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INFO SHEET

Welcome...

Riiiiiiiiiiiiight, here we go. You have paid your dosh and are beside yourselves with anticipation... Conversations have been of this ilk:

- Where are we going again?
- Somewhere north, innit... Something to do with Christmas... I think there's a river...
- Yeah, yeah Santa er...something. Brilliant, how're we getting there?
- ... what?
- Oh... fuckaduck...!



Fear not, young Hasher, we're here to offer ass-istance...

Where

Just to give you a bit of geographical context: The Santa Engracia Xtreme Away Hash will be taking place in the village of Santa Engracia (it's in the bloody name ... do keep up!). However, Santa Engracia is remote and you cannot get to the village by public transport other than taxi. To get there you first have to get to Tremp, a larger town in the valley below the village. Whether you're arriving by car or getting to Tremp by train, you will then have a further 20-minute drive up windy roads to Santa Engracia. Taxis can take you there from Tremp and will cost between €20-30, so sharing would be a good idea to reduce costs.

Okeydokey... so how do I get there...?

The main options for getting there are car and train, or a combination of both.

By car:

Car is obviously the preferred option because it offers you free movement, unlike Brexit. Having said that, you will not need the car much during the weekend unless you want to visit surrounding areas on your own time. The postcode for Santa Engracia is 25636, in case that helps with navigation.

Driving directions:

<https://goo.gl/maps/8xqFuM7up9XryGKL8>

Combined train and car

Another excellent option would be to take the AVE to Lleida and then hire a car there to drive to Santa Engracia. The drive time from Lleida to Santa Engracia is 1h30m and this option is especially good as you are not at the mercy of the scant train service between Lleida and Tremp; it also offers you a bit of flexibility over the weekend. Train times are the same as indicated below. There are 2 options for car hire at the station: Enterprise and Europcar. There are others, but they are located outside the station.

By train:

If you choose the train, you'll have to get from Madrid to Lleida (Lérida); you then have other options: (a) hire a car in Lleida or (b) catch a train on to Tremp, in which case a car or taxi is essential to get from Tremp to the village of Santa Engracia (and back on your return). There may be availability for a pick-up from Tremp; please ask El Porteño closer to the time.

Outward journey

Our suggestion is to take an AVE from Madrid to Lleida, which takes just over 2 hours. They leave at the following times on both Thursday and Friday: **12.30 – 15.30 – 17.30**. Travel time by AVE is approximately 2h10m. Train times to Tremp are slightly less useful. If you're travelling on Thursday, the only afternoon train to Tremp leaves at 17.30. In other words, you will only make that train if you get the 12.30 train from Madrid. If you're travelling on the Friday, the only afternoon train to Tremp leaves at 19.35, meaning that you can take either the 12.30 or 15.30 AVE from Madrid.

... and a hungover return to Madrid:

If you hire a car in Lleida, you obviously don't have to worry about catching a train from Tremp. You only have to look at getting to Lleida train station for whatever train you book back to Madrid.

If you have to get a train from Tremp to Lleida first, here are the options:

For Sunday leavers, the best option would be the train leaving Tremp at 19.11 (arriving Lleida 20.33). The first AVE to Madrid after that is at 20.59. There's an earlier train leaving Tremp at 15.26 (arriving Lleida 16.48) but you would have to leave the Hash early and would miss lunch etc.

For Monday leavers there are trains leaving Tremp at 10.19 (arriving Lleida at 11.41) and 15.41 (arriving Lleida 17.03). There are quite a few AVE options back to Madrid to choose from on Monday.

Yay, I've arrived... where the hell is everyone?

When you arrive at Santa Engracia, it'll be a small parking area next to the recycling bins, lying between the lower and upper parts of the village. The Hash is taking over the upper part of the village (i.e. the big rock to your left). You have been allocated rooms in one of the 2 hotels, Casa Guilla or Casa Mauri. If you are in Casa Guilla, take (or tell the taxi driver to take) the small track to the left marked with an arrow pointing to Casa Guilla. Continue around the side of the said big rock until you arrive at the entrance. Enter and check in with whoever you can find or call Janet (+44 7548 020064) or El Porteño (+44 747 276 5751). If you're in Casa Mauri, from the parking area call Janet or El Porteño and someone will pick you up to take you or lead you to your accommodation.

Then find intelligent life or the closest equivalent among the Hashers present. Our suggestion is to have a wander around and ultimately head to the BBQ area, which is where most of our activities will be taking place.

Registration

Official registration for the S.E.X. Away Hash will take place in the BBQ area of Casa Guilla between 17.00 and 21.00 on Friday.

So, what do I get for my dosh?

We're taking over the upper part of Santa Engracia, but take into account that the closest bar, restaurant or shop is a 30-minute drive away. The same goes for ATM/cashpoints. The Hash IS the party and we'll be catering everything for the weekend ourselves. However, it means some prior planning on your part is necessary as you have to take with you anything not included in the price or have some means of transport to acquire it from Tremp... i.e. that 30-minute drive).

Hashers who are arriving on Thursday will have to pay €25 per person for the extra night's lodging and breakfast.

Other than that, the price of the weekend includes:

-  All drinks (i.e., beer, wine, spirits and softies) throughout the weekend from Friday afternoon to Sunday evening.
-  Breakfast on Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Friday breakfast is included with the extra €25 fee for Thursday night)
-  Friday evening meal
-  Saturday post-run snacks/*bocatas* and evening meal
-  Sunday lunch.
-  Additionally, there will be fruit and snacks at Casa Guilla that you can graze on over the course of the weekend.
-  A Saturday Ballbreaker R*n and a Sunday Hair-of-the-Dog R*n
-  A t-shirt
-  **Anything outside that is not included. For those arriving Thursday, we suggest everyone bring something (whatever it is) and we share for the dinner. You are also welcome to make alternative plans and people might just have dinner as they travel north. We therefore need to know if you're arriving on Thursday (i.e. please let El Porteño know!) and, if so, what time and whether you will want to join in with dinner. The same goes for Friday. There's always the option of driving back down to Tremp or Talarn, etc. and having lunch there). Dinner will be provided on the Sunday.**

What you need to bring:

There are a few things we suggest you take to make your S.E.X. Hash more rewarding:

-  Swimming stuff. There's a pool and the weather should be warm.
-  Some warm clothing. It could get cold in the evenings.
-  A water bottle. We will NOT be providing individual single-use water bottles so take your own, preferably reusable sports bottles. You will definitely need it on the r*ns.
-  Take some cash with you just in case.

Some of these details might change slightly. If so we'll let you know. We will also be sending out a full itinerary for the weekend closer to the time.

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