



Visitors are able to see the natural heritage of the Principality of Andorra by means of the new Ecotourist Routes promoted by Andorra Turisme with the collaboration of the communes. Their main aim is to introduce the flora and fauna of the valleys of Andorra by an expert guide. There are 4 routes proposed: **the Comapedrosa Nature Park, the Incles Valley, the Sorteny Valley, and the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley.**

## THE COMAPEDROSA NATURE PARK, THE HIGHEST PEAK IN ANDORRA

**The Parc Natural de les valls del Comapedrosa** is located in the north-west of the Principality of Andorra, in the parish of la Massana. With a protected surface area of 1,542.6 hectares, its highest point is the **Comapedrosa peak**, which at 2,942 m is the highest peak in Andorra. The main attraction of the area is the breathtaking high mountain scenery, crowned by the **Comapedrosa peak**, and also a very interesting variety of the typical fauna and flora of alpine and sub alpine areas.

The Ecotourist program offers visitors two easy approach routes of two hours, around the river Pollós and the Pla de l'Estany plain. For experts, the program organises a one-day outing to the Comapedrosa peak.

## THE INCLES VALLEY, A U-SHAPED GLACIAL FORMATION

The **Incles Valley** in the parish of Canillo is a typical U-shaped glacial valley, which is also renowned for its diverse flora and fauna. In this valley, it is possible to find a great variety of animals, including partridges, squirrels, hares, newts, sand lizards, roe deer, marmots and pine martens. Among the flora, we espe-

cially find fir trees and black pines, amongst others, and on these sub alpine plains, we find marshlands.

The two routes programmed in this valley are of medium level and reveal emblematic scenery of Andorra, such as the area of **Aigüestortes del Siscaró** and the Recorregut de la Marmota. The routes last approximately 5 hours.

## THE SORTENY VALLEY, A BOTANICAL PARADISE

Located in the parish of **Ordino**, the **Sorteny Nature Park** is a botanical paradise with more than 700 species of flowers and plants, some unique to the Pyrenees. Despite its size of just 1,080 hectares, the valley is also rich in fauna. Chamois, roe deer and wild boars are most frequent.

Visitors can enjoy two easy level routes, in this valley; one route to see the birds, the butterflies and wetlands of the park, and another for enjoying the scenery of the glacial circles and ancient forests. A medium level route is also organised around the sub alpine and alpine fauna and flora of the area, with a duration of four hours.

## THE MADRIU VALLEY, UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE

One of the most strongly recommended Ecotourist Routes is to visit the **Madriu-Perafita-Claror glacial valley** (Andorra la Vella, Encamp, Escaldes-Engordany and Sant Julià de Lòria), Unesco World Heritage, in the category of cultural scenery. With an area of over 4,247 hectares and heights of up to 2,500 metres, this is one of the most amazing areas of Andorra.

Facing east-west, it has a total length of 11.8 km and occupies 10% of the country. It starts at 1,200 metres and climbs up to an altitude of 2,500 metres. The valley's main source of wealth is the water from the river which is also fed from a large variety of lakes in the Gargantillar glacial circle. Thanks to different filtrations, its aquatic force creates an actual build-up of spa waters at over 60°C in Escaldes-Engordany.

A variety of scenery, dry stone walls and houses and cabins, herds and the uninterrupted presence of human action discontinuously and inalterably reveal significant periods of human history. **The Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley**, which runs through a secular area of the trans-Pyrenean passage, is an extraordinarily well preserved mosaic of evolution. Biotopes and human signs can be identified there, and it is the eminent example of our complex, wise model of how to ally respectfully and intelligently with the land.

The Ecotourist Route through the Madriu-Perafita-Claror glacial valley is of medium difficulty with an approximate duration of 6 hours. The **Fontverd Route** shows visitors a great cultural wealth and brings them closer to the human history of the Principality. A splendid example of this are the shepherds'

cabins recently traditionally restored using the dry stone method, and also the many fields defined by walls, which were formerly vegetable gardens, barns and grazing areas for herds. In the summer, a highly recommendable option is to spend the night in any of the three refuges within the Madriu Valley.

## ECOTOURISM AND ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUMS

A very interesting option is to combine the Ecotourist Routes with the **ethnographic museums of the country**, a proposal which discovers the nature parks of Andorra and the history of the inhabitants. The ethnographic museums are: **Casa Rull** in Sispony, **Casa Areny-Plandolit** in Ordino and **Casa Cristo** in Encamp.



## INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS:

**Comapedrosa Nature Park:** La Massana Tourist Office.

Tel.: + (376) 835 693 / [www.comapedrosa.ad](http://www.comapedrosa.ad).

**Incles Valley:** Canillo Tourist Office. Tel.: + (376) 753 600

**Sorteny Valley:** Ordino Tourist Office. Tel.: + (376) 878 173 / [www.sorteny.ad](http://www.sorteny.ad).

**Madriu Valley:** Escaldes-Engordany Tourist Office.

Tel.: + (376) 820 963 / [www.madriu-perafita-claror.com](http://www.madriu-perafita-claror.com).

# THE HIGHEST GOLF COURSE IN EUROPE



## GRANDVALIRA GOLF SOLDEU, 2,250 METRES IN ALTITUDE

Located on the **Pla d'Espiolets plain** at an altitude of 2,250 metres, **Grandvalira Golf Soldeu** is the highest golf course in Europe and the only one with access by means of an 8-seater cable car. With nine holes and a par 34, this course has a **Club House** with services such as a golf school and a panoramic restaurant with breathtaking views.

The offer is conceived for green-lovers, who can do their sport in privileged surroundings, and also for people who wish to learn this mountain leisure activity.

The **Golf Grandvalira School** is one of the services offered by the **Club House** and is especially aimed at visitors who wish to improve or perfect their technique. The facilities include a practice area with between 15 and 20 places, where beginners can practice their strokes with the long-distance club and their short distance strokes on a larger putting green than normal.

## PITCH & PUTT IN ANDORRA

In addition to **Grandvalira Golf Soldeu**, in Andorra, it is also possible to practise **Pitch & Putt**. In the Ordino Valley we find the **Pitch & Putt Golf Par 3 Vall d'Ordino** in la Cortinada. It has nine holes, par 54, practice course with 25 tees, a practice green, golf proshop, clubhouse and equipment rental service.

**Andorra offers golf lovers the highest course in Europe.** Located in the Grandvalira ski resort at an altitude of 2,250 metres, Grandvalira Golf Soldeu has nine holes and a par 34, a golf school and a restaurant with panoramic views. Beginners and experts can also practice Pitch & Putt on the Xixerella (la Massana) and La Cortinada (Ordino) courses.



Another option is the **Pitch & Putt El Torrent** in the village of Xixerella (la Massana), with a course that follows the river and has an area of 1,229 m and 1,138 m, with 18 holes. It is open from April to October depending on the weather.

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

**Grandvalira Golf Soldeu.** Tel.: +(376) 801 074 / [www.grandvalira.com](http://www.grandvalira.com)

**Pitch & Putt El Torrent.** Xixerella, La Massana. Tel.: + (376) 836 613

**Pitch & Putt Golf Par 3 Vall d'Ordino.** La Cortinada, Ordino. Tel. + (376) 850 400 [www.ordinogolf.com](http://www.ordinogolf.com)

# TOBOTRONC, THE LONGEST COASTER IN THE WORLD

The Tobotronc is one of the great developments of La Rabassa-Naturlandia, a nature coaster with the longest route in the world: 5.2 km long with 3.6 km downhill and 1.6 km uphill on a lift, and a difference in level of 400 metres. **It is fun for sure, environment-friendly and for all ages.**

**Technically known as an Alpine Coaster, the Tobotronc is the longest Alpine coaster in the world with a length of 5,200 metres.** With a difference in level of 400 metres and a route covering 5 kilometres, the coaster has become the longest mechanical cable lift in the world, and is undoubtedly one of the most attractive activities for the whole family, which offers a new perspective of the **La Rabassa forest** from inside. The Tobotronc also connects two areas of **Naturlandia: the Firing Range and the Conangle Plain.**

## FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**The Tobotronc** allows the **La Rabassa forest** to be explored in a highly attractive way, on a sledge which slides on steel rails. It is fun for sure, environment-friendly and for all ages.

The sledge can hold two passengers, and the one seating behind deals by controlling the machine with two levers, which help to brake on the bends or on slopes, where signs indicate that it is better to slow down.

The new attraction has 100 carriages or sledges for one or two people at a price of 8.50 euros and 5.50 for the under 12s, who must always be accompanied. There are also tickets for up to 10 trips with cheaper prices for a larger number of trips.



## FURTHER INFORMATION:

**La Rabassa-Naturlandia.**

**General information:**

Av. Rocafort, 23, Ed. El Molí.

AD600 Sant Julià de Lòria.

Tel. + (376) 759 798 – 323 868 – 842 345

[www.naturlandia.ad](http://www.naturlandia.ad)



The good climate from May to August makes the mountains of Andorra the best stage for green and adventure tourism. Nature, mountains, rivers, sports and leisure activities are an attractive alternative to discover the essence of the country of the Pyrenees.



## MULTI-FUN: VIA FERRATA, TREKKING, MOUNTAIN BIKE AND MUCH MORE

Andorra is the country of adventure and multi-fun par excellence. In the summer, the **Grandvalira**, **La Rabassa-Naturalandia** and **Vallnord** mountain resorts offer a wide range of activities to enjoy the open air. Adventure and trekking circuits, quads, via ferrata and rock walls for climbing, horse riding, carting, jumping, mountain bike and free-flying are some of these activities.

The **Vallnord Bike Park** and the **Grandvalira Mountain Bike Park** stand out for the number of kilometres they offer over the different mountain bike routes and also the variety of levels. **Vallnord** (Arcalís sector), **Naturalandia and Grandvalira** (Canillo sector) also offer interpretive and adventure routes for starting out in the world of orientation. Children have their own space in the **Ordino Nature Interpretation Centre**, the environmental education workshop, supported by UNESCO. The **La Rabassa Nature Centre** also offers all kinds of nature-related activities, for balancing body and mind, as well as pedagogical and fun sports.

| [www.vallnord.com](http://www.vallnord.com) | [www.larabassa.ad](http://www.larabassa.ad) |  
| [www.grandvalira.com](http://www.grandvalira.com) |

## FISHING

Another of the offers is fishing, which can be done from mid April to the end of September

in the high mountain rivers and lakes. A unique opportunity to do a relaxing activity in the open air, and at the same time to discover the world of the mountains from a different perspective. | [pesca@govern.ad](mailto:pesca@govern.ad) |

## THE GR ROUTES

The Principality has an extensive network of roads and paths for walking, cycling or horse riding, a healthy way to do tourism. The **GRP**, for instance, runs the length of the country: starting at Sant Julià de Lòria and ending in the village of la Massana. The **GR7**, which passes through Jubberri (Sant Julià de Lòria), and the **GR11**, which climbs up through Arinsal, go from the French frontier to the Spanish, offering amazing views of the Pyrenees with every step.

## REFUGES IN ANDORRA

Although they are open the whole year, it is from May to September when the refuges of Andorra are maintained. There are a total 29 and most have a capacity for 6 to 10 people. **The Comapedrosa refuge** (la Massana) and the Juglar refuge are the only ones with keepers in Andorra and two of the most important in the Pyrenees.

Andorra has the largest skiing area in the Pyrenees. Grandvalira and Vallnord are two alpine ski resorts associated with Ski Andorra and which together add up to 3,075 hectares of skiing area, 285 kilometres of slopes, 111 lifts and 1,457 artificial snow cannons. This offer, together with the La Rabassa Snow Field and that of Parador Canaro, make Andorra the country of snow.

## GRANDVALIRA: PAS DE LA CASA-GRAU ROIG AND SOLDEU-EL TARTER

Located in the north of the Principality of Andorra, this is the resort formed by **Pas de la Casa-Grau Roig and Soldeu-El Tarter** (1,926 Ha). With six accesses to different slopes, 40 restaurant areas, 450 instructors and a maximum altitude of 2,640 m and minimum of 1,710 m, **Grandvalira** has 110 slopes with a total 193 km and a capacity for 100,700 skiers/hour, 67 lifts and 83 km of fabricated snow slopes. **The Grandvalira adventure activity Centre** offers different circuits for other activities such as snowshoes, mushing, cross-country skiing, snow motorcycles or adventure. It is also possible to sleep in the **Iglu-Dorf Ice Hotel** in Grandvalira-Grau Roig, at an altitude of 2,300 m.

[www.grandvalira.com](http://www.grandvalira.com)

## VALLNORD: ARCALÍS, ARINSAL AND PAL

5 km from Andorra la Vella and 3 km from Escaldes-Engordany there is **Vallnord**, the resort formed by the **Arcalís, Arinsal and Pal sectors**. The resort has a total 91.5 km, 1,149 ha of skiing area, 88 slopes with 44 lifts, 360 artificial snow cannons and 20 restaurant areas. **The Arcalís sector** is known for having the best areas to practice free riding in the Pyrenees, and for its spectacular "scoops". **Arinsal** has more than 40,000 square metres for freestyle and the **Pal sector** combines the best facilities for children with an interesting, fun-sports offer (snowshoes, mushing, ski bike, snow motorcycles, etc).

[www.vallnord.com](http://www.vallnord.com)



## LA RABASSA-NATURLANDIA, NATURE AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

In Sant Julià de Lòria, between 2,160 m and 1,960 m, there is **Naturlandia**. The **La Rabassa** snowfield is well-known among lovers of nature and cross-country skiing. In addition to over 15 km of marked slopes, cross-country skiing tracks, ski school, and the **Tobotronc**, it has the **Inuit Parc**, a closed area of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> for adventure sports.

[www.larabassa.ad](http://www.larabassa.ad)

## CANARO SKI PARADOR

Located in Canillo, the **Canaro Ski Parador** lies in a skiing area of 3 ha. It is the ideal place for children and adults to learn to ski. This snowfield has an area set aside for children's sledges.

[www.paradorcanaro.com](http://www.paradorcanaro.com)



## SHOPPING: THE MOST COMPETITIVE PRICES



The most competitive prices, the quality, flexible timetable and citizens' security are some of the factors which contribute to making Andorra the international shopping centre. In the more than 1,500 trades in Andorra, we can find a wide range of products from all over the world.

Andorra's commercial tradition is famous around the world thanks to the modernity of the over 1,500 shops and trades, the quality of the products, the most competitive prices, and citizens' security and flexible timetable. Although there are establishments around the country, a large part are concentrated in the parishes of Andorra la Vella, the capital, Escaldes-Engordany and Pas de la Casa. The large shopping centres are concentrated in Sant Julià de Lòria.

### FASHION, PERFUMES, JEWELS, MUSIC, TECHNOLOGY AND SPORTS ITEMS

In the *avinguda Meritxell* in Andorra la Vella and the *avinguda Carlemany* in Escaldes-Engordany there are the main shops for **fashion and complements, perfumes and the most prestigious jewellery and watch makes**. The **best musical selection** may be found in the large shopping centres or the establishments in Andorra la Vella, Escaldes-Engordany and Pas de la Casa. In Andorra la Vella, Escaldes-Engordany and Ordino too, there are **trades specialised in food and drinks**. There are **sports and technology shops** in all of the parishes around the country. **Car accessories, hunting and fishing items** may be found mainly in Andorra la Vella.

### NEW CUSTOMS EXCESSES UP TO 900 EUROS

When shopping in Andorra, the customs taxes must be borne in mind. The products which can be taken out of the country are tax-free to certain limits determined by the Customs excesses, and if these amounts are exceeded, they must be declared. Since 1st December 2008, the customs excess in Andorra for industrial products for own consumption and not subject to special legislation has risen **from 525 to 900 euros**.

Furthermore, the flexible timetables are another of the attractions of the trades in Andorra. According to the calendar of timetables for 2009, recently approved by the government, the opening hours of commercial establishments have been extended to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, public holidays, long weekends and high seasons.

### FURTHER INFORMATION:

[www.duana.ad/franquicies.asp](http://www.duana.ad/franquicies.asp)  
[www.milloraelcomerc.ad](http://www.milloraelcomerc.ad)

# THE MAGIC OF THE NIGHT IN ANDORRA

Night time in Andorra is another of the attractions of the Principality thanks to the variety of activities and the citizens' security enjoyed in the country. The capital and the rest of the parishes offer leisure alternatives for everyone to enjoy the Pyrenean country with live music, night skating, disk jockeys, pubs, restaurants, bowling alleys, cinemas, musical bars, terraces, night clubs...

Andorra is one of the countries with the highest security rates, which makes it a pleasure to enjoy at night. The cafes, bars, clubs, restaurant pubs are some of the most emblematic leisure formulae of the Principality.

## LIVE MUSIC

A new development this season is the **Apolo And** concert hall, a premises opened in Andorra la Vella which offers concerts of all styles and DJ sessions every week. Another meeting point for lovers of live music is the bar **La Fada Ignorant**, also in Andorra la Vella, which offers a new concept of art and brings together culture and fun with a program that includes dance, music, poetry and theatre; and in la Massana there is **Món Bohemi**, an interesting proposal, which blends live music and art.

## BARS AND CLUBS

In Andorra la Vella there is also the pub **Buda Espai**, one of the icons of the Andorra night. In the lounge club restaurant in the same premises, Mediterranean cuisine and select Andorran cuisine are offered, and on the upper floor there is a large dance floor with house and electro music played by the resident DJ Gustavo Sosa. Another option for club lovers is the new premises **Estudio 92** in Andorra la Vella, and the **Set de Nit** in Anyós (la Massana).

Furthermore, with a rising atmosphere, every Thursday the pub **La Borsa** organises Ladies' night; in the **Panamà Café** whisky house, we can enjoy a good selection of cigars in a peaceful atmosphere; **Surf d'Arinsal** offers the



best Argentinean meat and continues the night on the upper floor with a DJ; and in **Xoxolao** the DJ Willie plays 80s hits, and every week a guest DJ makes **l'Àmbit**, in Erts, one of the most fashion and clubber premises of the Principality.

## BOWLING ALLEYS AND ICE-SKATING

Going bowling or skating are some of the other possibilities offered by the Andorra night. The **Ordino Sports Centre**, the **Serra-dells Sports Centre** in Andorra la Vella, offer billiards, darts, ten-pin bowling and video clips until midnight. **Canillo Ice Palace** also organises an ice carting dinner and ice disco for skating while listening to funky-disco music. It opens until 00.30 a.m., except on Fridays.

# CULTURAL PROPOSALS FOR DISCOVERING THE COUNTRY OF THE PYRENEES



Romanesque art, museums, fun routes and traditions are some of the proposals to discover the cultural side of the country of the Pyrenees. Throughout the year, Andorra offers an interesting range of options for visitors to discover the architectural, cultural and popular heritage of a country with over a thousand years of history.

## ROMANESQUE ANDORRA ROUTE

The Romanesque Andorra bus routes are a cultural proposal promoted by the Government of Andorra with the collaboration of the National Tourist Office. The main goal is to present the wealth and variety of the Romanesque style in Andorra. The bus offers a guide service and also an audio-guide in five languages: Catalan, Spanish, French, English and German. There are three routes which can be followed on screens: the valleys of **Eastern Valira** (Canillo and Encamp), the valleys of **Northern Valira** (la Massana and Ordino) and the valleys of **Gran Valira** (Andorra la Vella, Sant Julià de Lòria and Escaldes-Engordany).

## IRON ROUTE

The **Iron Route** is intended to give a step-by-step presentation of the phases of iron production, from extraction from the mines until it is finally used. The different points reveal one of the most important economic activities developed in Andorra from the beginning of the 17th Century to the late 19th Century. Mines, coal works and forges are some examples of the places along this route.

## RURAL HABITAT ROUTE

The Rural Habitat Route includes a visit to three houses which represent Andorran culture. An opportunity to see the traditional culture of Andorra, based on the use of the

resources offered by the mountains long ago. Visitors will discover a display of work and austerity in **Casa Cristo**; the five floors of the house portrays the lifestyle of a humble family between the 19th Century and the first half of the 20th. On the other hand, **Casa Rull** was one of the richest and most influential houses of la Massana and was inhabited by the Perich family until 1920. The route also includes **Casa Areny-Plandolit** which belongs to the only aristocrat in the country and one of the most influential of the 18th and 19th Centuries.

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

### ROMANESQUE ANDORRA ROUTE:

**National Tourist Office.**

Tel.: + (376) 820 214 / [www.andorra.ad](http://www.andorra.ad)

### IRON ROUTE:

**Ordino Tourist Office.**

Tel.: + (376) 737 080 / [www.ordino.ad](http://www.ordino.ad)

**La Massana Tourist Office:**

Tel.: + (376) 835 693.

### RURAL HABITAT ROUTE:

**Casa Cristo (Encamp).**

Tel.: + (376) 833 551 / 831 135.

**Casa Rull (Sispony).** Tel.: + (376) 836 919.

**Casa Areny-Plandolit (Ordino).**

Tel.: + (376) 836 908 / 839 760.

# ENJOY THE MUSEUMS OF ANDORRA

Andorra is surprising for the large number of cultural options it offers its visitors. A very interesting suggestion is to visit the museums and monuments around the country. The Casa de la Vall, the Escaldes-Engordany Art Centre (CAEE) and the Meritxell Sanctuary are a small selection of the cultural wealth of the Principality.



## MUSEUMS AND EMBLEMATIC MONUMENTS

In Andorra la Vella we find the **Casa de la Vall**, the current Parliament of the General Council of Andorra. This building is emblematic because of its historical significance, and because it is the smallest Parliament in Europe. The house was built in 1580 and purchased in 1702 by the General Council.

Art lovers cannot miss the **Escaldes-Engordany Art Centre (CAEE)** in a historical building erected by the monks of Montserrat in the 1930s. The building is a sign of the so-called granite architecture and receives temporary exhibitions on different themes and in different formats. In Canillo there is one of the most representative symbols for the inhabitants of Andorra: the **Meritxell Sanctuary**. The new sanctuary is a contemporary temple planned by Ricard Bofill and opened in 1976.

## MUSEUMS WITH CHARM

In Ordino there is the **Miniature Museum** with a permanent display of Nicolai Siadristy's private collection of micro miniatures. In Sant Julià de Lòria, the former Reig tobacco factory now houses the **Tobacco Museum**, an exceptional example of the tobacco tradition in Andorra, which explains the best kept secrets

of tobacco manufacture of the 20th Century. In Andorra la Vella, the **Fundació Júlia Bonet Perfume Museum** reveals the essences of the perfumes and allows us to create one for ourselves.

## FOR COLLECTORS

All motor fans must visit Encamp, and particularly the **National Automobile Museum**, which has an extensive collection of 90 cars, 50 motorcycles and 100 bicycles from 1898-1998. A visit can also be made to the **MZR** in Canillo, a homage to motorcycles, which houses the most singular and representative machines of all times, from the early 20th Century to the present-day. Another option for collectors is the **Ordino Pin Museum**, recognised with a Guinness record for its collection of 75,000 pins classified in a total 110 different categories. In Ordino too, we can visit the **Postal Museum**, which shows us the history of the postal system in Andorra.

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

[www.museum.ad](http://www.museum.ad)

One of the tendencies which has most increased in recent years are body-curing holidays, holidays to relax and recovering one's balance and energy. The Principality of Andorra has the largest spa leisure centre in the south of Europe: Caldea, but also high mountain spas, spa hotels and many other facilities to enjoy well-being the year-round.

The country of the Pyrenees, at an altitude of between 838 and 2,942 metres, has been one of the pioneering destinations in wellness tourism and for years has offered visitors a wide range of possibilities and state-of-the-art treatments. As a particular note, we can find Caldea and the spa centres in the **Roc Blanc Hotel, Carlemany Hotel, Hotel Princesa Parc, Hotel Rutllan** and **Sport Hotels Resort & Spa**.

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

With modern architecture and a surface area of 31,680 m<sup>2</sup> at an altitude of 1,100 m, **Caldea** is the oasis of Andorra, the place for leisure spa activity, and for discovering the link between the ancient civilisations and water. In majestic, privileged surroundings, Caldea uses all of the properties of the spa waters from the springs of the Escaldes-Engordany parish to offer visitors amazing water facilities and a long list of massages, hydrothermal and beauty treatments. Complementing the water treatments are alternative activities such as gastronomy and cinema. The centre expects to open a surface area of 12,400 m<sup>2</sup> in 2009. This extension will mean the creation of a new wellness area with more private sections.

### FURTHER INFORMATION:

#### Caldea:

Parc de la Mola, 10. Escaldes-Engordany.  
Tel.: 902 932 025 / + (376) 800 999  
[www.caldea.com](http://www.caldea.com)



### SPORT HOTEL HERMITAGE & SPA

For snow and winter sport lovers, the **Sport Hotel Hermitage & Spa** is the ideal place for your holidays or a weekend getaway to enjoy the snow. The **Sport Hotels Resort & Spa** is the only resort in Andorra at the foot of the slopes. The spa has a centre for relaxation and hydrotherapy with a surface area of 5,000 square metres, with spectacular panoramic views at an altitude of 1,850 metres. It has 5 floors with pools, baths, saunas and beauty cabins, which apply the most advanced beauty and relaxation treatments. Each level of the centre groups different facilities in thematic form. Each floor and every area has specialised technical personnel advising on the use and ownership of the different facilities, and giving recommendations according to the particular conditions and circumstances of each person.

#### Sport Hotel Hermitage & Spa:

Carretera General s/n.  
AD100 Canillo - Soldeu. Principat d'Andorra.  
Tel.: + (376) 870 500 / [www.sporshotels.ad](http://www.sporshotels.ad)

It is quite an experience to enjoy the best gastronomy in Andorra, and there is a lot to choose from. With a total 425 restaurants, most offer traditional Andorran cuisine with excellent ingredients, capable of turning typical and innovative dishes into an unforgettable experience. Furthermore,



## GASTRONOMY WITH HISTORY, THE 'BORDES'

The mountain trinxat (made of potatoes, cabbage, giant sausage and garlic), river trout, game, stew, and garlic mayonnaise, delicatessen (donja, bringuera, bull or bisbe, which are dried meat stuffing, white or blood sausage), the cakes and wild mushrooms are some of the Andorra's gastronomic specialities.

Some of the signs of identity in Andorra are still present in the traditional ancient high mountain houses called '**bordes**'. Though formerly used to hold grain and animals, there are more than 20 in Andorra today, which have been transformed and set up as restaurants. Each of the 'bordes' stamps its own character on its dishes.

## GASTRONOMIC SHOPS

In the Principality of Andorra, there are specialised stores with the best gastronomic products, books and other publications of the sector from around the world.

**Jordi Marquet** in Escaldes-Engordany and Pas de la Casa, **Cava Benito** in Escaldes-

Engordany, **Tastets** in Andorra la Vella and **5 Sentits** in Ordino are the gastronomic points that have to be visited in Andorra. The three shops are outstanding for their singular specialities: fantastic delicacies in the shop of **Jordi Marquet**, the best whiskies in the world in **Cava Benito** and other selections of wines and cavas (champagnes) in **5 Sentits**.

## CIM DE CEL, THE WINE FROM ANDORRA

Some of the best wine centres in the world are in Andorra, and there are also hotels with their own cellar, renowned wine tasters and specialised trades for bottles of inestimable value. But Andorra also has its own wine: **Cim de Cel**, a white wine made 100% with Gewürztraminer vines.

The characteristics and the attitude of the land at 1,100 metres in the village of Nagol (Sant Julià de Lòria), make Cim de Cel the wine harvested at the greatest altitude in Europe. The wine from **Casa Beal** is an example of the resurgence of the winemaking activity in the Principality of Andorra, interrupted for over a century.

# THE BEST FACILITIES FOR BUSINESS EVENTS



The Ordino Congress Centre, the Centre of Congresses and Exhibitions of Andorra la Vella, the Dance and Congress Hall in Encamp and the Sant Julià de Lòria Culture and Congress Centre, consolidate the Principality of Andorra as ideal surroundings for business events throughout the year. The government is also promoting the special business, meeting and congress stamps among the hotel establishments.

## THE CONGRESSES CENTRE OF ANDORRA LA VELLA

**The Congresses Centre of Andorra la Vella**, in the heart of the city and in an unbeatable position, is the ideal framework for all kinds of events: conferences, congresses, meetings, seminars and shows. The Congresses Centre has a surface area of 2,400 m<sup>2</sup> spread between facilities such as an auditorium, five functional halls, a meeting room, and the catering kitchen. With a capacity for 900 spectators, the auditorium can easily become a workroom for 400 people with tables and chairs, electrical connections, multimedia, simultaneous translation and state-of-the-art equipment. It also has a multipurpose area of 570 m<sup>2</sup>, which can be panelled into four rooms with a capacity for 50 and 100 people.

## THE CONGRESS CENTRE OF ORDINO

With a capacity for holding large events, **the Congress Centre of Ordino** is distributed over two floors. The main hall, located on the ground floor, is 99.33 m<sup>2</sup> and has spectacular views over the Ordino Valley. Then there are three halls that can be divided into modules: the **La Cortinada Hall** (240.9 m<sup>2</sup> and 153 places), the **El Serrat Hall** (203.42 m<sup>2</sup> and 225 places) and **the Ansalonga Auditorium** (181.28 m<sup>2</sup> and 197 seats) which together form **the Ordino Hall**. This is the main area with 652.15 m<sup>2</sup> and 640 places, independent accesses to each room. On the ground floor there is **the Sala Sornàs** (125.85 m<sup>2</sup> and 116 places); and on the first floor, **the Sala Arans** (37.09 m<sup>2</sup> and 38 places) and **the Sala Llorts** (56.4 m<sup>2</sup> and 65 places).

## SPECIAL STAMPS

In Andorra there are 19 hotels awarded the **special stamp for business and meetings**. In addition to the requirements for the special stamp of business and meetings, any hotel wishing to achieve the special stamp for congresses must meet three key requirements. They must have a hall of at least 300 m<sup>2</sup> and the main conference hall with a capacity for 150 people, fitted out with state of the art technology: professional video camera, recording equipment and simultaneous translation, projector and secretary services.

# PLAN YOUR HOLIDAYS AT WWW.ANDORRA.AD



The portal of the Principality offers all necessary information for you to find out about this open, welcoming country with a great deal of international projection. Accommodation, activity agenda, weather forecast and the best way to reach the Principality are just a click away at [www.andorra.ad](http://www.andorra.ad).



Using the [www.andorra.ad](http://www.andorra.ad) tourist portal it is possible to plan the best holidays, comfortably and in a funny way. In addition to see the history and traditions of the country, which date back to the year 805 DC, the Andorra portal shows you how to get there, how to find the accommodation you need easily with the hotel, campsite and hostel search engine, or provides you with a practical restaurant guide to be able to taste the best of the Andorran stoves.

The Andorra portal also provides weather forecasts, very important information for visitors and anybody wishing to enjoy nature in general. The activity agenda of each town gives details of exhibitions, markets and festivities; everything you need in order not to miss a single detail.

To travel to Andorra from any place, the portal presents a direct transfer to the Principality by means of a WebCam offering instant images of the country.

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

[www.andorra.ad](http://www.andorra.ad)

[www.andorre.fr](http://www.andorre.fr)

[www.andorra.es](http://www.andorra.es)

[www.andorra.be](http://www.andorra.be)

[www.andorra.pt](http://www.andorra.pt)



## A COUNTRY WITH ITS OWN POLITICAL AND LEGAL SYSTEM

Andorra is the only country in the world with a political system based on joint Princes, that is, with two heads of state. Despite its long history (according to legend, it was founded by Emperor Charlemagne in 805 in thanks for the help that its inhabitants offered in his fight against Saracens), its constitution dates back to 1993, when the Principality became a state with its own personality in law, democracy and society. 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, which has the euro as its currency.

## LIVING IN THE HIGHEST COUNTRY IN EUROPE

Andorra has grown from 81,222 inhabitants in 2006 to 83,137 in 2007, a population increase of 2.3%. The growth in population is the result of a higher birth rate between 1990 and 2000 and the immigration in the second half of the 20th Century, which has caused a great deal of diversification in the composition of

With a surface area of 468 km<sup>2</sup>, the Principality of Andorra is the largest of the small states in Europe. The Andorran relief is rough and mountainous, formed by a total 65 peaks of over 2,000 m in altitude and is defined by two valleys which range between 2,942 m (peak Comapedrosa) and 838 m (frontier point with Catalonia). The distance between the Spanish and French borders is 45 km.

Andorran society, now with an average age of between 38 and 44 years. Andorra is the country with the longest life expectancy.

## NOVA LLEI DE MODERNITZACIÓ ECONÒMICA

Since December 2008, Andorra has taken an important step regarding its economy by allowing the establishment of companies with 100% foreign capital. The approval of the law of foreign investment means that foreign investors may now hold 100% (previously only 33%) of the share capital of a company in 200 economic sectors very scarce or absent in the country, such as industrial production, research and development, electronic trade, audiovisual production, aesthetic medicine, and education and training.

## ACTIONS FOR ENHANCING TOURISM: ANDORRA 2020

Within the framework of action of **the Program Andorra 2020, l'Andorra que tots volem** (Andorra 2020, the Andorra we all want), the creation of **Andorra Turisme** is particularly noteworthy. This is a public entity which started up on 1st March 2008 in order to improve the promotion and coordination of all of the tourist aspects of Andorra to increase the excellence of the Principality as a tourist destination. **The Andorra 2020 program** is based on three key factors: to modernise Andorra's economic framework, to revitalise tourism and trade and to foster the appearance of new sectors.

# THE PRINCIPALITY IN FIGURES



- 1 a country to discover.
- 2 large skiing areas (Grandvalira and Vallnord).
- 3.87% annual inflation in 2007.
- 4 ski resorts: 3 alpine skiing and 1 Nordic skiing.
- 7 parishes or administrative divisions.
- 12.6 °C annual average temperature.
- 14th March 1993, date of the Andorran Constitution.
- 29 refuges and 13 campsites.
- 38-44 years, average age of the population.
- 40 churches.
- 55 bank branches.
- 65 mountain peaks.
- 184th place in the United Nations Council.
- 258 marriages in 2007.
- 301 tourist accommodation.
- 468 km<sup>2</sup> of geographical area.
- 805 is the year, when Andorra was founded by Charlemagne, according to legend.
- 826 births in 2007.
- €897.87 inter-professional minimum salary in the first quarter of 2008.
- 840 m at the lowest point in the river Runer.
- 908 m Sant Julià de Lòria, the place located at the lowest attitude.
- 1,071.9 mm is the average annual rainfall.
- 1,150 animal species.
- €1,810 is the average monthly salary in 2007.
- 1,500 trades.
- 2,942 m at the highest point of the country, peak Comapedrosa.
- 18,224 of electrical energy in MW/h consumed by the ski resorts.
- 31,680 m<sup>2</sup> occupied by Caldea, the largest leisure spa centre in the south of Europe.
- 37,153 phone landlines and 68,483 mobile phone lines in 2007.
- 37,800 hotel places.
- 76,205 cars at 31/12/2007.
- 83,137 inhabitants in 2007.
- 2,189,421 tourists: 1,628,528 Spanish, 450,780 French and 110,113 from other countries (2007).
- 8,553,780 walkers: 4,647,530 Spanish, 3,723,869 French and 182,381 from other countries (2007).
- 10,743,201 visitors: 6,276,058 Spanish, 4,174,649 French and 292,494 of other nationalities (2007).
- 83.5 years, life expectancy
- 3.25 % CPI November 2008

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

**Department of Studies and Statistics: Ministry of Finance Study Service:**  
**[www.estadistica.ad](http://www.estadistica.ad)**