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Chapter 1

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1.1 4.guide

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1.2 4.guide/Andorra

Andorra

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1.3 4.guide/Geography (Andorra)

Geography (Andorra)

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Location:
Western Europe, between France and Spain
Map references:
Europe, Standard Time Zones of the World
Area:
total area:
450 km²
land area:
450 km²
comparative area:
slightly more than 2.5 times the size of Washington, DC
Land boundaries:
total 125 km, France 60 km, Spain 65 km
Coastline:
0 km (landlocked)
Maritime claims:
none; landlocked
International disputes:
none
Climate: temperate; snowy, cold winters and cool, dry summers
Terrain:
rugged mountains dissected by narrow valleys
Natural resources:
hydropower, mineral water, timber, iron ore, lead
Land use:
arable land:
2%
permanent crops:
0%
meadows and pastures:
56%
forest and woodland:
22%
other:
20%
Irrigated land:
NA km²
Environment:

deforestation, overgrazing
 Note:
 landlocked

1.4 4.guide/People (Andorra)

People (Andorra)
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Population:
 61,962 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 3.27% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 13.78 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 6.99 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 25.92 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 8.1 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 78.22 years
 male:
 75.35 years
 female:
 81.34 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 1.73 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Andorran(s)
 adjective:
 Andorran
 Ethnic divisions:
 Spanish 61%, Andorran 30%, French 6%, other 3%
 Religions: Roman Catholic (predominant)
 Languages:
 Catalan (official), French, Castilian
 Literacy:
 total population:
 NA%
 male:
 NA%
 female:
 NA%
 Labor force:
 NA

1.5 4.guide/Government (Andorra)

Government (Andorra)

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Names:

conventional long form:

Principality of Andorra

conventional short form:

Andorra

local long form:

Principat d'Andorra

local short form:

Andorra

Digraph:

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Type:

parliamentary coprincipality under formal sovereignty of president of France ↵

and Spanish bishop of Seo de Urgel, who are represented locally by officials ↵

called veguers; to be changed to a parliamentary form of government

Capital:

Andorra la Vella

Administrative divisions:

7 parishes (parroquies, singular - parroquia); Andorra, Canillo, Encamp, La Massana, Les Escaldes, Ordino, Sant Julia de Loria

Independence:

1278

Constitution:

Andorra's first written constitution was drafted in 1991; adopted 14 March 1993; to take effect within 15 days

Legal system:

based on French and Spanish civil codes; no judicial review of legislative acts; has not accepted compulsory ICJ jurisdiction

National holiday:

Mare de Deu de Meritxell, 8 September

Political parties and leaders:

political parties not yet legally recognized; traditionally no political parties but partisans for particular independent candidates for the General Council on the basis of competence, personality, and orientation toward Spain or France; various small pressure groups developed in 1972; first formal political party, Andorran Democratic Association, was formed in 1976 and reorganized in 1979 as Andorran Democratic Party

Suffrage:

18 years of age, universal

Elections:

General Council of the Valleys:

last held 12 April 1992 (next to be held April 1996); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (28 total) number of seats by party NA

Executive branch:

two co-princes (president of France, bishop of Seo de Urgel in Spain), two designated representatives (French veguer, Episcopal veguer), two permanent delegates (French prefect for the department of Pyrenees-Orientales, ↵ Spanish

vicar general for the Seo de Urgel diocese), president of government,
 Executive Council
 Legislative branch:
 unicameral General Council of the Valleys (Consell General de las Valls)
 Judicial branch:
 Supreme Court of Andorra at Perpignan (France) for civil cases, the
 Ecclesiastical Court of the bishop of Seo de Urgel (Spain) for civil cases,
 Tribunal of the Courts (Tribunal des Cortes) for criminal cases

1.6 4.guide/Government (Andorra 2. usage)

Government (Andorra 2. usage)

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Leaders:

Chiefs of State:

French Co-Prince Francois MITTERRAND (since 21 May 1981), represented by
 Veguer de Franca Jean Pierre COURTOIS (since NA); Spanish Episcopal
 Co-Prince Mgr. Juan MARTI Alanis (since 31 January 1971), represented by
 Veguer Episcopal Francesc BADIA Bata

Head of Government:

Executive Council President Oscar RIBAS Reig (since 10 Decmber 1989)

Member of:

INTERPOL, IOC

Diplomatic representation in US:

Andorra has no mission in the US

US diplomatic representation:

Andorra is included within the Barcelona (Spain) Consular District, and the
 US Consul General visits Andorra periodically

Flag:

three equal vertical bands of blue (hoist side), yellow, and red with the
 national coat of arms centered in the yellow band; the coat of arms ←
 features

a quartered shield; similar to the flags of Chad and Romania that do not
 have a national coat of arms in the center

1.7 4.guide/Economy (Andorra)

Economy (Andorra)

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Overview:

The mainstay of Andorra's economy is tourism. An estimated 13 million
 tourists visit annually, attracted by Andorra's duty-free status and by its
 summer and winter resorts. The banking sector, with its "tax haven" status,
 also contributes significantly to the economy. Agricultural production is
 limited by a scarcity of arable land, and most food has to be imported. The
 principal livestock activity is sheep raising. Manufacturing consists ←
 mainly

of cigarettes, cigars, and furniture. Although it is a member of the EC customs union, it is unclear what effect the European Single Market will have on the advantages Andorra obtains from its duty-free status.

National product:

GDP - purchasing power equivalent - \$760 million (1992 est.)

National product real growth rate:

NA% (1992 est.)

National product per capita:

\$14,000 (1992 est.)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

NA%

Unemployment rate:

0%

Budget:

revenues \$119.4 million; expenditures \$190 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1990)

Exports:

\$23 million (f.o.b., 1989)

commodities:

electricity, tobacco products, furniture

partners:

France, Spain

Imports:

\$888.7 million (f.o.b., 1989)

commodities:

consumer goods, food

partners:

France, Spain

External debt:

\$NA

Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

Electricity:

35,000 kW capacity; 140 million kWh produced, 2,570 kWh per capita (1992)

Industries:

tourism (particularly skiing), sheep, timber, tobacco, banking

Agriculture:

sheep raising; small quantities of tobacco, rye, wheat, barley, oats, and some vegetables

Economic aid:

none

Currency:

the French and Spanish currencies are used

Exchange rates:

French francs (F) per US\$1 - 5.4812 (January 1993), 5.2938 (1992), 5.6421 (1991), 5.4453 (1990), 6.3801 (1989), 5.9569 (1988); Spanish pesetas (Ptas) per US\$1 - 114.59 (January 1993), 102.38 (1992), 103.91 (1991), 101.93 (1990), 118.38 (1989), 116.49 (1988)

Fiscal year:

calendar year

1.8 4.guide/Communications (Andorra)

Communications (Andorra)

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Highways:

96 km

Telecommunications:

international digital microwave network; international landline circuits to France and Spain; broadcast stations - 1 AM, no FM, no TV; 17,700 ↔ telephones

1.9 4.guide/Defense Forces (Andorra)

Defense Forces (Andorra)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of France and Spain
