

Andorra

Continent: Europe

Languages Spoken: Catalan

Population: 77,000

Currency: Euro (EUR)

Area: 468

Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Sant Joan de Caselles Church', 'writeup': 'A Romanesque church from the 11th-12th century, known for its frescoes and architecture.'}
- {'name': 'Caldea Spa', 'writeup': "One of Europe's largest thermal spas, offering wellness and relaxation in a modern setting."}
- {'name': 'Vallnord Ski Resort', 'writeup': 'Popular ski area offering winter sports and mountain activities.'}
- {'name': 'Casa de la Vall', 'writeup': "Historic house that served as the seat of Andorra's parliament."}
- {'name': 'Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley', 'writeup': 'A UNESCO World Heritage site, this glacial valley is noted for its natural beauty and cultural significance.'}

Head of State / Government:

Co-Princes: Emmanuel Macron (President of France) and Joan Enric Vives Sicília (Bishop of Urgell)

Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Andorra la Vella Fair', 'writeup': 'Annual fair showcasing local crafts, food, and traditions.'}
- {'name': 'Festa Major', 'writeup': 'Traditional festival with music, dance, and cultural activities celebrating local heritage.'}
- {'name': 'Sant Jordi Day', 'writeup': 'Celebration of Catalan culture with book and rose exchanges.'}

Food & Cuisine:

Andorran cuisine blends Catalan and French influences, featuring dishes like escudella (a hearty stew), trinxat (potato and cabbage dish), and local cheeses. Mountain herbs and game meats are commonly used.

Brief History:

Andorra was established in 1278 under a unique co-principality between the French Count of Foix and the Bishop of Urgell. It has remained independent, developing as a tax haven and tourist destination in the Pyrenees.

Important People:

- Marc Forné Molné - Former Head of Government
- Xavier Espot Zamora - Current Head of Government
- Joan Enric Vives Sicília - Co-Prince and Bishop of Urgell

Current Conflicts:

Andorra is not involved in any current conflicts.

Youtube Links:

- Discovering Andorra: Europe's Hidden Gem
- Top 10 Things to Do in Andorra
- Andorra Travel Guide 2023
- Andorra: History, Culture, and Nature
- Exploring Andorra's Ski Resorts and Mountains