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**Outstanding double bank holiday week at Baqueira Beret**

**The double bank holiday week in early December is always a great thermometer for measuring the health of winter tourism. The more than 70,000 people who came to the Val d’Aran and Valls d’Àneu resort during the week bode well for an excellent season.**

With minds already turning to the Christmas holidays, the amount of snow built up on the runs and the 140 km of open slopes give grounds for optimism. The December 2017 double bank holiday will be remembered as one of the best ever at Baqueira Beret where 90% of runs have been open with snow depths of more than one metre in high areas.

The weather has been variable, ranging from splendid days with powder snow to overcast and extremely cold ones. However, skiers and snowboarders have been able to enjoy all the resort’s services including eateries, crèches and ski schools.

To help skiers get around, the resort’s staff opened all the ski lifts and snow groomed the runs so that the skiable area was not only kilometres long but also kilometres wide.

**Events with a great atmosphere**

The recreational events held at the resort, such as the opening of the Moët Winter Lounge in Orri on the 8th with a party in style on the terrace, have been a resounding success. There was also the wine tasting in the Winebar by Viña Pomal at the Montarto Hotel on the same day. In addition the DJ sessions at the Baqueira Bar which took place every afternoon at 3 p.m. are already a classic in the resort’s aprés ski programme and are attracting more and more skiers who wind down there after spending a day on the slopes.

In terms of sports, the Salomon Quest Challenge, a fun event halfway between competition and family sports, was a great success bringing together over 700 people in races right across the resort. It featured the flying kilometre, banked slalom, ski cross and other options which were a very exciting proposition for participants.

The resort is already getting its facilities ready for the Christmas holidays when, weather permitting, it is hoped that all the runs will be open. The resort’s online booking system, which guarantees the best deals on hotels in the Val d’Aran and Vall d’Àneu, is the best place for planning your stay: [www.viajes.baqueira.es](http://www.viajes.baqueira.es/)

**Calendar**

Marató de TV3: Saturday 16/12 open (giant) solidarity slalom to collaborate with the Catalan TV telethon from 10.30 to 12.30 at Beret Stadium. Presentation of trophies and gifts at 4 p.m. at the Baqueira Bar 1500.

25th RTV-Christmas Trophy Meeting. Giant slalom on Saturday 16/12 at Beret Stadium at 12.30.

Naut Aran Skating: on Sunday 17/12 Beret hosts the first Lotteries Spanish Cup cross country race in the official Spanish Winter Sports Federation calendar. The CAEI club is organising this freestyle race for all categories. More information [www.caei.es](http://www.caei.es/)

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