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# Grandvalira Resorts offers season tickets for sale

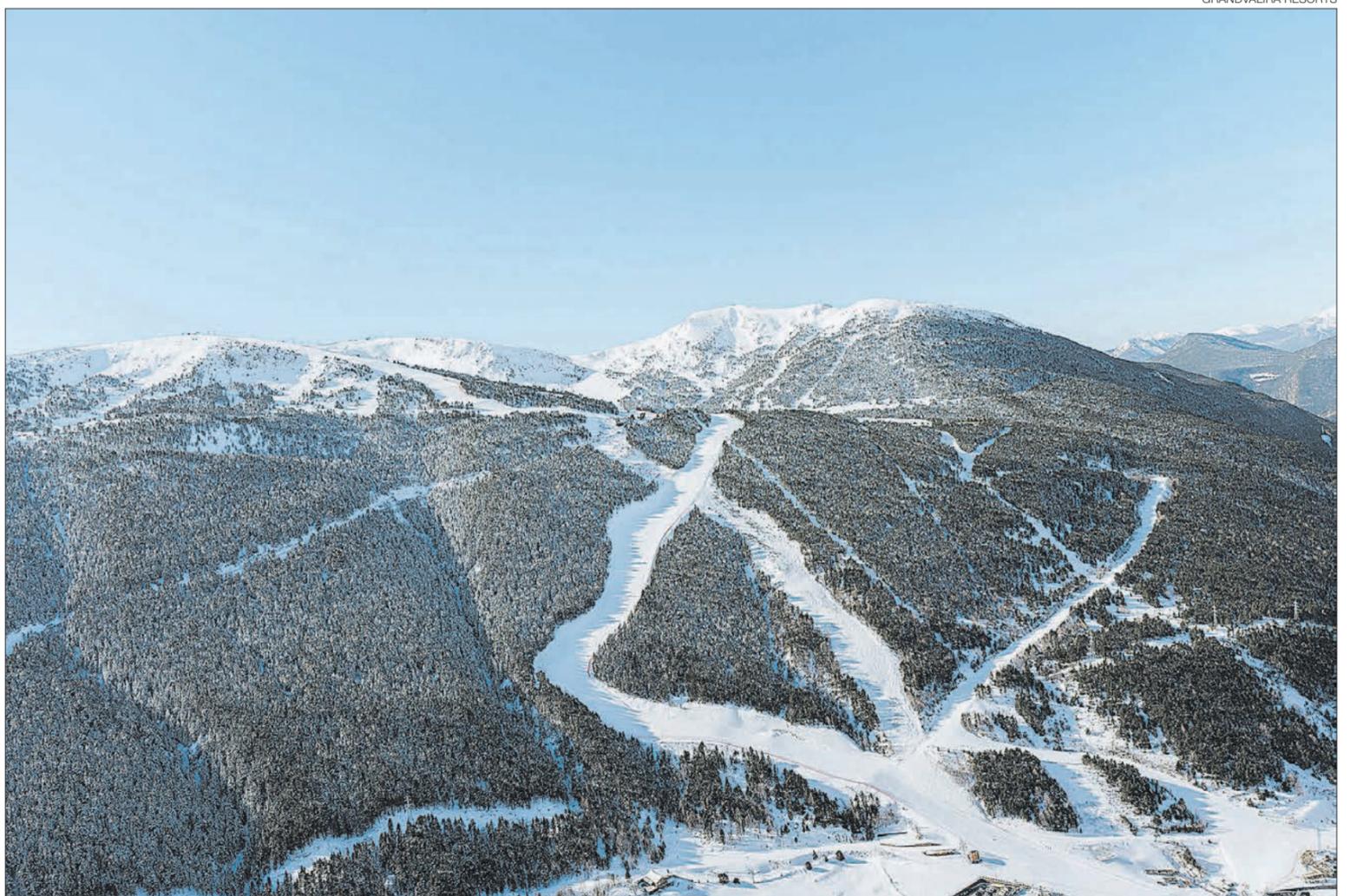
Residents will be able to buy the Andorra Pass, Nord Pass or Mountain Pass from today

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The resorts of Grandvalira Resorts will put the 2023-2024 season passes on sale today for residents of Andorra. As was done last year, the offer is based on three types of pass: the Andorra Pass, the country pass that includes unlimited access to Grandvalira, Pal Arinsal and Ordino Arcalis ski stations; the Nord Pass, which gives access to the resorts of Pal Arinsal and Ordino Arcalis, and includes two days of skiing in Grandvalira in the case of the pass for residents; and the Mountain Pass, which allows the practice of alternative snow sports to alpine skiing in Andorran resorts. The stations are scheduled to open from December 1st to April 7th, weather permitting. It should be remembered, however, that the season passes are valid both for the winter and for the lifts operating in the summer of 2024, including those of the Pal Arinsal Bike Park. In addition, Grandvalira Resorts rewards user loyalty with a 5% discount on the price of the ski pass for those who had the passes for the 2022-2023 season. This discount can be applied both in the Early Booking period and in the PVP.

**'EARLY BOOKING' PERIODS AND PVP** // Grandvalira Resorts is once again launching the Early Booking promotional period, which offers the possibility of purchasing season passes at a very reduced price and with the possibility of paying in installments. In the case of Andorra residents, this special price will be valid until November 30th and, from December 1st, the PVP period will come into force until the end of the season. As for non-residents, who have been able to purchase season passes since last July, they have three distinct periods. The Early Booking will last until September 30th, and on October 1st the Promo period will come into force, which will be valid until December 10th, while a day later, on December 11th, it will be moved to the PVP period until the end of the season.

**ANDORRA PASS, NORD PASS AND MOUNTAIN PASS** // Loyal customers resident in the Principality will be able to purchase the Andorra Pass, the ski pass that gives access to all the country's resorts and more than 300 km of skiable areas, for 418 euros during the Early Booking period while new customers can buy it for 440 euros. From December 1st, the price for loyal customers will be 503 euros, while new customers will have to pay 530 euros. For their part, loyal customers resident in An-



►► The Tartar sector of Grandvalira.

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dorra who purchase the Nord Pass will be able to do so for 261 euros during the Early Booking period and for 309 euros from December 1st. New customers can purchase the Nord Pass for 275 euros until November 30th, while the price will become 325 euros in the RRP period. In the case of the Mountain Pass, which allows the practice of alternative snow sports to alpine skiing at the resorts, it maintains the price of last season and can be purchased online at any of the websites of the three resorts for 150 euros. This pass allows daily and unrestricted access to the available mountain ski circuits and spaces equipped for snowshoes, as well as the use of a total of 13 ski lifts with one ascent and one descent per day. The pass also includes access to the ski lifts that are operational during the summer. This year's prices have risen between 5 and 10%, going from 399 euros for loyal customers to 418 euros. As for the non-loyal, it has increased from 420 to 440 euros.

**ACCESS TO RESORTS AROUND THE WORLD** // The purchase of the ski passes allows you to ski at multiple renowned in-

ternational resorts. In the case of the Andorra Pass, this season's great news are the French resorts of Alpe d'Huez and Les 2 Alpes, which join destinations such as the American ones Deer Valley (Utah) and Steamboat (Colorado), and Switzerland's Verbier, among many others that form a wide range of destinations around the world that allow skiing all year round. The purchase of the Nord Pass, on the other hand, gives access to stations such as Saint-Lary (France) or Nevis Range (United Kingdom), among many others. In addition, Grandvalira Resorts continues to work to incorporate new international destinations.

**PURCHASE AND TOP-UP OF THE PASS** // With the aim of facilitating the purchase process, Grandvalira Resorts promotes the reuse of passes and top-up through the websites of Grandvalira, Pal Arinsal and Ordino Arcalis. In this way, in addition to reducing the waste caused by physical passes, users will be able to go skiing directly from the opening date without going through the ticket offices. ≡

## The keys

### 1 Ski pass Andorra Pass

It includes unlimited access to Grandvalira, Pal Arinsal and Ordino Arcalis stations, and costs 418 euros during Early Booking and 440 euros for new customers.

### 2 Pass Nord Pass

It gives access to Pal Arinsal and Ordino Arcalis and includes two days of skiing in Grandvalira. It will have a price of 261 euros and from December 309 euros.

### 3 Mountain Pass passes

It allows the practice of alternative snow sports in Grandvalira, Pal Arinsal, Ordino Arcalis and Naturland for a price of 150 euros.

GRANDVALIRA RESORTS

POLITICS



►► The town meeting last Monday.

# Encamp wants to make a new concession to SAETDE for 50 years

Contrary voices believe that it is a bad treatment for the municipality

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On Thursday, September 28th, the municipality of Encamp plans to make a new concession to SAETDE for the next 50 years for the exploitation of the parish's skiing area, which includes the Pas de la Casa, Grau Roig and Encamp sectors.

Consuls Laura Mas and Jean Michel Rascagnères explained to those attending the two town meetings all the details of the future con-

cession. Mas detailed that there will be a new concession for the next 50 years that improves, and greatly, the economic terms, the investments and the legal situation of the current one, ensuring a very positive impact for the parish and for the country.

In addition, the consul major explained that one of the important points of this new concession will be the investment plan, since «it guarantees by contract that SAETDE will invest 42 million euros over the next 10 years» and a minimum of 100 million throughout the concession.

After the meeting held on Monday, the reactions did not take long. EL PERIÒDIC spoke to the former consul major of the municipality of Encamp, Miquel Alis, who

is against the decision, as he assures that «it would be a ruinous deal for the municipality of Encamp». Alis defends that the municipality «should go from having the 34.12% it has in the company to having 50 or 51% to be able to give guidelines and make money from the sale of the rest of the shares». He assures that in this way the residents of Encamp and Andorra would be allowed to have shares. Alis assured that if this new concession were made, «the rest of the partners would earn more than 200 million euros in one day». In addition, he emphasizes that there is time and that the decision does not need to be taken quickly, but that «there is time to study a formula». ≡

HEALTH

# Four colon and rectal cancer tumors detected

The early detection program tested 1,695 people

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The colon and rectal cancer early detection program has detected four cancers so far in August. This is clear from the data provided by the head of the Ministry's Health Prevention, Promotion and Surveillance area, Rosa Vidal, and the person in charge of the early detection program for colon and rectal cancer, Mònica Malet, who specified that the tumors identified correspond to residents of Canillo, Ordino and Encamp, the parishes where the action has been deployed so far.

In this way, they indicated that since the program was launched last December, a total of 8,012 letters have been sent to citizens aged between 50 and 74, of which 21.15% (1,695) went to the Primary Care Center to look for the material to collect the stool sample and participate in the program. Of these, the majority 1,479, have obtained a negative result in the test for the detection of hidden blood in the stool and 97 positive. The latter have so far undergone 62 colonoscopies, from which four colon and rectal cancers have been detected.

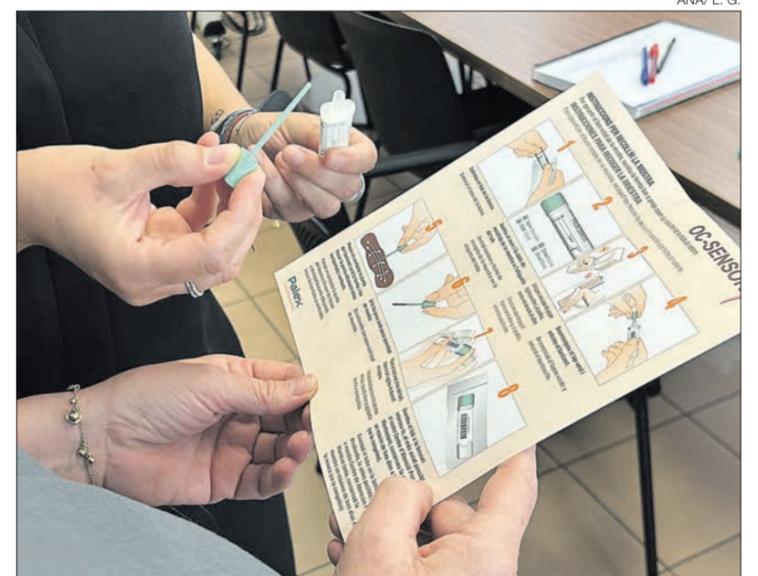
In this first stage of the program, it has been decided to start by offering the possibility to 33% of the population with the desire not to collapse the healthcare system. For this reason, and taking into account that the detection plan lasts

for two years, the campaign will be extended to the rest of the parishes following the protocol order.

With regard to the low participation ratio recorded so far, just over 20%, they consider that, despite the desire to increase it with the participation of the population of the rest of the parishes, «we are not dissatisfied» and assured that the figure corresponds to what was expected at the start of a new screening. «We would like to have a 70% participation, but at the moment we have increased from Canillo and Encamp, and it is a number we would like it to be higher, but we are not unhappy either», they commented, emphasizing that in the 'beginning of the program to detect breast cancer during the first round did not reach 20% participation.

With reference to the results obtained, they commented that Andorra is within international standards in relation to the detection of colon and rectal cancer. In this sense, they remember that one of the purposes of the screening plan is, apart from preventing mortality from this tumor, to have firm data on the country's incidence.

In this way, they pointed out that the target population is determined through scientific evidence, indicating that the age established in the program is «that group that has an average risk of suffering from cancer» and that, if it is detected in time, «screening has been shown to be useful in preventing more serious involvement», as it is a slow-growing tumor, according to the ANA. ≡



►► The explanatory leaflet about the test.

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