



## Press kit

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2019/2020 SEASON

## New for the 19/20 season

# Baqueira Beret offers more kilometres, gastronomy and fun for the 2019-2020 season

**Baqueira Beret is coming in fast with a winter full of new developments designed to improve the skier's experience. Among the main updates for the 2019-2020 season, skiers will now enjoy the new Eth Coret run which brings the resort to 167 km, extensive renovation to dining facilities, improved snow production, the ski pass with BaqueiraPASS advantages and the new app.**

The resort at Val d'Aran and Valls d'Àneu is counting down the days to kick off the new 2019-2020 season, which comes laden with important new developments. Visitors will be able to squeeze even more into their Baqueira Beret experience, living new thrills and emotions thanks to the wide range of services.

### 167 kilometres of runs

Skiers and snowboarders will enjoy more kilometres this winter thanks to a new red slope at Baqueira Beret: Eth Coret. It starts at the bottom of the Baciver ski lift and goes all the way to Orri. With a distance of 1,496 m, it provides a comfortable connection from the Baciver area to Orri alongside spectacular views of Cara Nord de Baqueira.

Meanwhile, specific areas of the resort were updated over the summer: the Peüllà, Pleta del Duc, Cap a Baqueira and Debutants runs have been redone, taking advantage of the snowmaking system. Likewise, runs in the Baciver area and improvements to the Terrain park located in Beret have been completed.

With a total of 112 marked runs and 3 off-piste runs, the total distance will be 162 km of marked runs and 5 km off-piste. In total, 167 skiable kilometres are spread over an area of 2,273 ha.

### 50 new snowmaking machines

Baqueira Beret has expanded the snowmaking area on the Bonaigua, specifically on the Debutants and Cap a Baqueira runs and at the access to the Tuc de la Llança ski lift and the Pleta del Duc and Peüllà runs. This enhancement translates into a total of 50 new snowmaking machines to guarantee snow in key areas of this section. Currently, the total number of snowmakers stands at 710, with the capacity to cover half of the resort's slopes.

### BaqueiraPASS advantages

BaqueiraPASS is the new Baqueira Beret ski pass card that offers skiers greater comfort and convenience by adapting to their needs. This personal card is designed to improve the skier's or snowboarder's experience by customising products and services according to the interests of each customer. Card holders can manage their private area to consult and update their details and bills and customise communications with the resort to receive the information best suited to their preferences. Lastly, BaqueiraPASS holders can add credit to their pass (or a family member's or friend's) online at a better price. Add credit for a whole season or for a few days with the advantage of not having to come in person to one of the booths.

Initial processing of the card costs €10, and it lasts several seasons. Customers who wish to top-up the card periodically will receive a 5% discount on the official rate. BaqueiraPASS opens customers to a world of exclusivity and advantages that will be expanded season after season.

### Dining renovations

Baqueira Beret is much more than a ski and snowboard resort, thanks to a wide culinary offer that is perfect for all palates, even the most discernible. Visitors can enjoy 25 restaurants and cafés on the slopes, 5 of which are themed and emanate authenticity.

This winter, visitors will bear witness to the improvements that have been put in place in some of the resort's gastronomic spots, including the expansion of the **Moët Winter Lounge**, which has taken over the entire area of the old Parrec d'Orri and the adjacent patio. From now on, the entire building will be dedicated to this local icon and will have more interior restaurant areas and a VIP lounge.

At the same time, **Cafetería 2200** has been completely renovated and now features a circular construction

with all updated services. Additionally, the improved layout of the large patio allows for spectacular views. The panorama ranges from the peaks that crown Val de Ruda to the Aneto. Likewise, looking at the slopes, visitors can follow the Audi Ski Kronos run installed on the route adjacent to the dining area. In terms of gastronomy, it will offer a new range of typical Pyrenean products and pinchos.

The successful **Baqueira Bar 1500** also saw significant changes, including a new location for the bar and bar area that is much larger than before. The terrace area has also been updated. Here, concerts and performances by DJs are enjoyed by all who finish their day of skiing at this spot.

Lastly, the comprehensive renovations performed on one of the three wings of the **Hotel Montarto** deserve a special mention. A total of 50 rooms have been refurbished to incorporate an improved layout, design and detail, and the common areas for accessing the rooms have been updated with a new image and a new, more comfortable design.

### **At the forefront of technology**

A new app (available for Android and iOS) has been created with enhanced features, including geolocation, a new 3D trail map and the option of booking at the resort's restaurants. The daily Trail Preview has also been updated, making it easier to read. Baqueira Beret continues to improve its website to display all the different products for sale and the availability of accommodation and experiences. Take a look at [www.viajes.baqueira.es](http://www.viajes.baqueira.es).

### **Events**

At the international level, the U16 OPA-Alpen Cup alpine ski competition will be held from 11 to 13 February. Here, visitors can witness future World Cup talents. A night-time show in collaboration with Audi e-Tron LEDs will also be held on 28 December as the Christmas holiday season is in full swing. Lastly, the Movistar Spain snowboard cross, ski cross, slopestyle championships will be held in Beret from 27 to 29 March with the best riders in Spain going for gold.

# Baqueira Beret Spirit

- **Only:** The **Val d'Aran** and the **Valls d'Àneu** make up a unique area of the Pyrenees, with excellent snow quality and a unique topography that allows for **165 km of skiable area**: (160 km of marked pistes and 5 km of off-piste routes), making Beret a leading winter holiday destination.
- **Quality:** The Atlantic climate of the station ensures a high volume of snow to create a **skiable area of 2,273 hectares, while its altitude of 2,610 m allows for unique freeriding conditions in the Pyrenees that at the same time can be combined with family skiing** on the beginner slopes or in the Fun Park.
- **Environment:** **Five high-altitude themed restaurants**, in addition to 20 other dining spots on the slopes, and the après-ski and shopping areas of Ruda and Baqueira 1500 give the resort a **fantastic atmosphere and a top-notch range of dining options**.
- **Comfort:** In all areas the transport is fast and efficient thanks to the **36 ski lifts with a total carrying capacity of more than 61,024 people per hour**.
- **Facility:** For this season, Baqueira Beret has updated the usability of its **online booking system [www.viajes.baqueira.es](http://www.viajes.baqueira.es)** making it easy to book holidays ensuring the best price both on and off the slopes.

## Forever Baqueira Beret

The resort, located in the Lleida Pyrenees between the Val d'Aran and Valls d'Àneu, is made up of four large areas, each with their own personality. The famous **Baqueira, Beret** and **Bonaigua** area joined last season by a fourth "B" - the new **Baciver** area.

The resort was originally located exclusively in the **Val d'Aran**, yet thanks to an expansion towards Bonaigua and Peülla, it later reached the **Valls d'Àneu** (Pallars Sobirà). This means that it is accessible from two valleys, allowing visitors the option of discovering the richness of the Pyrenees from two very different sides. Likewise, skiers avoid crowding as they have a wide choice of accommodation.

With a total of **112 ski runs** for downhill skiing and snowboarding, plus 7 kilometres of cross-country skiing, snowpark, bordercross, spread across a total skiable area of **2.273 hectares**. The area, with a vertical drop of **1.110 metres**, beginning at 1,500 above sea level and reaching an altitude of 2.610 metres at the Cap de Baciver, accessible for the first time this season thanks to the installation of a ski lift of the same name.

Baqueira Beret invests annually in its facilities with the aim of improving the experience of the skiers and snowboarders who come to visit a ski area encompassing **162 km** of marked runs and 5 kilometres of off-piste runs. In addition to the marked runs, most of which are created by snow grooming machines, various installations complement the user experience. The recently installed **Funpark** in Beret is intended for families. Here, guests can enjoy a simple design full of life-size model native animals. This is a good example of how ski tourism is not in conflict with the world renowned off-piste options offered by the varied skiing terrain.

Meanwhile, the **Audi Ski Kronos** is another example of how visitors can enjoy new experiences in a ski resort, combining reality with the digital world. At this facility, located next to the Baqueira 2200 cafeteria, visitors compete on a timed giant slalom while they are recorded on video. When they cross the finish line, their time is automatically added to the virtual leader board and they can share their video, if they wish, on social media.

## The 4 Bs that define the resort

### **Baqueira, the heart**

The first ski lift was installed in Baqueira way back in 1964. Since then, a lot of snow has fallen, and the resort has seen many improvements. Despite this, Baqueira remains the favourite area for many, thanks to its sweet combination of nostalgia and ease of access to the slopes.

Contrary to popular belief, this section is not the largest in the resort, although it is the busiest and has the most runs—a total of 41 runs covering 45 km. It has 8 black diamond and 17 red diamond runs, clearly demonstrating that it has very difficult slopes, including the Cara Nord. It also has an easy area at 1800 metres with a multitude of simple runs for learning. It has an additional 13 blue and 3 green runs. Three of Baqueira's most noteworthy slopes are the Luis Arias, Eth Mur and Tubo Nere, not to mention the Escornacabres, an iconic off-piste run. The cherry on top for expert skiers is the Passarells, the last black diamond in this area to be added to the trail map and probably the resort's most demanding.

### **Beret, varied**

Equipped with the Dera Reina chairlift in the 1982-1983 season, the Beret section is considered by the majority of resort visitors to be the most laid-back. This peaceful environment emanates from the expansiveness of the Baret Pla, where skiers can freely descend a run with a distance of 7 km.

Over an incredible 70 km of skiable area, skiers can enjoy a total of 38 runs, including 20 blues and 15 reds. Its soft slopes and spacious runs are ideal for beginners, families and children, and it includes areas dedicated entirely to teaching winter sports. It has 2 green runs and only 1 black diamond.

In turn, Beret is scene to the season's most important competitions, such as the Marxa Beret or the FIS Snowboard Cross World Cup. It has an alpine competition stadium that bustles with activity throughout the week and a Funpark that adds an original playful touch to the resort.

### **Bonaigua, different**

In 1988, the skiable area of Baqueira was expanded with the opening of the new Argulls section, which came as the first step towards the Port de la Bonaigua and the Valls d'Àneu. Following the easy trails through Argulls, the descent towards Bonaigua and the entirety of Peüllà offer endless routes with a varied relief that, according to experts, make the terrain somewhere between challenging and fun.

The Bonaigua section has more than 38 skiable kilometres spread over 27 runs. It has 8 black diamond runs, the same as Baqueira. Trails like the Barranc der Aire, which links to the Bonaigua and La Cigalera runs, has been a special feature since the arrival of the Tuc de la Llança ski lifts. Another example is the old mountain route that has been converted into the black diamond Gerber run. But it's not all just for the most experienced skiers and boarders. It has 8 reds, 10 blues and 1 green with a highly accessible beginner's area in the Port of Bonaigua.

### **Baciver, the summit**

Compared to the size of the other sections, Baciver might have just been an anecdote were it not for the 100 metres of slope that has been added to the top, bringing it to a maximum height of 2610 m. But beyond the numbers, the area has a strong personality and features views of the massive walls of the Cara Nord de Baqueira.

Midway between Baqueira and Beret, Baciver has 6 reds totalling 8.5 km. While they may not be extremely difficult, the runs are intended for expert skiers who want to enjoy a terrain that was once only been accessible by mountain skiers. Running from the lower part of Baciver to Orri through a winding trail with no major surprises, the new Eth Coret allows skiers to wind among the trees in pursuit of real passion.

## Gastronomy and après ski

Eating well is almost as important as skiing in the sun. That is why Baqueira Beret takes gastronomy seriously. Renovated restaurants and updated menus are ongoing realities at Baqueira Beret. This winter 19/20 is the perfect example of this special dedication to gastronomy and après ski, with the new Cafeteria 2200 and the expansion of the successful Baqueira Bar 1500.

Baqueira has 25 dining establishments, five of which are theme restaurants on the slopes strategically located: Refugi San Miguel at Bonaigua, 5J Grill at Baqueira 1800, Moët Winter Lounge at Orri, Restaurant Pla de Beret and la Borda Lobato at Baqueira 1500. Over the past few seasons they have been joined by an inviting range of après ski options, such as the Winebar by Viña Pomal and the Drinkery [Pub](#), both located in the outstanding area of the Hotel Montarto in the Forum of Baqueira 1500. A great spot to dine and drink without having to drive if you are staying at the foot of the ski resort.

In the Forum area there is also a delicatessen with products from Val d'Aran and Valls d'Àneu. Along the ski runs, and especially on the terrace of Beret 1,850 and in the Baqueira Bar 1500, there are DJs or live music every weekend, giving the end of each day a festive atmosphere that is already becoming a tradition.

Also on offer is a range of special activities for trainees: on weekends, the chance to tour the Safaris with a guide from Era Escòla; special Christmas activities (classical music concerts, torchlight descent, etc.); special Carnival programme; special World Snow Day programme; snowshoe excursions; full moon nights; snowmobiles; popular charity activities and competitions; the Romanesque Val d'Aran route; Pla de Beret dog sledding; horse-drawn sleigh rides and excursions; thermal baths and hot springs at Baños de Tredós and Baronía de Lez; excursions to Montgarri with lunch or dinner at the Refuge; heli-skiing and scenic flights by helicopter; ice palace, heated pools and gym at Vielha; museums in Vielha, Vilamòs, Bagergue, Unha and Salardú; adventure park in Les; Aran-Park Wildlife Park (March to November); cinema in Vielha; covered paddle tennis courts with café and kids play area in Vielha

## Family and friends

In addition to a sport, skiing and snowboarding is a major social activity. Baqueira hosts many groups of friends and families who visit every weekend, while others come for a full week's holiday, since the resort and its activities offer endless fun.

The secret of the resort's success among groups of friends is the superior blend of quality and quantity of snow, the top-level services and leisure and a Pyrenean setting with unique traditions and gastronomy.

One of the attractions of skiing is that you can enjoy it with the whole family. Parents can take a skiing course or ski on their own in the knowledge that their children are also having fun. In Baqueira Beret there are 3 ski playgrounds and there is an additional one at Baqueira 1500. The latter is located at Borda Lobato, next to Hotel Montarto, and is designed for children from 3 months to 2 ½ years old. It has an outside garden and specialised staff.

For those over 2 ½ years old, the ski playgrounds are at Baqueira 1800, opposite the Bosque chairlift, in Beret opposite the control tower and in Bonaigua next to the service centre alongside the car park. The Baqueira 1800 and Beret playgrounds have a magic carpet and a ski run in their outdoor areas so that children can be introduced to skiing through play. The playgrounds provide skis and boots.

However, that is not the end of the options on offer for children in the station. There are also special weekly classes for them which combine a stay in the crèche with classes and food. These are offered at the Baqueira 1,800 level crèche. They are designed for children aged four to five years old.

## Sport for all levels

The range of competitions that take place at the resort during the winter offer something for every taste. As public competitions are becoming more and more popular, participatory events for individuals and groups are organised throughout the season. This is the case of the BBB Ski Race Experience, which coincides with World Snow Day on 18 and 19 January. Another example is the Salomon Quest Challenge, planned for 7 December, which brings together clubs and individuals in a festive competition that takes place throughout much of the resort.

Another classic competition combining amateur skiing with high competition is the Marxa Beret cross-country skiing event. This year, it takes place on the weekend of 1 and 2 February. At the international level, the U16 OPA-Alpen Cup alpine ski competition will be held from 11 to 13 February. Here, visitors can witness future World Cup talents. As for performances, the Audi e-Tron LEDs show will also be held on 28 December as the Christmas holiday season is in full swing.

This season's agenda will repeat classic events that are also charitable or have a social component, like awarding student scholarships. These include the Fundación Jesús Serra CDIA Trophy on 25 and 26 January and the Fundación Jesús Serra Open Trophy on 8 March. The TOP CAEI FIS alpine ski competition will be held on 14 and 15 March and the Spain-Movistar snowboard cross, ski cross and slopestyle championships will be held from 27 to 29 March. Also noteworthy is the Spanish Mushing Championship to be held on 7 and 8 March, which gathers together Spain's best mushers in a sport where men and dogs form an inseparable team.

The number of sports venues available at Baqueira Beret is countless. In particular, the Beret Stadium where local clubs train to become the champions of the future. It comes as no surprise that the Olympians Alex Puente (CAEI) and Juan del Campo (CEVA) trained here. There is also a toboggan run, snowshoeing, 7 km of marked cross-country skiing and a snowpark, funpark and bordercross. Constantly growing, our respect for the environment is paramount, and transport throughout all areas is fast and efficient thanks to the 36 ski lifts.

# Technical Information

- 167 skiable kilometres:
  - 162 km marked runs
  - 5 km off-piste routes
- 112 ski runs: 6 green (5 km), 43 blue (75 km), 46 red (61 km), 17 black (20 km).
- 3 routes (5 km)
- 7 km of cross-country skiing track
- 1 Snowpark, 1 Slalom Stadium, 1 Kronos Ski, 1 Boardercross, 1 Funpark and Audi Driving Experience (a racetrack in the snow)
- Freeride Zone
- 36 ski lifts: 1 gondola (9 seats), 19 chairlifts (10 detachable 3x6, 7x4 and 9 fixed grip -6x3, 3x2-), 9 lifts (5 lifts, 2 two-seater lifts, 2 rope pull) and 7 magic carpets.
- Carrying capacity: 61.024 people/hour
- VTMH: 18,567\*
- Maximum height: 2.610 m
- Minimum height: 1.500 m
- Vertical drop: 1.110 m
- Skiable area: 2.273Ha.
- Snow makers 710
- Grooming machines: 15

\* VTMH =  $\frac{\text{Transport capacity} \times \text{gradient (of each ski lift)}}{1,000}$

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- 5 Ski rental and repair centres
- Car parks: 7 with space for a total of 5,040 vehicles
- 25 Restaurants, bars and cafés on the slopes
- 4 Children's snowparks
- 2 First aid points on the slopes
- 1 Private medical centre in Baqueira 1500
- More than 500 ski instructors
- Residential complex at the foot of the slopes with: hotels, apartments, restaurants, discos and shops.

# Provisional calendar of events and competitions

## Baqueira Beret 2019/2020

### December

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7	Salomon Quest Challenge, popular event for teams
14	Charity race for La Marató on TV3
15	Naut Aran Skating, cross-country skiing in Beret
17	Access Tests ETEVA
20-21	Polar Sound, Baqueira 1.500 music festival
24	Arrival of Santa Claus at the resort pulled by dog sled
28	Audi e-tron Leds, Night Show in Orri
31	Torch descent, fireworks and Vin Cau.

### January

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1	New Year Concert
4	CEVA Duathlon
5	Three Kings Cavalcade
11-12	Spanish Alpine Ski Masters Championship. Organise COPOS
17-19	I Phase Cup Spain Audi U16 / 14 alpine skiing SG, GS, SL. Organize CEVA
18-19	BBB Ski Race Experience, the main activity of World Snow Day (FIS)
25-26	Fundación Jesús Serra Trophy adapted alpine skiing U12 / 10. Organize CDIA / MAC

### February

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1	Championship of Spain Sprint Salomon Cup Spain Lotteries cross-country skiing
2	41 Marxa Beret, popular cross-country skiing race, all categories: 10, 21 & 42km, Beret.
8-9	Amics de Montgarri Audi Quattro Cup, U12/10 GS and Combi Race, Beret. Organised by CAEI.
11-13	OPA-Alpen International Alpine Ski Cup U16 in the modalities of SG, SL and PL
15	Era Nocturna-COPOS/ATOMIC
23	Carnival Celebration

### March

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7-8	Fundación Jesús Serra Trophy, GS open and parallel, Beret
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Cts of Spain of Sledding with Dogs - Mushing

- 14-15 CAEI-FIS Top, Alpine skiing GS and SL, junior and senior categories, Beret
- 21 Banked Slalom for snowboarding in Beret, organized by Landing Snowboard
- 22 Alpine skiing competition of the Consell Comarcar, Beret
- 24 Access Tests ETEVA
- 27-28 Spanish Championship Movistar Snowboardcross-Skicross Cup (SBX-SX)
- 29 Spanish Championship Movistar Freeski Slopestyle Cup (SS)

## **April**

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- 8 Mac-AinhoaSC club fun race
- 9 COPOS club fun race
- 10 Ski-Camp Era Escòla club fun race
- 11 CEVA club fun race / Gold Test
- 12 CAEI club fun race
- 13 Baqueira Beret staff race

# Notable events and competitions at Baqueira Beret, 19/20 season

## **7 December – Salomon Quest Challenge**

Celebrating its 6th edition at the resort, the Salomon Quest Challenge, is a fun event featuring teams of three people in two categories (Challenge and Family), taking into account that the latter includes the participation of a child between 8 and 15 years of age. Each team has an official bib and a roadbook provided by the organisation. A giant slalom will take place on a run set aside for the event, as well as a high-energy ski cross, a freeride and other events throughout Baqueira Beret. <https://salomonquestchallenge.com>

## **14 December – Marató TV3**

Charity Race in partnership with La Marató from TV3, dedicated this year to cancer research. <https://www.ccma.cat/tv3/marato>

## **20 and 21 December – Polar Sound**

The first edition of the winter music festival Polar Sound will feature some of the most well-known names in the Spanish music scene, like Izal. Located in Baqueira Beret 1500 car park, it aims to unite the natural backdrop of the Pyrenees with leading groups in the national pop scene to welcome the Christmas festivities. <https://polarsound.es>

## **28 December – Audi e-Tron LEDs**

In promotion of the electric vehicle made by the iconic 4-ring brand, a night-time show will be held in Orri, featuring the Moët Winter Lounge as the nerve centre and skiers dressed in LED-lit attire. Not to be taken lightly! <https://www.audi.es>

## **18 & 19 January – BBB Ski Race Experience - World Snow Day Celebration (FIS)**

An open event for skiers aged 6+, combining alpine races, bordercross and freeride with the emerging art of selfies at the highest points of the resort. Fun guaranteed! The event allows visitors to explore parts of the resort where skis or snowboards have never gone before. The race is ranked individually, however stretches can be performed in groups, especially for little ones with their clubs or families.

The BBB will make up part of Baqueira's activities for World Snow Day, sponsored by the International Ski Federation (FIS), in which special activities and promotions are organised to bring the snow closer to children and families, in order to convey the benefits of practising winter sports. The resort organises a torch descent, and extends the promotion with special prices over several weekends.

## **January 25 and 26 - Jesús Serra Foundation Trophy / CDIA / MAC U12 / 10**

The Jesús Serra Foundation together with the Adapted Winter Sports Center (CDIA) and the MAC club, organize in Beret this competition for skiers with reduced mobility of the young categories U12 / 10. <https://www.fundacionjesusserra.org>

## **1 February – 2nd Belén Jordana Award**

Charity competition and an alpine skiing open in memory of the late Belén Jordana. Organized by Unidad Maternal Fundación Pablo Horstmann <http://www.fundacionpablo.org>

## **1 and 2 February – 41st Marxa Beret**

On February 2, the most popular cross-country skiing event in Spain will be held. With around 1,000 participants each year, the event is promoted by The Conselh Generau d'Aran, Baqueira Beret and the Naut Aran City Council alongside other organisations, entities and clubs in the Val d'Aran. It is part of the FIS and RFEDI Nordic skiing public races calendar. The competition will be held at the three usual distances of 10, 21 and 42 km. [www.marxaberet.com](http://www.marxaberet.com)

On Saturday 1, the Sprint Salomon will be held in Beret and will count for Spanish Championships-Spanish Loterías Cup in the fastest cross-country skiing category.

### **8 and 9 February – Audi Quattro Cup Amics de Montgarri Trophy**

The Montgarri Amics Trophy, organised by Club Aranès Esports d'luern (CAEI), is part of the Audi Quattro Cup alpine ski competition circuit of the Royal Spanish Federation of Winter Sports (RFEDI). The super giant slalom (SG) on Saturday and giant slalom (GS) for U10 and slalom (SL) for U12 on Sunday will take place at the Beret Stadium. <http://www.audiquattrocup.es>

### **11, 12 and 13 February – OPA U16**

The international alpine ski competition OPA-Alpen Cup, for the U16 category, will be held in the Beret Stadium where visitors can witness future talents of the World Cup compete in the super giant slalom (SG), slalom (SL) and parallel (PL) competitions from 11 to 13 February. <http://opa-alpencup.com>

### **14 and 15 March – Top CAEI FIS**

The CAEI hosts the FIS qualifier for the Spanish U21/18 Championships with the highest level of Alpine skiing in the Val d'Aran. Over 250 competitors from Spain, France and Andorra are participating in this competition, which features a giant slalom (GS) and a slalom (SL). <http://www.caei.es>

### **27 and 28 March – SBX-SX Movistar Spain Championship**

The Movistar snowboard cross and ski cross circuit on the RFEDI calendar finishes in Beret with this spectacular event that forms part of the Spanish Championship. Here, snowboarders and skiers from different categories in groups of four will take on banks, jumps and dubbies. What's more, this year Lucas Eguibar and Regino Hernández will be competing. Guaranteed excitement! <http://rfedi.es>

### **29 March – Spanish FS-SS Championship**

Snowboarding and skiing freestylers have a chance to compete at the Era Marmota de Beret Terrain Park in the Movistar Spain Championship, an event for letting their creativity fly and giving it their all. Attendance by RFEDI riders Javi Lliso and Thibault Magnin has been confirmed. <http://rfedi.es>

### **11 April - Gold Test**

A competition organized by Baqueira Beret involving the top three winners of the races held every week of the season, in which trainees of all levels of skiing and snowboarding compete. Award ceremony and surprise prize draw for all participants. <https://www.baqueira.es>

## Prices Ski Passes, Season 2019-2020

PERIOD	ADULT		CHILDREN	
	TICKET OFFICE	BBPASS	TICKET OFFICE	BBPASS
1 Day	54,5	52	36,00	34,5
2 Days	101	96,5	62,5	59,5
3 Days	150	143	93,5	89
4 Days	191,5	182,5	119,5	114
5 Days	230	219,5	145,5	139
6 Days	264	252	168,5	161
7 Days	286	273	179	171

\*All ski passes are consecutive

BaqueiraPASS SEASON	ADULT	
	EARLY	NORMAL
Adult	*950	1.050
Juvenile	*825	925
Children	*600	650
Midweek-adult	-	500
Senior citizens (70 and over) and under 6 years	-	36

\*Advanced purchase are consecutive

# Ski and Après-ski

## Non-stop Baqueira Beret

Few resorts can offer such good conditions and so varied a range of après-ski activities as Baqueira Beret.

- Guided tour of the resort.
- Special activities programme for trainees.
- Safaris, routes designed to discover the whole resort.
- Ski touring circuits. Five routes designed as an introduction to ski touring in a safe environment.
- Cross-country skiing track.
- Special Christmas activities (arrival of Santa Claus, Three Kings Cavalcade, classical music concerts, torchlight descent, etc.)
- Special Carnival Programme.
- Special Programme for World Snow Day.
- Snowshoeing excursions.
- Snowmobile excursions.
- Dog sledding on the Pla de Beret.
- Horse-drawn sleigh rides and excursions.
- Romanesque Val d'Aran route.
- Thermal baths and hot springs at Baños de Tredós and Baronía de Les.
- Excursions to Montgarri with lunch or dinner at the Refuge.
- Heli-skiing and scenic flights by helicopter.
- Ice palace, heated pools and gym at Vielha.
- Museums in Vielha, Vilamòs, Bagergue, Unha and Salardú.
- Adventure park in Les.
- Aran-Park Wildlife Park (March to November)
- Cinema in Vielha
- Covered paddle tennis courts with café and kids play area in Vielha.

Detailed information at [www.baqueira.es](http://www.baqueira.es), Aran-Aneu/Actividades

Our après ski range also includes a selection of restaurants offering cuisines ranging from typical Aranese, French and international, as well as Pizzerias and Crêperies. And to round off the night, there's nothing better than enjoying a drink at one of the numerous bars and nightclubs of Baqueira Beret, particularly at the new area of the Hotel Montarto, the Ruda arcade, and Val d'Aran.

# Hotels and accommodation

## VAL D'ARAN HAS MORE THAN 33,300 BEDS

Hotels, “pagès” houses, guesthouses, hostels, apartments, houses and chalets make up the wide range of accommodation options available for all kinds of visitors.

11,300 HOTEL ROOMS across a total of 67 hotels (4\*\*\*\*, 13\*\*\*\*, 17\*\*\*, 26\*\* and 7\*) and apartments, apart-hotels, guesthouses, hostels and “pagès” houses. Some 4,000 lodgings are located at the foot of the resort.

22,000 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, second homes, spread throughout the various towns of Val d’Aran and at the foot of the resort. These are most often used on weekends and holiday periods such as Christmas, New Year and Easter.

## STAY IN LES VALLS D’ANEU

Access to the Baqueira Beret resort via the Port de la Bonaigua means that we can expand our accommodation options, connecting with Les Valls d’Àneu, in Pallars Sobirà, and its network of hotels, hostels and apartments spread across its villages.

# Val d'Aran

In the Pyrenees of Lleida province lies Val d’Aran, the only valley with an Atlantic character in Spain and a privileged location due to the quality of its snow. Specifically in Pla de Beret are the sources of the rivers Garonne and Noguera Pallaresa.

This is a valley surrounded by peaks that reach 3,000 metres in height and which contains more than two hundred lakes. Some, such as the Mar or the Tort de Rius, are the largest in the Spanish Pyrenees. Its large forests consist of firs, pines and beech.

Val d’Aran preserves and maintains its hugely rich artistic and cultural heritage. It includes numerous churches: Salardú, Arties, Vielha, Bossòst; the beloved carvings of Romanesque images such as the Christ of Salardú, Casarilh and Vielha; the unique baptismal fonts and holy water of Arties, Vilac and Vilamòs; and works of art dating from the 12th and 13th centuries that form a unique and exceptional artistic heritage.

As a complete architectural unit, the towns of Val d’Aran are formed by buildings of stone, slate and wood, in which the Romanesque and Gothic style churches particularly stand out.

A characteristic element of the Val d’Aran is its language: Aranese. It is a living language spoken by the people of the country. It belongs to the Occitan branch of languages and is a variant of the Gascon language of Comminges, while retaining its own personality. Another important heritage of Val d’Aran is the richness of its gastronomy. Aranese cuisine is heavily influenced, given the location of the valley’s border, by French cuisine, but it still retains the typical cuisine, most notable of which is the famous “Aranese Stew”.

## Valls d'Aneu

The Valls d'Àneu are valleys bordering with the Val d'Aran. Located in the municipality of Alt Aneu, across the natural barriers of the Bonaigua Pass and the foothills of the National Park of Sant Maurici and Aigüestortes, they are almost an extension of the Aranese lands. The clearly Pyrenean character gives these valleys their beautiful scenery.

The Valls d'Àneu offer a variety of treasures. Along with their physical charm and their unique landscape, there are other features worth mentioning. The cuisine, sports, art and culture have helped shape these valleys' unique character. The proximity to the Val d'Aran makes it easy for visitors to travel between one area and the other.

Along with the typical constructions of Pyrenean architecture, with stone walls and slate roofs, these valleys are dotted with Romanesque churches in their purest form, with magnificent examples of religious art and architecture. For example, the parish church of Sant Lliser in Alos d'Isil, the church of Saint John in Isil or the church of Sant Just and Sant Pastor in the small hamlet of Son. These are some of the most characteristic buildings, and their artistic treasures, many of which are now exhibited in the Museu d'Art de Catalunya (Catalonian Museum of Art) in Barcelona, are among the greatest exponents of the Romanesque period

## The past, at a glance

Since the first chairlift was opened on **6 December 1964**, BAQUEIRA/BERET has grown significantly.

In December **1982**, after 7 years of negotiations, the Reina chairlift opened, the first ski lift in the Beret area.

In December **1985** the Dossau chairlift completed the first phase of the development of Beret.

In **1988** the skiable area of Baqueira was expanded with the opening of the new Argulls area, featuring three triple chairlifts giving access to 150 ha of skiable area. Argulls is the area that accumulates the most snow in the Resort, and the terrain is made up entirely of grass.

In **1990** the most important investment was made in a single season, with the implementation of the snow production system covering the main axes of Baqueira Beret, and the opening of the second quadruple express chairlift "Mirador", which gives access to the Cap de Baqueira from 1800 in just 7 minutes.

The major new feature of the **92/93** season was the preparation of the new North Face/Cascada run, which travels from the Cap de Baqueira to Baqueira 1500, adding 5.5 kilometres in length with 1,000 metres vertical drop.

In **1994** BAQUEIRA/BERET inaugurated a new access to its slopes, with a service centre and the "Bonaigua" chairlift, by the Port de la Bonaigua, connecting it with another valley: the Vall d'Aneu and area, Pallars.

In **1995** the snow production system was installed in Beret, and in 1997 the installation was broadened between the two areas of Baqueira and Beret and to ensure their connection.

In **1998** the resort's first six-seater express chairlift was launched, the new Pla de Baqueira, replacing the two-seater of the same name. Its ability to transport 3000 people per hour, 1,800 metre length and the remodelling of the Mirador and Pla de Baqueira runs allowed for more skiing in Baqueira, while relieving congestion in other areas.

In **1999**, the launch of the resort's second six-seater express chairlift "Dera Reina" in Beret improved the quality of skiing in that area and facilitated the connection with Baqueira.

In **2000** the four-seater express chairlift "Blanhiblar" and the "Costarjàs" ski lift in Beret were launched, opening up a huge off-piste skiable area. The new "Teso dera Mina" chairlift in Argulls gave access to several faces and "couloirs" for expert skiers. A total of 100 more hectares of skiable terrain was opened up.

In **2002** the historic Luis Arias ski lift was removed, and replaced by a spectacular black run. Two other important projects were also approved: works to expand Bonaigua with a new access from Alt Aneu, and the works for additional parking at Cota 1500 with 1500 places. The new Baqueira Beret office in Vielha was opened.

In **2003** the first phase of the Bonaigua expansion project was built, with three new chairlifts (two express four-seaters: La Peüllla and Bonaigua, and one two-seater: Cap del Port), three ski runs (La Peüllla, Pleta del Duc and Cresta de Bonaigua) and two ski touring routes (Gerber y Lo Boscàs). A new services centre was also opened at Bonaigua 1900.

In **2004** the Era Cabana express chairlift was opened in Baqueira 1800, serving three new blue ski runs: Era Cabana, Era Coma and Ta Orri. In Bonaigua, an intermediate station for beginners was built on the Cap de Port chairlift, giving access to a new run: Debutants. The skiable area of Peüllla was also expanded with the construction of four new ski runs: Cap a Baqueira (blue), Les Paletes and Bosc de la Peüllla (red), La Perdiu (red) and Pala Gran (black).

The main event of **2005** was the installation of the resort's first gondola lift. The Baqueira gondola lift, with 78 nine-seater cabins, climbs from 1500 to 1800 together with the Bosque chairlift. The beginners' area of Baqueira 1900 was completely remodelled. The Pastores ski lifts were dismantled and the Rabada ski lift and magic carpets were relocated for better convenience for the skiers.

In **2006** the beginners' area of Baqueira 1800 was remodelled with 3 covered magic carpets, the first of their kind in Spain. Skiing for kids and beginners was improved, and access to the gondola lift from the Bosque cafeteria was made easier for pedestrians. The Bonaigua 2072 service area was expanded. The green run Era Coma was created in the Cabana area.

In **2008** the work to improve access to Pallars was completed, with a new variant from Guingueta d'Aneu to Mare de Déu de les Ares, and another which connected Sorpe with Boren. The new underground car park in Ruda became fully operational, with 1400 places and direct access to the Baqueira gondola lift. A new facility with ski lockers was opened below the lower station of the gondola lift. The new stretch of the gondola lift connecting the urban area of Ruda and the new car park with the slopes was launched. Two new five-star hotels and one four-star opened their doors in Ruda.

In **2009** the resort's oldest chairlift was dismantled, the Horat deth Bò, in Orri and the Chozza chairlift was remodelled. This step was the first phase of the project to install the Jorge Jordana chairlift planned for the 2010/2011 season. The slope grooming department received a major investment with the purchase of five new state-of-the-art machines.

The new star of **2010** was the inauguration of the Jorge Jordana express chairlift, connecting the Orri area with the Cap de Baqueira, the highest point of the resort, giving access to the whole mountain. Four new runs were marked out: Egua 2, Egua 3, Tuc deth Miei and Pala del Teso. The launch of the new Moët Winter Lounge at Orri was undoubtedly highly valued by our customers, offering a whole new experience.

In **2012** the Bosque cafeteria was renovated and the lower part of the Manaud run was redeveloped, as was the Tuc de la Llança ski lift and the final stretch of the Ticolet run. 3 Safari itineraries were proposed on a the website, with a new app for smartphones and images of all the slopes on Google Streetview.

In **2014** the station celebrated its 50th anniversary in full style, offering visitors 21 more routes, thereby expanding from 120 km to 146 km of pistes, and 7 km of off-piste routes, making a total of 153 km for the 2014-2015 winter across a wide skiable area of 2,166 hectares. New ski lifts were premiered, such as the TDS Jesus Serra, replacing Vista Beret for increased capacity. No less important were the Saumet ski lift that opened a new ski area in Bacier, and the Fernández Ochoa ski lift which served to improve the service for the clubs training at Beret Stadium.

In **2015** the three new ski runs in Beret raised the total to 155 km. Creation of the Ski Kronos, timed track in Baqueira. 18 new snow makers were installed, to increase and improve the efficiency of the system. Three new machines were acquired for slope preparation. A new dining and après ski area in the Montarto, with the opening of the Wine Bar restaurant and Drinkery Bar. Renovation of the hotel reception area and Ski Service space with a high-end store.

In **2017** the Bosque Restaurant and Café located at Baqueira 1800 underwent a total renovation, considerably expanding its space to make it the largest in the resort, and introducing the "free flow" concept to allow better and more convenient mobility for visitors. On the slopes, the new Blanqueta run was launched to connect the lower part of Tubo Nere and the ridges towards the north face which have good snowfall, expanding the skiable

area of the north face in search of those places where the snow is abundant and of high quality. The inclusion of La Pasarell, the historic off-piste of the North Face, in the ski runs, created what is surely the most difficult run of the whole resort.

In **2019**, Baqueira's highest peak reached 2,610 m, adding 100 m of slope following the installation of the Baciver ski lift up to the peak of the same name. Beginning this season, Baqueira Beret boasts runs of more than 1,100 metres down to the base at Baqueira 1500. The Funpark is installed in the Clot der Os (Beret), as part of the policy of offering new experiences to skiers. Lastly, it will host the FIS Snowboard Cross World Cup for the second time in March to great sporting, attendance and media success.



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