



SUMMER SEASON

## The campsites are over 60% occupied in the summer season

They expect the influx to remain in July and increase towards August

During the weekends, the establishments reach their maximum capacity



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►► Archive images of Valira Campsite.

usually lower. One of these is the Cirque du Soleil show.

From the Valira Campsite they detailed that events like this have brought a lot of people and that they especially noticed it in the first half of July. «From the 1st to the 15th we did notice that on the days when there was no circus, that is, Sundays and Monday nights, there were not as many people as the others», they pointed out from the establishment.

At the same time, those in charge of the campsites emphasized that at the beginning of the second half of July, the influx of people and reserva-

**Events such as Cirque du Soleil bring many more visitors to the Principality's campsites**

tions increase considerably, to the point that the Xixerella Park is almost full for the entire month of August.

Along the same lines, all the campsites emphasized that the high influx of Spanish and French tourists is maintained, although they also highlighted the presence of passers-by of other nationalities: from Belgians, Dutch, Italians and some Germans to tourists from the Catalan and Valencian communities.

Valira Campsite commented that most visitors come for short stays of two or three days, although occasionally there are people who go to spend the whole week, but «the truth is that they don't tend to be long stays».

Regarding the comparison with last year, from Xixerella Park they recalled that during July last year they had many more people because it coincided with the celebration of the MTB World Cup in La Massana, while from Valira they pointed out that «we are more or less the same as last year, maybe we worked a little more in July».

Finally, both facilities assured that what they have this summer is very favorable and satisfactory, and that they have very good employment forecasts for the rest of the season. ≡

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Campsite occupancy since the beginning of July is between 50% and 70%. This is how the campsites consulted by EL PERIÒDIC explained it, while affirming that during the weekend, they can even complete the maximum capacity of the facilities. From the Valira Campsite, located in the parish of Andorra la Vella, they stated that at the moment it is being a very favorable and satisfactory summer, «we are ha-

ving a lot of people. In July, we are between 60% and 70% occupied and on weekends we can reach almost full occupancy», explained the establishment. In the same way, from Xixerella Park, located in the parish of La Massana, they explained that this start of the summer season they have an occupancy of around 50%.

These figures have been possible, in large part, thanks to all the events that are scheduled during these summer months to make the Principality a tourist attraction during the summer season, which is



**VALIRA CAMPSITE  
WORKER**

«Cirque du Soleil has brought many visitors. We noticed that on the days when there was no circus, there were not so many people»

**XIXERELLA PARK  
WORKER**

«This July we have fewer people than last year, when many came for the Mountain Bike World Cup in La Massana»



TRADE

# Tourism saves businesses during the summer season

It is the second time of the year when stores sell more

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Although summer is not the season with the greatest influx of tourists in Andorra, hotel occupancy during the last weekend was around 80%, and the whole previous week around 60%.

Commerce is one of the main pillars in the Principality, and they notice when you don't see as much traffic on the streets. This is the case of the worker of the technology and personal defense store Wifi a.r., Rodolfo Valentín, who explained that «in Andorra there is a low season per se, but this year we are not having more sales» and commented that «I have no idea why this July we are having so few sales, it is possible that due to crises or economic problems».

On the other hand, the owner of J&M, Javier Avellana emphasized that «although this summer is being



►► Archive image of Carlemany avenue.

a little worse in terms of sales than the past, it is being very good». Although he argued that «for us, the time of most sales is winter, although summer is also a high time». The nationality of its customers is mainly Spanish, French, English and Dutch

«who go to Spain to visit it and also take the opportunity to come to Andorra», highlighted Avellana.

On the other hand, the person in charge of the bookshop Llibre Idees, Pamela Méndez explained that summer is not a bad time for the

sector: «We still have to see how the summer develops, but we are very happy», and she emphasized that «one of the most important months is August, after April for Sant Jordi and Christmas». In addition, she argued that «many tourists come to

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WIFI A.R WORKER  
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buy books, especially romantic intrigue books, for young people. In addition, it should be noted that at this time of the year, more books are sold in paperback than large and hardcover, unlike at other times of the year.»

POLICE AND EVENTS

## Arrested for threatening with a stun gun

The Police arrest a man for falsifying the work experience certificate

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On Wednesday night in La Massana, the Police arrested a man, 50 years old and non-resident, as the alleged author of crimes against collective security and against freedom for illegal carrying of a weapon. According to reports from the police, initially, the arrested man had started a conflict with another man in Escàs to cause incon-

venience to the neighbors and, minutes later, he would have followed three boys who were traveling by car near the Erts roundabout and would have blocked their way with his vehicle traveling in the opposite direction. It was then that he would have threatened them with a gun of electric impulses and a wooden stick, which is why he was arrested.

During this week, the agents also arrested on Thursday, a 38-year-old non-resident man, as the alleged author of a crime against security in legal trafficking for falsifying the work experience certificate. ≡

## Three new teams for the canine guide group

The course lasted six months and ended yesterday

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The Police incorporates three officers into the canine guide group after they have successfully completed training in this specialty. The course, which lasted six months, ended yesterday. According to reports from the law enforcement agency, the new guides have been trained at the Centro de Adiestramiento de Perros de la Guardia Civil, where they

have learned to instruct police dogs.

During the last six months, they have completed knowledge on veterinary medicine, obedience and training of dogs in the specialties of tracking, and detection and search for narcotics and explosives. Thus, they indicate, the guides are trained to perform the necessary exercises to develop the different specialties. In addition, they emphasize that the training of police dogs must be continuous in order to enhance their skills and guarantee the efficiency of interventions.

In this way, from the first moment police and dog form a pair that must

understand each other perfectly. This is why the guides have been preparing these months with the three dogs they will work with: Aquiles, Tom and Rumba. They are three Belgian Malinois shepherds, the main breed with which the Police work because of their versatility. They are animals that tend to be very intelligent, agile, fast and light; skills that allow them to adapt to the different specialties. The addition of the new teams will serve to strengthen the group.

The three guides passed the internal competition to join the canine group last fall and training with the Civil Guard began in February. The closing ceremony took place in Madrid last July 14th, with the awarding of diplomas and an exhibition in which the knowledge acquired during the course was shown. ≡

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