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**Baqueira Beret is to open on Saturday 18 November with 30 km of runs**

**The heavy snowfall and very cold weather of recent weeks have meant lots of snow production, so we will be able to open the Baqueira sector with 25 runs in operation featuring 30 km of open routes and maximum snow depths reaching 50 cm at a height of 2,500 m.**

The new season has swept into the Val d’Aran and Valls d’Àneu ski resort in a big way. November has started with lots of snow and extreme cold that’s great for kicking off the sporting winter. These ideal conditions are grounds for confidence about opening the ski resort, which was initially planned for the last weekend in November but now will take place on Saturday 18 November, the day chosen for strapping on skis again.

Baqueira’s central area will open with all ski lifts in operation except the Pla de Baqueira gondola and the TDS (express chairlift). That means the Bosque, Mirador, Era Cabana and Jorge Jordana TDS and the Esquirós chairlift will be working. In addition the Rabadá ski lifts and the three magic carpets in the beginner area will also be available. These lifts will provide access to 25 routes with a total of 30 km of runs.

The depths on the runs after the snowfall and snow production come to 40 cm at 1,800 m and 50 cm at 2,500 m. These are not bad figures for the time of year and will give people the chance to experience that unique feeling you get when slipping on skis or snowboard with good snow before winter has really arrived.

There will be a special price for ski passes, which will be €30 for adults and €20 for children. The station will stay open on weekdays, weather permitting, until its scheduled closing date of 8 April. The ski resort’s staff are working hard to make it possible to open more runs and lifts from Saturday 25 November, when prices will be the ones for the 2017-18 season at €51.50 for adults and €34 for children.

As for services, skiers who come up this weekend will get a pleasant surprise as they will have the chance to sample the new Bosque Restaurant in Baqueira 1800. The Pàrrec de Orri will also be open (the Moët Winter Lounge will still be closed) along with the Orri ticket windows and the Baqueira 1500 offices from 8 am to 7 pm (but not the ones at Ruda). Skiers can buy a day ski pass at these offices or pick up their season ski pass there if they have one.

In addition the Ski Service rental stations at Baqueira 1500 and Baqueira 1800 will also be open and people can hire ski lockers and boots for the whole season at Ruda, Baqueira 1500 and Baqueira 1800.

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