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**Press release – 4 December 2017**

**Baqueira Beret is to have over 135 km of runs for the December double bank holiday**

**After more than 75 cm of snow fell on Friday and Saturday, weather permitting the Val d’Aran and Valls d’Àneu resort will open 97 runs with a total of 137 skiable kilometres.**

Skiers and snowboarders who come to Baqueira Beret will enjoy one of the December double bank holidays with the most snow in recent years. Towards the top of the mountains snow depths stand at more than one metre while lower down they are 65 cm.

The recent winter temperatures, down to -15º C on Sunday, have meant an outstanding start to the season with high quality powder snow and the resort opening for the double bank holiday, weather permitting, with 90% of its runs open and all 35 lifts in operation.

Skiers will be able to zoom down 6 green, 42 blue, 40 red and 17 black runs with powder snow. At Baqueira almost 95% of runs are open with 90% at Beret and Bonaigua. Over the last week most of the runs to have been opened are the moderate and high difficulty (red and black) ones as a result of the abundant snowfall. The beginner areas of the resort’s three zones will be working flat out to welcome families who want to start out in winter sports.

To make buying ski passes easier, on Tuesday, 5 December the Ruda and 1500 ticket offices will have special opening hours up until 10 pm, while for people looking to pick up their season ski pass the information office in Baqueira 1500 will also be open until 10 pm.

All Ski Service and Baqueira Store (Baqueira 1500, Ruda, Beret and Bonaigua) ski rental outlets will be open along with all the eateries on the runs including the haute cuisine options (5J Grill Baqueira, Moët Winter Lounge at Orri, Refugio San Miguel at Bonaigua and Restaurante Pla de Beret). Also welcoming visitors will be the comfy new Bosque cafeteria at Baqueira 1800 and the crèche and playgrounds at 1500, 1800 and Beret which will be available from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm.

The resort’s online booking system, which guarantees the best deals on hotels in the Val d’Aran and Vall d’Àneu together with premium quality service, is taking reservations now: [www.viajes.baqueira.es](http://www.viajes.baqueira.es/)

**Calendar**

Salomon Quest Challenge: this fun event halfway between competition and recreation for three-person teams is taking place on Saturday, 9 December. It is open to all skiers and snowboarders. Registration at [http://salomonquestchallenge.com](http://salomonquestchallenge.com/)

DJ in Baqueira Bar 1500: on Saturday, 9 December beginning at 3 pm, start of season party with Dj Dalma.

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