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**Christmas with lots of snow at Baqueira Beret**

**Around 150,000 skiers have sped across the snow at the Val d’Aran and Valls d’Àneu resort between 25 December and Sunday 7 January. The weather has been unsettled but all the skiable kilometres and ski lifts were available on most days during the Christmas holidays.**

From spectacular snowfall just before the end of the year to mild temperatures during Epiphany week, Christmas always brings variable weather conditions. The Val d’Aran and Valls d’Àneu resort has been open every day of the holidays with an average of 130 skiable kilometres and practically all its ski lifts in operation. This meant the approximately 150,000 skiers who visited the resort between 25 December and 7 January were able to have fun right across the open skiable area covering​2,166 hectares at Baqueira, Beret and Bonaigua.

The largest crowds came to the resort on 30 December which saw around 21,000 skiers on the runs. Beret’s free 7-kilometre cross-country skiing circuit has also been open during the fortnight’s holiday. The snowpark spent a few days being rebuilt after the heavy snow on 27 and 28 December.

During the week of 25 December the Clot Der Os Funpark was opened, a thematic circuit for children at Beret featuring figures and geometric elements for kids to interact with along with models of typical local animals scattered among the trees and banks of this attraction.

Christmas activities have proved very popular with skiers over the two weeks. They included Santa Claus’s arrival and in particular the torch descent on New Year’s Eve with over 400 participants and the spectacular Three Kings cavalcade which was a great success with large crowds gathered at level 1500.

As for restaurants, the thematic venues such as the Refugio San Miguel, the 5J Grill Baqueira and the Moët Winter Lounge have been packed. The new Bosque Cafeteria at Baqueira 1800 has also been operating flat out as its large size provided shelter for numerous skiers on the days of heavy snowfall while they tucked in at the self-service or had a coffee.

**AGENDA**

World Snow Day Baqueira Beret

To mark World Snow Day sponsored by the FIS, Baqueira Beret is running a very special promotion for anyone who wants to start out in Alpine skiing.

It will be in the Beret area and only for people who have never put on skis before on two weekends in January 2018: the 13th and 14th or 20th and 21st.

For beginners, adults and children. Promotion only in the Beret area that includes:

- Ski lessons with Era Escòla in groups of 8-10 people, 2 days from 11 am to 1 pm.

- Equipment hire, 2 days (skis, sticks and boots).

- Lunch on the slopes, 2 days.

- On the first day the classes are taught at Pla de Beret using the beginners’ conveyor belt, while the second day includes a ski pass to use the beginners’ lifts if the instructor thinks the group is ready to handle it.

Total cost – €82.

If you are a skier and sign up a friend for this special promotion, the one-day ski pass will also be at a very special price: €25.75

Information and bookings: carme.aliu@baqueira.es / 973 639 044

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On 13-14 January the first race will be held in the Masters’ Spanish Cup season as part of the Royal Spanish Winter Sports Federation calendar which is organised by the CAEI for skiers aged 30 and over. A giant slalom on Saturday and a slalom on Sunday for licensed senior skiers and also for skiers without a licence and in the OPEN category. There will be a village with entertainment at the finish line courtesy of AC Hotels. To sign up for the event: inscripciones@caei.es / 973 642 057

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