



Press Release 2017/2018 Season

New for the 17/18 season

Skiers in Baqueira Beret are going to find a **resort that has been updated with striking new features such as the complete renovation of the Bosque cafeteria and other qualitative improvements such as the extension of the snow production system and the improvements to the ski runs**, so essential when it comes to having the best possible experience.

Totally new Bosque cafeteria in Baqueira 1800

-Free Flow

Customers will now find a space that is large, welcoming and comfortable. To achieve this, we have designed a “free flow” space for ease of circulation, where you can see and choose what you are going to eat with total comfort. The changes have evidently led to the disappearance of the old self-service, as well as the sandwich area.

-Changes to the menu

The renovation not only affects the space, but also the food on offer, and the commitment to quality is reflected in the arrival of dishes such as pizzas, charcoal-grilled meats and dishes of the day made in a kitchen that has also been extended.

-Better accessibility

Skiers in Baqueira Beret will be sure to like the new, more easily accessible terrace. Besides the main entrance, which faces the Baqueira Store, there is now new covered access to directly reach the services or enter the cafeteria. Likewise, the sandwich bar has now disappeared, leaving a large viewing space where you can stop for a bite to eat with exceptional views.

-Fluidity

In the new Bosque cafeteria, customers will be able to benefit from an ideal setting in a large space with tables and chairs of different heights, and even a cosy area with a chimney, such as in the Baqueira Grill 5J. They are also sure to like the fact that the “free flow” area has four tills to prevent queues when going to pay. Sandwiches are also available in this same food and drink area, for those who prefer that kind of snack. And for those who were used to treating themselves to a crepe or waffle, they will still find this area of the cafeteria up and running as a bar area. Beyond the physical dining room itself, part of the refurbishment has also taken place with a view to making customers' lives easier, and now skiers will find other details such as the fact that the main terrace and dining room are on the same level.

Investment in snow production and improving the ski runs

Visitors will enjoy the improved Baqueira Beret thanks to the investment in areas that are unseen yet vital to the resort. This season, two of our snow machines have been replaced with two brand new ones, one specifically to work in the snowpark.

-Work on runs

Baqueira Beret's interest in continuing to improve season after season, to be able to offer the best experience in the snow, leads it to invest and do work on all aspects every summer. This summer, work has been done in particular on the Bonaigua and Baqueira ski runs to facilitate the grooming work of the snow machines in the event of little snowfall, details the skiers may never think about, but that are crucial so they will find ski runs in the best conditions.

-Cara Norte and Beret

In addition, on the north face, work has been done on the Cara Norte run, widening the narrowest areas to facilitate access for intermediate level skiers. At the same time, a small diagonal has been created – the new Blanqueta run – to connect the lower part of the Tubo Nere and the ridges facing the north face, which have good snowfall, expanding the skiable area of the north face in search of those places where the snow is abundant and of high quality. Work has also been done on the area of the Beret Snowpark and some ski runs at Saumet, all with the idea of facilitating the work of the machines, especially at the beginning of the season when the thickness of the snow tends to be more of an issue.

-More snow.

In connection with this constant improvement, part of the Baqueira Beret Spirit that has led it to become the reference in the Pyrenees and at national and international level, Baqueira's snow production system has been optimised and extended to the Bonaigua area. This optimisation consists in switching to snow cannons that adapt their production to marginal temperatures, with higher production curves and much lower energy consumption.

The extensions have taken place to mitigate the areas that are more exposed due to their orientation to the sun, especially in winters with high temperatures and little precipitation. To achieve this, five low-pressure cannons have been acquired and 196 old ones have been swapped for new ones with higher production and less energy consumption. In the Argüls-Bonaigua area, 23 outlets have been set up to be able to connect the new cannons at different points, according to needs, as well as three more outlets in Baqueira 1800.

-Ski lifts

Furthermore, like every summer, other smaller jobs have also been carried out that are essential for the resort's operation, as well as maintenance on the ski lifts so that everything is ready for when the new, long-awaited season begins where Baqueira Beret's customers will feel at home when they come to enjoy a few days in the snow.

Online booking system and website with improved usability

An improved Baqueira Beret Travel Agency booking system, with the installation of a new program that makes it possible to speed up and facilitate bookings, both over the phone as well as those made directly over the updated website www.viajes.baqueira.es

Baqueira Beret Spirit

Great snowfall, gastronomy with real character and 157 skiable kilometres between Val d'Aran and Valls d'Àneu (152 kilometres of marked ski runs and 5 kilometres of off-piste routes) make Baqueira Beret a leading winter holiday destination.

The resort's Atlantic orientation ensures great snowfall, which, together with the **skiable area of 2,166 ha and its altitude of 2,500 m, create unique freeriding conditions in the Pyrenees that at the same time can be combined with family skiing** on the perfectly prepared runs.

Four themed restaurants on the slopes and the après-ski areas of Ruda and Baqueira 1500 give the resort a fantastic atmosphere and a top-notch range of dining options.

Transport is fast and efficient in all areas thanks to **the 35 ski lifts with a total carrying capacity of more than 60,114 people per hour**.

Baqueira Beret has updated its **online booking system** www.viajes.baqueira.es making it easy to book holidays ensuring the best price both on and off the slopes.

Baqueira Beret invests in its facilities each year with the aim of improving the experience of the skiers and snowboarders who visit the skiable area, which includes 152 kilometres of marked ski runs and 5 kilometres of off-piste routes. The Audi Ski Kronos facility is a good example of how customers can have new experiences at a ski resort by combining reality with the digital world. With this facility, located next to the Baqueira 2200 cafeteria, visitors compete on a timed giant slalom run while being recorded on video. When they cross the line, their time is entered directly into a virtual classification and they can share their video on social networks if they wish.

The resort, located in the Lleida Pyrenees, is formed by three large areas with their own personalities – Baqueira, Beret and Bonaigua – including a total of 105 runs for Alpine skiing and snowboarding, in addition to a 7-kilometre Nordic skiing circuit, with a total skiable area of 2,166 hectares. The area has a vertical drop of 1,010 metres, beginning at 1,500 metres above sea level and reaching an altitude of 2,510 metres in Tuc del Dossau in Beret and Tuc de la Llança in Bonaigua.

Bonaigua – to be discovered

The resort has areas for all levels in each of its three sectors. The highest number of black runs is found in the Bonaigua sector, where the Barranc der Aire run is the highlight. A new route is also opening that links with the Bonaigua run, and there is La Cigalera as well, a highlight since the arrival of the Tuc de Llança lifts. The Gerber run – an old, cherished mountain route now turned into a black run – is another highlight.

Baqueira – a pioneer

In the Baqueira area, the old La Passarells off-piste track is one of the resort's new black runs on the lowest part of the north face. Four of Baqueira's most prominent descents are Luis Arias (a run dedicated to the resort's first director and one of the pioneers of skiing in Spain), Eth Mur, Tubo Nere and the Escornacabres route, an iconic off-piste descent.

Beret – welcoming

The Beret sector is the calmest – this is where La Marxa Beret is held, the country's most important cross-country skiing trial. With gentle slopes and spacious runs, it is best for beginners, families and children.

Sports resort

Baqueira Beret offers multiple snow sports. There is a competition stadium, toboggan run, snowshoe trail, 7 kilometres of marked cross-country skiing trails and a snowpark. Growing constantly, it has huge respect for its surroundings, and transport is fast and efficient in all areas thanks to the 35 ski lifts with a total carrying capacity of more than 60,114 people per hour.

On the agenda for this season are repeats of classic events such as La Marxa Beret, the Jesús Serra Foundation Trophy and the Top CAEI FIS in Alpine skiing, as well as World Snow Day, with many benefits for participants, the Audi Era Baishada Open and the fun BBB Ski Race Experience and Salomon Quest Challenge. Another highlight is the Spanish Mushing Championships, which bring together the best mushers on the peninsula in a sport where man and dog form an inseparable team. In addition, this year the finals of the cross-country skiing OPA-FIS Continental Cup will take place here in March.

Gastronomy and après-ski

In addition to the 5 themed restaurants on the ski runs (Refugi San Miguel in Bonaigua, 5J Grill in Baqueira, Moët Winter Lounge in Orri and Restaurant Pla in Beret and the Audi Quattro Bar), recent seasons have seen the addition of an interesting après-ski scene with the Winebar By Viña Pomal and the Drinkery bar, both located in the upmarket area of Hotel Montarto in the Forum at Baqueira 1500.

To this we can also add the renovated Borda Lobato which offers lunches and dinners with a new menu in which the grill is the star of the show. In the Forum area there is also a delicatessen with products from Val d'Aran and Valls d'Àneu. Along the ski runs, and especially on the terrace of Beret 1,850 and in the Baqueira Bar 1500, there are DJs or live music every weekend.

There is also a programme of special activities on offer for learners, in addition to the following activities and attractions: at weekends, the opportunity to do safaris with a guide; special Christmas activities (classical music concert, descent with torches, etc.); special Carnival programme; special World Snow Day programme; snowshoe excursions, full moon night-time excursions, snowmobile excursions; charity activities and public competitions; the Vall d'Aran Romanesque route; dogsledding in Pla de Beret; sleigh rides and excursions; Baños de Tredòs thermal baths and Baronià de Les hot springs; excursions to Montgarri with lunch or dinner in the mountain shelter; heli-skiing and panoramic helicopter flights; an ice palace, heated swimming pools and gym in Vielha; museums in Vielha, Vilamòs, Bagergue, Unha and Salardú; Les adventure park; Aran-Park animal park (from March to November); Vielha cinema; covered padel courts with café and games area for children in Vielha.

For families

One of the attractions of skiing is that you can enjoy it with all the family. Parents can take a skiing course or ski on their own in the knowledge that their children are also having fun.

In Baqueira Beret there are 3 ski playgrounds and there is an additional one at Baqueira 1500. The latter is located at Borda Lobato, next to Hotel Montarto, and is designed for children from 3 months to 2 ½ years old. It has an outside garden and specialised staff.

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

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

Technical information

- 157 km skiable terrain
- 105 pistes: 6 green (5 km.), 42 blue (74 km.), 40 red (53 km), 17 black (20 km).
- 3 itineraries (5 km.)
- 7 Km of Cross Country Ski circuit
- Snowpark, Slalom Stadium and Ski Kronos
- Freeride area
- 35 lifts: 1 gondola (9 people), 19 chairlifts (10 detachable grips lifts 3x6, 7x4 and 9 fixed grips lifts (6x3, 3x2), 8 ski lifts (4 button lifts, 2 person bar lifts, 2 rope pull) and 7 transportation belts.
- Transport Capacity: 60.144 persons/hora
- *Moment potential: 18.209*
- Highest level: 2.510m
- Lowest level: 1.500m
- Elevation drop: 1.010m
- Skiable area: 2.166Ha.
- 654 snow production cannons
- Snow grooming machines: 15

* Moment potential = $\frac{\text{Transport capacity} \times \text{Elevation drop (each lift)}}{1.000}$

COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES

- 5 ski repair and rental shops
- 7 Parking Areas with capacity for 5.040 vehicles
- 25 Cafeterias, restaurants and bars on the mountain
- 4 Snow Park Nurseries
- 2 medical assistance stations in the resort
- Private Medical Center in the Baqueira 1500 area
- More than 500 ski instructors

Residential area at the foot of the resort with hotels, apartments, restaurants, discotheques and commercial centers.

Baqueira Beret 2017/2018 provisional events and competition calendar

December

- 9 Salomon Quest Challenge, public team event
- 16 Marató TV3/Encuentro Esqui RTV – media race
- 17 Naut Aran Skating, cross-country skiing
- 24 Santa Claus arrives at the slopes by dogsled
- 31 Torch descent, fireworks and mulled wine.

January

- 1 New Year's concert
- 5 Three Kings parade
- 13-14 AC-Hotels CAEI Masters Trophy Seniors' Spanish Cup, Beret
- 20-21 BBB Ski Race Experience, which will be the highlight of World Snow Day (FIS)
- 20 Audi Hivernal Invernal Beret-Montgarri Snowrunning
- 27-28 Movistar Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Spanish Cup and Catalan Snowboard Cross and Ski Cross Championships organised by CAEI, COPOS, FCEH, RFEDI
- GS/SL Adapted Skiing Spanish Cup
- El Dorado Freeride Junior 2018

February

- 3-4 Catalan Speed Championships U16/14 CEVA
- 4 39th Marxa Beret, popular cross-country skiing race, all categories, Beret.
- 10-11 Friends of Montgarri Trophy – Audi Quattro Cup, Alevines Alpine skiing, GS and Combi Race, Beret
- 17 Audi Quattro Era Baishada, Combi Race open, Beret
- 23-25 CEVA II Spanish Cup Alpine skiing stage U16/14

March

- 3-4 Top CAEI FIS, GS and SL Alpine skiing, junior and senior categories, Beret
- Spanish Mushing Championships
- 10-11 Jesús Serra Foundation Trophy, open and parallel GS, Beret
- Telemark and Friends, Orri
- 16-18 OPA FIS Continental Cup of cross-country skiing finals, Beret
- 24-25 Conselh Generau race
- 24-25 3rd Edition of Open Telemark

- 28 MAC-AinhoaSC social race
- 29 COPOS social race
- 30 Ski-Camp Era Escòla social race
- 31 CEVA social race

April

- 1 CAEI social race
- 2-3 FEDC and FEDDF adapted Alpine skiing GS and SL Spanish championships
- 4-6 Livio Magoni-MAC course
- 7 Gold Test
- 8 Baqueira Beret staff race

Event and competition highlights in Baqueira Beret, 17/18 season

9 December – Salomon Quest Challenge

The SQC is a fun event in which teams of three people take part in two categories, Challenge and Family, where the Family category includes participation by a child between the ages of 8 and 15. Each team has an official bib and a roadbook provided by the organisation. The competition takes place on a closed giant slalom course set up for the event, as well as an extreme skicross, a freeride and other trials throughout the resort.

16 December – Marató TV3

Charity race to support research in rare diseases, organised by TV3.

20 and 21 January – BBB Ski Race Experience – World Snow Day (FIS) celebration

Open event for skiers ages 6 and up, where Alpine, boardercross and freeride trials are combined with the emerging art of selfies at the highest points of the resort. Guaranteed fun! The three Bs correspond to the initials of the Baqueira, Beret and Bonaigua sectors, while the definition of “Experience” relates to the fact that the event will make it possible to cross corners of the resort on skis or a snowboard where no one had set foot before. The trials are classified individually, although the link sections can be done as a group, especially children with their clubs or families.

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

4 February – 39th Marxa Beret

Sunday 4 February is when the cross-country ski competition will take place, promoted by the Conselh General d'Aran, Baqueira Beret and Naut Aran Council, with collaboration from other bodies, entities and

clubs. The star event and public competition in the three usual distances, 10k, 21k and 42k, will take place that Sunday. For more information, visit www.marxaberet.com

10 and 11 February – Audi Quattro Cup – Friends of Montgarri Trophy

The Friends of Montgarri Trophy, organised by the Aranese Winter Sports Club (CAEI) is part of the Audi Quattro Cup Alpine skiing competition circuit on the calendar of the Spanish Royal Federation of Winter Sports (RFEDI). The super giant (SG) and slalom (SL) trials will be held at the Beret stadium over the course of the weekend.

17 February – Audi Quattro Era Baishada

The fifth edition of the Audi Quattro Era Baishada will take place on 17 February. Those who have registered in advance will be able to participate in this open race, which combines different disciplines of Alpine skiing and boardercross at the Beret stadium. The competition will have a parallel run followed by a super-G run, a jump, speed skiing and a unique giant run with cants and dubbies. Participants will be able to compete for prizes valued at €10,000 and a driving course from the Audi Driving Experience school in Baqueira, among others. www.quattroerabaishada.com

3 and 4 March – Top CAEI FIS

The CAEI is organising the FIS trial with the highest level of Alpine skiing in the Val d'Aran, which in recent editions has corresponded to the Citizen Spanish Championships in the youth and senior categories. Over 250 participants from Spain, France and Andorra, among other countries, take part in this competition, which includes giant slalom (GS) and slalom (SL).

10 and 11 March – Jesús Serra Foundation Trophy

The Jesús Serra Foundation organises the trophy competition of the same name, consisting of a fun race in the giant category on Saturday and a parallel on Sunday, where the participants with the best classifications from Saturday will take part. This is an open, public race where victors under the age of 25 can win scholarships and there will be many gifts for participants.

7 April – Gold Test

Competition organised by Baqueira Beret where the three top winners of the races held every week of the season take part, as well as the learners from all levels of skiing and snowboarding. Trophy ceremony and surprise draw for all participants.

SKI PASS RATES SEASON 2017 – 2018

Period	Types of ski passes	Euros
1 DAY	General	51,50
	Children	34,00
	Spectator	16,00
	Beginner adult (Beret)	34,50
	Beginner child (Beret)	23,00
	Afternoon (13,30 h)	36,00
2 DAYS	Senior Citizens (70 and over) and under 6	3,00
	General	94,50
3 DAYS	Children	58,00
	General	139,50
4 DAYS	Children	87,00
	General	178,50
5 DAYS	Children	111,00
	General	214,50
6 DAYS	Children	135,50
	General	246,00
7 DAYS	Children	157,00
	General	266,50
Saison	Children	167,00
	General	*905,00 1.000,00
	Juvenile (from 12 to 17 years of age)	*815,00 900,00
	Children (under 12 years of age)	*570,00 625,00
	Midweek – Adult/Children	500,00
	Senior Citizens (70 and over) and under 6	32,00

(*) Advance purchase until 31/10/17

Ski and Après-Ski

Baqueira Beret Non-Stop

Few resorts offer snow conditions and après-ski options as varied and extense as that of Baqueira Beret.

- Guided tour of the resort.
- Special activity program for ski school students.
- Safaris, routes designed to discover the resort.
- Ski mountaineering circuits. 5 routes designed as introduction to ski mountaineering in a safe manner.
- Cross Country ski circuits.
- Special Christmas activities (Santa Claus arrival, King Day Parade, classic music concert, downhill torch run, etc.)
- Special Carnival Program.
- Special World Snow Day program
- Snowshoe Excursions.
- Snowmobile excursions.
- Dog sledding excursions in the Pla de Beret.
- Excursions and rides on a horse driven sleigh
- Romanesque Route of the Val d'Aran.
- Hot Springs in the Baños de Tredos and the Baronia de Les.
- Excursions to Montgarri with possibility of lunch or dinner in the Cabin.
- Heli-ski and panoramic tours in Helicopter.
- Ice rink, heated pools and gymnasium in Vielha.
- Museums in Vielha, Vilamòs, Bagergue, Unha and Salardú.
- Adventure Park in Les.
- Aran Park Fauna Zoo (from March to November)
- Cinema in Vielha
- Outdoor paddle courts with cafeteria and play are for kids in Vielha.

Detailed information in www.baqueira.es, Aran-Aneu/Actividades

Our aprèski options also include a selection of restaurants with typical Aranese, French or International cuisine in addition to pizza and crepe restaurants. To finish the night one only needs to go have a drink in one of the numerous bars and discotheques of Baqueira Beret. The new area of the Montarto Hotel and the Ruda commercial galleries are a great place to start.

Hotels and Accommodations

THE VAL D'ARAN HAS OVER 33,300 BEDS.

Hotels, country houses, pensions, hostels, apartments, houses and villas make up the wide range of accommodations for all kinds of visitors.

11,300 HOTEL ROOMS spread over a total of 67 hotels (1*****GL, 3*****, 13****, 17***, 26** and 7*) and apartments, hotels, guesthouses and lodges. Nearly 4,000 rooms are at the foot of the mountain.

22,000 RESIDENTIAL UNITS, second homes, spread among different towns of the Val d'Aran and at the base of the resort. They are commonly used on weekends and during holiday seasons such as Christmas, New Year's or Easter.

STAY IN LES VALLS D'ANEU

Access to Baqueira/Beret through the Port of Bonaigua allows us to increase our hotel offer connecting with Les Valls d'Aneu, in Pallars Sobira.

Les Valls offers family accommodation of limited capacity. 1,400 hotel beds spread out in hotels, apartments, guesthouses, youth hostels and farmhouses.

The Val d'Aran

The Val d'Aran is located in the Pyrenees of Lleida and is the only Atlantic facing valley in Spain. It is a privileged area because of its snow quality. In the Pla de Beret, the Garona and Noguera Parallesa rivers are born.

Aran is a valley surrounded by mountains over 3,000m tall and in which over two hundred lakes exist. Some, such as Lake Mar or Tort de Rius, are the largest of the Spanish Pyrenees. Its abundant forests are filled with Spruce, Pine and Beech trees.

The Val d'Aran preserves and maintains its impressive artistic and cultural heritage in many of its churches such as Salardú, Arties, Vielha and Bossost. There are numerous admirable Romanesque images in each; For example, the Christ of Salardú, Casarilh and Vielha. You can also find the unique baptismal and holy water fonts in the churches of Arties, Vilac or Vilamos along with artwork dating from the XII and XIII centuries.

The homes and buildings of the Val d'Aran are made of stone, slate and wood, including the notable Romanesque and Gothic style churches.

A characteristic feature of the Val d'Aran is its language: Aranese. It is a living language, commonly spoken by the people of the region. It belongs to the Occitan language family and is a variant of the Gascon de Comminges language. Another asset of Val d'Aran is its cuisine. Its food is strongly influenced by French cuisine due to its proximity to the French border. Nonetheless, Aran still has its own typical cuisine, notably the "Olha Aranese", a delicious soup.

Les Valls d'Aneu

Les Valls d'Aneu are neighboring valleys to the Val d'Aran. Located in the region of Alt Aneu, they are nearly an extension of Aranese lands as they are reached just after the natural boundaries from Port Bonaigua and the foothills of the Sant Maurici i Aigüestortes National Park. The clearly Pyrenean character of these valleys ensures beautiful landscapes year round.

Les Valls d'Aneu have a variety of tourism options. Along with its physical charm and scenic features, there are other noteworthy interests to be found. Gastronomy, sports, art and culture have helped shape the idiosyncrasies of these valleys. Its proximity to the Val d'Aran makes it easy for visitors move from one area to another.

Along with the typical buildings of Pyrenean architecture, with stone walls and slate roofs, Romanesque temples in their purest manifestation are spread throughout these valleys. They portray excellent examples of religious art and architecture. We can highlight the parish church of Sant Lliser in Alós d'Isil, the church of San Joan in Isil, or the Sant Just i Sant Pastor temple, in the small town of Son. These are some of the area's most characteristic buildings and home to many artistic treasures of which some are now in the Museu d'Art de Catalunya.

The past in a glimpse

Ever since the opening of the first chairlift on **December 6th, 1964**, Baqueira Beret has experienced significant growth.

In December **1982**, after 7 years of negotiations, the Queen (Reina) Chairlift was inaugurated – the first ski lift in Beret.

In December **1985**, the Dossau Chairlift was the first phase of Beret's development.

In **1988** the ski area was expanded by opening the new Argulls area, equipped with three seater chairlifts to give access to 150 hectares of skiable area. Argulls is the area with the most snow, and the surface below the snow is grass.

In **1990**, the most important investment was made with the implementation of a snowmaking system to cover the main areas of Baqueira and with the inauguration of the second four-seater detachable chairlift, "Mirador", giving access to the top of Baqueira from the 1,800m area in only 7 minutes.

The big novelty of the **92/93** season was the preparation of the new North Face / Cascada piste, which starts from the Cap de Baqueira, descending to an altitude of 1,500m, totaling 5.5 kilometers long with 1,000m of descent.

In **1994**, Baqueira Beret inaugurated a new entrance to the resort, with a set of services and the chairlift "Bonaigua" through the Port of Bonaigua connecting to another Valley: the Vall d'Aneu and to another region of Pallars.

In **1995** the snow production system was installed in Beret and in **1997** the two areas of Baqueira Beret were expanded to guarantee their connection.

In **1998**, the first six-seater detachable chairlift was opened, the new Pla de Baqueira, which substituted a two-seater with the same name. Its transport capacity of 3,000 person/hour, its 1,800 meters length and the remodeling of Mirador and Pla de Baqueira pistes allowed more skiing in Baqueira and the unclogging of the other ski areas.

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

In **2000**, the four-seater detachable chairlift "Blanhiblar" and the ski lift "Costarjas" were launched in Beret, opening a huge off piste skiable area. The new chairlift "Teso dera Mina" in Argulls gave access to several areas and "couloirs" to expert skiers. There were a total of 100 new hectares of ski area opened.

In **2001**, we duplicated the size of the Audeth Cafeteria in Beret. The project included an expansion of the Bar and a new building that houses a restaurant. Also in Beret, a new ski rental building was inaugurated.

In **2002**, the historic ski lift, Luis Arias, was removed and a spectacular black piste was plotted instead. Two important projects were approved as well: the works to expand Bonaigua with a new access from Alt Aneu and the building of the new parking lot at 1,500m to park 1,500 cars. A new Baqueira Beret office was opened in Vielha.

In **2003**, the first phase of the expansion of Bonaigua with three new chairlifts was done (two detachable four-seaters: La Peulla and Bonaigua, and a two-seater: Cap del Port), three pistes (La Peulla, Pieta del Duc and Cresta de Bonaigua) and two mountain routes (Gerber and Lo Boscas). The new services core in Bonaigua 1,900 was also inaugurated.

In **2004**, the detachable chairlift Era Cabana was opened in Baqueira at 1,800m to give access to three new blue runs: Era Cabana, Era Coma and Ta Orri. In Bonaigua, an intermediary station was built for beginners in the Cap del Port with a chairlift to give access to a new track: Debutants. The ski area in Peulla was also expanded by building four new runs: Cap a Baqueira (blue), Les Paletes and Bosc de la Peulla (red), La

Perdio (red) and the Pala Gran (black).

The main development in **2005** was the installment of the first gondola. The Baqueira gondola, with 78 9-seater cabins, starts at 1,500m and rises to 1,800m right next to the Bosque chairlift. The beginners' area in Baqueira 1,900m was completely remodeled. The Pastores chairlift was completely dismantled and the Rabadá chairlift and conveyor belt were installed for skiers' comfort.

In **2006**, the beginners' area in Baqueira 1,800m was completely remodeled and 3 covered conveyor belts were installed, the first of their kind in all Spain, completely fencing off the area. In addition to significantly improving skiing for children and beginners, easier access to the chairlift was created from the Bosque cafeteria for non-skiers. The service area in Bonaigua 2,072m was expanded and was finished. The green track, Era Coma, was created in the Cabana area.

2007 focused on optimizing the snow production system with a new gathering of 200,000 m³ of water from the Ruda River, and substituting 150 snow cannons for newer ones as well as the installation of a new air compressor in Beret. The construction of roundabouts to access Baqueira 1,500m and the surrounding road were completed. The new parking lot of Val de Ruda was completed.

In **2008**, the work was completed for improving access from Pallars with a new variant from Guingueta d'Aneu to the Mare de Deu de les Ares and another access connecting Sorpe to Borén. The new underground parking lot in Ruda became fully operational with 1,400 car spaces with direct access to the Baqueira gondola. A new area with ticket offices and ski storage services were built under the chairlift's underground station. The new section connecting the Residential Ruda area and the new parking lot with the pistes was put into operation. Two new five-star hotels and one four-star hotel were opened in the Residential Ruda area.

In **2009**, the oldest chairlift was dismantled, the Horat deth Bo in Orri. The chairlift Choza was renewed. This project was the first phase of the Jorge Jordana chairlift installation, planned for the 2010/2011 season. The department of snow-grooming received heavy investment with the purchase of five new-generation machines.

The star novelty of **2010** was the opening of the Jorge Jordana chairlift, linking the Orri area with Cap de Baqueira, the highest point of the resort, giving access to the entire mountain. Four new tracks were inaugurated: Egua2, Egua3, Tuc deth Miei and Pala del Teso. The launch of the new restaurant in Orri – Moët Winter Lounge – was extremely valued by our customers because of its uniqueness and style.

In **2011**, the construction of a lake in Orri took place. It has a capacity of 180,000 m³ of water used to produce snow on the north side. The Luis Arias, North Face and Isards-Tamarro areas were equipped with snow cannons. Three cutting edge snow-groomers equipped with GPS were acquired. A new office was opened in Toulouse, France.

In **2012** the Bosque café was remodeled for the convenience of skiers, opening a new entrance and complementing it with a skiing accessories shop. The bottom of Manaud track, the layout of chairlift Tuc de la Llança, and the final stretch of Ticolet track were conditioned; all of this to facilitate skiing and grooming. There was a proposal on the web for the three Safari tours and a new smartphone app and images of all tracks in Google Street View.

In **2013**, the café at 1,800m was renovated and turned into the 5J Restaurant with a new menu and a new terrace near the entrance. A complete renovation of the store and the rental station in the galleries of Val de Ruda was done. The ski storage section in the area was relocated to a new shop right under the gondola. The online booking site with new options to purchase tickets in advance was improved. Two new snow-grooming machines were purchased, achieving a 20% improvement in the ability to groom tracks.

In **2014** the resort celebrated its 50th anniversary to the max by offering its clients 21 more ski routes which took the total number of pistes from 120 km to 146 km. On top of this, there are 7 km of itineraries which brought the total to 153 km for the 2014 -2015 winter. These pistes are spread out over a ski area measuring 2.166 hectares. New chairlifts were put into use such as the Jesús Serra lift substituting the Vista Beret to

allow for great capacity. Not less important were the ski-lift, Saumet, which opened a new ski area in Baciver and the ski-lift, Fernández Ochoa, which was designed to improve service to the ski clubs which train in the Beret Stadium.

In **2015** the resort reached a total of 155 km of pistes with three new runs in Beret. The Ski Kronos, timed piste in Baqueira, was introduced. 18 new snow producing machines, increasing and improving the efficiency of the system, were installed. Three new snow grooming machines were acquired. A new restaurant and aprèski area were created with the inauguration of the restaurant Wine Bar and the Drinkery Bar in the Montarto Hotel. The reception and the ski service of the hotel underwent a renovation and the shop was improved to include top level material and equipment.

In **2016** there were 156 km of runs and four new machines were acquired to prepare runs, equipped with GPS. A good part of the snow production system was replaced in Beret and Bonaigua to optimise results. Borda Lobato was completely refurbished and a new gourmet shop was opened at the 1500 level. Improvement of the Baqueira Beret Travel Agency booking system with the installation of a new program.



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