

Dear rotarian friends,

as we announce during our last online meeting, we've organize our next late winter meeting in Andorra, so you'll have the opportunity to compare skiing in the Alps with the Pyrenees.

We've blocked for you enough rooms till 20th February at the hotel RUTLLAN SPA **** 2 nights in La Massana (VALL NORD)

www.hotelrutllan.com

Friday evening we'll have dinner at the hotel

Saturday you'll have possibility:

- 1) to ski the whole day www.vallnordpalarinsal
- 2) to take a walk with snow rackets or dog sledding (Mushing)
- 3) to visit Andorra la Vella a shopping city
www.turismeandorralavella.com
- 4) to stay at the hotel wellness center (Spa) or to go to CALDEA
www.caldea.com

Saturday at 6,30pm-till 8pm will take place the functionaries meeting and at 8,30pm we'll go to a restaurant nearby to have dinner.

Sunday after breakfast is farewell time, of course many of us will take advantage of skiing.

The hotel has blocked rooms for our group until February 20th with a very good price per room:

Double room 2 nights (Friday half board + Saturday B&B):
196€ person x 2= 392€

Double room (single use) 2 nights (Friday half board + Saturday B&B):
196 +20= 216€ Taxes included



The hotel will be paid after our stay directly at the check-out.
To book please send us a list with the name, mail and phone of all the participants from your club and if they need a double room or a double room for single use, as soon as possible cause we must close the booking till 20th february

Andorra is a small country located in southwestern Europe and borders France and Spain. The country is officially known as the Principality of Andorra and is governed by a co-principal framework where the bishop of Urgell and the president of France act as their co-princes. Here are some facts that few people know about the small nation.

Fun facts about Andorra

Established in 1419, the Andorran Parliament, known as the Consell General, is the oldest in the world.

Nature occupies 90% of the land area of the country, since only 4% of Andorra is used for human housing.

One can easily cross the entire country on foot by following the path of Great Country Tour.

Andorra has the largest ski area in southern Europe with more than 180 miles of snow-laden trails.

The high life expectancy in Andorra of 81 years occupies the fifth place in the world.



Coma Pedrosa is the highest peak in Andorra, with an increase of 9,652 feet above sea level.

Andorra has the highest concentration of museums in the world with 20 museums within its 180-square mile area.

Andorra la Vella is the capital of Andorra and is also the largest city in the country.

Andorra le Vella is the highest capital city in Europe with an altitude of 3,356 feet.

Andorra was established as a Principality in 1278.

The majority of Andorran citizens are trilingual and can communicate in Catalan, Spanish and French.

About 10% of the land area of the country has been designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Andorra is a key tourist destination that attracts more than 10 million tourists every year.

Tourism is the largest contributor to the country's GDP, and represents 80% of Andorra's GDP.

Andorra's relaxing tax laws make it a tax heaven that attracts many foreign companies.

The unemployment rate in Andorra is one of the lowest in the world, with a rate of only 0.35% as of December 2016.

Despite its small size, Andorra has the ninth largest GDP per capita in the world.

Andorra is one of the few countries in the world that does not have an official army or a defense ministry.

However, the country has a ceremonial army composed of 12 male volunteers.

The main role of the ceremonial army is the presentation of the Andorran flag during the ceremonies.

The responsibility for the defense of Andorra rests with Spain and France.

The non-disabled senior citizen of each household in Andorra is required by law to carry a firearm.

The country has no exit to the sea and, therefore, has no navy.

Despite not having an army, Andorra was passively involved in World War I when he declared war on Germany.

Andorra remained the longest fighter in World War I, as it officially ended its conflict with Germany in 1958.

Andorra was not included during the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended World War I.

Andorra maintained neutrality during World War II.

The country has a small and well-equipped police force composed of 240 officers.

Andorra has existed in relative isolation throughout its history and has only modernized its political system in 1993.

Although Andorra is not an official member state of the European Union, the country uses the euro as its official currency.

Christianity is the most popular religion in Andorra, with 88.2% of its population identifying itself as Catholic.



Education is a mandatory requirement in Andorra with the government funding of education from kindergarten to secondary level. Andorra has only one university, which is the University of Andorra, funded by the state. Andorra is ranked among the safest nations in the world, with almost no record of car theft, pickpocket theft and disorderly behavior incidents.

See you soon in ANDORRA