

# #BEYONDBORDERS

*Portes du*  *Soleil*  
*Ski & Bike*



PRESS PACK  
**WINTER 23.24**

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FRENCH-SWISS MOUNTAINS



EDITORIAL

# WINTER ON A GRAND SCALE

**Located between Lake Geneva and Mont Blanc, 1 hour from Geneva, the Portes du Soleil is the first cross-border ski area.**

With 12 linked resorts between France and Switzerland: Abondance, Avoriaz 1800, Champéry, Châtel, La Chapelle d'Abondance, Les Gets, Montriond, Morzine-Avoriaz, Morgins, Saint Jean d'Aulps, Torgon, Val-d'Illiez - Les Crosets - Champoussin.



## BEYOND BORDERS

**The Portes du Soleil is the first Franco-Swiss cross-border ski area in the Alps, offering majestic panoramic views and a complete change of scenery!**

Two countries, two currencies, two ways of life, one language with different melodious accents but the same love of the mountains. There's no shortage of ambiances, styles and offerings here! And the 12 typical or avant-garde village resorts that make up this region have managed to retain the charm of Chablais life at altitude. The ski area can be criss-crossed by skipping borders, allowing holidaymakers to travel with skis on their feet.

IT'S A JOURNEY WITHIN A JOURNEY, BEYOND BORDERS,  
INVITING YOU TO TAKE A STROLL IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, OR  
A CONTEMPLATIVE, SPORTING OR TASTY WALK, FOR YOUNG  
AND OLD ALIKE... THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN  
THE PORTES DU SOLEIL!



# KEY FIGURES

## LES PORTES DU SOLEIL



**1** single ski pass

**2** countries

**12** resorts

**400km<sup>2</sup>**  
of surface area

**208**  
ski lifts

**600km**  
of skiing

**30**  
ski areas  
(boarder-cross,  
snowparks, ski-cross,  
fun areas...)

**307** runs  
\* **39** green  
\* **130** blue  
\* **105** red  
\* **33** black

Portes du Soleil skiing area opening

**16.12.2023 to**  
**21.04.2024**



## ECO-AWARENESS

# TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



### The Lac-Intrêts chairlift is getting a facelift to make it less polluting

AVORIAZ 1800

**The choice of a Direct Drive motor with no gearbox:**

- **Reduction in the quantity of materials used** in the design of the lift (lower carbon footprint)
- **No need for oil in the motor** (no risk of environmental pollution)
- **Overhaul of the motor on site** without the need to return to the factory (lower carbon footprint)

More virtuous operation:

- **Initial 5% reduction** in the unit's electricity consumption
- **Recovery of the waste heat** generated by the engine's operation to heat the premises needed to operate the machine (staff cabin).



### Morgins is betting on a new autonomous gondola lift

MORGINS

Switzerland's first detachable three-seater chairlift is giving way to an innovative project: **an autonomous gondola lift with 38 10-seater cabins**.

Inspired by modern urban transport, **the new facility will be fully automated** and equipped to accommodate all types of users for four-season activities, in line with the resort's strategic vision.

Safety, comfort, efficiency and inclusivity are the key values of this project, which will meet the increasingly stringent **safety standards set by the Federal Office of Transport**.



### Green snowflake - responsible tourism

MORZINE-AVORIAZ & CHÂTEL

[www.flocon-vert.org](http://www.flocon-vert.org)

### Slow Food Travel

RÉGION DENTS DU MIDI

International project to network sustainable food players from field to plate. The slow food charter, based on meetings and exchanges with farmers, formagers, breeders, bakers and winemakers, has been signed by **12 partners in the Régions Dents du Midi region**, all of whom are committed to promoting the Vallée d'Illeiez's gastronomic heritage.

[www.regiondentsdumidi.ch](http://www.regiondentsdumidi.ch)

[www.slowfood.ch](http://www.slowfood.ch)



### ClimSnow

MORZINE-AVORIAZ & LES GETS

Partnership with CLIMSNOW enabling the resort to quantify, at various timescales, the reliability of the snow cover (groomed natural snow, with/without artificial snow), to assess changes in temperatures and snow cover (reliability, variability), and to quantify the impact of snow management techniques (grooming, production of artificial snow).

**Using the information provided by CLIMSNOW, it is therefore**

**possible to plan investment choices based on projections of the future state of the snowpack.**

[www.climsnow.com](http://www.climsnow.com)

### Out-of-the-ordinary transport

AVORIAZ 1800

**Fully pedestrianised resort since 1966** - 20 coachmen / 100 draught horses

### Soft mobility

MORZINE

**Place de l'Office de tourisme pedestrianised**

### Solar energy

AVORIAZ 1800

— **16 solar panels on the departure station of the Chaux Fleurie TS** on the Lindarets plateau

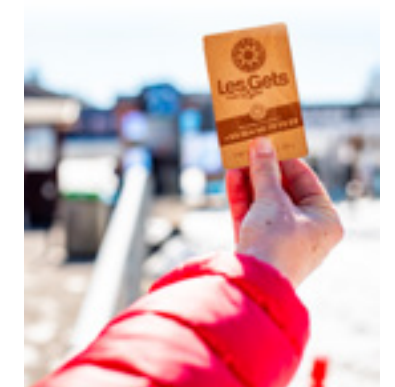
— **Integrated, discreet installation** with limited visual impact - power of 6.6 kWp for an annual production of 6,000 kWh

— **Used to run the TS + fed back into the grid for other uses** when the TS is at a standstill. A perfectly suited environment that produces high levels of electricity thanks to the reverberation of the snow.

### Housing & energy

CHÂTEL

**Energy renovation** of 5 town hall buildings underway  
— Duration → 5 years  
— Objective → 50% energy savings by 2040



### Eco-responsible wooden ski passes

LES GETS

**«Tag-it» in a practical CB format**  
— 40,000 passes per year issued to skiers and mountain bikers  
— Objective → reduce plastic consumption

### And also...

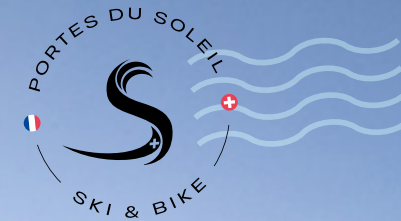
**Refillable & reusable** ski passes everywhere in the ski area!



DESTINATION

# SKI SAFARI IN LES PORTES DU SOLEIL

Here, the sun rises in Switzerland and sets in France, or maybe it's the other way round... But one thing is certain: skiing knows no borders! With its 12 resorts, the area can welcome ski lovers all winter long, and why not, every day on new slopes thanks to the Ski Safari.



From charming little villages to big, trendy resorts, the **Portes du Soleil** offers plenty of opportunities to meet new people, explore new slopes and marvel at new panoramas...

From the majestic **Mont Blanc** to the imposing **Dents du Midi**, from **Valais AOP raclette** to **Abondance AOC** cheese, all the ingredients are there for a successful trip across 2 countries... and on skis!

Look out for the variety of ski resorts to discover on a tour. It's a great way to vary the pleasures of skiing in a new area every day.

Ready for a **ski safari**? Follow the guide... with a ski pass and a smile on your face as your passport!



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**9:00am** Top start for the Chavannes Express, right in the heart of **Les Gets** resort, heading for **Ranfoilly/Rosta**. First selfie of the day facing **Mont Blanc** on the Ranfoilly platform, one of the picture-postcard spots on our tour.

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**9:45am** Part of our adventure continues on the road to **Joux Plane**, a legendary pass regularly used by Tour de France cyclists, reminding us of the mythical and vibrant Pogacar / Vingegaard duel this summer. This takes us to the **Chamossière** sector, then on to **Nyon**, heading towards the resort of **Morzine**.

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**11:15am** A ride on the little train and a few lifts later, we've arrived at the **Crêtes de Zore**, with **Avoriaz** and its distinctive architecture in our sights, and a short *hop* to **The Stash** ecological snowpark. We're now just a stone's throw from Switzerland and very close to the hamlet of **Les Lindarets** (in the commune of **Montriond**), famous for its goats in the summer months!

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**12:00am** Follow the signposts to the **Mossettes** express.

At the top, a lilting accent greets you as we cross the border. A little gourmet break is in order, in the colours of the local gastronomy. Try raclette or **Valais** dried meat, accompanied by a glass of fendant.

Thanks to new facilities, the Mossettes piste has been transformed into a wide, pleasant blue run for a first descent after lunch

LA CHAPELLE D'ABONDANCE

ABONDANCE

SAINT-JEAN D'AULPS

MONTRIOND

MORZINE

LES GETS

France

AVORIAZ

TORGON

CHÂTEL

MORGINS

VAL-D'ILLIEZ - LES CROSETS - CHAMPOUSSIN

CHAMPÉRY

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**01:00pm** Two bends later, the **Dents du Midi**, emblem of the **Portes du Soleil**, stand proudly in front of us, at an altitude of 3,257 metres. An inspiring majestic view that leaves you dreaming above the resorts of **Champéry/Les Crosets**, and **Champoussin** facing the **Dents Blanches**.

We can already imagine coming back another time to see the mouflons of the «**Grand Paradis**» and perhaps catch ourselves hurtling down the famous «**Mur Suisse**». But for now, we're heading for a highly symbolic place: the **Col des Portes du Soleil**, the birthplace of the ski area of the same name.

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**01:30pm** Let's continue the walk via **Tovassière** and its snow-covered forest path. Head for the new **Rivella Fun Zone** with speed check and boarder cross for all levels. It's the perfect time to challenge your fellow skiers and make it a point of honour to arrive in pole position in **Morgins**!

A short break in front of the **Grand Tour de Suisse** photo spot, in an idyllic setting with the Dents du Midi in the background.

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**02:30pm** The other side takes us back to France, to the **Super Châtel** sector and its natural views over **Lake Geneva** and the **Abondance** valley, a land of art and history. A nod to the nearby **Portes du Soleil** resort in Switzerland, **Torgon**. We continue our route to the resort of **Châtel** on what promises to be a pleasant and technical trail, leading directly to the **Linga** and **Plaine Dranse** sectors.

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**04:00pm** There's still a little way to go to reach the **Super Morzine** pistes and get closer to the starting point, which is very close as the crow flies.

**07:15pm**

Last run, the day comes to an end and we're sitting in the **Pléney** gondola. We'll need a few more lengths of skis to make our way back to **Les Gets** and close the loop!

Authentic and unusual, surprising and friendly, nocturnal and original, live the **Portes du Soleil** experience!







## ADVENTURES OFF SKI



### Schuss down!

#### 4-season sledging

LES GETS 

In summer 2023, a toboggan run on rails will be built in the Perrières sector at the entrance to the village. With a journey time of just under 6 minutes, a length of 380 metres on the way up, 714 metres on the way down and a difference in height of 105 metres, this new facility, which will be in operation for the first winter, promises great fun for all the family.

**INFO** Accessible to children aged 3 and over accompanied, and 8 and over on their own. The activity is open to all, and can even be enjoyed by two-seater adults. **PRICES** €8 per run - €35 5 runs

### Frozen tricycle!

#### Mountain Kart

SAINT JEAN D'AULPS 

Get behind the wheel of these amazing machines! Whether you're in the mood for a competition or a fun ride, you can hurtle down the 800m vertical drop on a 4km track with your family or friends. There's something for every taste and level. Smiles and thrills are guaranteed.

**INFO** Departure from the top of the Têtes chairlift, minimum height 1m35

➤ [Learn more](#)

### Enter a world of silence

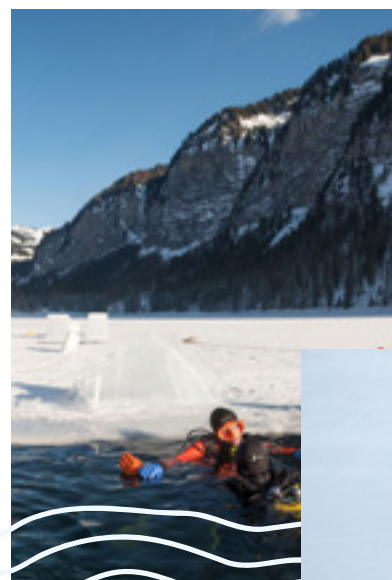
#### Ice diving

MONTRIOND 

The world of silence awaits you under the ice of Lake Montriond, for a dive with an exceptional atmosphere. Supervised by experienced professionals, this extraordinary adventure is open to beginners and experienced divers alike: astonishing reliefs, bubbles gliding silently by, a spectacle of light and shadow - the spectacle of the depths of the frozen lake will capture you and fill you with wonder.

**INFOS** Aquaventure - from 17/12 to 25/03 every days

➤ [Learn more](#)



### The great north experience

#### Sled dogs

VALLÉE D'ABONDANCE 

During a hike or an introduction to driving a sledge, you can enjoy a 100% Great North expedition with these Arctic animals of astonishing strength and endurance. To pull the sled on snow or ice, they are trained by the musher you meet on your outing. On the snow-covered plains, you'll get to know the pack and enjoy the thrill of the ride. It's the perfect combination of a walk and a run!

#### INFO

La Chapelle d'Abondance ➤ [Learn more](#)  
Abondance ➤ [Learn more](#)



### Ski at a trot or gallop

#### Ski Joëring

AVORIAZ 

Ever heard of Ski-Jöering? It's a sporting discipline combining skiing and horse-drawn carriage driving. One or more harnessed horses pull the skier. Amateur or experienced, rider or skier, there are no pre-requisites. Admire the beauty of the countryside pulled by your horse and soak up the forest. Be careful, this little discipline can also be playful! This Scandinavian sport is also done at full gallop! A feeling of infinite freedom and a smile guaranteed.

**INFO** Minimum age 7, several sessions available, 30-minute introduction or 1-hour ride. **PRICES** from €60

➤ [Learn more](#)

### Escape game in the forest

#### The Forgotten Treasure of Torgon

TORGON 

Set off in search of Torgon's forgotten treasure. This new adventure tells the story of Maurice le Mouflon, the ancestor of the village mascot, Léon. The aim of the children's game is to find Torgon's forgotten treasure. The rules are to find the four numbers on the padlock to open the safe. The four riddles, beautifully illustrated in a book by Julien Valentini, will plunge participants into a world of fantasy. A game of enigmas, in the heart of nature, to be solved with all the family.

**INFO** Departure from the tourist office. The game is suitable for children aged 4 to 12, and can be played alone or with others.

**PRICE** Child rate CHF 19.- / Family rate from CHF 38.-

➤ [Learn more](#)





# MUST-DO EXPER- IENCES

## A magical moment

### Alta Lumina

LES GETS 

Alta Lumina is a magical experience that plunges visitors into a fantastic world and offers them a unique immersive adventure. In the heart of the forest at nightfall, visitors follow a one-kilometre trail of light through a series of tableaux, where the history of the area's DNA is poetically suggested by light, sound, images in all their forms, scenography and interactivity. This concept, ideal for all ages, is part of the resort's strategy to diversify, and is open virtually all year round.

**INFO** Self-guided tours last between 50 minutes and 1 hour.

➤ [Learn more](#)

## Inuit escape

### Indian tepee in the heart of nature

ABONDANCE 

In the Vallée d'Abondance, in a natural setting on the edge of the Lac des Plagnes (a UNESCO Geopark site), you'll find the new 12-metre-high tipi, which can accommodate 15 people.



This winter, the Alp'Evianature guides are launching a number of outings in the direction of the tipi: the «Indians and Trappers» hike for kids. Apprentice trappers can play at deciphering animal tracks and lighting a fire. Older children will love the night-time snowshoe outing, which ends with a Savoyard fondue eaten under the tipi. Nestled deep in the forest, the tipi and its central fireplace offer warmth and comfort to hikers, as well as an original Inuit-inspired experience.

**PRICES** €25 to €50/person depending on the package (night-time, with or without meal, etc.).

**INFO** [guidespaysdevian@gmail.com](mailto:guidespaysdevian@gmail.com)



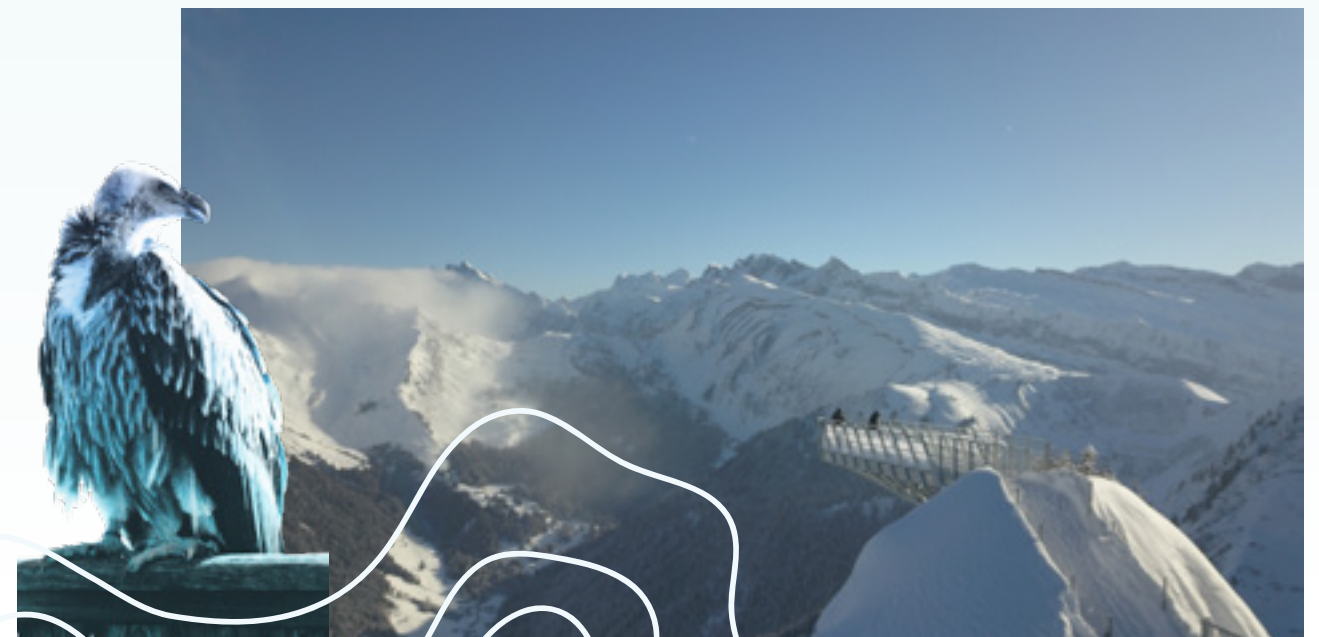
## Relaxation & cocooning

### Aigles du Léman

MORZINE 

In winter at the Pointe de Nyon, the «Aigles du Léman» set up their aviaries in the heart of the slopes. Young and old come to enjoy an experience that is unique in the world: discover eagles, owls and buzzards, rub shoulders with trainers who offer falconry lessons, marvel at shows or ski and race in the company of birds of prey. It's a concept that's unique in the world, with the ultimate aim of reintroducing extinct or endangered species to the Alps.

➤ [Learn more](#)



## Going for the « Grand Blanc »

### Fantasticable

CHÂTEL 

The only one of its kind in the Alps, the giant Fantasticable zip line lets you (over)fly the mountains and enjoy the white snow-covered landscapes. Comfortably installed in your harness, you are suspended in the air at a maximum height of 240 metres, flying at almost 100km/h from one end of the valley to the other, over 1200 metres of cable. The little extra to try? A duo flight to share the thrills!

**PRICE** Single price €27 per person / Duo flight €54

➤ [Learn more](#)



# INSPIRE

MEET THE MEN AND WOMEN  
WHO MAKE UP THE PORTES  
DU SOLEIL

The **INSPIRE** project is a series of portraits of people who are passionate about the Portes du Soleil.

Intimate and immersive, the series is conceived as a collection of moments shared at the heart of the resort with the men and women who bring the Portes du Soleil to life. Craftsmen, sportsmen, artists, inventors, Inspire offers you a gallery of colourful and totally eclectic characters.

Their stories, placed end to end, form a mosaic of human beings with unique stories that are sometimes touching, sometimes surprising, sometimes tragic, but always inspiring.

So breathe in and out and discover how the Portes du Soleil DNA has influenced these extraordinary destinies!



MARIE  
BOVARD

## The rising star of freeride skiing

Crowned double Junior World Champion in 2018 and 2019 on the Freeride Junior Tour (FJT), the young skier is now one of the world's young elite of gifted riders, ready to take on the legendary Freeride World Tour (FWT) circuit.

DISCOVER →



VALENTIN  
DELLUC

## The destiny of a Speedriding prodigy

Speed riding, or how to use a sail to improve your skiing. Valentin, the pinnacle of speed riding, inspires us and makes us dream with his breathtakingly easy and engaging videos. These moments of absolute freedom are the fruit of a personal story and hard work at his favourite training spot, Avoriaz 1800.

DISCOVER →



JEAN-YVES  
FREDRIKSEN

## The mountain maniac

Par'alpinism, an instrument of freedom for exploring the world and meeting new people. Meet Blutch, the multi-talented adventurer who has made Abondance his base camp. A guide, skier, climber, paraglider and outstanding violinist. With him, sporting achievement always takes a back seat to meeting new people and sharing experiences. After all, there's nothing like skiing the Jorasses, climbing the North faces or paragliding across the Himalayas...

DISCOVER →



GUILLAUME  
BRON

## The combination of two passions: wood and skiing

The charm of exclusively handmade products that respect our customers' every wish. The scent of ash, the wood of the valley, and the unique expertise of this mountain man who is also a ski instructor will transport visitors into an atmosphere like no other, where time seems to stand still.

DISCOVER →



HUGUES  
PERRIN

## The bell founder, symbol of the mountain pastures

For some forty years, Hugues Perrin has been passionately carrying on the alpine tradition of his village, Champéry. Inspired by the authenticity of his unspoiled valley and the nature that surrounds him, he uses the same traditional methods as in the past to make bronze bells, mainly for cattle. Using period tools and old moulds with a patina of age, he tirelessly repeats the gestures of yesteryear to create authentic pieces steeped in history.

DISCOVER →

## The story of the Doves

With the sharp blade of his Opinel knife, Jean-Pierre David has been skilfully carving the wooden bird for almost 50 years. A typical folk art object in the Val d'Abondance, it is said that doves were once made during the long winter evenings or on the mountain pastures during the summer. Made from pieces of spruce carefully selected at altitude, some see them as symbols of peace, while others hang them as good luck charms to protect their homes. Like fragments of history bearing witness to the identity of the mountains, these finely carved birds remind those who own them of their attachment to the Haute-Savoie region, to the special terroir of the Chablais and the Vallée d'Abondance...

DISCOVER →

**\_ All of them are committed, passionate and caring, veritable sentinels of the estate's good health, who are committed to bringing the area to life... where everyone has been able to develop their differences and specificities with the same sense of belonging.**



JEAN-PIERRE  
DAVID



A LAND OF EVENTS

# ROCK THE PISTES FESTIVAL

**17 TO 23 MARCH 2024**

From 17 to 23 March 2024, the unusual pop-rock festival is back with a bang on the powdery slopes of the Portes du Soleil.

For over 10 years now, the Rock the Pistes festival has been unleashing the fire of music and skiing aficionados! This atypical festival, unique in Europe, takes place on the ski slopes at altitude and is open to holders of a ski pass.

Just the thing for a Ski, Sun and Sound cocktail in the winter!

**ROCK  
THE  
PISTES  
FESTIVAL**

**6** live concerts  
on the slopes



high altitude stages in  
FRANCE 🇫🇷 & SWITZERLAND 🇨🇭



**30**  
« Off the Pistes »  
après-ski concerts in  
the heart of resorts



**20 000**  
festival-goers



► ROCK THE PISTES FESTIVAL







A LAND OF EVENTS

# YOUR WINTER PLANNER

## OCTOBER

27.10 → 29.10  
**Championnats  
du Monde  
de la Raclette**  
MORIGNS +

## NOVEMBER

10.11 → 11.11  
**Champéry Film  
Festival**  
CHAMPÉRY +

## DECEMBER

09.12 → 10.12  
**Spartan kids  
& Winter trail**  
Obstacles race  
MORZINE-AVORIAZ

15.12 → 17.12  
**Rock on snow**  
A snow sports test village  
AVORIAZ 1800

23.12 → 24.12  
**Le Père Noël habite  
aux Gets**  
Santa Claus village  
LES GETS

24.12 → 07.01  
**Morzine village  
enchanté**  
Christmas village & activities  
MORZINE-AVORIAZ

## JANUARY

13.01 → 20.01  
**Montreux comedy  
fait du ski... aux Gets**  
LES GETS

15.01  
**La Grande Odyssée**  
Sledge dog race  
LA CHAPELLE D'ABONDANCE

27.01 → 03.02  
**Championnats du  
Monde Ski Alpin  
Junior**  
PORTES DU SOLEIL +

## FEBRUARY

04.02 → 05.02  
**Championnats  
de France FFC  
de Snow Bike**  
LES GETS

06.02  
**Fête des agriculteurs**  
Farmers' festival  
CHÂTEL

10.02 → 11.02  
**Championnats du  
Monde Snow Bike UCI**  
VTT sur neige  
CHÂTEL

## MARCH

mars (dates to come)  
**Freeride World  
Qualifier Tour Junior**  
AVORIAZ 1800

dates to come  
**Snowcase**  
Electro concerts  
AVORIAZ 1800

07.03  
**Bénédiction  
des skieurs**  
CHÂTEL

16.03 → 23.03  
**Snowboxx**  
Après-ski concerts  
AVORIAZ 1800

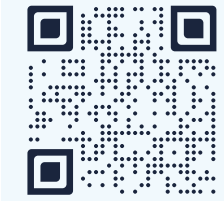
16.03 → 23.03  
**Maxi-Rires Festival**  
CHAMPÉRY +

17.03 → 23.03  
**Rock The Pistes**  
PORTES DU SOLEIL +

30.03 → 01.04  
**Morzine, royaume  
des marmots**  
Shows & activities  
MORZINE-AVORIAZ

## APRIL

01.04  
**Course des  
Champions**  
MORZINE-AVORIAZ



FIND THE  
ENTIRE AGENDA



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AVORIAZ 1800 🇫🇷

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