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Baqueira-Beret Spain

When Peter Hardy, the skiing reporter of Daily Telegraph, having skied in 500 ski resorts in 20 countries, rates Baqueira-Beret the best ski resort in the world, one must ask how come, why, on what criterium, for whom, to what purpose... No need to argue, but let's collect qualities, that prove his claims true or false.



Skiing brilliance even on budget budget

1. Skilift tickets

The one-week lift-ticket is 20-35 % cheaper than in Val d'Isere, probably the most popular ski resort in France. The number of slopes is about the same.

2. Snow certainty

Just before Christmas 36 slopes were open in B-B-B. People ski when Val d'Isere is waiting for snow. In Val d'Isere all slopes were closed.

When the resort was closed last spring, the snow depth was four meter at deepest.

The Pyrenees tend to rob the snow meant for the Alps. The heavy clouds, ordered to bring snow to the Alps are not able to climb over Pyrenees, but unload their load on them. Mid-December three slopes were open in Sestriere, even though it's among the first resorts to receive the clouds from the Atlantic ocean.

Hardly any boring slopes

3. The slopes

The scenery is multiform. The slopes begin from five mountain tops between 1500 and 2656 m and they meander and wheel in three different areas.

Most of the slopes certainly please the intermediate skier, but there are 16 demanding, so-called black pistes, of them even 6 so-called double-diamonds, not for anyone.

A great way to call it a day is to ski 1000 m vertical drop from the top of Baqueira by joining the red slopes Mirador, Stadium and Baqueira (some 4000 m). An easier route from the same top, but joining Cara Nord and Dera Cascada sums 5900 m.

One can ski all the way to the village from all the 35 slopes of Baqueira. One skilift is required from Beret and two from Bonaigua.

Even marked off-pistes and heli-ski

4. Freeski

Vast off-piste areas surround the prepared slopes and are easily reached from the upper ski lift stations. Skiing the winding slope from the top of the Llanca ski lift in Bonaigua one can, before every turn, take a 200-meter shortcut through an off-piste and return to the prepared slope.

If you want more challenge, head for the top of Cap de Baqueira. Then take Escornacrabes (Where the Goats Stumble). It's a so-called marked off-piste.

Crossing the edge is rewarded by horror, feelings of succeeding and proud self-congratulatory in after-ski.



Ski instruction in English at the side of the re-union plaza.

5. Ski school

Ski schools are at the top valley of the gondola ski lift. Let's call it the re-union plaza. Two restaurants, a café, a ski rental and ski service can be found there.

It's also accessible non-stop from most slopes. That makes it easy for family members of friends with different skiing skills to stay in contact, no matter where you skied, be it ski school, blue, red, black or off-piste.

By bus from Barcelona or rent-a-car from Toulouse

6. Connections

Tens of tour operators bring skiers to B-B-B, but flight to Toulouse and rent-a-car is good choice. It gives you a chance to visit many interesting places in Aran Valley.

180 km from Toulouse airport is not a long transfer. It's exciting to follow the trail that the partisans used when bringing Jews to safety during the German occupation in France.

The buss trip from Barcelona airport took four hours. In March the first half our trip went on was decorated with floral splendour of spring. Our mid-way café rose from an orchard of apples. The latter half went around a canyon full of previous snow on the way to satisfy need of drinking water of the seaside.

In bunk bed in 6-p room or alone under five stars

7. Accommodation

Baqueira is full of architecture of the fifties like most of the western Alps, but hotels have been renovated to meet the demands of today's tourists.

All the hotels stand close to the gondola ski lift or the Tuf-Tuf street train.

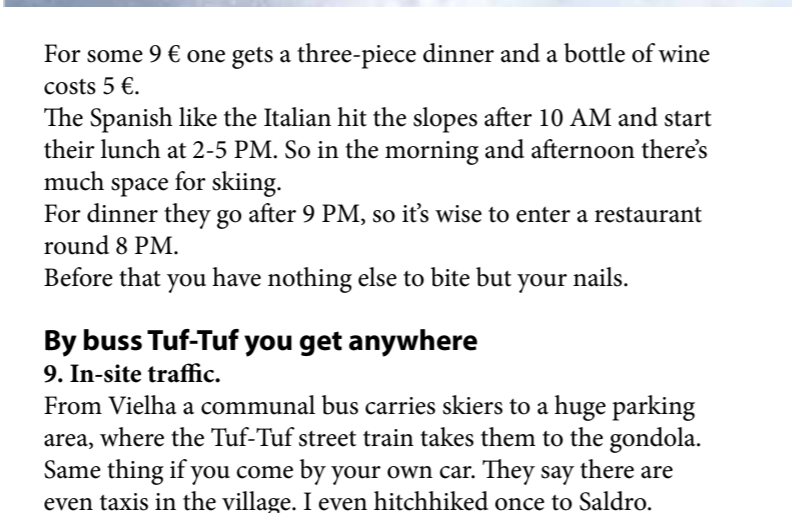
In lower village a new centre has been raised in more American style. It includes 4 and 5 star hotels, restaurants and congress spaces.

Right beneath Baqueira is a small village of granite houses of decent size. Even the royal family has it's chalet there. The elegant village is more than just suitable to the mountain scenery. Four kilometres south of Baqueira there's the Saldro village. In a small hotel or restaurant you find original mountain atmosphere. The free ski bus takes you to Baqueira and back. My choice on my next visit.

Right timing is the key word

8. Nourishment

18 slope restaurants or cafes. 37 restaurants in the Baqueira village. In Vielha, 14 km from Baqueira one has more choices concerning dining and accommodation.



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Female Junior

2	ROS, Maja	1974 SLO	47.42
3	FOURNIER, Anne	1974 SUI	48.30
4	SALAKOVA, Linda	1986 CZE	49.96
5	FONTANA, Emanuela	1974 ITA	50.13
6	PEPIC, Bojana	1978 SRB	50.57
7	FONTAINE, Pascale	1983 CAN	51.00
8	ORACOVA, Helena	1973 CZE	51.79
9	GIBERT, Cris	1984 SPA	52.00
10	CHERNIKOVA, Anna	1978 RUS	54.38
11	RAIC-KNZEVIC, Ana	1973 CRO	57.42
12	CAHEN, Anne-Laure	1978 FRA	57.85
13	STRAC, Barbara	1976 CRO	57.89
14	BOUDOVA, Dana	1973 CZE	58.76
15	SENAVI Cathy	1976 CAN	1:00.74
16	DUBREUIL, Emilie	1975 CAN	1:02.66
17	LINDQVIST, Mia	1914 SWE	1:04.74
18	BIZJAK, Marisa	1987 SLO	1:05.33
19	NUMETSIVA-Avotzaya	1973 KAZ	1:08.44
20	ALPHAN, Melis	1978 TUR	1:23.59
21	VERBIESEN, Marieke	1976 NED	1:26.08
22	PHILIPS, Jacqueline-Anne	1975 GBR	1:58.66
24	KEEVA, Maria	1974 RUS	2:03.95

Female Super Senior

1	JERMANN, Barbara	1961 SLO	50.67
2	FRICOT-SOODERGRN, Elisabeth	1964 SWE	51.72
3	FINNSIO, Marika	1961 SWE	53.34
4	SERDOZ, Roberta	1968 ITA	54.07
5	GOD, Barbara	1961 ITA	54.81
6	KOLLER, Hanna	1965 SWE	54.86
7	SEDERAS, Codruta	1967 RUM	56.26
8	BLOMQUIST, Helena	1963 SWE	58.28
9	MARNOVA, Veselina	1963 BUL	1:00.98
10	WEINBERGER, Stefanie	1968 GER	1:02.76
11	CHIODA, Maria Luisa	1964 ITA	1:04.30
12	KUCDOVA, Marketa	1962 CZE	1:05.28
13	PIGAREVA, Tatjana	1965 RUS	1:06.09
14	JOCF, Ajana	1961 SLO	1:07.02
15	GRONICK, sarja	1964 SLO	1:07.78
16	PONDIVANJUGALU-Historio	1965 BUL	1:15.57
17	BAZHENOVA, Irina	1965 KAZ	1:16.27
18	MATHIEU, Elisabeth	1961 BEL	1:16.78
19	DMITROVA, Milena	1961 BUL	1:21.48
20	YINANC, Barcin	1968 TUR	1:28.20
21	DUSMEZ, Ganesa	1968 TUR	1:47.30

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2	OSTJARC, Marijeta	1953 CRO	56.42
3	LURNAS, Tere	1956 SPA	57.81
4	JANKU, Jana	1952 SWE	58.38
5	JOUHAU, Catherine	1953 FRA	1:00.75
6	RADEBARCHER, Veronika	1956 GER	1:03.84
7	DUCHARME, Anthe	1957 CAN	1:04.45
8	ZVIEL, Elvja	1950 ISR	1:06.87
9	KMETOVA-STAJOVA, Giga	1952 SVK	1:06.68
10	SWAN, Gillian	1953 GBR	1:16.42
11	WIERBET WYAT, Lisa	1952 USA	1:20.41
12	COURCOU, Christine	1954 FRA	1:13.64
13	MARKOVIC, Dubravka	1960 SRB	1:14.11
14	SWAN, Gillian	1953 GBR	1:16.42
15	WIERBET WYAT, Lisa	1952 USA	1:20.41
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19	MARKOVIC, Dubravka	1960 SRB	1:14.11
20	LAMARCHE, Ginette	1953 CAN	1:26.90
21	CONNWAY, Isabel	1953 IRL	1:29.02
22	MARTIN, Gij	1948 GBR	1:48.29
23	WIERBET WYAT, Lisa	1951 USA	1:51.93

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2	GAY-COUTTET, Hubert	1951 SUI	57.76
3	KOREN, Dario	1954 SLO	59.45
4	OELBERG, Axel	1948 SWE	59.92
5	NUSSLE, Pierre	1944 SUI	1:00.33
6	RICHEBE, Renaud	1960 FRA	1:00.90
7	BATISTUTA, Milos	1957 SLO	1:03.04
8	CAMPAÑA, Antoni	1946 SPA	1:04.15
9	KINSELLA, Patrik	1950 IRL	1:04.20
10	FLAMAND, Jean-Baptiste	1958 SUI	1:04.27
11	METTAN, Gay	1956 SUI	1:04.35
12	MALMSTEN, Anders	1958 SWE	1:05.81
13	ORBRINK, Matts	1951 SWE	1:06.76
14	STAJIC, Dusko	1948 BH	1:07.60
15	MOORE, Barry	1951 GBR	1:08.66
16	ELOVAK, Momir	1948 BH	1:08.78
17	TIBERI, Gianni	1949 ITA	1:09.00
18	SORMANY, Pierre	1951 CAN	1:09.45
19	CASTELL, Jaume	1948 SPA	1:09.55
20	VILARO, Ramon	1950 SPA	1:10.82
21	POPOV, Nicolay	1939 RUS	1:11.09
22	CHECK, Tom	1954 NED	1:11.43
23	PROVSE, Michael	1953 GBR	1:11.49
24	KOPIC, Jaroslav	1958 CZE	1:12.05
25	PUMPYANSKY, Alexander	1940 RUS	1:15.04
26	ARMENGOL, Joan Carles	1959 SPA	1:15.22
27	TOURANGEAU, Pierre	1951 CAN	1:15.41
28	POPOVIC, Danijel	1948 CRO	1:15.57
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30	SHOLEV, Tihomir	1956 BUL	1:17.54
31	ORSTENSEN, Peter-Moel	1958 DEN	1:20.56
32	DOVID, Sergio	1956 ARG	1:21.14
33	HORGNEIS, Jean-Pierre	1944 BEL	1:28.31
34	SALTON, Zvi	1947 ISR	1:29.37
35	BLOEMSMIA, Koos	1945 NED	1:31.66
36	KUKUCSAHN, Sukru	1959 TUR	1:32.43
37	GRIGALUNAS, Stasys	1960 LTU	1:35.40
38	SCHROEDER, Peter	1940 USA	1:36.51

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Cross Country

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1	MUGNANI, Andrea	1973 ITA	53.16
2	MOCNIK, Blaz	1977 SLO	54.08
3	MUCH, Petr	1975 CZE	54.37
4	UNGAR, Christophe	1976 SUI	55.29
5	GANNIEUX, Greg	1971 FRA	55.97
6	VANGHELE, Ovidiu	1980 RUM	57.40
7	JUG, David	1978 SLO	58.66
8	DANCI, Marius	1972 RUM	59.81
9	SODERLUND, Johan	1971 SWE	1:00.13
10	VONCINA, Matej	1980 SLO	1:00.19
11	PUNGONOSCHI, Andrei	1980 RUM	1:00.25
12	BOYADJEV, Liubomir	1972 BUL	1:00.34
13	EGGER, François	1975 SUI	1:01.37
14	MILCEVIC, Mirko	1975 SRB	1:01.54
15	SINTE, Samuel	1976 BEL	1:01.87
16	SCHMITZ, Bruno	1984 BEL	1:02.80
17	FLUGER, Rene	1974 CZE	1:04.33
18	LPOVAN, Lucian	1979 RUM	1:05.39
19	SZABO, Gabriel	1978 HUN	1:05.81
20	SZANDELSKY, Bela	1972 HUN	1:08.75
21	IONESCU, Rafcu Christian	1976 HUN	1:09.80
22	PALINKAS, Norbert	1972 HUN	1:09.85
23	ZYGAR, Mikhail	1981 RUS	1:11.78
24	THOMPSON, Sam	1980 GBR	1:13.38
25	TOUCHETTE, Alexandre	1975 CAN	1:13.89
26	REGAN, James	1974 FRA	1:24.17
27	SHANNAN, Karen	1981 RUS	1:25.24
28	GUDJONSSON, Vidar	1980 ISL	1:27.82
29	OWDYER, Davin	1979 IRL	3:10.18
30	RAGOZIN, Leonid	1972 RUS	5:28.18

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6	HAWKS, Troy	1968 USA	56.88
7	DUBRAVEC, Tom	1970 GRO	56.98
8	VRANIC, Srđjan	1965 CRO	57.23
9	SENNI, Mario	1963 ITA	58.25
10	CORBI, Alessandro	1963 ITA	58.64
11	DE FRANCESCO, Stefano	1965 ITA	59.90
12	BRUNGER, Uli	1961 GER	1:00.21
13	WALLACE, Frederick	1968 GAN	1:00.37
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15	MAGNIN, Pascal	1962 SUI	1:01.85
16	VLASIANJUAN, Rafael	1961 SPA	1:02.36
17	FRANCOIS, Laurent	1970 FRA	1:04.07
18	MARKAUSKAS, Gytis	1961 LTU	1:05.17
19	KUKUSHKIN, Andrey	1965 KAZ	1:05.58
20	JANKOVIC, Darin	1969 CRO	1:05.71
21	LUICAZEAU, Olivier	1964 FRA	1:06.84
22	BOEYER, Eric	1961 BEL	1:08.26
23	MUJHY, Youssef	1965 MAR	1:08.90
24	MARINO, Francesco	1968 ITA	1:09.99
25	AMIGUET, Uuis	1965 SPA	1:09.58
26	WALLACE, Lars Christian	1964 NOR	1:09.67
27	ZVKOV, Zoran	1968 SRB	1:10.27