



CULTURE

The witchcraft days will be adapted to the demands of the public

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The second witchcraft days of Andorra will take place from September 18th to November 4th in Sant Julià de Lòria with about twenty activities related to this world of folklore and its legends in the Principality. As the junior consul of the parish, Mireia Codina, explained yesterday during the presentation, «the days have been changed so that they adapt to the demands of the public who wanted it to address a more diverse audience» and «it was requested that there be more talks, more social gatherings and more round tables». «Andorra, being a mountainous country, has a lot of tradition of witches, legends and witchcraft myths, and the truth is that quite a few people wanted to share their experiences», explained Codina.

So, gathering a little of the experience of the first days and the demands of the public, this year it has been organized in three blocks: an academic literary block, which is where the round tables, presentations, historians would take place; the second block will be more popular and playful, it has wanted to link with the medieval town, artists and mediums; and finally there will be a cinematographic and exhibition block, coinciding with the week of the elderly which is September 25th, the passage of the film 'Las Brujas' has been planned to link the elderly and the young people.

For her part, the head of the Department of Tourism, Canòlich Ribot, emphasized that in the first block «we will have different proposals», the first being the talk with Pau Castells Grando, who after not being able to attend last year, thanks to the National Archives of Andorra, this year will be able to present the conference 'The witch hunt in Andorra (15th-17th centuries)', in order to learn about the latest results of historical research into this phenomenon through the trials for witchcraft celebrated in the Valls of Andorra. That same day there will also be a conference by Amaia Nausia Pimoulier, under the name 'Sorginak! The witch hunt in Navarre, from myth to historical reality', with a work on the Witch Hunt throughout Navarre. Ribot emphasized that «it is interesting to have someone from there who can tell us a little about how the issue has gone in that area».

For the second day, Tuesday 19th, the talk and round table with Joan de Déu Prats, author of the book 'The great book of Catalan witches' and Daniel Rangil i Brunet author of the book 'Mythology of the Catalan Countries' and Laia Baldevey, illustrator. On Wednesday 20th, the presentation of the talk, workshop and tasting 'Ethnobotany



► Image of the presentation of the second witchcraft days of Andorra, at Segi Mas room in Sant Julià de Lòria.



MIREIA CODINA
JUNIOR CONSUL

«Being a mountain country there is a lot of tradition of witches, legends and witchcraft myths»

«We noticed this last year and were surprised by how motivated people are by this issue»

of Andorra: remedies of traditional use': will be held by Canòlich Álvarez i Puig, graduate in pharmacy and human nutrition and dietetics from the University of Barcelona; and Joan Vallès, doctor in botanical pharmacy and graduate in philology. As part of this first block, there will also be the experience 'El retorno de la bruja: diario de transformación', from September 20th to November 2nd, by the actress Mairder Galarza.

As for the fun and popular block, it will take place on September 22nd and 23rd in the old quarter of Sant Julià from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., since as Ribot recalled «the other part of the town will be occupied by the medieval town». This will consist of an esoteric fair where a whole series of tarot readers, graphologists and numerologists will participate. As for the walk through the town, it will be on Friday 22.00 to 21.30 hours under the name 'Night of witches and legends under the moonlight', by Assumpta Mercader, an activity that already has most places sold out. The cinematographic block will be located in the Sergi Mas room on September 26th and 27th and there will be three cinematographic sessi-

ons that will cost three euros per person. Within this block there will be the viewing of the films 'Vredens Dag (Dies Irae)' with the collaboration of the Ull-Nu festival and the talk by Hèctor Mas, director of the festival, and Alfons Casal, film director; on September 26th at 9:00 p.m. On September 27th, there will be a screening of the film 'Las brujas' with the collaboration of Social Services and Citizen Participation, at 3:30 p.m. On the same day at 9:00 p.m., the film 'Con la muerte siempre os sentará bien', directed by Robert Zemeckis, will be shown. Finally, for the month of October, a series of activities have been scheduled that will include talks, theatrical visits, concerts, and workshops; and which will thus complete the second days of witchcraft in Andorra.

On the other hand, they explained that Hèctor Mas and Alfons Moles will shoot the short film 'El mal donat' which will be presented next year during the third days. As reported by Mas in the 'L'último spoiler' section of EL PERIÒDIC, «the story tells the life of a girl accused of witchcraft as it was done here in the 16th century. It lasts about 15 minutes, in black and white, and with a large part of the team here.»

Schedule

Monday, September 18th	
18.30 h.	La Trenca book stall
18.45 h.	Presentation of the conference
19.00 h.	'The witch hunt in Andorra 15 th -17 th centuries'
20.00 h.	'Sorginak! The witch hunt in Navarre, from myth to historical reality'
Tuesday, September 19th	
18.30 h.	La Trenca book stall
18.45 h.	Presentation of the talks
19.00 h.	Round table with the authors Prats, Rangil, Baldevey
20.00 h.	Break with tasting of local products
20.30 h.	Presentation of 'Legends of Andorra'
Wednesday, September 20th	
18.00 h.	La Trenca book stall
18.30 h.	'Ethnobotany of Andorra: remedies of traditional use'
Thursday, September 21st	
17.00 h.	'Before we looked into the distance for everything'
Friday, September 22nd	
19.30 h.	Opening of the esoteric fair
21.30 h.	'Night of witches and legends under the moonlight'
23.30 h.	Closing of the esoteric fair
Saturday, September 23rd	
19.30 h.	Esoteric fair
23.30 h.	Closing of the esoteric fair
Tuesday, September 26th	
21.00 h.	Cinema with the film 'Vredens Dag'
Wednesday, September 27th	
17.30 h.	Intergenerational cinema with 'Las Brujas'

MOBILITY

The frequency of the bus from La Seu to Andorra is tripled

New express service from the Urgell capital to the National Station in just 20 minutes

Prices are reduced by 6% and a quarterly student pass is created

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From the first half of September, the bus line from La Seu to Andorra will be improved. This was explained yesterday in a press conference by the Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transport and Mobility, David Forné, and the Head of Transport Area, Ferran Molí, in a press conference, who commented that they will lower the prices and will expand frequencies, almost tripling them, in addition to lowering prices.

This improvement comes after the bankruptcy of the Montmantell company last May, when the Hife company received a three-month temporary authorization, while «we were thinking about the new authorization», explained Forné. The Secretary of State also remarked that «even though it is an international line, it is still strategic for us due to its proximity to Andorra. This line is used by many people, whether students or

From September there will be buses every half hour and the service starts and ends later

working people.' The competition, in which the opinion of the passenger transport association was taken into account, had three interested companies, with the union of Autocars Andorra 2011 and Hispano Fuentes en Segures Hife the winner.

Thus, the new authorization foresees improvements in the service, extending the time frequency and the price. There will be a bus every 30 minutes instead of every hour, and there will be additional time slots at the start and end of the service. From Andorra to La Seu d'Urgell the service will start every day at 07.00 and end at 21.30, and from La Seu d'Urgell to the country the first bus will be at 06.30 and the last at 9:30 p.m. Regarding Sundays and public holidays, the last bus going down to the capital of Alt Urgell will be at 20.15 hours



► David Forné and Ferran Molí during yesterday's press conference.

and going up to the principality at 21.00 hours. All in all, this increase triples the current service, reaching 32 trains per day. Forné highlighted yesterday in the presentation that «from this Government we are very satisfied with this new authorization, as they exceed the initial objectives we had».

EXPRESS SERVICE // As a novelty, a new express service has been created, «designed especially for workers». The journey will be between La Seu d'Urgell station and the National Station without making any stops, and the journey will last around 20 minutes. In addition, there will be connections in the morning from La Seu to Andorra, considering other international communications that leave from the Andorran station such as Lleida.



MIQUEL FORNÉ
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY TRANSITION,
TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY

«The bus line is strategic for us due to its proximity to Andorra and many people use it»

JOAN BARRERA
MAYOR OF LA SEU D'URGELL

«This was a demand since there was an increase in the price of the ticket with a poor service»

In terms of price improvements, there will be a 6% discount on the annual price, plus quarterly student passes of 15%. There will also be special rates for single-parent families, large families and seniors.

STATEMENTS BY THE MAYOR OF LA SEU // On the other hand, the mayor of the capital of the Catalan region, Joan Barrera, made statements on the subject yesterday. He explained that «this was a demand for quite some time, since there was an increase in the price of the ticket that doubled with a very poor service, with reduced timetables and insufficient frequency. We demand from the municipal government that this public transport service adapts to reality, since one in three travelers are cross-border travelers», he remarked. ≡

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