



TRADITIONS

The central parishes, full of people to receive the Three Kings

The nerves and excitement of the little ones were noticeable during the cavalcade of the Three Kings, the Three Wish Men

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The Three Kings arrived in the Principality yesterday after many days of travel. Since 1998 the parishes of Andorra la Vella and Escaldes-Engordany have been doing the joint ride. But with the pandemic there were a few years when each parish did its own thing separately.

The starting shot was at 18.00 at Plaça Príncep Benlloch in the capital and continued along Meritxell, Carlemany, Copríncep de Gaulle, del Pesebre and de les Escoles avenues, and along Parnal and Prat Gran streets. The place where more people gathered was on Meritxell avenue. In fact, many families went hours in advance to get a good spot and be able to enjoy this magical night. Behind the Roca Ribes of the Avenue they offered hot chocolate and cake to make the wait more pleasant. And besides, there was also a person playing the saxophone to set the mood.

There were just a few minutes left before the Kings passed through Meritxell Avenue and nerves were starting to show among the little ones. In fact, a 5-year-old child, Inés, was very excited because the Kings were coming and commented that in the letter she had asked for «a spa day, a two-wheeled scooter and Barbie's holiday home». Children like her know that despite being a day of many emotions, she had to go to bed early and find out today if they have brought her everything she asked for.

In front of all the floats there was a dance group to set the stage for the cavalcade and right behind were the MoraBanc Andorra entertainers together with the Brut. Different characters such as Elsa from Frozen, Mic-



► Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar took a tour of the old town of the parish.



INÉS
5 YEAR OLD CHILD

«This year I asked the Kings for a spa day, a two-wheeled scooter and Barbie's holiday home»

JAUME AMBOR
P. OF THE PRO-TOURISM UNION

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key and Minnie Mouse, Buddy from Toy Story, among others. In front of the floats of the Kings were several such as the 101 Dalmatians, one from the Sanctuary of Meritxell or Beauty and the Beast. Finally, behind everything were the most awaited by everyone: Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar.

Around 8:00 p.m. the Three Kings arrived at the Royal Palace located in Plaça Coprínceps. What is done there is «to organize a queue so that they

come in an orderly manner, hand in the letter, take a picture with the King, they give them candy and have a marked path to exit», detailed the president of Pro-Tourism Union, Jaume Ambor. Anyone who wants to can do it, and if two parishes are joined, there are more people and, therefore, you have to be patient, but as they say, good things make you wait. Remember that Kings are magical and reach everywhere. ≡



► Ordino's godparents receive a visit from the Three Kings.

The visit of the Three Kings to the Casa Pairal of Ordino

The Three Wise Men, Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar, during cavalcade in Meritxell avenue

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ORDINO

Taking advantage of their visit to Andorra, the Three Wise Men also showed up in Ordino, starting their tour of the parish at Casa Pairal. There, dozens of godfathers, and godmothers received various gifts from Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar, in an appointment

that several members of the current Ordino corporative did not want to miss, such as the Consul Major, Maria del Mar Coma, or the minor consul, Eduard Betriu. Precisely, it was Coma who declared that «starting the mandate with gifts is always good and, although everything is a bit new for me, I am very excited», wishing that the Kings «bring us a lot of snow and gifts».

Later, the entourage moved throughout the old town of the parish, where the performance of 'Els Pastorets' took place with the

little ones of the parish, the Ordino Artistic Group and the Casamaniac Choir. Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar continued their route to the Andorra Congress Center of Ordino (ACCO) and the Ordino church, from where the day ended with the adoration of the child Jesus and the delivery of cake and hot chocolate for all attendees.

THE KINGS ALSO ARRIVE AT LA MASSANA// Around 5:00 p.m., the Three Kings also kicked off yesterday's day at La Massana in the Prat Gran, traveling throughout the afternoon on horseback to Plaça de les Fontetes. There, consuls Eva Sansa and Roger Fité handed over the keys to La Massana parish to the Three Wise Men. ≡

TRANSPORTATION

The new air route to Palma lands at Andorra-La Seu airport

Torres endorses the line with the experience of Madrid, in which only 15 of more than 200 flights have been canceled

On the first flight arriving from the Balearic Islands, 40 people out of a possible 50 were able to travel

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► The first Air Nostrum flight of the new airline from Palma de Mallorca to Andorra-La Seu, landing at the airport.

The figures

50 euros will be the price of the ticket for each flight

08.45 will be the departure time, on Fridays, of flights from the Balearic Islands

10.45 am will be the departure time for flights from Andorra to Mallorca on Fridays

13.45 will be the departure time for flights from Palma to the Principality on Sundays

15.45 will be the departure time for flights from Andorra on Sundays

the airport in order to expand its capacities have been carried out with the mentality that the Andorra airport - La Seu is «thought for the entire Pyrenees» and these actions consist of a «Pyrenean strategy that we must enhance», being a strategic issue for the Generalitat.

This new air route between Palma de Mallorca and Andorra-La Seu airport will have two return flights per week every Friday and Sunday from January 5th to March 31st. The Friday timetables will be at 08.45, when the plane will take off from Palma to Andorra, and at 10.45 the flight to the Balearic Islands will begin. On Sundays, the Mallorca-Andorra flight will start at 1.45pm and the return flight to Palma will be at 3.45pm. Ticket sales can be made within the circuits and alliances of Air Nostrum, the subsidiary company of Iberia that will operate the flights, through its website. The price of the journeys starts at 50 euros per flight, 100 euros return, with a 75% discount for residents of the Balearic Islands provided by the Spanish State on all air operations that take place from Balearic airports abroad. ≡

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LA SEU D'URGELL
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The second air route of Andorra-La Seu Airport is already a reality. The first flight from Palma de Mallorca landed yesterday at approximately 10.15am, with 40 passengers out of a possible 50, although the aircraft has a capacity of 72 passengers which cannot be filled for safety reasons. Likewise, the first flight in the opposite direction to the Balearic Islands also took off, which was inaugurated by 20 passengers who completed this first trip in both directions of the new route. The Minister of Tourism and Commerce, Jordi Torres, inaugurated this new airline accompanied by the minister of ter-

ritory of the Generalitat de Catalunya, Ester Capella, the delegate of the Generalitat in Andorra, Anna Vives, the director general of Airports of Generalitat de Catalunya, Daniel Albalade, the mayor of La Seu d'Urgell, Joan Barrera, the mayor of Montferrer, Albert Marquet, the president of the Regional Council of Alt Urgell, Josefina Lladós, and representatives of the airline in charge to operate the flights, Air Nostrum, as well as the Spanish embassy in the Principality and the subdelegate of the Government of Spain.

Upon touching down, the first passengers of the first Mallorca-Andorra flight were very satisfied with their experience. It was the case of a father who flew accompanied by his daughter. The pas-

senger emphasized that, despite being a new experience, the direct flight was «very comfortable», describing this journey as «perfect». Likewise, another family appreciated the new opening of this airline, as they took their first flight to be able to visit relatives who live in the Principality. This new route will make it easier for your family to visit the country more frequently. In addition, the new line offers a ski break for young couples. Marina and Xavi are a Mallorcan couple who have also appreciated the inauguration of this new route, since «it makes things a lot easier for us, because we used to go to Barcelona and then we had to come (to the Principality) looking for a car and there were three hours to go and another three to return,

and so we have it very close».

Torres declared that this new line is currently in a «pilot test phase that will last three months and we have quite high occupancy rates for being the first route». The minister recalled that it was only two years ago that the route to Madrid was inaugurated, of which he mentioned that «it is getting very good acceptance». Torres emphasized the data that indicate that, of the more than 200 flights that have been made between the Spanish capital and La Seu airport, only 12 have been canceled for weather reasons and four for technical incidents.

For her part, the Minister of Territory of the Generalitat de Catalunya declared that the improvements that have been made to

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