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Andorra la Vella



Areny-Plandolit house museum



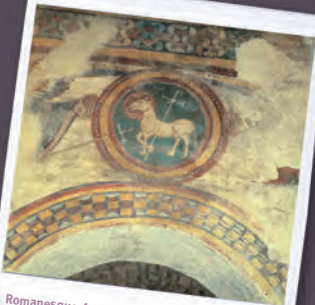
Tobacco Museum



Centre d'Interpretació del Ferro



Shopping



Romanesque Andorra

With an area of 468 square kilometres, the Principality of Andorra is one of the largest of Europe's small states. Andorra is rugged and mountainous, with a total 65 peaks of over 2,000 metres tall. It is defined by two valleys between 2,942 meters (Comapedrosa peak) and 838 meters (frontier with Catalonia). Forty-five kilometres separate the Spanish frontier from the French.

A COUNTRY WITH ITS OWN POLITICAL AND LEGAL SYSTEM

Andorra is the only country in the world which has a political system based on co-princes, that is, with two heads of state. Despite its long history (according to legend, it was founded by the Emperor Charlemagne in 805, in gratitude for the help that its inhabitants offered him in the fight against the Saracens), the constitution only dates back to 1993, when the Principality became a democratic and social state with a legal personality of its own. Administratively, it has a total seven parishes or administrative divisions: Canillo, Encamp, Ordino, La Massana, Andorra la Vella, Sant Julià de Lòria and Escaldes-Engordany. Catalan is the official language of the country, and its currency is the euro.

LIVING IN THE HIGHEST COUNTRY IN EUROPE

Andorra rose from 83,137 inhabitants in 2007 to 84,082 in 2009. The explanation for the growth in the Andorran population can be found in the rising birth rate between 1990 and 2000, and immigration in the second half of the 20th century. This has considerably diversified the composition of the Andorran society, which now has an average age of between 38 and 44 years. Andorra is one of the countries with the highest life expectancy: 89 years.

LAW OF ECONOMIC MODERNISATION

Since December 2008, Andorra has changed the course of its economic history by allowing companies to be set up with 100% foreign capital. The approval of the Law on Foreign Investment states that foreign investors can hold 100% (they were previously only allowed to hold 33%) of the share capital of a company in 200 economic sectors that are scarcely or not at all represented in the country, such as industrial production, research and development, electronic trade, audiovisual production, aesthetic medicine and education and training.



THE PRINCIPALITY IN FIGURES

1 country to discover.
CPI inflation 2009: 0.0%.
2 large skiing areas: (Grandvalira and Vallnord).
7 parishes or administrative divisions.
12.6° average annual temperature.
March 14, the date of the Andorran Constitution.
29 refuges and 11 campsites.
39.28 average age of the population (2009).
40 Romanesque churches.
57 bank branches in 2009.
65 mountain peaks.
Over 70 lakes.
89 years life expectancy.
184th place in the United Nations Council.
65 marriages in 2009.
468 square kilometres in area.
805 is the year when Andorra was founded by Charlemagne, according to legend.
833 millimetres is the average rainfall in 2009.
840 meters is the lowest point at the river Runer.
838 births in 2009.
The lowest town, Sant Julià de Lòria, has an altitude of 908 meters.
€ 915,20 minimum inter-professional salary in May 2010.
Over 1,500 vegetable species.
Over 1,500 shops.



€ 1,984.32 is the average monthly salary in May 2009.

2,942 meters is the highest point in the country, Comapedrosa peak.

15,197 megawatt-hours of electrical power consumed by the ski resorts in 2009.

31,680 square kilometres is the size of Caldea, the largest spa leisure centre in southern Europe.

34,128 tourist accommodation places.

37,882 landline telephones, 38,845 mobile phones and 25,704 pay-per-use contracts in 2009.

76,316 cars in 2009.

84,082 inhabitants in 2009.

1,829,869 tourists (2009).

7,281,990 walkers (2009).

9,111,859 visitors: 5,216,607 Spanish, 3,659,936 French and 235,316 other nationalities (2009).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Department of Studies and Statistics: Ministry of Finance Study Service www.estadistica.ad



Legend has it that Charlemagne founded Andorra in 805 in recognition for the help given by its inhabitants against Saracens. Since those days, the Principality of Andorra has evolved to become the country it is today while retaining its essence and its relationship with its history and traditions.

KEY DATES IN THE HISTORY OF ANDORRA

839 Consecration of the cathedral of Santa Maria d'Urgell, the first document which mentions the parishes of Andorra as fiefdoms of the counts of Urgell.

1133 The Count of Urgell gives the Bishop of Urgell the rights he had over the valleys of Andorra.

13th cent. Constant struggles between the counts of Foix and the Church of Urgell to undermine the bishops' rights over Andorra.

1278 and 1288 Signature of Pareatges between the Bishop of Urgell, Pere d'Urg, and the Count of Foix, Roger Bernat III. The Pareatges established the joint sovereignty of the Bishop of Urgell and the Count of Foix over Andorra. Thus is born the Principality of Andorra.

1419 Creation of the Consell de la Terra (Council of the Land) as the first parliamentary form with representatives from all of the parishes to deal with the community's problems.

1589 Henry II, King of Navarre, Count of Foix, Viscount of Bearn and Lord of Andorra, becomes the King of France and unites the rights of joint Lordship of the counts of Foix with the French crown.

1793 - 1806 The French Revolution breaks the bonds between Andorra and France, but Napoleon restores the feudal tradition and the rights of joint Lordship of France over the Principality of Andorra.

1866 Approval of the New Reform, which brings substantial changes in the political and administrative arenas; one major sign of this was the attribution of the right to vote to all heads of households and increased power of the General Council.

1933 Male universal suffrage is established.

1970 Female universal suffrage is established.

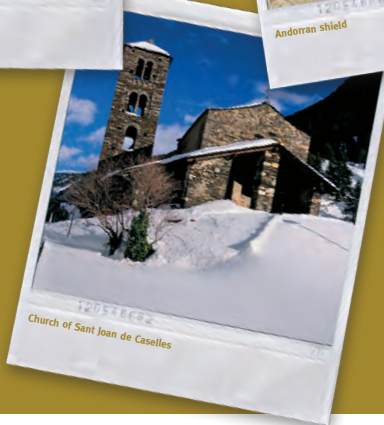
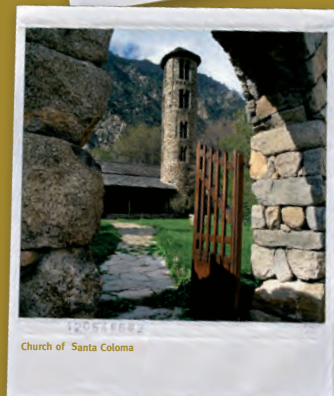
1978 Escaldes-Engordany becomes the seventh parish of Andorra thanks to its rapid economic growth connected to the use of spa waters and the increase in commercial tourism.

1981 Creation of the Executive Council, the Government of Andorra: the reforms begin which will culminate in the desire of the people of Andorra to draw up a written constitution.

March 14th, 1993 First Constitution of Andorra, which turns the Principality into an independent democratic and social state governed by the rule of law, with the new definition of the institutions' competencies. With historical and political evolution, Andorra continues to be a co-principality, with the Bishop of Urgell and the president of the French Republic serving individually as joint princes and in absolute equality.

1993 Andorra joins the UN, which signals international recognition of the country.

1994 Andorra joins the Council of Europe.





Andorra's eco-tourism routes are guided tours that help you to enjoy the scenery, flora and fauna of the Principality. Watching marmots, chamois and the flight of the birds of prey, and identifying the typical flowers and plants of the Pyrenees are the main attractions. There are eighteen easy, medium and difficult routes scattered around the seven parishes of Andorra, which can be done from June to October, depending on the weather. Each route is different and offers a variety of options.

CANILLO: GLACIERS AND MARMOTS

In Canillo you can find the Incles Valley, a natural area carved out by the glaciers which is also known for its diversity of flora and fauna. The largest parish in the country (109 square kilometres) has two routes: **the turbulent waters of the Siscaró** (4.5 hours), a route through one of the most beautiful glacial valleys in the Principality, and **the latest newcomer to Canillo**, the marmot route (4 hours), which offers visitors the chance to spot this mammal and other animals and plants in the Ransol Valley. www.vdc.ad

ENCAMP: LAKES AND BIRDS OF PREY

This parish has four eco-tourism routes: **the Pessons Corrie** (5 hours), the main lake region in the country which is rich in amphibians; **Campeà Forest** (3 hours), an extensive black pine forest in the shadow of **Els Cortals d'Encamp**; **the Griu Heights** (6 hours), which features a peak 2,874 meters tall where you can spot alpine fauna; and **Beixalis Pass** and **Padern Peak** (1 hour), which is the home to the main birds of prey and gliding birds. www.encamp.ad

ORDINO: LOCAL FLORA

The three routes belonging to this parish pass through the **Parc Natural de la Vall de Sorteny** (Sorteny Valley Natural Park). This natural area has more than 700 species of flowers and plants, some of them exclusive to the Pyrenees, which can be seen by visiting the botanical gardens. The three routes are: **Birds, butterflies and wetlands** found in the nature park (3 hours); **Alpine and sub-alpine fauna and flora and lake**, a route which leads to Estanyó lake (4 hours); and **Scenery of glacial corries and ancient forests** (3 hours), a route which follows the path through Meners pass and over La Serre-ra peak. www.ordino.ad

LA MASSANA: POWERFUL NATURE

The main feature in La Massana is the **Parc Natural Comunal de les Valls del Comapedrosa** (Valleys of Comapedrosa Communal Natural Park), the home to the highest peak in the Principality: Comapedrosa (2,942 meters). In addition to visiting the park, visitors can take three eco-tourism routes: a stroll along the Pollós River (2 hours) to discover new species of trees and animals; **Comapedrosa Ascent** (5 hours), undoubtedly one of the prettiest one-day excursions, and **Pla de l'Estany**, which allows you to walk a magical route in four hours while watching species of local animals. www.lamassana.ad



ANDORRA LA VELLA: ENCLAR CHAMOIS

The parish of Andorra la Vella borders the **Gran Valira River** and contains the famous **Solà d'Enclar**, the location of the highest peaks: **Bony de la Pica** (2,405 meters), **Enclar** (2,383 meters) and **Carroi** (2,332 meters). The proposed eco-tourism route is the **Enclar Valley** (4 hours), where you can find the largest groups of chamois and lush and varied vegetation. www.andorralavella.ad

SANT JULIÀ DE LòRIA: THE TRADE ROUTES

This parish offers the chance to visit part of the country's cultural heritage via the four routes that follow the pathways of the ancient trades. the **Woodman's Route** (4 hours) leads to the Rabassa forest with its red pines; the **Foreman's Route** (4 hours) includes La Margineda cave, the first human settlement in the Principality; the **Wheat Route** (4 hours), introduces visitors to alpine constructions related to the ancient trades; and the **Shepherd's Route** (4 hours) shows the alpine barns and the enclosures where the shepherds lived between the 18th and 19th centuries.

www.santjulia.ad

FURTHER INFORMATION

www.andorra.ad

ESCALDES-ENGORDANY: WORLD HERITAGE

The **Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley**, with an area measuring 4,274 hectares, is the country's natural gem. Bathed by the **Madriu River**, it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004 in the category of cultural scenery. The characteristic "U" shape is due to its glacial origin. The **Fontverd route** (6 hours) is the eco-tourism route known for its refuges, meadows, canals and uniquely beautiful forests, where water takes centre stage. www.e-e.ad

ECOTOURISM AND RURAL LIFE

One intriguing option is to combine the eco-tourism routes with a visit to the country's ethnography museums, museum houses which reproduce the lifestyle of the former people of Andorra until the beginning of the 20th century. **Casa Rull** (Sispony), **Casa Areny-Plandolit** (Ordino) and **Casa Cristo** (Encamp) are the three ethnographic museums in the Principality, making up the Rural Habitat Route.





Andorra offers golf lovers the highest course in Europe. Located at the Grandvalira ski resort at an altitude of 2,250 meters, the Grandvalira Golf Soldeu, a nine-hole par 34 course, has a golf school and a restaurant with spectacular panoramic views. Beginners and experts can also do pitch-and-putt at the Xixerella (La Massana) and La Cortinada (Ordino) courses.

GRANDVALIRA GOLF SOLDEU: 2,250 METRES IN ALTITUDE

Located on Espiolets plain at an altitude of 2,250 metres, Grandvalira Golf Soldeu is the highest golf course in Europe and the only one reached by an eight-seat cable car. With nine holes at par 34, this course has a Club House with services such as a golf school and a panoramic restaurant. The difference when playing on this course is the ball's lower resistance at this altitude, which makes it go further. The British architect Jeremy Pern, one of the top experts in the world according to the "Peugeot Golf Guide", was commissioned this project.

This course is designed for lovers of the green, who can play this sport in privileged surroundings, as well as also for those who wish to start out in this sport, so characteristic of mountain leisure activities. The latter have the chance to go through a two-hour introduction to allow them to enjoy their first golf experience.

The Grandvalira Golf School is one of the services offered by the Club House, and it is particularly targeted at visitors who wish to improve or perfect their technique. The facilities have a practice green for 15 to 20 people, where beginners can practise their long drives. They can also improve their

short distance technique on a putting green larger than a normal one. An approach area has also been set up for practising longer strokes.

PITCH-AND-PUTT IN ANDORRA

In addition to Grandvalira Golf Soldeu, pitch-and-putt is also available in Andorra. In Ordino Valley, we have the Pitch & Putt Golf Par 3 Vall d'Ordino, while in La Cortinada there is a nine-hole par 54 course, a practice course with 25 tees, a practice green, a golf pro shop, a clubhouse and an equipment rental service. Another option is El Torrent Pitch & Putt in the village of Xixerella (La Massana), an 18-hole course measuring 1,138 to 1,229 square meters that follows the river. It is open from April to October, depending on the weather.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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TOBOTRONC, THE LONGEST COASTER IN THE WORD

The Tobotronc is one of the major attractions in Naturlandia Eco Park in Sant Julià de Lòria. It is the longest Alpine coaster in the world: 5.3 kilometres long. Of these, 3.6 kilometres are downhill and 1.7 uphill with a mechanical device and a total drop-off of 400 metres. It is a safe fun activity that is environmentally friendly and perfect for all audiences.

Technically known as the Alpine Coaster, the Tobotronc is the longest one in the world with a route 5,300 metres long. With a height difference of 400 metres and a 5-kilometre run, the coaster has become the longest mechanical cable device in the world. It is undoubtedly one of the most appealing activities for the entire family which offers a new perspective on the Naturlandia forest. The Tobotronc is also a means of transport, as it connects the two areas of Naturlandia: the Base Camp and the Snow Field.

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

The Tobotronc offers an appealing trip around the surroundings of the Naturlandia forest on a sledge that slides on steel rails. The sledge holds two people, and the person seated behind is responsible for controlling the machine using two levers which help them to brake on the bends or on particularly steep slopes, where there are signs advising riders to lower their speed.

This attraction has 100 carriages or sledges which can carry one or two people for 9 euros, and 5.50 euros for kids under 12, who must always be accompanied by an adult. Furthermore, books of tickets for up to 10 trips are available at a discount (depending on the number of rides).



FURTHER INFORMATION

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The fine weather from May to August makes the mountains of Andorra the best place for enjoying the countryside and adventure tourism. Nature, mountains, rivers and sports and leisure activities are an appealing way to discover the essence of the country of the Pyrenees.

TREKKING, MOUNTAIN BIKING AND MUCH MORE

Andorra is the land of adventure and fun in nature. In summer, the Grandvalira, Naturlandia and Vallnord mountain resorts offer a wide range of activities, including adventure and trekking circuits, excursions on four-by-fours and free flying. The Vallnord Bike Park, the Grandvalira Mountain Bike Park and the Naturlandia Bike Park provide mountain bike routes for all levels. Vallnord (Aralís sector), Naturlandia (Snow Field sector) and Grandvalira (Canillo sector) offer interpretative and adventure routes for starting out in orienteering. Two further options are the Ordino Nature Interpretation Centre, an environment training workshop supported by UNESCO, and the Naturlandia Eco Park, which offers outdoor activities and sports. www.grandvalira.com www.vallnord.com www.naturlandia.ad

LAKES, EL MADRIU VALLEY AND NATURE PARKS

Andorra's main rivers are Valira del Nord, Valira d'Orient and Gran Valira. The Principality has over 70 lakes including Juclar, with an area measuring 29 hectares, Cabana Sorda and Tristaina. As for charming natural spots, you cannot miss the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley in Escaldes-Engordany, undoubtedly one of the most virgin sites in Andorra. This natural area was declared a UNESCO Human Heritage Site in 2004. But this is not the only outstanding site in the country of the Pyrenees: you can also find nature parks such as the Parc Natural Comunal de les Valls del Comapedrosa (15.42 square kilometres of protected land in La Massana) and the Parc Natural de la Vall de Sorteny (Sorteny Valley Natural Park) in Ordino, measuring 1,080 hectares. www.unescoandorra.org

DIVING ANDORRA: HIGH-ALTITUDE DIVING

Diving is practiced in the highland lakes in the Principality. First dives for beginners are arranged, as well as expert diving in lakes up to 80 metres deep for professionals in both summer and winter. In summer, the dives are combined with a 30- to 45-minute outing to the lake on foot, on a donkey or on horseback, while in the winter the lake is reached on skis. The main lakes where diving is practised are: Juclar (altitude: 2,442 meters) and Cabana Sorda, both in the Incles valley in Canillo; Illa pond (altitude: 2,517 meters) in

Encamp; and the Tristaina lakes (2,500 meters) in the Ordino valley.

Diving in high-altitude lakes is different from diving in the sea in terms of the altitude, the glacial lake bed and the experience of diving under ice. Moreover, this winter diving can also be practised in the skiing sectors at Vallnord and Grandvalira. www.divingandorra.com

THE VIAS FERRATAS (IRON TRAILS)

A via ferrata is a route placed on a rock wall equipped with specific items such as cables, nets or passages with steps that facilitate progression and boost user safety. In Andorra, there are several iron trails of differing difficulty (easy, medium and difficult) which are always taken in company of a guide and equipped with the necessary safety material. These trails afford the best views and allow you to start out or make progress in climbing. Tossal Gran d'Aixovall (Sant Julià de Lòria), the Mora channel (Canillo) and the Segudet route (Ordino) are some of the easy routes; Esquers rock (Escaldes-Engordany) and the Coll d'Isards de l'esqueria (Pas de la Casa), are medium in difficulty; and the Grau channel (Canillo) and the Envalira hill (Encamp), are examples of difficult iron trails.

FISHING

Another activity that can be practised in Andorra is fishing, which can be done from mid-April to late September in the alpine rivers and lakes. This is a unique opportunity for doing a relaxing activity in the open air while discovering the mountain's resources from a different perspective. Tel.: + (376) 826 414 www.facip.com

REFUGES IN ANDORRA

Although refuges in Andorra are open on a year-round basis, the maintenance services in the refuges are carried out from May to September. There is a total 29 refuges, and most of them can fit 6 to 10 people. The Comapedrosa refuge, the Nature Refuge Cortals in Sispony (La Massana) and the Juclar refuge (Canillo), now the second guarded refuge, are among the most important in the Pyrenees.



GR: MOUNTAIN TRAILS

The Principality has an extensive network of trails and tracks for seeing Andorra on foot, bike or horseback. The GR (grand route) tracks are the way to reach the lakes, the refuges and the most hidden away corners and to see the country's natural and cultural heritage. These are the possibilities offered by the 5 GRs in Andorra. Just follow the red and white signs.

GR-7: ANDORRA, FROM EAST TO SOUTH

With a difference of almost 2,000 meters in height between the highest point (2,840 meters in Pessons pass) and the lowest point (850 meters at Moles Forge), the GR-7 runs through the Principality from the east to the south. The trail is part of the European E-4 route (Tarifa-Esparta) and runs 40 kilometres through Andorra. The GR-7 enters the country through Portella Blanca (2,521 meters) coming from the north of France, crosses the Principality and continues to the Moles Forge (Catalonia) before continuing on to Valencia, Murcia and Andalusia and ending up in Tarifa, near Algeciras. On this stretch, it connects with the GR-92.

GR-11: THE GRANDE ROUTE OF THE PYRENEES

Known as the Pyrenean Trail, the GR-11 is a 47-stage grand route. It crosses the south of the Pyrenees from the Cantabrian Sea (Cape Higuer) to the Mediterranean (Cap de Creus) after running through the valleys of Andorra. In Andorra, the GR-11 starts at an altitude of 2,545 metres near the Civera valley mountain pass, and ends in Baiau mountain pass at 2,756 metres. Total time: around 20 hours.

GRP, A WEEK OF MOUNTAINS AND REFUGES: A TRIP AROUND A WHOLE COUNTRY

On the GRP country route, it is possible to tour the whole of Andorra in six or seven stages over its peaks and through its valleys. The circuit, which has no difficult or dangerous sections, runs through the entire Principality. Moreover, some of its routes connect with the GR-7, the GR-11 and the cross-border GRs. This route was designed to make use of the government's network of refuges, which include 27 free refuges and three guarded one.



CROSS-BORDERS

GR 1: the route of three nations is composed of five stages: El Serrat, the les Fonts Refuge, the Comapedrosa Refuge, the Vallferre Refuge and Orris du Carla. Duration: 23 hours approximately.

GR 2: the Lakes Route, which consists of three stages which are doable in 13 hours and 45 minutes. This path can be started in Andorra in the village of Soldeu, with a link to the Siscaró Cabin or from the Incles Valley floor (Juclar, Siscaró or Incles Pass).

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MAPS

Map of refuges and grand routes in Andorra

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Map 1:25,000 (1989)

Ministry of Public Services, Cartography Service, Government of Andorra

Maps 1:10,000 (2003)

Ministry of Territorial Planning, Government of Andorra



Visitors' interest in seeing the Principality's cultural heritage has led Andorra Turisme to create The Tourist Bus: The Other Andorra. The bus provides access to the main monuments and Romanesque churches in Andorra; to the ethnographic museums which reproduce the life of the ancient peoples of Andorra; to the scenic views afforded by the valleys; and to the Principality's shopping areas and international shopping centres.



This is all possible thanks to ten different routes run on a year round basis, with pick-up points in Sant Julià, Andorra and Escaldes; and technical stops in La Massana and Encamp, depending on the route. The circuits are run three times a week (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays) in both the morning and the afternoon (in winter these circuits are only covered in the afternoon), and they are always accompanied by a tour guide. Furthermore, the bus has audio guides in four languages, Catalan, Spanish, French and English, which allow tourists to find out about the history of the Principality, the main monuments and villages of Andorra and other interesting information.

The service allows visitors to do one or two routes which last around 4 hours. The cost of one trip is 12 euros per person, with tickets to the museums and churches included in the price. For those interested in doing both routes, the price is 18 euros. Discounts are available for groups of over 20 people. Seating is limited, so booking in advance by telephone is recommended at +(376) 805 151.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROUTES

The bus covers two tourist-cultural routes that allow visitors to see different parts of the

cultural and natural heritage of the Principality of Andorra. Highlights include the visits to the villages of Pal, Ordino and Encamp; to the Museu Casa Rull, the Museu del Tabac, the Centre d'Art d' Escaldes-Engordany (CAEE), the Museu Casa Cristo Museum and the Centre d'Interpretació Andorra Romànica (Romanesque Andorra Interpretation Centre). Other possible visits to emblematic site include: Casa de la Vall, the Meritxell Sanctuary and the churches of Sant Joan in Caselles, Sant Climent in Pal and Sant Miquel in Engolasters. Visitors also have the option of getting to know natural sites like the Roc del Quer or the Coma d'Arcalís, amongst many others.

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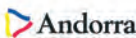
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- 5 Paisatge i art romànic | Paisaje y arte románico | Paysage et art roman | Romanesque art and landscape
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Andorra has the largest skiing area in the south of Europe. Grandvalira and Vallnord are the two Alpine ski resorts associated with Ski Andorra, which together encompass 3,075 hectares of skiing area, 285 kilometres of slopes, 111 lifts and 1,482 artificial snow cannons. The country also offers the Naturalandia Nordic and Parador Canaro cross-country ski resorts.

GRANDVALIRA

Located in the north of the Principality of Andorra, with nearly 200 kilometres of slopes, Grandvalira is the biggest ski resort in the Pyrenees. It is made up of seven entrances to the slopes, (Encamp, Canillo, El Tarter, Soldeu, Peretol, Grau Roig and Pas de la Casa), 110 all-level slopes, four snowparks for practising freestyle and seven skiing and snowboarding schools employing 450 instructors. There are 1,097 cutting-edge snow cannons that guarantee nearly 85 kilometres of snow for the whole season. The 67 ski lifts carry 100,700 skiers per hour, avoiding queues. Fun has no limits in Grandvalira, where visitors can partake of heli-skiing, sled dogs and snowmobile rides and hot air balloon rides or paragliding trips to get to know the resort from the sky. Visitors can also sleep in the Iglu Hotel in Grandvalira to enjoy a polar experience and sleep at an altitude of 2,300 meters. There are 40 restaurants where visitors can enjoy a snack or mountain cuisine. The Bike Park is open in the summertime, offering 15 downhill routes, an activities field and a go-kart circuit designed by the Gené Brothers. The Grandvalira Golf Soldeu (9 hole, par 34), the highest golf course in Europe, rounds out the list of activities available at the resort. www.grandvalira.com

VALLNORD: ARCALÍS, ARINSAL AND PAL

Five kilometres from Andorra la Vella and 3 kilometres from Escaldes-Engordany is Vallnord, the resort made up of the Arcalís, Arinsal and Pal sectors. The resort has a total of 93 kilometres, 1,149 hectares of skiing area, 88 slopes with 44 lifts, 385 artificial snow cannons and 20 eateries. The Arcalís sector is the first area for doing off-slope skiing in the Pyrenees; it is accessible by lift chair. The Creusans area will be signposted so visitors can practise freestyle, and all the downhill options and safety measures be indicated as well. The Snow Garden has been enlarged to include new children's rides. The Arinsal sector has renovated its Freestyle Area, the snow park for new skiing trends which this



year is unveiling a new series of jumps, railings and modules. The Marrades slope has been finished, too, and is now the route with the steepest slope in the Principality: 1,000 meters. Finally, the Pal sector combines the best facilities for children with an appealing range of fun and sports (snow shoes, sled dogs rides, ski bike, snowmobiles, etc). It includes all the slopes from Plade la Cot (2,052 meters) to Caubella (1,950 meters). This area will be clearly signposted to guarantee a safe day of skiing. Moreover, the Snow Garden has been enlarged as well, with additional new attractions for children.

www.vallnord.com

NATURLANDIA

In Sant Julià de Lòria is Naturalandia, between 1,970 meters and 2,160 meters in. The La Rabassa Snow Field is a benchmark for nature and Nordic skiing lovers. In addition to 15 kilometres of marked slopes, there are Nordic skiing circuits, a ski school, the Tobotrónic (the largest Alpine coaster in the world), and Inuit Park, an enclosed area measuring 3,000 square meters intended for adventure sports. In the Snow Field sector there is a 3,000 square meter enclosed area for practising sports and adventure. This same area also houses Tubby snow slides, snowshoe rentals and excursions, as well as day and night sled dogs rides, paintball and archery areas, motorbike and four-by-four routes, Oruga trucks and a Nature Classroom. www.naturalandia.ad

CANARO SKI HOTEL

Located in Canillo, the Canaro ski hotel is in a skiing area measuring three hectares, the ideal place for children and adults to start skiing.

www.paradorcanaro.com

SECURITY AND SHOPPING AT COMPETITIVE PRICES



Citizen security, the most competitive prices, quality and flexible hours are just some of the factors that contribute to making Andorra an international shopping hub. Andorra has more than 1,500 shops where you can find a wide variety of products from all the continents and all the leading international brands.



Andorra's shopping tradition is famous around the world thanks to the modernity of its more than 1,500 shops and stores, the quality of its products, the most competitive prices, citizen security and the flexible hours. Although there are establishments all around the country, most of them are concentrated in the parishes of Andorra la Vella, the capital, Escaldes-Engordany and El Pas de la Casa. The malls are mainly found in Sant Julià de Lòria.

FASHION, PERFUMES, JEWELLERY, MUSIC, TECHNOLOGY AND SPORTING GOODS

Meritxell Avenue in Andorra la Vella and Carlemany Avenue in Escaldes-Engordany are the home to the leading fashion and accessory shops, perfumeries and the most prestigious jewellery and watch brands. The best musical selection can be found in the large malls or in the shops of Andorra la Vella, Escaldes-Engordany and El Pas de la Casa.

There are also stores specialising in gastronomy and beverages in Andorra la Vella, Escaldes-Engordany and Ordino. There are sports and technology shops around all of the parishes in the country. Car accessories, hunting and fishing shops are mainly located in Andorra la Vella.

CUSTOMS EXCESSES UP TO 900 EURO

When shopping in Andorra, you have to remember customs taxes. The products which can be taken out of the country are duty-free up to the limits determined by customs excesses, and must be declared if they exceed a certain amount. The customs excess in Andorra on industrial products for personal consumption not subject to special legislation were increased from 525 euros to 900 euros.

FLEXIBLE HOURS

flexible hours are yet another appeal of the shops in Andorra. According to the calendar of official timetables recently approved by the government, the hours of shops have been extended to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, the evenings before bank holidays, long weekends and peak seasons.

FURTHER INFORMATION

www.duana.ad/franquicies.asp
Andorra Retailers Federation
www.facandorra.ad

Discover the mining and production of iron between the 17th century and the end of the 19th; see how both peasants and the wealthier families in Andorra lived, and admire the beauty of Andorra's Romanesque architecture and art. These are three essential cultural activities on any trip to Andorra.

THE IRON ROUTE

The Iron Route is intended to present the phases in iron production step-by-step, from extraction in the mines to its final purpose. The sites scattered around Andorra reveal one of the most important economic activities in the country from the early 17th to late 19th centuries. Mines, coal cellars and forges are just some of the examples of the points on this route located in the northern valleys.

THE RURAL HABITAT ROUTE

The Rural Habitat Route includes a visit to three houses that represent Andorran culture. They are an opportunity to see traditional Andorran culture based on the use of the resources offered by the mountains long ago. In Casa Cristo house, visitors will disco-

ver a display of toil and austerity. The three stories in the house evoke the lifestyle of a humble family between the 19th and first half of the 20th centuries. By contrast, Casa Rull was one of the richest and most influential houses in La Massana which was occupied by the Perich family until 1920. The route also includes Areny-Plandolit house, which belonged to the only aristocratic family in the country and one of the most influential in the 18th and 19th centuries.

ROMANESQUE ANDORRA

The Romanesque is the most widely represented artistic style in the Principality. Romanesque is a civil, functional and educational style of architecture and religious painting, rather than ornamental. There are outstanding churches, chapels, bridges, frescoes and altarpieces, as well as the Virgins and the Pantocrator, amongst others. Although it has common characteristics, Romanesque art has local peculiarities, and this is true of the Romanesque in Andorra, which has its own distinctive traits throughout its history, from the 11th to the 15th centuries, the time when the Gothic was already dominant in Europe.

We could say that the Andorran Romanesque is characterised by the absence of large architectural complexes, which contrasts with the vast number of small, simple, not very ornamental buildings which seek a perfect combination between sobriety and beauty. As common features of this style, we would



point to the square and cylindrical bell towers from Lombardy, the twin windows and the blind arches, common elements which found in most buildings.

In Andorra a large number of churches, bridges, remains of paintings and multicolour busts are still preserved. Below is a list of some of the most significant omanesquear-chitectural elements which can be found in the Principality:

CHURCHES

Sant Climent de Pal, 11-12th century (La Masana)

Sant Esteve d'Andorra la Vella, 13th century (Andorra la Vella)

Sant Joan de Caselles, 11-12th century (Canillo)

Sant Martí de la Cortinada, 12th century (Ordino)

Sant Miquel d'Engolasters, 12th century (Escaldes-Engordany)

Sant Romà de les Bons, 11-12th century (Encamp)

Sant Cerni de Nagol, 11th century (Sant Julià de Lòria)

Santa Coloma, 9-10th century (Andorra la Vella)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Iron Route (www.larutadelferroaandorra.ad):

Ordino Tourist Office. Tel.: + (376) 878 173 www.ordino.ad
Massana Tourist Office. Tel.: + (376) 835 693.

Rural Habitat Route:

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Casa Rull (Sispony). Tel.: + (376) 836 919.
Casa Areny-Plandolit (Ordino). Tel.: + (376) 836 908.



BRIDGES

La Margineda bridge, Middle Ages (Andorra la Vella)

Sant Antoni de la Grella bridge, Middle Ages (La Massana)

SANCTUARIES

Meritxell sanctuary, Middle Ages, renovated in the Baroque period and in the 20th century (Canillo)

Canòlich sanctuary, Middle Ages, renovated in the 20th century (Sant Julià de Lòria)

The tourist bus routes include some of these emblematic architectural structures.

www.andorra.ad
www.museus.ad – in Catalan

Apart from the activities related to snow and leisure, Andorra offers visitors a large number of cultural options. The Principality has a wide range of museums and monuments scattered around the country. The Casa de la Vall government building, the Centre d'Art d'Escaldes-Engordany (Escaldes-Engordany Art Centre), the Meritxell sanctuary, the Museu de l'Electricitat (Electricity Museum) and the Museu de la Miniatura (Miniatures Museum), just to name a few, are an example of Andorra's cultural heritage.



MUSEUMS AND EMBLEMATIC MONUMENTS

Andorra la Vella is the home to the Casa de la Vall, the present Andorran Parliament built in 1580. This is an important building due to its historical significance and because it is the smallest parliament in Europe.

Art lovers should not miss the Centre d'Art d'Escaldes-Engordany (CAEE), housed in a historical granite building constructed by the monks of Montserrat in the 1930s. The museum has a display of models of Romanesque art and a collection of the most important works of the sculptor Josep Viladomat. The centre also hosts temporary displays on different subjects and in different formats. Aside from this, Canillo is the home to one of the most representative symbols for Andorra residents: the **Meritxell sanctuary**, a contemporary temple designed by Ricard Bofill and opened in 1976.

MUSEUMS FOR ENTHUSIASTS

Ordino is the home to the **Museu de la Miniatura** (Miniatures Museum) and the **Museu Iconogràfic** (Iconographic Museum), which share the same building. In the former you can find displays of handmade micro-miniatures wrought in fine materials, such as the sculpture of the Gizeh pyramids in the eye of a gold needle. The latter displays a legacy of religious art from different countries and centuries. Ordino also has the Museu Casa

de Areny-Plandolit (**Areny-Plandolit House Museum**), a 17th century manor reformed in the 19th century by Guillem d'Areny-Pladolit, Attorney general of the valleys of Andorra and promoter of the New Reform of 1866.

In Sant Julià de Lòria, the **Museu del Tabac** is located in the former Reig tobacco factory. This is an exceptional display of Andorra's tobacco tradition, where visitors can see explanations of the best-kept secrets of tobacco manufacturing in the 20th century.

In Andorra la Vella, we have the Júlia Bonet Foundation Museu del Perfum (Perfume Museum). This museum offers a glamorous tour through the history of fragrances and gives you the chance to make your own.

If you travel to Encamp, you will find the **Casa Cristo** (Cristo House), which gives visitors the chance to experience the lifestyle of a humble Andorran house of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

FOR COLLECTORS

All motor lovers must visit Encamp, and specifically the **Museu Nacional de l'Automòbil** (National Automobile Museum), which boasts an extensive collection of 90 cars, 50 motorcycles and 100 bicycles from the period 1898-1998. You can also visit the **Museu de la Moto** (Motorcycle Museum) in Canillo, a homage to motorcycles which brings together the most singular, representative machines of all times, from the early 20th century to today. In Ordino, visitors can check out the **Postal Museum**, which tells the history of the Andorran postal system.



ELECTRICITY MUSEUM

Andorra has expanded its range of cultural activities with the Museu de l'Electricitat (Electricity Museum). The museum sprang from the initiative of Forces Elèctriques d'Andorra (FEDA) and is intended to show the particularities of the history of hydroelec-

tric power in the Principality. The museum is on the ground floor of the FEDA power station, a granite building representing Andorran modernisation which was launched in 1934 and is still the leading source of electricity production in the country.

INTERPRETATION CENTRES

The interpretation centres in La Massana include **Farga Rosell** (Rossell Forge) and the Centre d'Interpretació **Andorra Romànica** (Romanesque Andorra Interpretation Centre). The former is one of the last active forges in the Principality. It has recently been turned into an iron interpretation centre and, amongst other things, shows visitors the process of transforming this mineral into ingots and then commercialising them in the Catalan markets. The **Centre d'Interpretació Andorra Romànica**, in turn, introduces visitors to the Romanesque style and its subsequent evolution in the Principality, from the time it was conceived as a style until the end of the 12th century, when it began to take on certain forms and be affected by different stylistic influences.

Finally, La Cortinada in the parish of Ordino, is the home to the **Centre de Natura de La Cortinada** (La Cortinada Nature Centre), in Casa Masover. This is an educational and entertaining interactive centre which enables visitors to experiment with mountain elements, listen to the sounds of nature and discover its fragrances and aromas. Casa Masover houses the permanent display "2,104 m", which shows the formation of the Pyrenees and the meteorological phenomena which have shaped the principality's countryside.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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www.museumw.ad - www.fargarossell.ad
www.m2r.ad - www.museudeltabac.com
www.museudelperfum.net

One of the SURGING tendencies in recent years are holidays for curing the body, relaxing and recovering balance and vitality. The Principality of Andorra is the home to the largest spa leisure centre in the south of Europe, Caldea, as well as high mountain spas, a hotel spa and many other facilities for enjoying well-being throughout the year.

The country of the Pyrenees, perched at an altitude of between 838 and 2,942 metres, has been one of the pioneering destinations in comprehensive well-being tourism, and for years it has offered visitors a wide range of the latest possibilities and treatments. The most famous facilities include Caldea and the Roc Blanc spa and the wellness centres of the Hotel Carlemany, Hotel Princesa Parc, Hotel Rutllan, the Sport Hotels Resort & Spa and the Hotel Plaza.

CALDEA: THE LARGEST SPA LEISURE CENTRE IN THE SOUTH OF EUROPE

With modern architecture and an area measuring 31,680 square meters at an altitude of 1,100 meters, Caldea is the oasis of Andorra and the place where it is possible to do spa tourism and discover the ancient civilisations' relationship with water. In majestic, privileged surroundings, Caldea harnesses all of the properties of the spa waters from the springs of the parish of Escaldes-Engordany to offer its visitors spectacular water facilities and a wide range of massages and beauty treatments. The water treatments are complemented by alternative activities such as fine dining. The centre plans to open another 12,400 square meters in 2012 where it will create a new area for comprehensive well-being with more private areas.

HOTELS WITH SEALS OF QUALITY AND WELL-BEING

In Andorra you can find a series of hotels with the Q stamp for quality and well-being. Visitors can enjoy the top service and large areas for comprehensive well-being where they can relax and enjoy their stay. These areas are spread around all the parishes of the Principality of Andorra, and the most prominent ones include the **Andorra Park Hotel** and the **Hotel Plaza** in Andorra la Vella; the **Sporthotel Hermitage & Spa** in Canillo; the **Hotel Anyós Park** in La Massana; the **Hotel Grau Roig** in Encamp; and the **Hotel Roc Blanc** and **Hotel Carlemany** in Escaldes-Engordany.



FURTHER INFORMATION

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www.andorra.ad

Enjoying the best cuisine in Andorra is quite an experience, and there is so much to choose from. With a total 425 restaurants, most of them serve up traditional Andorran cuisine with excellent ingredients, turning both traditional and innovative dishes into an unforgettable experience.



CUISINE WITH HISTORY, THE BORDES

Mountain 'trinxat' (mashed potato, green cabbage, bacon and garlic), river trout, game, meat stew, garlic mayonnaise, farmhouse sausages ('donja', 'bringuera', 'bull' and 'bisbe'-blood sausage), sweet and savoury cakes and wild mushrooms are just some of the specialities of Andorran cuisine.

Some of the Andorran hallmarks are still present in the ancient high mountain houses or barns, the "bordes". Although the grain and the livestock used to be kept there, today there are over 20 "bordes" in Andorra which have been transformed into restaurants. Each of the "bordes" stamps its own personality on the dishes.

FOOD FAIRS AND SHOPS

Andorran cuisine has earned its place in the international food scene thanks to the blend of tradition and innovation and the judicious adaptation of influences from French and Spanish cuisine. Andorran chefs have combined innovative techniques and experiences using local products and traditional and international recipes to create a unique cuisine.

The Andorra Gastronomy Fair that takes place once a year is a must-see for fine food lovers, and for restaurateurs and chefs. It is a unique one-day opportunity to taste the most representative recipes from this cuisine. The Fair, whose twentieth edition will be held in 2011, has become a benchmark in Andorran cuisine.

The Principality of Andorra has specialised shops where it is possible to buy the best food products, books and other food-related publications from around the world.

Jordi Marquet in Escaldes-Engordany and Pas de la Casa, Cava Benito in Escaldes-Enla Vella and 5 Sentits in Ordino are the four gourmet oases in Andorra which cannot be missed. These shops stand out for their singular specialities: fantastic delicacies in Jordi Marquet's shop, the best whiskies in the world in Cava Benito and the best selection of wines and sparkling wines at 5 Sentits.

CIM DE CEL, THE WINE FROM ANDORRA

Some of the best wine cellars in the world are in Andorra, in hotels with their own cellars. The country also boasts renowned sommeliers and specialised shops where you can find bottles of incalculable value. But Andorra also has a wine of its own: Cim de Cel, a white wine made with 100% Gewürztraminer grapes.

The characteristics and altitude of the land, perched at around 1,100 metres of altitude in the village of Nagol (Sant Julià de Lòria), make Cim de Cel the highest-altitude wine produced in Europe. Casa Beal wine marks the resurgence of the wine production in the Principality of Andorra, which had been interrupted for over a century.

ANDORRA, A DESTINATION FOR EVERYBODY

Andorra is a small country that offers a lot of choices for everyone on a year round basis. Tourists who visit the Principality are surprised by its cultural and leisure activities, food and sports. In 2009, Andorra received nearly three million tourists, mainly from Spain and France, who visited the country to enjoy its leisure and shopping options. This Pyrenean country welcomes all visitors with open arms.

Most tourists who visit Andorra come by car, although there are other options such flying to Barcelona, Girona or Lleida (Spain) or to Toulouse (France), or taking the bus from Barcelona, Girona, Lleida, Tarragona, Salamanca and Tui (Spain), or from Toulouse in France or Portugal. Most of Andorra's visitors are couples (41.61%) who visit the Principality to practise sports, to go shopping or get to know its unique cultural heritage.



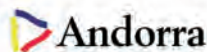
A FAMILY TRIP

Andorra is the perfect destination for a family trip because its wide range of activities, including its eco-tourism trails designed to discover the natural and cultural heritage of the country, such as the Ruta dels Oficis, its different museums, its hotels adapted to every kind of tourist and Naturlandia, the eco-park that is the home to the Tobotranc, world's longest Alpine coaster.

A TRIP WITH FRIENDS

Adventure lovers will find everything they are looking for in Andorra. The country boasts network of paths and trails at all levels suitable for everyone to go through the country walking, by bike or on horseback. Moreover, Andorra's lakes are perfect places for diving on a year round basis. In summertime, Grandvalira, Naturlandia and Vallnord offer adventure and MTB circuits, four-by-four outings and a climbing wall. Diving enthusiasts can practice this sport in highland lakes. The vías ferratas or hiking trails running by Andorra's most representative Romanesque monuments are yet another option.

20 CYCLING ROUTES, 20 DIFFERENT WAYS OF KNOWING ANDORRA



Sports in general, and cycling especially, or what has come to be known as bicycle tourism, is a unique opportunity to enjoy and learn about a region's natural and cultural heritage. The Principality of Andorra, a country with a unique landscape and environment, has an extensive network of mountain passes which are a challenge for cyclists. Andorran mountain passes are the home to some of the most difficult stages in internationally renowned cycling events such as the Vuelta España, the Tour de France and the Volta Ciclista a Catalunya.

Besides being a pleasure, travelling these trails allows bicyclists to discover this country of surprises. Specifically, there are 20 cycling routes that run through the mountain passes of the Principality, nearly 200 kilometres that wend their way through some of the most incredible landscapes in Andorra, including Coll d'Ordino, Arcalís, La Rabassa or Engolasters. These new sign-posted routes include information on route lengths, difficulty levels, the altitude of the mountain pass and any cycling event that has passed through that point.

The routes, which have different levels of difficulty, are suitable both for amateur and professional cyclists. The cycling routes set up by the Principality are a unique opportunity to learn about the most remarkable sites in Andorra. Along the different enabled routes, rural Romanesque masterpieces, museums such as the National Automobile Museum and La Cortinada village are easily accessible.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Guides can be downloaded at www.andorra.es



The Centre de Congressos d'Andorra la Vella (Andorra la Vella Congress Centre), the Centre Cultural i de Congressos Laurèdia (Laurèdia Culture and Congress Centre) in Sant Julià de Lòria, and the meeting centres at the Palau de Gel (Ice Palace) of Andorra in Canillo, the Les Fontetes Theatre and La Closeta in La Massana, amongst others, ensconce the Principality as one of the leading venues for business events throughout the year. Furthermore, some of the hotels in Andorra have been given special seals as venues for business, meetings and congress seals.

THE ANDORRA LA VELLA CONGRESS CENTRE

The Centre de Congressos d'Andorra la Vella in the centre of the city in unbeatable location is the ideal venue for all kinds of events: talks, congresses, meetings, seminars and shows. The Congress Centre has a surface area of 2,400 square meters divided between facilities including an auditorium, five functional halls, a meeting room and a kitchen providing a meal service. The auditorium, which seats up to 900 spectators, can easily be turned into a work hall for 400 people with tables and chairs, electrical connections, multimedia, simultaneous translation and state-of-the-art equipment. The Congress Centre also has a multipurpose area measuring 570 square meters, which can be turned into four rooms with a seating 50 and 100 people.

THE CULTURE AND CONGRESS CENTRE IN SANT JULIÀ DE LÒRIA

This complex, which opened in 1992, has the perfect facilities for business events. The building has a theatre seating up to 450 people, a cinema for 156 guests, two workrooms seating 10 and 50 people, respectively, and a lobby for receptions. It is perfectly equipped with state-of-the-art sound and multimedia systems and simultaneous translation booths.

MEETING CENTRES

Apart from the congress centres, business events can also be held in different meeting centres around the Principality. The **Palau de Gel** (Ice Palace) of Andorra in Canillo is a multipurpose, versatile venue measuring 750 square meters and containing an auditorium that seats 314 people. The **Les**

Fontetes Theatre and **La Closeta** in La Massana is a complex seating up to 168 people with an extra room measuring 208 square meters. The Festival and Congress Hall of the Encamp Social-Cultural Sports Complex is a centre measuring 2,000 square meters and holding up to 1,200 people in both the congress hall and the festival hall. Finally, the Prat del Roure and the Events Hall in Escaldes-Engordany fit 756 and 300 people, respectively.

SPECIAL SEAL AND CERTIFICATIONS

Andorra has 23 hotels certified with the special business and meetings seal. Aside from the requirements of this seal, the establishments that have it meet the following fundamental requirements: they must have a hall measuring at least 300 m² and a main conference hall fitting up to 150 people equipped with state-of-the-art technology (a professional video camera, recording and simultaneous translation equipment, as well as projection and secretary services).

In its bid for business tourism, the Principality of Andorra has recently launched the **Andorra Convention Bureau**.

One of the objectives of the Andorra Convention Bureau, will be, among others, create and structure the product related to conferences, incentives and events in the Principality. The country's big hotel offer both in the centre of the country and in nature will allow congress people to be in touch with nature and combine a wide range of outdoor activities. These will be the perfect complement to meetings or conferences. Some of these activities are adventure sports, the Tobotronc, or eco-tourism or cultural routes such as the Romanesque one, etc.

At the same time, the Convention Bureau will be in charge of planning and financing the marketing plans and monitoring the objectives set.

THE PORTAL

WWW.ANDORRA.AD

The Principality's new portal offers all the information needed to find out about this open, welcoming country with a considerable international projection. You can find out about accommodations, a calendar of activities, weather forecasts and the best way to get there simply by clicking on www.andorra.ad.



The www.andorra.ad tourist portal allows you to plan a great holiday comfortably and enjoyably. In addition to outlining the history and traditions which date back to AD 805, the Andorra portal enables you to find out how to get to the country, and how to easily find accommodation thanks to the search engine of hotels, campsites and hostels, depending on your needs. It also contains a practical restaurant guide to help you to try the best of the Andorran dishes.

The Andorra portal also offers weather forecasts, very important information for visitors and for anyone who wishes to enjoy nature. The calendar of activities for each location lists all of the details on exhibitions, markets and festivals, everything you need to not miss a single detail.

You can subscribe to an electronic newsletter with news from Andorra. This is the best way to receive information about events or discounts in the mail.

Social media like Facebook or Twitter are accessible from www.andorra.ad, a different way to discover the country's tourist activities.

Information videos on the Principality are available at <http://www.youtube.com/user/AndorraTurisme>.

SLOPE CONDITIONS

The Principality's portal reports on the condition of the ski slopes with a single click. It also allows you to connect directly to the Grandvalira and Vallnord alpine resorts. www.vallnord.com
www.grandvalira.com

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

www.andorra.ad has a search engine that allows visitors to find out everything they need to know about Andorra. The service helps them to find the hotels and restaurants classified by category and village, to get the latest information, to find out about the activities being held in the country, and to discover much more about Andorra through the useful links.

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