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Portes du  Soleil
Ski & Bike

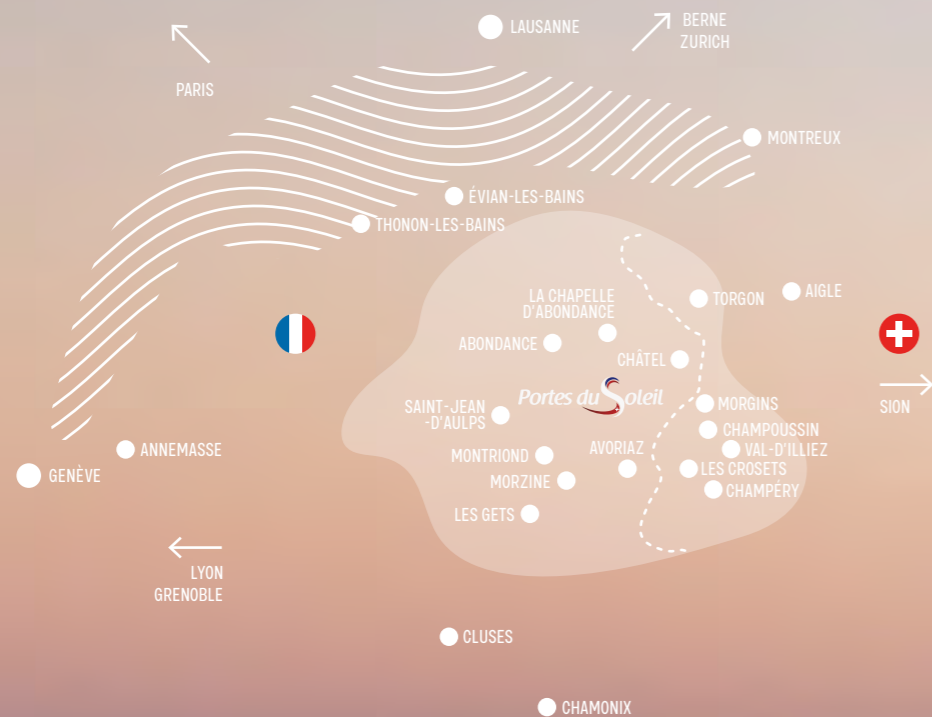


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ABOUT THE PORTES DU SOLEIL

The mountains and village resorts known worldwide as the Portes du Soleil are an hour's drive from Geneva and conveniently located between Lake Geneva and Mont Blanc. Our winter playground offers one of the world's biggest ski areas with no less than 12 linked resorts in France and Switzerland: Abondance, Avoriaz 1800, Champéry, Chatel, La Chapelle d'Abondance, Les Gets, Montriond, Morzine-Avoriaz, Morgins, Saint-Jean-d'Aulps, Torgon, Val-d'Illicz - Les Crosets - Champoussin.



SINCE 1964

BEYOND BORDERS

Here, the sun rises in Switzerland and sets in France, or vice-versa, depending on where you're staying...But one thing's for certain: here, skiing knows no limits!

From charming little villages to impressive and trendy resorts, the Portes du Soleil has plenty of exciting things to do and see every day, with new ski slopes to explore and incredible panoramas to marvel at...From the majestic Mont Blanc to the jaw-dropping Dents du Midi, and not forgetting famous cheeses such as Valais raclette and Abondance (PDO), all the ingredients are here for a successful ski holiday ... in 2 countries!

AUTHENTIC & SPECIAL
SURPRISING & welcoming
EXPERIENCE THE

Portes du Soleil
Ski & Bike



KEY FACTS

THE PORTES DU SOLEIL

1 ALL-ACCESS SKI PASS

2 COUNTRIES

12 VILLAGE-RESORTS

208 ski lifts

600km of skiing

400km² total area

30 specialist ski zones

(border-cross, snowparks, ski-cross, themed fun areas...)

SKI SLOPES OPEN

17.12.22



23.04.23

138,160 bed capacity

1st 'hands-free' ski pass

1st international ski pass

307 ski slopes

- 39 green runs
- 130 blue runs
- 105 red runs
- 33 black runs

altitude

min. 900m ↗ max. 2460m

↘ The biggest international ski area in the world!

ECO-AWARENESS

TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



The "Flocon Vert" label (Green Snowflake) Sustainable tourism

MORZINE-AVORIAZ & CHÂTEL

www.flocon-vert.org

Slow Food Travel

RÉGION DENTS DU MIDI

An international initiative bringing together sustainable food actors from field to plate. The slow food charter – the result of positive encounters between local farmers, cheesemakers, breeders, bakers and vintners – has been signed by 12 partners in the Dents du Midi terroir. Each of them is keen to promote the culinary heritage of Illiez Valley

www.regiondentsdumidi.ch

www.slowfood.ch



ClimSnow

MORZINE-AVORIAZ & LES GETS

The partnership with ClimSnow allows resorts to assess snow levels and snow types (natural, pisted, with/without artificial snow) throughout the season, along with temperature change, snow cover (reliability, variability) and the impact

of snow management

(piste preparation, artificial snowmaking). The information provided by Climsnow helps to decide where future investment may be required, based on snow cover modelling.

www.climsnow.com

Solar power

AVORIAZ

- 16 solar panels at Chaux Fleurie chairlift station on Lindarets plateau
- Installation is integrated and discreet with limited visual impact
- 6.6 kWc system produces 6000 kWh annually
- Powers the chairlift; unused electricity is redistributed across network and used when chairlift is closed

Habitat & Energy

CHÂTEL

- A sustainable energy overhaul of the town's 5 municipal extra-curricular services buildings is under way with the territorial climate-air-energy plan (PCAET)
- Duration → 5 years
- Mission → 50% energy reduction by 2040



Geopark celebrates 10 great years!

The Chablais Geopark - France's fourth largest - is 10 years old! Through lots of scheduled activities, the initiative's listed sites tell the story of this exceptional land and its inhabitants. There are more than 10 sites here, in the heart of the Portes du Soleil!

Soft mobility

MORZINE

Tourist office square pedestrianised this winter

Anything but ordinary travel

AVORIAZ

Entirely vehicle-free since 1966 with 20 horse-drawn sledges / 100 horses

All-wood ski lift passes

LES GETS

'Hands-free' passes no bigger than a credit card

- 40,000 passes per year used by skiers and MTB riders
- Mission → reduce plastic waste





ADVENTURE

100% SKI

A poetic outing on the snow

Roc d'Enfer Tour
SAINT-JEAN-D'AULPS 🇫🇷

Any skier or boarder looking for quieter slopes should definitely head for the Roc d'Enfer circuit...This **20km route** invites you to take your time to **immerse yourselves in an unspoilt natural setting** where you can slalom between the pine trees while taking in some of the valley's most beautiful vistas. It's nothing less than an **epic and poetic adventure** in the heart of the great outdoors.

INFO Vallée d'Aulps tourist office www.valleedaalps.com
Roc d'Enfer ski lifts www.rocdenfer.com



Ecology first

The Stash
AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

Inspired by California's North Star resort, The Stash is an **eco-friendly snowpark** designed by snowboarders, for snowboarders. In other words, it's a gem for any rider wanting to perfect their freeride and freestyle in **a place where the snow and surroundings are untouched**. All the modules are made of **fallen wood sourced from local forests** and the park is one of the Portes du Soleil's reforestation zones.

INFO Avoriaz tourist office
www.avoriaz.com



Endless skiing (almost!)

« La 1000D »
MORZINE 🇫🇷

This new ski route has **one of the longest descents in the Portes du Soleil**: 1000m before you have to take a lift back up again! It'll whet the appetite of skiers and boarders who start from Nyon summit, before arriving 1000m below at the resort's car park. Ride on!

INFO Morzine-Avoriaz tourist office
www.morzine-avoriaz.com

A taste of the frozen North

Cross-country ski area
LA CHAPELLE D'ABONDANCE 🇫🇷

Located next to the Abondance river - 'La Dranse' - this **cross-country ski area is widely and rightly considered to be one of the prettiest in the Haute-Savoie region**. It has **23km of groomed slopes** between 1000m and 1500m, which invite visitors to immerse themselves in unspoilt surroundings where they can slide along at their own pace. Private and group lessons are available for beginners and experts for both disciplines: classic and skating.

PRICES €9.50 per day (adults) & €7.50 for half-days for 5-15 year-olds

INFO www.hiver.lachapelledabondance-tourisme.com

For all fans of Cowboys & Indians

The Grand-Cry territory
LES GETS 🇫🇷

A fun place to ski on a native American theme, the Grand-Cry Territory offers guaranteed relaxation and **fun for the whole family**. The ski slope is peppered with decorations and sounds, there are teepees, a trapper's cabin, make-up station and activities. Everything is aimed at young visitors...and bigger ones who just want to play!

INFO Les Gets tourist office
www.lesgets.com





SKI-FREE

ACTIVITIES



A trip for your taste buds

Restaurant 'Le 1200'
CHÂTEL 🇫🇷

A new addition to the restaurant scene last winter that's right in the heart of Chatel, offering a **delightful range of traditional flavours with international touches**. The setting is modern and finished in wood. It's a venue where different worlds coexist and come together, with Japanese barbecued "Robotayaki" meats, Jura trout reversioned with "Tiger milk" and even Abondance cheese tacos with pear and nuts. In short, "Le 1200" is **a fine dining experience** where you can relax while your taste buds travel far and wide!

INFO www.restaurantle1200.fr

Immerse yourself in the great outdoors

Snowshoe walk
CHAMPOUSSIN 🇨🇭

The walk from 'La Frâchette to Croix de l'Aiguille' is **one of the finest snowshoe walks on the Swiss side of the Portes du Soleil**. Alternating between forest sections and stunning vistas of the Dents du Midi mountain range and the Vaudois Alps, this moderately hard route takes you to **1600 metres, among the peaks of Vallée d'Illeiez**. Why not make the outing even better by stopping for a bite to eat at the Relais Panoramique!

INFO 6.6km - 305m climb - 3hrs
www.regiondentsdumidi.ch

Budding farmers

'La Brouette de Juliette'
(Julie's wheelbarrow)
ABONDANCE 🇫🇷

There's now a **special kids' activity at the 'Maison du fromage' in Abondance!** It tells the story of Juliette, a fictional farmer from the valley, using a wheelbarrow that contains farm tools. There are other fun things to do for enthusiastic would-be farmers, like trying on "cow vision" reading glasses, milking practice, dancing and singing, linked to Abondance cheese-making.

INFO children from 3 to 6yrs - free, adults €5
www.hiver.abondance-tourisme.com

Sensory & eco-responsible

Spa hotel Neige & Roc
MORZINE 🇫🇷

This winter, "Neige et Roc" hotel is opening its spa with sustainable, high-quality bio cosmetics that respect the philosophy of a sensory life that's also holistic and eco-aware. "Wellness walks" are available for guests to make full use of our relaxing facilities, massages and infusions all winter. There's also a "day spa" menu, with hydrotherapy bath, sauna and outdoor Swedish bath.

PRICES from €95
www.neige-roc.com



Slide'n'ride!

e-MTB on snow
LES GETS 🇫🇷

In Les Gets, MTB are never far from the spotlight and the winter season is no exception! This new activity that trialed in the resort last winter offers an **original on-snow experience and plenty of fresh air in the great outdoors**. The pistes are groomed, safe and available for anyone over 8 years old, with an instructor.

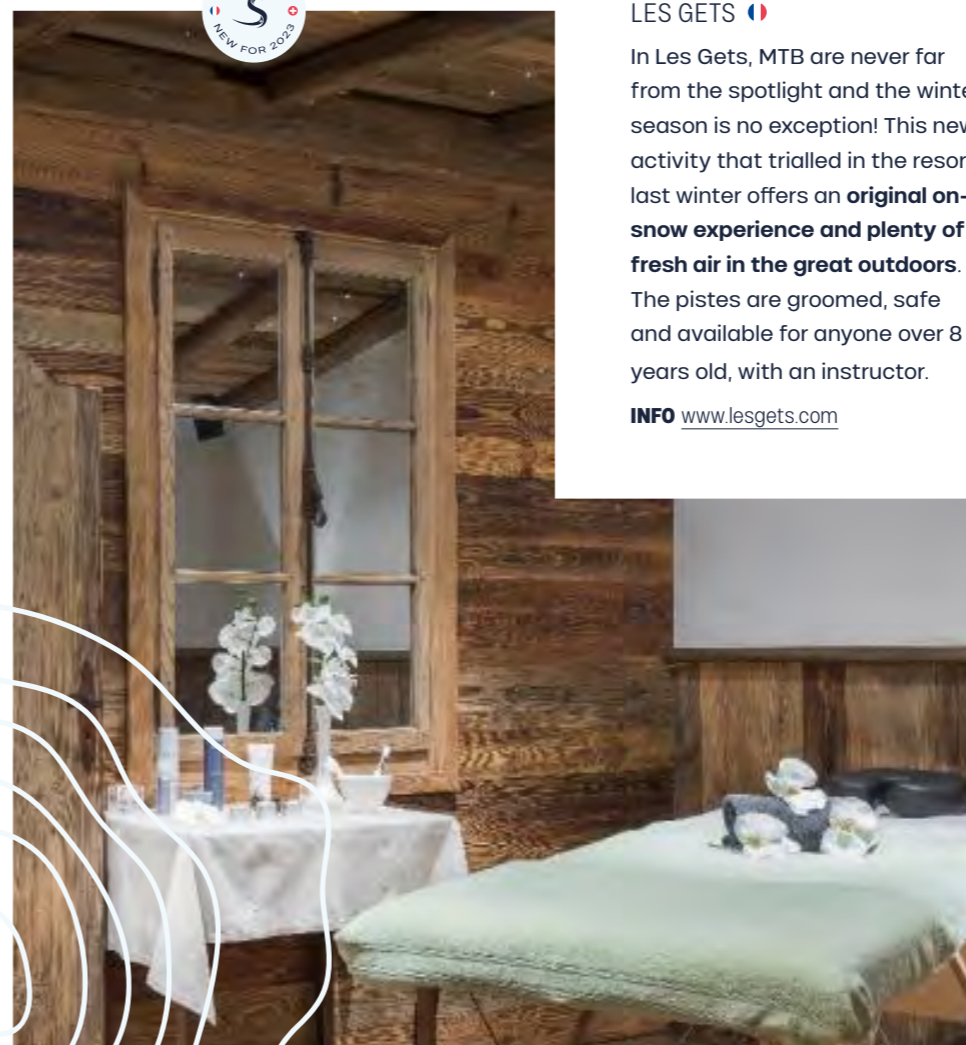
INFO www.lesgets.com

Fun escape game in the forest

The cursed cave
TORGON 🇨🇭

There's nothing relaxing about being the village mascot in Torgon! In the company of Juliette the owl, visitors are invited **to take part in an adventure to save Leon the bighorn sheep from Torgon's cursed cave**. There are vibrant illustrated puzzles in a booklet for children aged 4-12 which will lead them into a fantasy world where the aim is to find the secret password to free Leon from the cursed cave. **A fun activity for the whole family** with a souvenir for kids to take home.

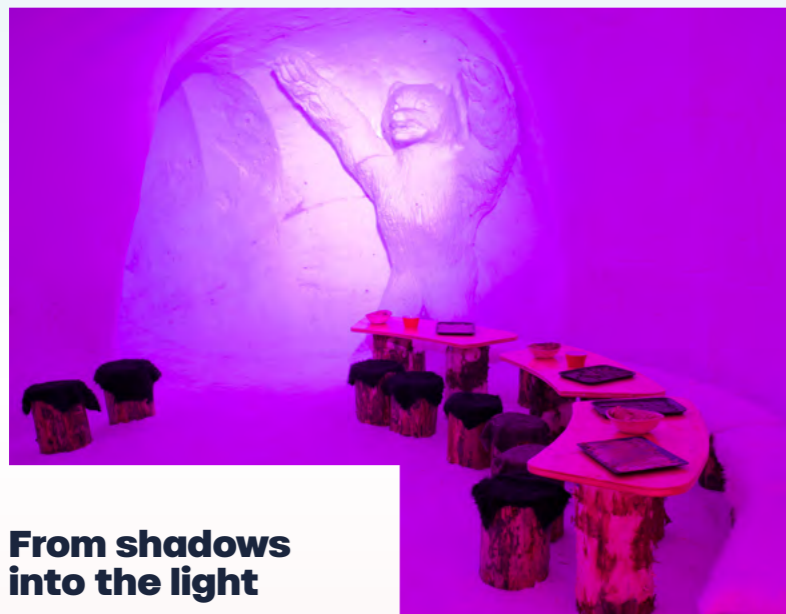
INFO starts from the tourist office
PRICE children 19 CHF / family price from 38 CHF
www.torgon.ch





ORIGINAL

ACTIVITIES



From shadows into the light

Evening tour of Notre-Dame abbey
ABONDANCE 🇫🇷

The first Savoyard building to be listed as a **historical monument** in 1875, the abbey continues to reinvent itself and reveal new aspects of its character with a **sensory and interactive night tour for groups**. During your visit, you'll see and hear the abbey as never before, thanks to light projectors and unique sound recordings, as you tour the cloister and admire its wall paintings.

INFO weekly guided tours, (school holidays only), Tuesdays at 6pm, +33 (0)4 50 81 60 54

Watch out for the racing drivers!

Mountain Kart
ROC D'ENFER 🇫🇷

3,2,1...and they're off! **A madcap descent at the Roc d'Enfer ski area in a Mountain Kart!**

For competitors or just for fun, put yourself in the driving seat of this 3-wheel engine-free speedster and set off down the **2km course** with its **600-metre descent** with family or friends. You're guaranteed to have a fantastic time that's 100% pleasure!

INFO www.valleedaulps.com
www.rocdenfer.com

A fairytale venue with altitude

Ice bar
AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

A stunning frozen bar that's sculpted from ice and snow awaits you at the heart of a giant igloo. The décor is the brainchild of professional sculptors, and there are dream-like light projectors too, offering **a unique and unforgettable experience** in the Chablais.

DIRECTIONS on foot or on skis, in the middle of the Arare blue ski run in Avoriaz

INFO www.village-igloo-avoriaz.fr



Eagle-eyed mountain views

Snowshoe outing with a bird of prey
MORZINE 🇫🇷

In its snowy surroundings, the chalet that's located in the winter park is home to eagles, condors, owls and vultures... but which of them will be accompanying you today? After a warm welcome by the fireside, **get to know these big birds of prey that fascinate and amaze**, then set off with expert bird handlers on a memorable snowshoe walk for **45 minutes**, with a bird of prey on your arm! Even better, the flight demonstration in an **exceptional mountain setting will be something you'll always remember!**

INFO www.lesaiglesduleman.com

Enter a silent world

Ice diving
MONTRIOND 🇫🇷

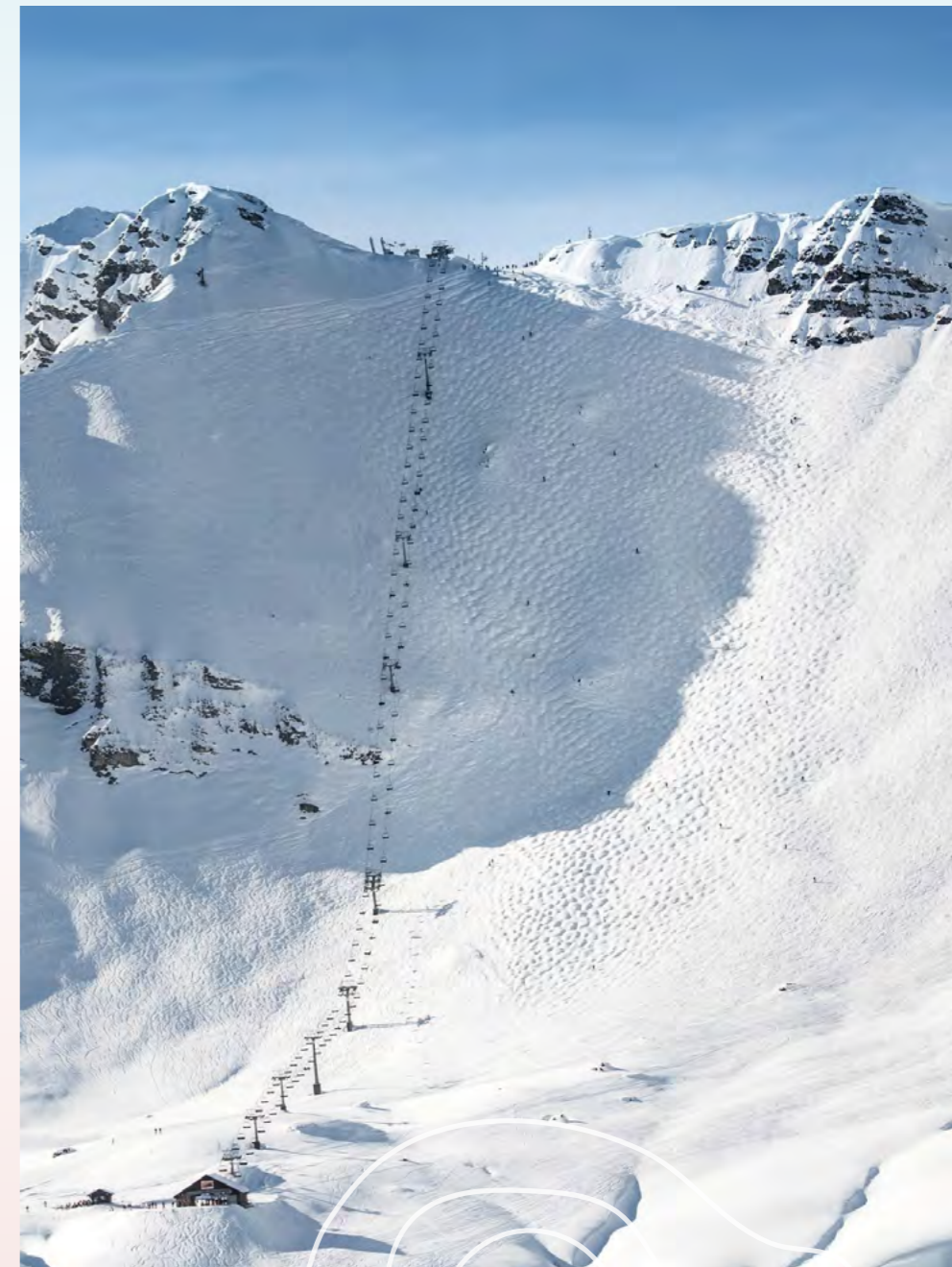
A silent world awaits you underneath Lake Montriond's icy surface, where you can be one of the lucky few to dive down to the incredible depths. With expert professionals to instruct you, this **extraordinary adventure** is for beginners and experienced divers. It offers astonishing terrain, bubbles that vanish in silence, an all-natural shadow and light show, and the spectacle of the frozen lake floor that will grip you and **leave you astonished.**

INFO Aquaventure - 17/12 to 25/03 every day
www.valleedaulps.com

He who laughs last laughs longest

The Swiss Wall - Chavanette piste
CHAMPÉRY - LES CROSETS 🇨🇭

With its **37° average gradient** and **76% slope**, the Swiss Wall is famous for being one of **the steepest and most difficult descents in the world**. Piste bashers can't get to it, so the moguls can be up to **2m high**, meaning that it is suitable only for very good skiers and anyone looking for an **incredible experience**. It's a run that's no laughing matter!



MUST-DO

EXPERIENCES



Where music is seen and light is heard

Alta Lumina
LES GETS 🇫🇷

A first in Europe, Alta Lumina is an **immersive multimedia experience** imagined and created by Moment Factory. This enchanting evening walk takes place along a **1km route** where the story unfolds in a **poetic and interactive way** thanks to light displays, imagery in all its forms, scenography and your own involvement. This unguided activity happens in the forest by the Lac des Ecoles and takes around 50 minutes to 1 hour.

PRICES adults (16 yrs +) €19, children (5 to 15 yrs) €10, toddlers (-5 yrs) free, families (2 adults + 2 children) €53
www.altalumina.com

Simple, authentic and too good to say no!

Chez Coquoz
CHAMPÉRY 🇨🇭

Located up on high at 1860m, this restaurant is **a reference for all the others**; after all, it was the first mountain dining venue in the Portes du Soleil. Founded in 1952, Chez Coquoz played witness to the arrival of winter sports in the Alps, quickly becoming **the preferred port of call for food-lovers**. The **fine dining experience** is guaranteed and complemented by some 200 vintages that enhance the excellent choice of local and seasonal dishes, all made with a healthy helping of **cooking passion**.

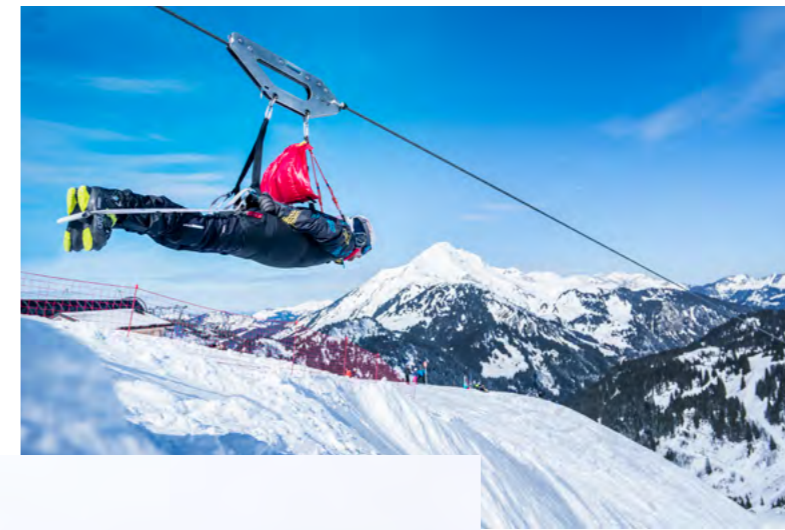
INFO www.restaurant-coquoz.ch

Launch yourself into the 'Big White'

Fantasticable
CHÂTEL 🇫🇷

Unique to the Alps, this giant zip wire that we know as the Fantasticable flies all those who try it over mountains where they can take in the stunning white vista of snowy landscapes beneath them. Once you're comfortably installed in your harness, you'll be suspended **240 metres in the air** at the highest point, flying at nearly **100km/h** from one end of the valley to another, along a **1200-metre cable**. Looking for something more? Why not try the two-person flight so you can share the experience!

PRICE €27 per person / flight for two €54
www.chatel.com



Adventure with a capital 'A'

'Grande Odysée' husky race
LA CHAPELLE D'ABONDANCE 🇫🇷

With **65 international handlers and 600 racing dogs**, the Grande Odysée VVF is the benchmark event for husky racing in Europe. This annual competition lasts **13 days over 11 stages** and comprises a **400km route** with a **12 000m climb**, which is the equivalent of climbing Mont Blanc 3 times! For this 19th edition, from **7 to 19 January 2023**, the Grande Odysée VVF will be in La Chapelle d'Abondance on **Monday 9 January 2023**. It's a first for the Portes du Soleil resort which will also host the kids' event too (l'Odysée des Enfants), whose aim is to introduce kids to mushing and to raise awareness about the environmental issues of outdoor activities like these.

www.grandeodysee.com

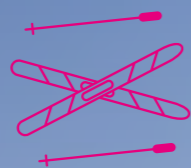


Ayurvedic escape by AyurOm

Le spa des Cornettes
LA CHAPELLE D'ABONDANCE 🇫🇷

With the interior design inspired by XVIIIth century Savoyard architecture, Ayurvedic therapists Laurence and Benoit practise **traditional Indian medicine in their 500m2 AyurOm Spa wellbeing venue**. In addition to the many treatments on offer, Ayurvedic therapies make this spa **unique in the Haute-Savoie**. From anti-stress massages with warm sesame oil, to full-body exfoliation with herb powder and mustard oil to eliminate toxins, Les Cornettes spa offers **a voyage for the senses that puts the soul at ease**.

www.lescornettes.com



A LAND OF EVENTS

ROCK THE PISTES FESTIVAL

12 TO 18 MARCH 2023

Without question a highlight of the winter season, Rock the Pistes is a unique festival inspired by a stunning concept! Since 2011, French and international artists have been meeting skiers every day at 1.30pm, performing live concerts in the Portes du Soleil mountains!



Pop-up rock venues in France and Switzerland with 5 live lunchtime concerts at 1600m

25 000 music fans

30 concerts "Off the Pistes" après-ski gigs in resort centre



Rag'n'Bone Man, Matmatah, Chinese Man, Dub Inc., The DØ, Izia, Kungs and Mass Hysteria... These are just some of the many big names who've scaled the mountains to perform in the stunning setting of the Portes du Soleil! Rock, soul, blues, hip-hop, rock, indie pop... The music genres are as diverse as the outfits of the skiing festival-goers!

Accustomed as they are to performing in major international venues and in the evening, the acts that come to play here tend to appreciate being closer to fans - as well as performing on the slopes while it's still light, in front of beautiful snowy mountains! Instead of limousines and evening robes for the stars, there's ski lifts, mittens and hats!

HOW TO WATCH Access the festival with your liftpass ([Pass Ski + Concerts](#)); available online or from mountain lift ticket offices in all 12 Portes du Soleil resorts.

ROCK THE PISTES FESTIVAL



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YOUR WINTER PLANNER



DECEMBER 2022

09.12 → 11.12

Rock on Snow

AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

10.12 → 11.12

Winter trail & Spartan kids

MORZINE-AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

12.12 → 14.12

Micros d'Or

MORZINE-AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

17.12 → 01.01

Les féeries de Noël

(Christmas fairy fun)

CHÂTEL 🇫🇷

17.12.22

Ski party, opening weekend

LES GETS 🇫🇷

17.12 → 24.12

Le Père-Noël habite aux Gets

LES GETS 🇫🇷

17.12 → 01.01

Morzine village enchanté

MORZINE-AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

28.12 → 30.12

6^e édition du festival Châtel Classic

CHÂTEL 🇫🇷

JANUARY

01.23

Freeride World Qualifier

AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

09.01 → 10.01

La Grande Odyssée

LA CHAPELLE D'ABONDANCE 🇫🇷

11.01 → 14.01

ISMF RDDM World Cup

MORGINS 🇨🇭

14.01 → 21.01

Montreux Comedy fait du ski... aux Gets !

LES GETS 🇫🇷

23.01 → 27.01

Welsh Alpine Championship

LES CROSETS 🇨🇭



FEBRUARY

01.02 → 04.02

9^e édition des Neiges étoilées

(chef's competition & public events)

CHÂTEL 🇫🇷

06.02 + 13.02 + 20.02 + 27.02

Red ski shows

LES GETS 🇫🇷

07.02

Fête des agriculteurs

CHÂTEL 🇫🇷

16.02

Ladies night tour

MORZINE-AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

MARCH

06.03 → 10.03

Morzine prend soin de vous

(wellbeing treatments)

MORZINE-AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

12.03 → 18.03

Rock the Pistes Festival

PORTES DU SOLEIL 🇫🇷🇨🇭

12.03 → 18.03

Châtel Bands Camp

CHÂTEL 🇫🇷

18.03 → 25.03

Snowboxx

AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

20.03 → 24.03

Tournois des douanes & armée

(army & customs race)

MORZINE-AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

27.03 → 01.04

Maxi-Rires Festival (comedy)

CHAMPÉRY 🇨🇭

APRIL

01.04

Banked Slalom

LES CROSETS 🇨🇭

02.04

Course des champions

MORZINE-AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

08.04 → 10.04

Royaume des Marmots

MORZINE-AVORIAZ 🇫🇷

17.04 → 22.04

Challenge des moniteurs

(ski instructors' race)


AVORIAZ 🇫🇷



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AVORIAZ 1800 

CHAMPÉRY 

VAL-D'ILLIEZ - LES CROSETS

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