

Open d'Andorra

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*ISU International Figure Skating Competition for
Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance*

Canillo (AND)

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Information

Andorra information

Welcome to Andorra, the country of the Pyrenees. An independent state with an area of 468 km² and more than a thousand years of history in the southeast of Europe, between Spain and France.

Known internationally for its ski resorts, shops with very low taxes and its modern hotel and service infrastructures, each year the country receives nearly 8 million visitors.

Andorra is also a paradise for nature lovers: 90% of the country is forest.

Geographical location: Andorra is in the heart of the Pyrenees, between Spain and France.



Capital: Andorra la Vella.

Area: 468 km²

Time zone: GMT + 1

Administrative organisation: The country is structured into seven administrative and territorial divisions known as "parishes", which by order of protocol are: Canillo, Encamp, Ordino, La Massana, Andorra la Vella, Sant Julià de Lòria and Escaldes-Engordany. The body managing each parish is the "Comú".

Political system: Andorra is a state of democratic and social law. In 1993 it entered the United Nations and its constitution was approved by referendum. The only country in the world with two heads of state: the Episcopal co-prince (the Bishop of La Seu d'Urgell, in Spain), and the French co-prince (the president of the French Republic). The Principality holds parliamentary elections every four years.



The climate

Andorra has a high mountain climate: with cold temperatures in the winter and mild in the summer. The atmosphere is dry. Next to the Mediterranean, so most days of the year are sunny.



Population

According to the 2012 census, Andorra has a population of 78,000, with an average age of 39.6 years.



Language

Andorra's official language is Catalan. However, Spanish, French and Portuguese are commonly used. English is also spoken in all establishments related to tourism.



Currency

The official currency in Andorra is the euro (€). Andorra will mint Euros for the first time in 2014.



Religion

Andorra is a lay state. The Constitution supports freedom of religion and cult. However, most of the population is Catholic.



Andorra in figures

Population: 78,000 inhabitants | Annual visitors: 8.000.000 | Hotel establishments: 315 | Hotel places: more than 39,000 | Ski slopes: 300 km of marked slopes | Shops and trades: more than 1,000 shops and 7 large shopping centres | Days of the year when the trades close: 4

<http://visitandorra.com/en/the-country/>

Village of Canillo

Discover the parish



It is the first parish in the order of protocol. Consists of the villages and towns of Canillo, Soldeu Bordes Envalira El Tarter, San Pedro, Ransol Plans, Vilar, the Armiana, Aldosa, The Oven, Prats, Meritxell and dock. Canillo is the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Meritxell, patron saint of the Principality, and the famous Ice Palace of Andorra, with more than 8,000 m² and an Olympic-sized ice rink. Soldeu-El Tarter

is one of the stations Ski Andorra largest of all, a tranquil and harmonious and guaranteed snow throughout the season.

Canillo was the largest parish in the Principality, both for its natural resources to private revenues and even the growth of Andorra La Vella and Escaldes have dethroned, still the privilege of historic Greater assume that its Board in the absence of Trustees, President of the General Council

http://www.canillo.ad/04_Entorn/p_album_fotos/IUCQ4erW_cq-t9CGYWuzg79kdf7qRmit

ICE RINK “Palau de gel d’Andorra”



1000 ways to have fun with your family!

The Palau de Gel is located in the heart of Canillo, on foot of the ski resort Grandvalira, and 15 min. of capital (Andorra la Vella).

In the Palau de Gel Andorra, a swimming pool is not only a swimming pool and an ice rink can be much more than an ice rink. Grown-ups and younger people can enjoy a great variety of ideas which combine leisure and sport, gastronomy and health, during the day and in the evening. And, also, with the confidence that expert monitors are always there to guarantee the safety and entertainment of the users.

<http://www.palaudegel.ad/en/palau-de-gel/>



Travel to Andorra

The Principality of Andorra does not require any type of visa.

The Principality of Andorra is not a member of the Schengen Area. Access to the Principality is made through France or Spain. Thus, any national from a third-country travelling to Andorra must get information from the French or Spanish Embassies or Consulates (depending on the country of entrance) about the need of a Schengen visa, and when deemed necessary, about the visa obtaining procedures.

When the Schengen visa is required, third-country nationals shall apply for a double-entry or a multiple entry Schengen visa depending on how many times you will enter the Schengen area from Andorra.

Information about the entry of foreign minors to the Principality of Andorra

Minors travelling to Andorra with their parents, legal guardian or representative must have:

- A valid ID card, or
- A passport in force. The minor could be registered in one of the parent's passport but it is not an obligation.

Any national from a country outside the European Union must have a two or multiple-entry Schengen visa.

Unaccompanied minors or minors accompanied by people who are not their parents must have:

- A passport in force, or
- A valid ID card accompanied of a written authorisation signed by their parents, legal guardian or representative.

1. The legislations and regulations of many States foresee that the authorisations are delivered by Police Stations or other instances.

It is recommended to all the parents, legal guardians or representatives who would like to authorise their minor children to travel to a country by their own or with other people, to be informed about regulations in force on this matter.

2. A national from a country outside the European Union must have a two or multiple-entry Schengen visa.

<http://www.exteriors.ad/en/travel-to-andorra>