.

13.15h: Santa Claus visit to the Parque Infantil (Children’s’ Park) in Baqueira 1800.

**Saturday, 31 December 2016**

19.00h: Mass in the church of Baqueira.

19.30h: Downhill torch run (previous registration, payment and pick up of entrance wristband). Informative meeting at the base of the Bosque chairlift and lift ride up to the 1800.

19.40h: Chairlift closing.

19.50h: Start of the downhill torch run. Followed by Fireworks and Vin Cau (sweet wine).

24.00h: New Years’ Party in the discotheques, pubs and restaurants of the Valley.

**Sunday, 1 January 2017**

19.30h: New Years’ concert, “The Grand Music of Christmas”, in the church of Baqueira in benefit of the association, Mundo en Armonía. Soledad Cardoso, soprano; Claudi Arimany, flute; Manuel Martínez del Fresno, violoncello; Eduard Sánchez, flute; Pedro Rodríguez, harpsichord.

**Thursday, 5 January 2017**

18.15h: Chocolatada y sweet flat bread, next to the offices in Baqueira 1500.

18.30h: Arrival of the Parade of the Three Kings.

19.00h: Mass in the church of Baqueira.

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