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WINTER IN THE FRENCH MOUNTAINS

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THE FUTURE OF OUR MOUNTAINS LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE YOUNG

« This winter, the French mountain destinations are pulling out all the stops to offer holidaymakers new additions and developments that they will love, in all weathers.

The French mountain destinations have come together as one to boost their appeal to young customers, a target market which is the focus of France Montagnes for the next three years as part of the new promotional strategy it set up in 2025. It's not just snowsports that youngsters are looking for, they are seeking varied and immersive experiences with a wealth of activities, affordable prices and environmental awareness.

As the young generation are hyper-connected, it's imperative that our resorts meet their needs in terms of digital innovation and connectivity with the development of mobile apps, digital services, and connected spaces.

At the same time, the large variety of mountain resorts, for which France is renown, means there is something for everyone, from die-hard sports fans to those who prefer to admire the view. This winter, enjoy the mountains of France! »

Jean-Luc Boch, President of France Montagnes



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The France Montagnes association unites France's leading players in mountain tourism to promote the destination and all it has to offer, both nationally and internationally.

THE MOUNTAINS ARE A SOURCE OF WELLBEING AND MEMORIES



The summer season has only just ended, but we're already fully focused on winter, with our teams devoting their energy to providing our visitors with unforgettable memories on our slopes. Whether in a high-altitude or village resort, everybody will be able to find the experience they're looking for in one of our 250 ski areas.

Our mountains are always on the go, constantly changing with the passing seasons, thanks to the locals who breathe life into them, and as a result of our customers' changing needs.

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But one thing that remains unchanged is the delight to be had from crossing our snow-covered slopes, sharing experiences and warmth with loved ones, passing on our passion for wide-open spaces to the next generation, and the intense joy at the start of a new season when everything is exalted by the purity of the snow.



When our customers return home, they leave feeling energised by the mountains.

Our own energy is drawn from an inexhaustible source of mountain stakeholders who work together tirelessly day after day to support our destinations.

Wishing everybody a wonderful season.

Anne Marty, President of Domaines Skiabiles de France (French Ski Areas - Professional association for French ski area operators)



80 YEARS DEDICATED TO DISCOVERING AND LEARNING HOW TO SKI



**November 2025 will see us
celebrate a symbolic anniversary.**

80 years of shared history, collective commitment, and passion for the mountains. Since they first opened, the esf French Ski Schools have become so much more than just places of learning: they are key indicators for our destinations, steadfast points of reference, enthusiastic professionals in the heart of every mountain valley, and as strong a draw as they ever were.

The excellent attendance figures recorded in every massif for the 2024-2025 season are proof of their popularity. It's a testament to the deep attachment that the French – and international visitors – hold towards skiing, snow, and the mountains.

In this context, French Ski School instructors are key players in the day-to-day life of the mountains. Their famous, emblematic red sweater is obviously first and foremost a signifier of ski instruction, which encompasses learning and snowsports techniques, but it's also a symbol of an overall attitude and an affinity with the local area and with nature that we define as Mountain Culture.

A recent survey carried out in collaboration with Ipsos confirms that ski instructors live and want to continue to live in the mountains, as an endorsement of their primary role as sports instructors.

Their commitment extends beyond the winter season. More than half already hold or are studying for a qualification in the field of sport, often connected to a mountain-related career.

Under the France Montagnes umbrella, esf instructors work daily in partnership with local politicians and Domaines Skiabiles de France to respond to the environmental and societal issues we all face.

On the eve of a new season, we are proud to share our vision of a future-focused profession that is passionately and deeply rooted in service of the mountains. And we are prouder than ever to reaffirm our mission to teach snowsports to all generations, whilst introducing them to our magnificent environment.

**Éric Brèche, President of the
Écoles du Ski Français (esf)**

The logo for the Écoles du Ski Français (esf), featuring the letters 'esf' in a bold, red, italicized sans-serif font.

11 KEY FIGURES

FOR THE MOUNTAINS AND SKIING

320

resorts or Alpine/Nordic ski destinations in France

6,800,000

tourist beds in the mountains,
making up 1/3 of the national tourism offer

1 TO 2%

of mountain zones equipped for tourism,
totalling around 12,000km²

19%

of the total number of French tourists
visit the mountains

7

mountain massifs (Northern Alps,
Southern Alps, Vosges, Jura, Pyrenees,
Massif Central and Corsica)

and **5 National Parks** (Vanoise,
Pyrenees, Cévennes, Ecrins
and Mercantour)

73%

of clients go downhill skiing during their stay: **skiing is still the main reason** for holidaying in a ski resort in winter

26

interconnected ski areas in France, the world leader in skiing

1,200

sports shops in the mountains including ski and equipment rental shops

120,000

jobs depend on ski area openings (18,500 direct jobs)

20,000

ski instructors including 16,500 from the esf French Ski School

IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN OUR SKI AREAS!

Faster, higher, but also more innovative and sustainable... Our ski areas are reinventing themselves to combine comfort, enjoyment, and ease of getting around, as well as to encourage year-round use.

“Altitude 3300”, an ambitious project with a 50-year vision

Between now and 2030, SATA Group – AEON is carrying out an in-depth modernisation project on the Alpe d'Huez ski area with the aim of replacing 6 strategic ski lifts including full renovation of their stations to offer faster, more comfortable and easier-to-access connections. The first major stage in 2025 is the new Poutran gondola lift which will improve links between **OZ 3300** and **Alpe d'Huez**, making it easier to reach Pic Blanc at 3,330 metres. Strengthening the network will make it easier to move between the ski area's five resorts, thereby improving comfort, accessibility and passenger flow. “Altitude 3,330” represents a sustainable, innovative vision for mountain tourism, for a smoother, more enjoyable experience in every season.

Combloux, the gateway to the Portes du Mont-Blanc now boasts a detachable 10-seater gondola lift, replacing the historic 40-year-old Beauregard lift. It offers a smoother, safer boarding experience, especially for children, and a reduced visual impact thanks to 12 pylons instead of 23.

Over in **Les Arcs**, it's out with the Replat and Plan des Violettes chairlifts and in with a new

gondola lift boasting forty 10-seater gondolas. With its Alpine wildlife and plant life-themed décor, it will connect **Villaroger** (1,200 metres) to Plan des Violettes (2,119 metres) in 6.45 minutes, 10 minutes less than before. In addition, the project will include a new building housing the esf French Ski School, Tourist Office, a car park and ski lockers, as well as 3,000 newly planted trees, the creation of a wetland, and a protected habitat for Black Grouse.

Méribel-Mottaret's Côte Brune chairlift makes way for an ultramodern 10-seater gondola lift (51 gondolas, real-time info, 2,600 people per hour at 7 m/s) connecting Méribel-Mottaret, Val Thorens and Les Ménuires, with just 14 pylons instead of 25. Similarly, Méribel Alpina has invested 2.9M€ to modernise the Olympe gondola lift departure station in **Brides-les-Bains** with escalators, a lift, automated lockers, and a sales area. The aim is to ensure smoother journeys and improved comfort whilst reasserting Brides-les-Bains' position as the gateway to the Allues Valley and Les 3 Vallées ski area.

In **Val Thorens**, the Cime Caron cable car is reopening with two new cabins once again offering access to altitudes of 3,200 metres and uninterrupted panoramic views over Les 3 Vallées, in

addition to the Caron 3200 building, which opened last winter. At the same time, the resort is unveiling the 10-seater “Face Nord” gondola lift, to replace the former Glacier and Col chairlifts. This new link will optimise passenger flow, providing access to the Asters and Face Nord runs, whilst ensuring a connection to Orelle via the Lory blue run, which is accessible to all.

Crest-Voland is replacing the Logère chairlift with a gondola lift for this winter (48 10-seater gondolas, 2,600 people an hour) ensuring a connection between altitudes of 1,220 and 1,595 metres. The aim is to provide enhanced comfort and safety, as well as 4-season usability. This is a strategic large-scale investment for a compact resort with a vast ski area, thanks to its connection with the 192-kilometre Espace Diamant.

In **Orcières Merlette 1850**, a detachable 6-seater chairlift will replace three former lifts, connecting Les Lauzières to Méollion. The journey time will go from 20 minutes to 6 minutes, offering easy access to the FIS Camille Ricou run, as well as reduced environmental impact.

Praz de Lys-Sommand is opening a whole new family-friendly fun run that snakes down the length of the main ski run, inviting skiers to explore local wildlife through interactive activities.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATES

Our mountain destinations are showcasing innovative and responsible accommodation options that combine comfort, nature and authenticity to redefine the perfect mountain break. Some properties have been given a whole new lease of life, while others have been redesigned with a focus on well-thought-out building techniques and enhancing the existing accommodation.

A unique sports hotel in the heart of Hautes Vosges

Gérardmer welcomes the Echappée Vosgienne, a brand new sports hotel concept. Founded by four former athletes, it combines accommodation and a restaurant, as well as fitness and training facilities. With 16 rooms, a restaurant serving locally sourced food, high-tech gym, wellbeing area, multi-sports pitch, 3 athletics tracks, an archery shooting line, and meeting room, its goal is to promote sustainable tourism centred around health, sports and wellbeing.

A new look

Whilst the former Refuge du Roc de la Pêche has changed its name to Refuge du Roc, its mission of welcoming mountain lovers hasn't gone anywhere. Perched on the upper levels of **Pralognan-la-Vanoise** on the ruins of a former monastery, it's retained its period chapel but now offers refurbished rooms featuring private showers and

even a sauna! Accessible year round, it welcomes hikers, events and business conferences to a breathtaking setting.

In **Plagne Centre**, the former Christina hotel has made way for the 4-star PopAlp hotel, which is a new addition to the CÎMESHÔTEL group. Refurbished and upgraded, it's a Pop Art wonderland that combines bright colours and murals with mountain motifs. The hotel boasts 50 rooms for 2 to 4 people, as well as 7 apartments including rooftop penthouses, most featuring a balcony. It's all rounded off by a brasserie, ski room and shop, along with a range of premium services. A tourism residence, spa and a conference room will be added in 2027.

In **Chamrousse**, the Villages du Bachat tourism residence has also had a makeover for this winter, now featuring 93 refurbished apartments, ranging from studios to apartments for 6 people with all mod cons, fitted kitchens, balconies,

ski lockers and a car park. Set in the heart of a spruce forest facing the Taillefer mountain, the residence will also boast a well-being centre with a heated outdoor swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi and gym.

In December, « La Maison des Drapiers » will open its doors in the heart of **Serre Chevalier Vallée Briançon's** Cité Vauban. Part of The Social Club group and housed in the town's former library, this intimate 4-star hotel will boast 10 rooms, a restaurant celebrating local gastronomy and a massage room.

In **Morzine**, nestling between France and Switzerland, the former Col de Coux customs house has been reinvented as a staffed mountain refuge. It offers simple, welcoming accommodation, perfect for those who love nature and authenticity. Accessible in winter to ski tourers or snowshoers from Morzine.

BRAND NEW

Set in the heart of **Saint-Martin-de-Belleville**, the new Chalet Escapade is an exclusive destination combining Alpine tradition and modernity. Extending over 630m², it welcomes 12 people in 6 suites, with one designed especially for families, and boasts top-of-the-range facilities including a heated pool, outdoor hot tub, sauna, steam room, gym and massage room, private cinema, bar and games room area, ski room... And the cherry on the cake... it enjoys direct access to Les 3 Vallées ski runs!

THE PERFECT DOGGY DESTINATION

The **Massif du Sancy** has become the first winter destination to be awarded **Qualidog** status, the first holiday label dedicated to welcoming dogs. The Tourist Office's «Toutou Sancy» brand guarantees a comprehensive dog-friendly offer and promotes local highlights that fulfil dog owners' needs. The venture connects professionals around a common goal, and aims to make a name for the massif in this fast-growing niche.

A HISTORIC AUBERGE'S CULTURAL AND GOURMET RENAISSANCE

In **Les Contamines-Montjoie**, a former auberge located near Notre-Dame de la Gorge has been given a new lease of life thanks to the efforts of its community. This emblematic place combines local gastronomy and culture, with a welcoming restaurant and a cultural centre dedicated to Baroque art and Alpine heritage. Exhibitions, concerts and workshops will breathe life into the space, which is infused with history, to reinforce the area's cultural identity.

THE MOUNTAINS BROADEN YOUNG MINDS

Calling all young professionals, students, groups of friends and cousin clubs between the ages of 18 and 35. We want to showcase the mountains in an active, varied, fun way, offering them a breath of fresh air and freedom. There is so much more to the mountains in winter than just skiing, with a wealth of other experiences inviting you to exercise, laugh, feel invigorated, and let your hair down. Up there, the thrills are cool, the activities insane, the resorts connected, and the accommodation reimagined. Up there, it's not just the altitude that quickens your pulse. Up there, you'll get your fix of holiday highs.





WINTER IS SET TO BE SPECTACULAR!

Concerts, festivals, shows... this winter our resorts will be buzzing with flurries of activity that holidaymakers will love. The ever-growing list of events on the programme combines quality, originality and diversity. Here are just a few of this season's many diary dates.

The grand opening

The winter season will get underway in **Vars** with **Vars en Scène**, a free concert on the snow front. After welcoming Bigflo & Oli, Mika, Texas and M in previous years, Vars is getting ready to once again set the snow front alight for the first day of the ski season. The headline artist will soon be revealed and promises to be every bit as prestigious as always.

13th of December 2025

We're also celebrating the opening of the **Avoriaz** ski runs with **Rock On Snow**, a crazy weekend that sets the tone for the season ahead. For 3 days, the resort will be abuzz with snowsports and celebration thanks to free equipment trials, concerts, and entertainment in a fun, relaxed atmosphere topped off with bargain-price skipasses!

12th, 13th and 14th of December 2025

High energy

The beat goes on at the **Garosnow** electro festival, a "Pyrenees Tour" party that's set to ignite **Les Angles** and **Saint-Lary**. This year, Garosnow is expanding its presence with 3 exclusive events set to breathe life into the whole winter season. The programme features « Music, Ride & Cool Attitude », a great line-up that brings together DJs and bands in restaurants, venues and on the slopes. Line-up tbc.

Les Angles: From the 9th to the 11th of January 2026

Saint-Lary: Opening on the 12th and 13th of December 25

LE Garosnow 23rd /24th /25th of January 26 and Closing on the 4th of April 26

Also in the Pyrenees is the unmissable **Festival Sur Mon Glaçon de Peyragudes**, with 2 days of live concerts at the famous 007 altiport in the evening, and DJ sets on the ski area in the daytime, all in a friendly, fun, electro atmosphere at an altitude of 1,600 metres!

January – Dates to be confirmed

To mark the occasion, **Serre Chevalier Vallée Briançon**'s snow front is going to be turned into a giant dancefloor brought to life by a huge **DJ Set**. Soon after, the resort will be pulsing with two breathtaking street performances by the Elixir and Planet Vapeur companies.

DJ Set on the 19th of February 2026 – Street performances on the 20th and 27th of February 2026





Laughter and thrills

New! This winter in **La Plagne**, humour will reach new heights with the launch of the **Paradiski Comedy Club**, a bold concept run by the Métro Comedy Club group, an established name in urban stand-up. For the occasion, the Vanoise Express' legendary gondolas, suspended 380 metres up in the air, will be turned into stages for brand new shows featuring well-known comedians. Expect unique performances for each journey, and the promise of laughter and thrills with the very first aerial stand-up in the world. An absolutely unmissable experience.

From Saturday the 14th of February to Saturday the 28th of February 2026, daily (excluding Saturdays), from 10^{am} to 12^{pm} and from 2^{pm} to 4^{pm} (Shows in French and English)

Unmissable and guaranteed to put shivers up your spine! At **Gérardmer in Hautes-Vosges**, the 33rd Fantasy Film Festival arrives with screenings as well as Q&As, round tables, exhibitions, musical events, a fantasy literature salon and a whole range of entertainment in the resort including the famous zombie parade... Quite simply phenomenal!

From the 27th of January to the 1st of February 2026

Street Art Festival Val d'Arly

For the third year in a row, Flumet, Crest-Voland, La Giettaz and Saint-Nicolas-la-Chapelle welcome renowned artists for a street festival in conjunction with Galerie Papajosette. On the programme you'll find 40 artists and 2 galleries, giant murals, live painting, performances, freestyle shows, Q&As, projections, workshops... An original, technicolour experience!

From the 2nd to the 6th of March 2026



A mountain of thrills

For young professionals and students, the mountains tick all the boxes whatever the season, but especially in winter. Sports, adventures, shared experiences, thrills, going out or switching off... our resorts have it all!

A variety of nights

In a hushed atmosphere, **skiing beneath the stars** is a unique experience you can enjoy in one of many destinations that offer illuminated ski runs, such as **Chabanon in the Southern Alps**, which has 3 accessible ski lifts and 3 kilometres of illuminated ski runs. Special offer: free evening pass with every skipass valid for 2 days or more!

Every Tuesday evening in February, **Saint-Sorlin d'Arves** comes alive with Big Air ski jumping and snowboarding demonstrations by riders from the local association. The resort also holds a free party on the snow front every week, with a torchlit descent, fireworks, mulled wine and hot chocolate.

In **Val d'Allos, Obs by Night** is an against-the-clock "Vertical"-style ski race contested on downhill ski runs at night. On the **7th of February 2026**, athletes and amateurs of all ages will come together to celebrate its 9th edition. This fun, sporty evening will draw to a close with fireworks set off from the top of the Observatory, the highest point in the ski area at an altitude of 2,600 metres.

Be at one with nature **cross-country skiing** at night through magically peaceful, silent surroundings. The **Nordic Pass 74**, which offers unlimited skiing on Haute-Savoie's 25 ski areas, will also provide access to night-time cross-country skiing from this winter. The activity is available in around a dozen resorts in **Haute-Savoie Mont-Blanc**, including **Les Contamines Montjoie** every Wednesday and **La Clusaz** (Les Confins) every Friday.

First Tracks

Karellis resort gives early risers the chance to leave the day's very first tracks. Speeding down untouched ski runs, with the squeak of skis gliding across snow as your only soundtrack, admiring the first light spreading over the summits at the top of the ski area, is a unique privilege and an unforgettable experience.

Every Tuesday during the season and also on Thursdays during school holidays.



Let it slide!

Resorts are offering all kinds of "new snowsports" to vary the fun and provide even more opportunities for discovery. In **Combloux**, sporty types can explore the snow-covered slopes on a **mountain bike** or an **E-mountain bike**. Cycling on snow is an amazing thrill that feels quite different from the classic summer experience.

All-terrain electric scooters are all the rage in the Hautes-Vosges resort of **La Bresse**. Using the GPS provided, adventurers can explore the summits and lakes while savouring local specialities on a gourmet bike ride.

Have you heard of the Yooner? A cross between a sled and a ski, this lightweight, easy-to-handle device comprises a seat, a shock absorber and a runner. Carve turns with your feet in the snow, seated just 20cm above the ground! Give it a go on the ski slopes of **Val Cenis** for an hour after they close.

Throughout winter – 30€

The paret is a kind of ancestor to the Yooner. It's a traditional Savoyard wooden sled, with a single steel-rimmed runner, a seat and a handle. Like the Yooner, it offers great handling ability on the snow. Round off the day in **Sainte-Foy Tarentaise** by taking the last chairlift in the company of Évolution 2 ski instructors for a crazy downhill paret ride on a totally empty run.

Soar through the air

A popular activity for thrill-seekers, ziplines are popping up all over mountain resorts. Some are even accessible in winter for an experience that's beyond cool!

In **Valloire**, head to La Catelle for "A leap into the unknown", a new giant zipline promising an exhilarating solo ride, or a side-by-side experience for two! With a 300-metre vertical drop over a length of 1,380 metres, daredevils can accelerate up to 100 kilometres an hour! From the top of the Planchamp gondola lift in **Valmorel**, strap a pair of skis or snowshoes to your back and speed down the 1,400 metre double zipline dangling over the void! Or if you'd like some company, go down side-by-side with someone else and gaze out over the beating heart of the snow-capped landscapes.

Onwards and upwards to **Val Thorens**, where the highest mega zipline in the world awaits daredevils, offering them an exclusive 1,300-metre flight reaching speeds of over 100 kilometres an hour, and breathtaking panoramic views from the uppermost point in Les 3 Vallées at 3,230 metres, at the top of the Bouchet chairlift on the Orelle ski area. Accessible only to skiers via the Bouchet chairlift on the Orelle ski area.

Prices to love

Several destinations offer special deals for youngsters, including **Val d'Allos**, which provides discounted skipasses for 18-25 year olds.

Chamonix offers 18-25 year olds the **HAPPY WINTER** pack, which includes a week of all-inclusive skiing or snowboarding from 499€ (full-board accommodation, sports equipment rental, skipass and lessons with a UCPA instructor).

The Magic Pass is an annual ski and summer pass, valid from May 2025 to April 2026 in nearly 100 ski resorts and 37 summer destinations across France,

Switzerland, and Italy. It includes **Monts Jura** and five Haute-Savoie Mont-Blanc resorts, such as **Praz-de-Lys Sommand** and **Le Grand Bornand**.

Setting off from Morzine, head to the Portes du Soleil ski area for 5 non-consecutive days with the TRIBU offer. Enjoy 10% off skipasses of 4 days or longer for 4 people.

Saint-Lary has created an online booking engine - resa.saintlary.com. It offers all-inclusive stays, including Wowlidays with 40% off ski lessons + equipment rental + skipass from the 3rd to the 10th of January 2026.



SWITCH ON TO SWITCH OFF!

e-thrills

In **Chamonix**, you can feel what it's like to be part of a **mountain rescue with the PGHM** and La Chamoniarde mountain rescue teams for a few minutes! "Above the sea of ice and beneath Les Drus peaks, your climbing buddy has injured their arm in a rockfall. At an altitude of 2,800 metres, you need to call for mountain rescue!" This 12-minute **virtual reality** experience puts the player in the position of witness, victim and rescuer all at the same time, in a three-dimensional world where you can interact as if you were really there. Thrilling... and free!

5 virtual reality simulators have been installed at **Les Orres Pôle Sport Innovation**, an indoor sports and leisure centre, so you can experience thrilling activities with experts. Downhill mountain biking, freeriding with Quentin Ladame or downhill skiing on a black run with champion Téa Lamboray, canoeing on the untameable Guil rapids in The Queyras with Boris Doye, paragliding over Sainte-Marguerite lake and skimming the landscape at over 100 kilometres an hour, and even speed-riding... you'd better make sure that your helmet's on tight.

In **Auron**, a unique **immersive experience** lets you fly over the ski area like an eagle or speed down the resort's legendary ski runs for free!

Apply yourself on the ski area

Tackle a connected challenge on Chamrousse's slopes with the "**Chamrousse Ski Challenge**" found in the "Chamrousse by Skitude" mobile app. Skiers and snowboarders can take on a challenge on their own or

Logged in at work and in our personal lives, some of us have become accustomed to experiencing thrills and emotions via a digital "intermediary". Resorts understand this, which is why they offer larger-than-life immersive experiences that make the virtual a reality.



with friends while interactively exploring the ski area. The app also provides access to services including webcams, snow conditions, weather forecasts, and much more.

The "**Raclette Run Challenge**" has landed in the French mountains! Available in multiple resorts, this interactive treasure hunt invites participants to set off in search of a range of characters, scanning their QR codes to be in with a chance of winning a prize. So much more than just a game, it is a whole new way to explore the resort whilst having fun!

CONNECTED HERITAGE

Local heritage is also being given a modern twist with fun, immersive discoveries. **Le Pays des Écrins** offers **two digital experiences**, one that's part of a special visit to the silver mines, the other offering the chance to embark on a fun trail to discover **the history of mountaineering in the Écrins massif** for 90 minutes. Featuring puzzles, quizzes, interviews, videos and 360° photos, you'll be playing along in no time!

Download the Legendr mobile app. For a more immersive experience, augmented reality helmets are for sale from the Tourist Information Offices for 4€.

FRIENDS... FOR THE NIGHT!

The "hostel" trend has reached resorts. Youth hostels attract a young, active clientele looking for fun, welcoming places to stay with up-to-the-minute connected services, affordable prices, and most of all a beyond-cool vibe. Campsites are upgrading to offer welcoming chalets for a different kind of stay, and gites are a winner for large readymade groups! Gangs of friends, clubs, families, work colleagues..., everybody will be able to find the perfect sleeping arrangements.

On-trend hostels

The **Maison Doron in Beaufort** offers accommodation with a cosy, relaxed youth hostel vibe for affordable stays in the heart of Beaufortain. It features shared or private sleeping areas, communal living spaces including a lounge bar and a games room, as well as a bistro-serving local, seasonal food.

Yoonly and Friends is a new apartment-hotel concept in the French Alps, which already has a foothold in **Risoul**. On the programme you'll find sociable activities, accommodation and quality services. "Ride, fun and party" is this next-generation hostel's promise!

The classic youth hostel

Hi Brides-les-Bains is a fun, friendly youth hostel that's due to open its doors on **the 6 th of December and to stay open for 11 months out of 12!** With a firm commitment to eco-responsibility, it's formed several partnerships with sports associations and community groups and is in the process of being awarded the "Clé Verte" environmental label. Part of the same group, the **Hi Valmeinier** youth hostel offers a range of

services, affordable prices and an ideal location just 200 metres from the slopes. Finally, also in the Hi! France network, **Le Grand Volcan in Mont-Dore** is a peaceful haven with a chalet feel that occupies a spot among the area's volcanoes.

Trapper-style camping

Fancy a Far North-style holiday with friends? Well, now you can have exactly that at the **Huttopia** campsite in **Champagny-en-Vanoise**, which offers 8 wooden chalets with oversized pitched roofs - a bespoke and "à la carte" creation by the team of designers at Huttopia. In a striking move by the local authority, the chalet design pays homage to the emblematic, historic construction style used to build mountain refuges in the Vanoise National Park. At affordable prices (from 490€ a week) and with surface areas of 35m², they feature equipped kitchens, wood-burning stoves, 2 bedrooms, and large covered wooden terraces. Sleeps 5.

Self-catering Gites

The **Au Soleil Jura si Ain** group opened two communal gites in spring 2025, including **L'Auberge**, a renovated and well-equipped gite offering 5 rooms, able to sleep 16. Perfect for a break with friends near the **Jura resorts**.

The brand new **Le Toët** gite in **Val Cenis** is also opening this winter! At the end of a snowshoe hike or ski trek, meet up with friends over a fondue and wake up to views of the frozen lake, facing mountain summits at altitudes of more than 3,000 metres. Best of all, this luxury is now available to everybody.



SMART

To enjoy snowsports all season long, the **BodyGo Hostel in Valfréjus** is the place to go.

The Maurienne Valley's first hostel, it offers a at an affordable rate including 3 ski days and 4 nights in half-board accommodation. The BodyGo ethos? Share, have fun, and strive.

- Package from 300€ (includes ski equipment rental and skipasses – excludes weekends and school holidays, minimum of 4 people to guarantee the rate).

FAMILLE PLUS: THE LABEL FOR FAMILY- FRIENDLY RESORTS

For children, the mountains are an incredible playground full of experiences, discoveries, and fun. Resorts show remarkable creativity to ensure that little ones enjoy themselves at every age. And when children are happy, parents are happy too — that's the recipe for a successful holiday. For parents, this also means having access to a range of services that help ease the mental load. This is precisely the mission of the national Famille Plus label, which highlights resorts that are especially attentive to welcoming children and their families.





FAMILLE PLUS

THE MOUNTAINS TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR LABELS

The national Famille Plus label aims to attract families whilst ensuring a personalised welcome. To be awarded the label, resorts and their partners must meet more than 100 specific requirements and commitments on areas such as varied and accessible activities and events, family-friendly accommodation, safety, and environmental awareness. 41 of our mountain destinations proudly bear this label, adhering to these guidelines and guaranteeing peace of mind for parents...as well as unforgettable memories for children.

Learn to ski with our fun and beginner's areas

Lots of resorts now offer fun areas for beginners, in **Valloire**, beginners areas are higher up, offering guaranteed snow with 2 dedicated areas located at the arrival point of the gondola lifts and chairlifts. **Font-Romeu** is opening a new beginners area on the Airelles snow front with a covered magic carpet to ensure learning in a safe environment.

Let your hair down

A successful holiday is one where children have fun and experience a max of thrills and emotions! With this in mind, our resorts have endless ideas when it comes to keeping them entertained; every Wednesday there's a Mini disco and children's show in **Les Karellis**, **La Rosière** hosts crazy fun and games with Piccolo, the resort's Saint-Bernard mascot on Tuesdays, and over in **Les Menuires**, a trip to the farm is an opportunity for little explorers to sit around the table for storytime and a delicious snack.



Find out more at
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CELEBRATING FAMILIES

Famille Plus resorts go the extra mile to delight both kids and grown-ups: fun trails, reinvented museums, outdoor adventures... a wealth of experiences to enjoy together as a family.

Move, ski, jump, run

The **Tignes Val Claret** Adventure Park opened this summer and remains open in winter with a choice of 2 routes. The first is for young children, who can walk, climb and jump harness-free over a series of nets suspended in the trees. And for the more adventurous, the second route offers thrills and ziplines 150 metres up in the air!

In **Villard de Lans**, Bam Freesports has become the Mouv'in Park. The equipment, trampolines and foam pit remain, but now even more new activities (gym, motor skills and sports games) are available, along with longer opening hours.

Located at the foot of the Clos Bernard chairlift in **Val d'Allos Le Seignus**, a new Explor Games© is accessible to skiers and pedestrians free of charge. Discover six levels of puzzles and fun challenges inspired by key moments in the history of Val d'Allos.

Discover, learn, listen, do

Take the family to the new Orienteering Leisure Area in **Les Contamines-Montjoie, Haute-Savoie Mont-Blanc** and explore 2 easily accessible, 3.7-kilometre flat circuits going from Le Pontet Leisure Park to Notre-Dame de la Gorge. One features a « Heritage » theme for discovering local history, landscapes and culture, and the other features a « Fun » theme with puzzles and observation games. Each itinerary is marked by 10 permanent signposts you can find with the help of a game guide, available to buy from the Tourist Office.

Saint-Martin-de-Belleville invites children aged between 3 and 8 to take their seats at a former-stable-turned-museum for a storytelling session that will transport them through the valley's history and traditions. This journey through time is rounded off with an afternoon snack. Every Thursday (45 minutes) - 5€ and free for an accompanying parent.

Laughter, discovery and a sprinkling of magic is on the cards for children aged between 18 months and 8 years in the new Hameau des Petits play area in **La Clusaz**. With educational games, creative workshops and mini nature and heritage-themed adventures, kids can explore and have fun in a safe zone that's filled with surprises. Multiple timeslots available every week.



4 POPULAR ACTIVITIES FOR LITTLE ONES



A selection of four trendy activity ideas for toddlers in Famille Plus resorts — guaranteed to amaze little ones and bring joy to their parents watching them in wonder. A pinch of adventure sports, a generous dose of dogs and ponies designed especially for the youngest, a touch of snow groomer magic — and the recipe is complete.

Live it up

They may only be knee-high to a grasshopper, but kids have the same right as adults to have adventures and experience the thrill of the unknown!

Mont-Dore provides plenty of opportunities to let off steam as part of Mont-Dore Adventures. From the 18th of October to the 2nd of November 2025 discover its flagship activities. The Rope Game invites teams to work together to complete a range of crazy challenges while tied together with rope! The treetop adventure trail in the hundred-year-old Capucin forest is the backdrop for an array of activities, including monkey bridges, rubber ring ziplining, tunnels, nets, alphabetical footbridges for little ones (3 to 5 year-olds), or something a little higher up for the more adventurous (over 6s). Share experiences combining nature and adventure with the whole family.

Museum

In Haute Maurienne Vanoise, the « L'Arche d'Oé » museum in Aussois runs a family treasure hunt titled « Les Secrets de Victoire », which takes the form of a search for hidden animals. It's a fun way to explore local heritage and day-to-day life in the Oé mountains, which is what Aussois once used to be called.

Dog sledding

Thrills, bonding with the dogs, and breathtaking landscapes make dog sledding one of the resorts' most consistently popular activities. Specially designed sessions give young children a taste of what driving a dog sled team is like in total safety, so that they can embark on their very own winter adventure.

In Orcières Merlette 1850, Nomad Esprit gives 3 to 12-year-olds the chance to spend a few hours living the life of a musher. After a little instruction, they can sample the joys of dog sledding and quickly gain independence in handling a team of dogs.

In Villard-de-Lans, « dog-pulka » is a fun family activity in which children (6 to 14 year-olds) sit comfortably on a Scandinavian sled pulled by a dog, led by an adult. Finally,

in Alpe d'Huez, young children can enjoy introductions to dog sledding in total safety, under adult supervision.

Pony-sledding or ski joëring?

In Le Corbier, winter is a time for new adventures and thrills thanks to original activities combining snowsports and bonding with animals. With pony-sledding, young children can enjoy a gentle introduction to the joys of snowsports, seated comfortably on a sled pulled along by a pony. For children over the age of 8 who are already confident on skis (2nd star level), ski joëring offers a unique and thrilling snowsports experience with a good dose of adrenaline as you are pulled along the slopes by a horse.

Just like the pros!

Piste groomer ride

Board a piste groomer and dive into the fascinating world of ski slope maintenance... A magical experience that little explorers won't forget!

Les 2 Alpes organises a piste groomer ride every Wednesday (and Thursday in school holidays), between altitudes of 3,200 and 3,600 metres. Experience a unique immersion in the day-to-day work of a piste groomer, from ski run maintenance to maintaining the snow cover. Accessible to skiers and pedestrians alike.

FILL THE FAMILY WITH

When magic and creativity take over the resorts, every event becomes a unique opportunity to dream, explore... and above all, share unforgettable family moments in Famille Plus destinations!



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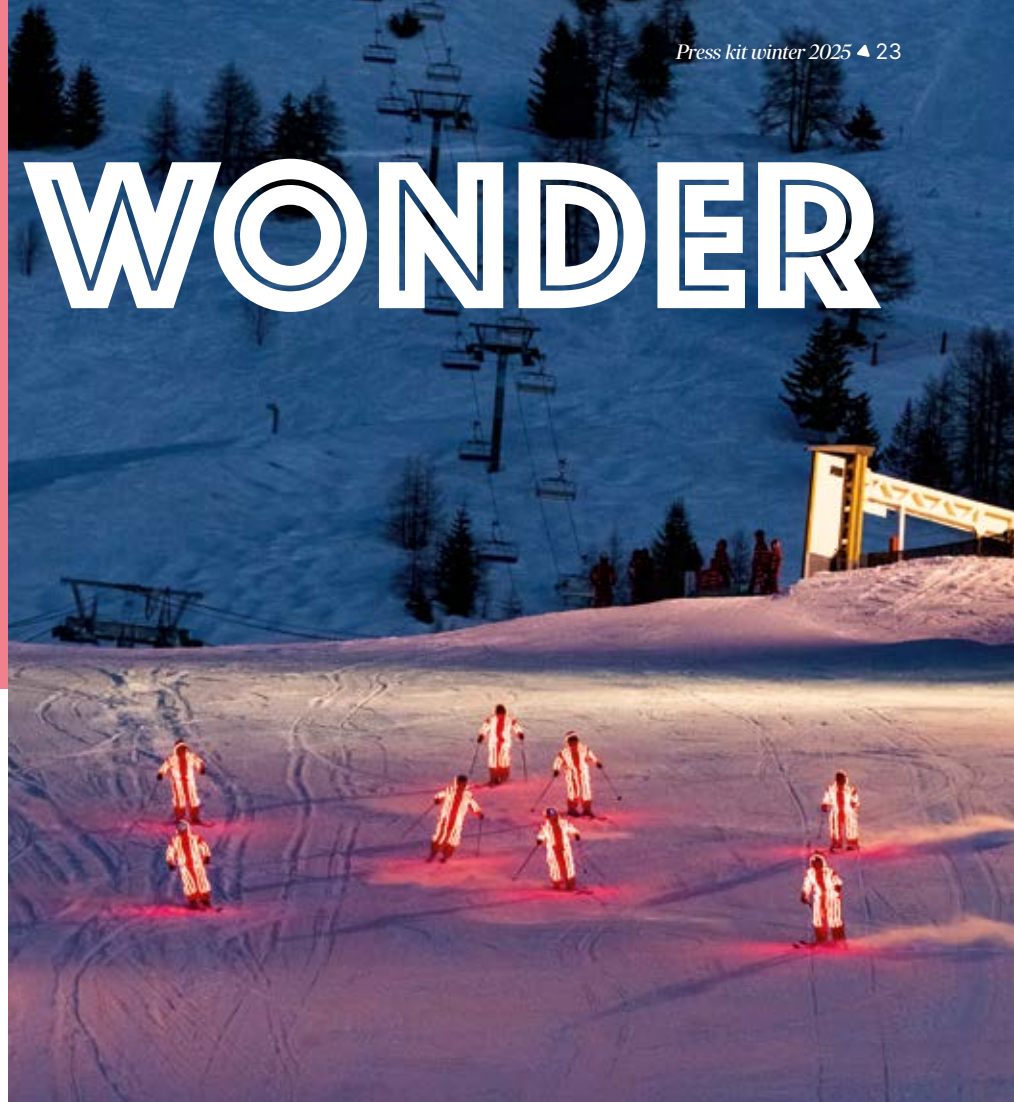
During the school holidays, **Val d'Isère**'s eagles will put on a show in a high-flying spectacle where birds of prey swoop between the snow-capped summits to their handlers at the top of the Solaise gondola lift.

Valloire makes magic happen every winter, with ice and snow transformed into ephemeral, enchanting creations in two unmissable events! The 34th International Ice Sculpture Competition gets the party started between the 13th and 16th of January 2026, followed by the 43rd International Snow Sculpture Competition from the 20th to the 23rd of January 2026.

Activities and events: Share

In **Orcières Merlette 1850**, children can embark on an « I can look after myself in the mountains » adventure introducing them to the life of a trapper and teaching them basic survival skills such as lighting a fire, building a shelter, identifying animal tracks and edible plants, protecting themselves from the cold, rope-handling... A larger-than-life expedition!

WONDER



In **Val Thorens**, the winter season is all about family entertainment livening up the school holidays, with unique shows and varied workshops, children's torchlit descents, introductions to snowboarding for the over 3s on the Burton Riglet Kids' Snowboard supervised by Evolution2 instructors... not forgetting the Family Plus Week in April with workshops, shows and live music.

Cultivating culture with children

The media library and museum in **Vaujany** are accessible to all, free of charge. They offer discovery sessions, reading time, and opportunities to learn more about the mountains, their wildlife and plant life whilst stimulating all the senses. **La Clusaz** is home to the Hameau des Petits where children can explore nature and heritage through games and experiments with fun farm life workshops.

Saint-Lary heritage centre comprises a museum, as well as creative activities and workshops for families (pottery, dream catchers...) and a peddler-themed escape game.

The media library in **Auron** organises several workshops, including storytime for little ones, whilst the games library in **Gérardmer** boasts more than 5,000 games and toys to keep everyone busy!

In conjunction with the National Association of Mayors of Mountain Resorts (ANMSM) and Pass Education, **Val d'Isère** distributes holiday workbooks for children during the school holidays to keep their minds as active as their bodies!

A HUGE ARRAY OF EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

In Famille Plus resorts, energy levels are at an all-time high: the season is abuzz with exciting competitions, mind-blowing snowsports, fast-paced descents and festive shows. Every week, there's a new event to excite, entertain and astound us all...



Thursdays during the school holidays in **Haute Maurienne Vanoise** are time for **Festi'Ski à Aussois**. Move, dance and ski until nightfall! The programme features slopeside concerts, P'tits Loups ski races, the esf French Ski School's torchlit descents, gourmet snow bar, fireworks and a huge Ski Club concert. A burst of energy to round off the week in style!

The Winter KGames are returning to **Les Karellis** between the 8th and 13th of February 2026 for a week themed around snowsports and mountain competitions. Challenge yourself to new activities every day, including speed skiing, boarder cross, biathlon and slalom! Suitable for all ages.

On the 4th and 5th of April 2026 (dates to be confirmed), **Les 2 Alpes** will be hosting the biggest snowboarding competition for French « micro riders » (budding champions aged between 5 and 11), who will be putting on a show at the snowpark.

In **La Bresse** esf, families are invited to get moving in pairs on the Family Biathlon Challenge that takes place every Sunday during the school holidays. On the programme you'll find cross-country skiing and laser rifle shooting in teams (1 adult + 1 child between the ages of 10 and 17), in a fun, sociable atmosphere.

On several Thursdays this winter, **Le Grand-Bornand's** esf French Ski School will be giving brave over-10s the chance to experience a real thrill at the helm of a three-skate sled on a supervised descent over 7 kilometres with a 600-metre vertical drop... Adrenaline awaits around every bend!

GET A **MOVE ON KIDS!**



This winter, it's time for our kids to spring into action! Crazy toboggans, snowtubing in rubber rings, mini-snowmobiles, karting on snow, ski touring and ski patroller missions... our Famille Plus resorts have a packed programme of fun, adrenaline and discovery in store for them.

4 Season tobogganing, life-sized rollercoasters

Set off on spectacular descents all year round with 4-season tobogganing! In **Alpe d'Huez**, the Piste des Bergers gives thrill-seekers an intense shot of adrenaline by shooting them down a 1-kilometre run packed with tight bends, jumps, waves, flip-flaps, spins and tunnels.

In **Font-Romeu**, head to the Pyrénées 2000 sector with its new Draco'Snow toboggan, which offers an 820-metre descent reaching speeds of up to 40 kilometres an hour.

In **Les Menuires**, "La Mine" revisits the history of local miners from yesteryear in a run that's punctuated with twists and banked turns.

Over in Les Vosges, **La Bresse** will blow you away with its 900-metre track with an impressive 340° spin. Finally, in **La Clusaz**, the newly opened "Luge des Bois" toboggan run combines a panoramic climb with an 820-metre descent, providing joy and thrills in any season.

Snowtubing: bounce, laugh and slide!

Snowtubing transforms the snow into an XXL playground. Sitting in a large rubber ring, either on your own or attached to other rings, carry out a series of hair-raising turns and slides on runs cut into the snow. In **Chamrousse 1750**, the Tube Park's runs offer whoops, turns and undulating terrain all the way to a huge (optional) jump onto an Airbag for a soft landing... or very nearly soft, at least. In **Haute Maurienne Vanoise in Aussois**, there's a dedicated snowtubing run right in the heart of the village. How do you get up to the top again? It couldn't be simpler; you just attach your rubber ring to the rope tow and let yourself be pulled all the way back up!

Budding drivers

Adventurous youngsters have so much to enjoy this winter! On a dedicated circuit opposite the Aquasports Centre in **Val d'Isère**, 5-12-year olds can take the handlebars of an electric mini-snowmobile for guaranteed speed, turns and fun! In **Le Corbier**, under-12s can enjoy the excitement of their first introduction to snowmobiles every Sunday as part of the resort welcome drink.

In **Les Orres**, families benefit from preferential rates so that the over-5s can discover the magic of riding a snowmobile on both groomed and powder snow.

Experience the life of a ski patroller

In **Les Menuires / St-Martin-de-Belleville**, the "Ski Patrol Experience" immerses children in the midst of the action on an area extending over 3,300m² where they can drive mini-snowmobiles and mini electric piste groomers, and even take part in a helicopter rescue simulation... A mix of adrenaline and discovery for learning mountain safety skills while having fun! In **Les 2 Alpes**, "First Tracks Skiing" offers a magical experience at dawn, following the ski patrollers to open the untouched runs, learning all about what goes on behind-the-scenes in their work, and enjoying a gourmet breakfast at an altitude of 2,600 metres, gazing out over the rising sun.

Ski touring like the pros at Grand Bo

In **Le Grand Bornand**, Starski ski school offers children over the age of 8 introductory 3-hour ski touring sessions, ideally accompanied by a parent also on skis. Along designated itineraries bordering the ski area, they can learn how to use sealskins, explore the mountains using specially adapted routes, and watch avalanche rescue demonstrations with shovels, probes and a DVA (avalanche victim detector).

"LES P'TITS FLAMBEAUX"

CHARITY BEGINS IN THE MOUNTAINS



Put Thursday, February 19th 2026 in your diary for an event like no other, helping to ensure access to the mountains for all children.

Les P'tits Flambeaux is a French charity event organised by France Montagnes driven by its founding members, the National Association of Mayors of Mountain Resorts (ANMSM), French Ski Areas (DSF), and France's national ski instructor union (SNMSF). With a torchlit descent taking place on the same day at the same time in more than 150 ski resorts, around 100,000 people and 20,000 torches will light up the night sky to raise money and give hope to make the mountains accessible to as many children as possible.

Funds raised from this event will be donated to the Petits Princes, Génération Montagne and Enfance et Montagne associations who strive to make the mountains accessible to youngsters. They help sick children from low-income families, or who are attending school in disadvantaged areas to experience the mountains for the first time. Thanks to funds raised (more than 150,000€ in 2025), educational residential trips, discovery trips and educational activities have been organised in our French mountains.



Since its creation, Les P'tits flambeaux has already enabled more than 5,000 children to discover the mountains. A symbol of the resorts' commitment, this initiative showcases the solidarity of our mountains, and their desire to share their passion for the mountains with younger generations.

Petits Princes Association: founded in 1987 as an officially recognised non-profit organisation, the Petits Princes Association helps make dreams become a reality for children and teenagers who are seriously ill. Its goal is to give them the strength and hope to fight their illness.

Génération Montagne: In April 2022, Domaines Skiabiles de France (French ski areas) created the Génération Montagne fund, whose aim is to lead and finance targeted charitable actions involving the ski areas in environmental, social and charity issues in the French massifs. It is invested in the Essentiem endowment fund.

Enfance et Montagne: the esf endowment fund plays a key role in helping to finance mountain discovery school trips all-year-round. Last year saw 17,500 children and 700 school trips take advantage of some incredible discoveries and experiences.

More informations on france-montagnes.com/en





ALL YEAR ROUND!

Sustainable tourism in the mountains is forging ahead in an aim to attract tourists for longer, with seasons that start a little earlier and finish a little later, differentiating less between peak and off-peak. Presented by the government in 2021, the Avenir Montagnes plan (plan for the future of mountains) outlines the following three priorities in order to achieve this goal: to encourage a diversity of tourist attractions and facilities and acquire new customers, accelerate the green transition of mountain tourism activities and revitalise leisure accommodation to prevent beds remaining unoccupied. The future is being created by what we do today. Our resorts are innovating, organising activities to enjoy with or without snow, developing the early and late season, meeting new consumer expectations and tourism trends such as slow tourism, microadventures and bleisure travel. Whether in autumn or spring, the mountains welcome you with open arms.







3 SHADES OF AUTONM

Immerse yourself in revitalising waters

Head to **Brides-Les-Bains'** thermal waters to enjoy their many health-giving properties during a relaxing day at the **thermal spa**, or a longer stay including a series of treatments at its recently renovated centre. Wellbeing guaranteed. **Grand Spa Thermal opens from the 24th of March to the 1st of November 2025.**

The hot sulphur baths close to **Font-Romeu** are an unmissable activity in any season, but particularly when the temperature drops. The Dorres, Llo and St-Thomas baths are open all-year-round.

In **Valmorel** (La Léchère), the **Ô des Lauzes thermal spa** offers 1,500m² of what Savoyard nature does best: thousand-year-old mineral water, pure fresh air and exceptional surroundings. To recharge your batteries, you'll be spoilt for choice with aqua-fun areas, outdoor Jacuzzi, waterfall, cold plunge pool, steam room, sauna...

Extending over 300m² in **Les Orres**, you'll find **Alpin Spa** inside a geodesic wooden dome. With a panoramic sauna, steam room with forest views, Nordic bath and a Jacuzzi nestled among the mountains, as well as a terrace and nets hanging among the larch trees, this spa is open all year round and truly worth seeking out.

Angléo Balnéo & Spa

In **Les Angles**, it offers 4-day "Your Mind" retreats with unlimited pool access and unique introductory sessions including guided meditation, yoga, Afghan walking, forest bathing, mindfulness... A range of dates are available in September and October.

Freewheeling

Tried, tested and approved by the French junior cross-country team, **Chantelouve's mountain biking trails in Bessans** are open until the first snowfall. Swap easily from one trail to another to experience all kinds of fun over a dozen kilometres of different ability tracks which have been carefully integrated into the natural environment.

Le Grand-Bornand's mountain biking area unfurls over 178 kilometres of marked trails, with 15 itineraries of varying difficulty levels. Try out the new 1,350m² **pumptrack** which is accessible to all non-motorised or electric snowsports equipment, rounding off the fun activities on offer at the leisure zone alongside the river, which aims to be a new community space for learning and intergenerational exchange at the heart of the village.

The Louron valley in **Peyragudes** is home to an unmissable activity that comprises a **panoramic ascent in the Skyvall gondola lift** (mountain bikes are transported in the gondolas) and a **mountain biking descent in the Bike Park**. Located at the top of the gondola lift, it offers 9 marked, green level enduro mountain biking trails adapted to different

activities: **enduro mountain biking, mountain scootering, E-mountain bikes and cross country bikes. Open throughout the autumn.**

Balance on a via ferrata

Get set for some major thrills, starting with the **Via Ferrata du Roc du Vent in the Arêches-Beaufort** "fortress" which offers unforgettable panoramic views over the Roselend and Gittaz reservoirs, the Beaufortain pastures and Mont Blanc. The 4 to 5-hour loop breaks down into 4 easy sections.

Explore **Courchevel's** autumn colours by tackling two large via ferrata. The one located at **Lac de la Rosière** overlooks the turquoise water and is perfect for beginners, while **Dent de Burgin's** is the highest in France and requires a good level of physical fitness and stamina. **Guide accompagnement recommended.**

The **Comborcière via ferrata in Saint-Sorlin d'Arves** is located in stunning surroundings at the foot of the Col de la Croix de Fer and enjoys uninterrupted views. It can be done with or without the supervision of a Mountain Guide. **Open from 31/05 to 31/10**

AUTOMN IS THE PERFECT SEAS ... FOR SENDING SHIVERS D

A tranquil atmosphere in the resorts, mountains bedecked with stunning autumnal colour, golden light illuminating the summits and Alpine pastures, gentle days and peaceful cool nights... autumn is the perfect time for a holiday in nature. Here are a few suggestions for activities to get away from it all.

Stretch your legs

The “Prés Plans Valley” circuit in **Saint-Sorlin d’Arves** is a beautiful walk that’s accessible to everybody and brimming with history, from its traditional chalets to its magnificent 17th century chapel. A stone’s throw from the village centre, this level route is an hour and a half return journey, and is the perfect introductory hike, featuring local heritage, forests and waterways.

In **La Rosière**, the **Chemin des Myrtilles** “Blueberry Trail” is another easy two-hour walk that crosses over little streams under the shade of trees. In autumn, the route bursts with flamboyant woodland colour.

For a whole-day (5hr) hike, the **Circuit des Terres Rouges** “Red Earth Trail” leads you to discover an incredible variety of landscapes in the **Valberg** area, with reddening larch forests, alpine meadows and the red soil of the Cians gorges. From Valberg, it mostly unfurls over wide, easy gradients, and is also suitable for mountain biking.

Go with the flow

Autumn in the **Jura Mountains** has a little touch of Canada about it... That’s the best time to discover the Saut du Doubs, a natural site featuring canyons and a 27-metre waterfall. It’s accessible via several routes, the most spectacular being a river boat ride or even a horse-drawn carriage. You can also drive there and finish off the journey on foot or take the opportunity to complete a section of the legendary “Grande Traversée du Jura”, a 400 kilometre hike from one end of the massif to the other!

Saint-Léger lake in Montclar in the Natura 2000 zone is a stunning peatland environment in autumn due to its natural colour and the species of birds and plants that live there. From the resort of Montclar, explore a fragile, preserved area via an easy loop that takes around 2 hours.

Lac d’Allos in the Mercantour national park is the jewel of **Val d’Allos** and the largest high-altitude natural lake in Europe. Festooned with stunning autumnal colour, it offers a breathtaking display of snow-capped summits and golden larch trees. Perched at altitudes of more than 2,200 metres, it transports hikers to another world and is home to exceptional wildlife and plant life. With a choice of different starting points, explore itineraries that go from an hour and a half, all the way to seven hours in duration.

Awaken your animal instinct

One of the most wonderful autumn experiences available in the Vosges region’s natural environment has to be hearing the **stag’s bellow**, a passionate mating call. In the coolness of an autumn evening, at the heart of a forest, **Gérardmer** mountain guides will take you to hear the stags in total safety. A number of dates are available, as well as walks specially adapted for families.

Indian summer photography trip: “In search of the Golden Larch”

Pays des Écrins offers a photography and walking break. Autumn is your invitation to see the ephemeral beauty of the plants that grow at the foot of the mineral world. For budding, beginner or even semi-pro photographers, this break is aimed at anybody with a passion for capturing images on camera. **From the 29th of October to the 2nd of November - 5 days, 4 nights**



ON... FOR HIKING! OWN YOUR SPINE!



After dark

In the **Ballons des Hautes-Vosges**, the underground tunnels of Les Hautes-Mynes de Thillot's former mines are lit up with lanterns after dark. "Contes et légendes de la mine nui tantré/Stories and legends of the mines at night" is a fun, interactive route through the tunnels where teams take part in mini-games. Fantasy creatures emerge from the bowels of the Vosges mountains, stories are told, screams are heard... or might that be laughter? **Booking required. October half term holiday.**

Meanwhile in **Combloux**, other brave adventurers can climb through the darkness to the Beauregard Alpine pasture to collect the letters that have been strewn around the forest and then use them to make a password. Watch out for disturbing creatures and characters looming out next to the forest path! **"La Montée/The Climb", 31st of October 2025**

Sweets, pumpkins and little scares

During the October half term holiday, experience an atmosphere that's truly (though not too) scaaaaaary at **La Bresse's Parc Bol d'Air** in Les Hautes-Vosges for Halloween at Bois des Lutins. Three days with plenty of sweet treats and fun activities including a horror tattoo workshop, pumpkin hunting, a big "Roue'lloween" wheel of fortune game, and an illuminated after-dark show.

The October half term holiday is also time to celebrate Halloween in **Valmeinier** with pumpkin carving workshops, a "terror walk", party, sports tournaments and charcoal drawing workshops.

The big jump

For anybody who either isn't afraid of, or doesn't believe in ghosts and witches, launching into the void and flying at the speed of a bat could be one way to get the heart racing.

Mont-Dore's twisting zipline stretches over 700 metres for a breathtaking 2 ½ minute descent. Discover a unique experience in Auvergne, in the heart of Sancy.

A few kilometres away in **Super-Besse**, the giant Fantasticable zipline blasts off on a 1,600-metre flight above the resort. With peak speeds of up to 120 kilometres an hour, it'll really blow your socks off. And what's more, you can choose to speed along side-by-side with somebody else! **Open in autumn, from 18-10-2025 to 02-11-2025**

Les Orres Speedline is one of the longest ziplines in France and Europe, offering an almost 2-kilometre flight beneath the summits, from the resort of Les Orres and the Serre-Ponçon valley. At 140 kilometres an hour, there's no time for fear! **Open in autumn from 18-10-2025 to 03-11-2025**

SPRING DEALS

Skiing doesn't stop after the February half term! On the contrary, spring is the best time to learn, with soft snow, sunshine, and long lunches on the terraces, life is good! And what's more, the prices are good too.

Package deals

In **Auron**, April is a great time to ski as a family with the buy 1 adult skipass get 1 child (under 12) ski-pass free of charge» offer, and in **OZ 3300** families also take pride of place with the «Spring Skiing» offer from April 5th: buy a 3 to 10-day skipass and get 50% off your child skipass! **Font-Romeu** also invites you to make the most of the warmer days with 25% off all spring skipasses! In **Orcières 1850** with the *“Spring in the mountains”* offer from March 21st to April 12th 2026, skipasses for the under 12s are free of charge!

« All inclusive » packages

From March 21st to April 4th 2026, **La Rosière's «Tutto Bene»** offer has to be the best deal of the season. Including accommodation and skipasses, you can also add ski equipment rental at incredible prices.

Les Saisies kick-starts spring with its « **Blissful ski days** » package including accommodation, 6-day skipass and activities pass from 219€ per person.

« **Ski & Chill** » is a programme designed by **Val d'Isère** to round off the season! From mid-April until the ski area closes, a wealth of cultural, musical and sporting events awaits. Accommodation + skipass packages are available, as well as discounted skipasses.



Skiing or mountain biking?

This is a question people often ask themselves at the end of the winter... Well, in **Saint-Martin-de-Belleville** you don't need to choose anymore! Fans of the great outdoors are invited to devour the slopes on their skis, or on their bike! With a DH trail, enduro course and E-MTB routes, from mid-April, the village resort opens part of its mountain biking area in advance*.

Mix up your mountain sports in the sun, and make the most of a fun end-of-season programme of activities and events. **1-day MTB pass: 19.50€ (or 12.30€ for 3hrs)**
MTB pass included in skipass

** Opening subject to snow and weather conditions.*

SPRING FEVER

Ski, Fun & Sun!

«La Gouille» in La Rosière

The last week of the season goes crazy in **La Rosière** with «La Gouille» event. Skiers, snowboarders and other unidentified sliding objects launch themselves down the waterslide as the crowd goes wild. It's a huge end-of-season celebration, with fancy dress de rigueur!

Les Arcs Winter Festislack

The resort of Les Arcs hosts this unique festival that combines **skiing and highlining**. This year, the «sky surfers» will go head to head in an unprecedented highlining surfing competition. On the programme you'll find highline demonstrations, slackline initiations, a Ski/Snow & Highline photo contest... all with views of Mont Blanc! **From April 9th to 12th 2026**

Radio Meuh Festival La Clusaz

A flagship end-of-season event in the Aravis mountains, **Radio Meuh Circus Festival** is a contemporary music festival held in a warm, relaxed atmosphere. Its 4-day format includes ticketed concerts in a marquee, as well as free DJ sets on the **La Clusaz'** ski area. Its line up is daring and mind-blowing, much like Radio meuh itself. **From April 2nd to 5th 2026**



Spring Break Tignes

Last year, Tignes launched its first ever « **Spring Break** » and visitors want more! The line up comprises two weeks of exceptional spring skiing with guaranteed snow on the **Tignes Val-d'Isère** ski area, lots of events and activities for the whole family with fun areas for the little ones, concerts in the bars and restaurants, a pool party, wellbeing areas... **Dates to be announced soon.**

Humour me

« C'est l'Printemps » spring festival in Val Cenis

In spring, **Val Cenis** comes alive with an unmissable event that makes everyone happy!

Every year, Laurent Gerra, the festival's artistic director, invites his artist friends to join him for a varied line up where the watchwords are talents, emotion, and laughter. **From March 21st to 24th 2026**

A taste of summer

In spring, sometimes events have a summer and winter vibe!

In **Les Angles** for example, a **snow rugby tournament** takes place with former rugby players from the Uruguay, Argentina and Cataluna international teams, as well as past players from USAP, Toulouse and Castres.

In the heart of the **Monts du Jura**, the **Jura Sick Race** is back for the 4th time on April 4th and 5th 2025, promising a weekend packed with thrills and excitement! With a starting line in the snow, this unique MTB race brings together around 250 riders, ready to brave the snow-covered slopes and challenging trails of the Pays de Gex.

Mountain bikes also take pride of place in the resort of **Seignus (Val d'Allos)**, with the **MTB Winter** in March 2026. Birthplace of French Enduro, whose Bike Park is already renown, the resort is now turning its attention to MTB in winter.

THE MOUNTAINS OF TOMORROW

On the frontline of climate change, mountain resorts have begun to evolve. Many initiatives exist involving residents and tourists that aim to provide places to live and to holiday that meet the growing needs of a changing world: renovation, transport, resource management... sincere, well-thought-out steps are being taken, and everybody is working on their own scale to respond to the issues at hand.

Prioritising greener transport

A study carried out by Utopies for the ADEME in collaboration with AIR Coop shows that the chosen method of transport to get to a resort accounts for 52% of a ski day's greenhouse gas emissions.

Resorts are putting steps in place to limit the use of individual cars to get to, or travel around resorts. Little by little, habits are changing.

Prioritising train travel

Chamonix encourages car-free village access with special offers on train travel included in the guest card distributed to tourists staying there. Some destinations provide shuttlebuses to take visitors the last few kilometres into resorts, including those in the Leman Mountains Explore group.

Getting around resorts without a car

Free electric shuttlebuses are being used increasingly in our resorts, such as in Auron and Peyragudes.

In Alpe d'Huez, the shuttlebuses used in the resort meet the strictest ecological standards



for passenger transportation. Autocars Resalp and Alpe d'Huez town council chose to go one step further, by putting the very first hybrid coach in the French Alps into operation!

The Isère resort has also made 3 ski lifts available to use free of charge to encourage holiday-makers and workers to reduce car use. Cable transport is also prioritised in Courchevel, where the resort's various villages are connected by gondola lifts, in operation this winter from 7.45am to 11.30pm. This season, Les Deux Alpes is improving transport and accessibility with a new public service concession dedicated to transport. The resort now boasts one of the best free shuttlebus networks in France, with 8 lines covering the entirety of the resort, reaching neighbouring villages and now with extended timetables.

Since it was launched, the Skyvall cable car in Peyragudes has saved over 1,073 tons of CO₂ by replacing 233,000 car journeys. The new cabins put into operation last summer increased the passenger transportation rate, which in turn reduced waiting times and road traffic.

Car-free snowshoe hiking in Isère

The Isère Attractivité agency has partnered with the Alpes-Là association which promotes car-free transport to offer "I can't, I'm on snowshoes" sessions to students across Isère's four massifs. The principle is to get home in the mountains using greener transport (public transport, bicycles, snowshoes) and it looks set to be a resounding success.

The hunt for “empty beds”

The sustainable strategy for property in the mountains involves renovating and making improvements to existing buildings instead of creating new builds, as well as combatting property heat loss.

A “Flocon Vert” label holder since 2021, **Avoriaz** hasn’t broken ground on any new construction since 2012, but has instead renovated existing property, to improve their energy performance and limit land clearance for development purposes. In **La Plagne**, the hunt for unoccupied beds is on! Franck Capuçon, SIGP* member in charge of accommodation, has two missions: identifying apartments that are rented less than 5 weeks a year and encouraging property owners to renovate them to get them back into rental circulation. **La Maison des Propriétaires**, created in early 2024 in **Plagne Centre**, is the cornerstone of this property rental strategy. Interested parties can meet here, and a wide range of local and national businesses have already begun to collaborate. *Syndicat Intercommunal de la Grande Plagne

Les Orres was selected as a **pilot resort for responsible renovation in the Alps** by the AIDER interministerial mission. Its goal is to come up with and implement incentive schemes to encourage renovation and remarket tourist accommodation, while integrating new energy standards. In **Vaujany**, the local authority has carried out a full 17M€ renovation project on Les Hauts de Vaujany. The former 90-apartment residence was transformed into a new 64-apartment tourism residence with better insulation and more space to meet the needs of the clientele. Entrusted to a private management company, the previously unoccupied beds will soon be back in use.

Well thought-out management

In **Arêches Beaufort** resort, artificial snow management is assured thanks to an agreement with the EDF electricity company to use turbine water from the Roselend dam facility, the pipes for which run under the ski area. A bifacial solar power plant was installed in **Méribel**, on the mid-station of the Saulire Express gondola lift. It allows energy to be produced on both sides of its solar panels. After being in operation for two years, it has generated an annual output that equals the energy used by the first section of the gondola lift over a 3 and a half month period.

To observe and protect

Les Saisies’ environmental observatory has now added farming to its specifications, which is a first in France, to forge closer relationships with farmers in ski area configuration and management project and in sharing water resources.

Valberg has established protective zones for the black grouse under the « Tétrà-Quiet » scheme, which keep this emblematic local bird’s wintering and nesting areas away from the flow of skiers.

“La Culture Montagne” esf

Designed to introduce mountain life and help people better understand how a ski resort operates within a complex ecosystem. Instructors from all **esf** schools will soon have access to new tools to spark conversations about mountain life, biodiversity, the water cycle, infrastructure, landscapes, and waste. This is a great opportunity to go even further in sharing and passing on their knowledge.

Aimed at seasonal workers, the soon-to-open Seyjoun building located in **Tignes Le Lac** has adopted an exemplary ecological approach. It combines energy performance, significant reduction in carbon footprint, sustainable materials and improved indoor air quality. Greener transport is the heart of the project, with a bike store per unit, free public lift and a restricted number of car parking spaces. The building work involved methods to reduce noise pollution and other disturbances in respect for the environment and local residents. **Opens November 2026.**

La Grande Récup’ du Sport/The Big Sports Equipment Overhaul

This winter, toboggans, skis, helmets, snowshoes and poles will all find new life thanks to **La Grande Récup’ du Sport**, a national operation launched by the **Ecologic** environmental body, with the support of **Union Sport & Cycle***. 3,500 collection points spread throughout France, in retail shops, sports shops, recycling centres and even in sports clubs, have been set up to collect equipment with the aim of promoting repair, reuse and recycling. In 2024, Ecologic collected 15,000 tons of sports equipment. A quarter was reused, and the rest was either upcycled or recycled. This year’s goal is to double that amount thanks to La Grande Récup’ du Sport. ***Union Sport & Cycle** is a leading professional organisation for sports-related businesses in the leisure, cycling and active mobility industries. It unites 3,000 businesses including 1,200 sports shops in the mountains as well as 40 major wintersports brands.



THE MOUNTAINS FOR ALL



Our mountain stakeholders have taken action to ensure that people with disabilities can also experience the joys of snowsports. Dual-ski descents with an instructor, adapted activities with qualified supervision, adapted accommodation...change is afoot.

Time to take a break in Pralognan-la-Vanoise

Pralognan-la-Vanoise has set up "Respite" breaks with the ANAE association to allow carers to enjoy a few days' rest. These breaks are designed especially for carers and those who are cared for, particularly those with a disability. During a stay in « La Grande Casse », a Tourism & Handicap-labelled holiday centre, everybody can enjoy adapted leisure and sports activities, whether they want to catch their breath and relax, or play sports and try out new activities with qualified instructors (sit-skiing, stand-up skiing and hiking...).

Adapted ski lifts in Chamonix Valley

Les Houches is the first ski resort in Europe to have a gondola lift that's accessible to the vast majority of mobility equipment with no need to transfer between wheelchairs. The Prarion gondola lift can carry one wheelchair per gondola, and there are accessible toilets for people with limited mobility at the summit.

A guide to every accessible activity in Saint-Sorlin d'Arves

"St So Pour Tous/St So For All" is a paper and digital guide listing the ski lifts, activities (bowling alley, multimedia library, cinema, farm visits...), restaurants, services (childcare, shops, transport...) accessible to people with limited mobility. The detailed guide is downloadable from the resort website.

Les Angles: an inclusive village

With reigning Paralympic para surfing champion Cécile Hernandez as its patron, Les Angles has long made inclusivity an integral part of skiing in its mountains. With that aim in mind, the resort has introduced:

- A pricing policy offering 50% off skipasses for people with disabilities and their companion.
- The ADAPACC association and the regional committee for adaptive sports each have a chalet in the ski area. They offer sit-ski, ski scooter, and Cingo 4-wheel mountain bike descents.
- Events dedicated to ski and snowsports discovery for people living with disabilities.

People living with disabilities and young people are a priority for **Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Tourisme**. The push towards mountain accessibility by Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Tourisme is focused on two main targets: people living with disabilities, and young people.



Disability: ski access for all

In resorts, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Tourisme uses the Tourism & Handicap label to guarantee accessible activities and accommodation in over 500 labelled sites. As part of the H+ campaign run by the Region and the Regional Tourism Agency, mountain destinations including Tignes and Megève are committed to offering a disability-friendly welcome using innovative equipment.

Young people: financial help to “Dare to ski”

During winter 24-25, 200 young people were able to take advantage of this ski and mountain discovery programme in Auvergne Rhône-Alpes. For 4 years, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Tourisme has partnered with the ANCV's Départ 18:25 programme (<https://depart1825.com/>) which, among other things, encourages young people to experience the mountains and snowsports. The ANCV assists with up to 80% of the cost of a stay (limited to 250€ per person, per calendar year). According to the same criteria, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Tourisme contributes an additional 50€, with the help of funds provided by Essentiem. This financial aid is rounded off by Domaines Skiabiles de France (French Ski Areas) who put together the Beginners Pack (1 st group ski lesson free with 10 ski schools in the esf French Ski School network, together with free access to the ski area on the day of the lesson). It's a way to take care of everything, making it easier for young people to connect with snowsports, removing financial barriers and inhibitions so that they can make the most of their stay in a resort.





INSPIRATIONNAL

Alpine Para Skiing World Cup in Méribel – 26th to 30th of January 2026

Méribel will welcome the best para athletes in the skiing world for the French technical stage: 2 slaloms and 2 giant slaloms, men's and women's.

Alpine Para Skiing World Cup in Tignes – 2nd to 6th of February 2026

Tignes will welcome speed tests (downhill and super-G) to its Lognan stadium, which will be kitted out with all the artificial snow equipment and technical equipment (fiber-optic, digital sports timing system...) required for such an event. It's an opportunity to finetune everything ahead of the World Championships in March 2027.

“Le Trophée de l'Espoir” in Les Ménuires/Saint-Martin de Belleville – 19th of February 2026

For over 26 years, Les Ménuires resort has worked in partnership with the Alliance Paralysie Cérébrale des Alpes/Alps Cerebral Palsy Alliance (ALPYSIA) located in Annecy. The “Trophée de l'Espoir/Hope Trophy” is sponsored by David Douillet – double Olympic Judo champion and quadruple world champion, who has a run named after him in Les Ménuires. During this fundraising and solidarity event for the ALPYSIA, participants enjoy a day of sports activities for all abilities. It's a chance for allyship, raising awareness about disabilities.

“Glisse en cœur” in Le Grand-Bornand – 20th-21st -22nd March 2026

Over 16 editions, “Glisse en Cœur” has established itself as the French mountains' foremost charity event, raising almost 5.5 million euros donated to 31 charities. Its success lies in an unusual concept that combines altruism with team relay skiing from 2pm on Saturday until the same time on Sunday, in a fun, bustling atmosphere with live concerts performed every winter by headliners from the world of French music.

Gliss and Mix in Vars

The last weekend of the season is all about charity and fun in Vars! Organised by the Espoir au Sommet/Summit of Hope association, the Gliss & Mix event supports the fight against cancer by fundraising to finance sports-based therapy. On the ski race programme: the snow front will be transformed into a giant dancefloor with a DJ set by a renowned artist, the name of which will soon be unveiled. They follow in the footsteps of Feder, Étienne de Crecy, The Avener, and even Offenbach who played the event at an altitude of 1,850 metres!

EVENTS



Glossary

The **uniski** is a sit-ski device, comprising a composite seat attached to a fully shock-absorbed frame, mounted on a single ski. It combines low-speed manoeuvrability with technical control when carving turns and takes a little while to get used to. Proven in competitions, it excels in technical disciplines thanks to its controlled design.

The **dualski** is a sit-ski device comprising a seat on a fully shock-absorbed frame, resting on two hinged skis forming part of a parallelogram system that reproduces natural leg movement. More technical than the uniski, it boasts better balance control, especially at low speeds. Its skiability offers performance, stability when carving, and precision on uneven terrain.

The **ski-chair or tandem ski**, is a two-ski device steered by an instructor, designed for people with severe disabilities who are not able to ski independently. Inspired by the dualski, it maintains excellent skiability while offering shared snowsports thrills. Even though the passenger has no control, they can fully experience all the emotions of skiing.



SPORTS EVENTS

Come together and surpass yourself in the mountains as the resorts abound with sports challenges, including races, trail runs, ski competitions... Here's a spotlight on a few dates for your winter sports diary!

Trail running: run, breathe, have fun

On the 1st of March 2026, runners will set off to conquer one of the **Hautes Vosges** mountains most demanding runs, the Trail des Ballons. In **Valberg**, the New Year sets the tone for the year ahead with a choice of a 10 kilometre night-time trail run, a mini-trail run for children, and a detox snowshoe hike for an energetic, sociable way to get January off on the right foot.

La Grande Odyssée Royal Canin: a dog sledding epic – From 10th to 22nd of January

This year, **Avoriaz** hosts the start of the biggest dog sledding race in Europe, bringing together 65 mushers and 600 dogs in a legendary epic that makes the mountains a backdrop for extreme adventure. The final stage will be held at Villard de Lans for the fourth year in a row! One of the race's stages will set off from Saint-François Longchamp and head towards Doucy-Valmorel, with a legendarily renowned section through the Col de la Madeleine!

Ski touring and mountaineering: climb, glide, surpass yourself

La Pierra Menta will celebrate its 40th birthday in **Arêches-Beaufort**

between the 11th and 14th of March 2026, with Killian Jornet in attendance! This has become a cult event where perspiration meets the freezing air. **Praz de Lys Sommand** invites ski-mountaineers to tackle the Pointes Blanches on the 8th of February 2026, or to take on the Assaut du Haut Fleury at night in January, a competition filled with pure joy.

Ski events: speed, powder and adrenaline

Courchevel welcomes the women's World Cup (16th Dec 2025), the return of the men's World Cup (14th & 15th of March 2026) and the Alpine skiing World Cup (15th & 16th of January 2026).

In **Les Arcs** in January, Freeride Week attracts the craziest freeriders in the world, who are ready to do anything to tame the powder snow. In late January, early February, the best speed skiers around will be in **Vars** on the fastest run in the world, hoping to take home the Crystal Globe in the only French World Cup stage, two months before the World Championships. In March, on the very same run, Speed Masters promise to break records.

Cross-country skiing: snowsports with a great atmosphere

On the 1st weekend in February, **Gérardmer** hosts the winter Trace Vosgienne - a fun, unmissable event that's open to everyone. Organised by the French Ski Federation and the Comité Départemental

du Ski Vosgien this cross-country skiing competition offers a choice of distances is available, for age 2 and up.

In **Les Saisies**, L'Étoile des Saisies takes place in early April and marks the end of the cross-country skiing marathon season.

Cool thrills

On the 19th and 20th of December 2025, **Serre Chevalier Vallée Briançon** welcomes the French Figure Skating world championships, the final stage before the Cortina 2026 Olympic Games.

Finally, on the 5th and 6th of December 2026, Val Thorens will be the backdrop for extreme ice skaters at the Ice Cross World Cup, a spectacular discipline where athletes speed down an ice run on skates, dealing with tight turns, moguls and technically challenging bends. Expect an explosive show.

From the 22nd to the 25th of January 2026, **Écrins** Ice Climbing brings together the very best ice climbers, attracting enthusiasts and new fans for a week packed with discovery, learning and competitions.

In **Le Corbier**, expect a 1980s vibe from the 30th of January to the 1st of February 2026 at the monoskiing world championships, with stands, entertainment, and equipment trials.

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WORLD CUPS IN FRANCE

The World Cup events organized in France under the aegis of the Fédération Française de Ski (FFS) are an opportunity to showcase both the sporting excellence of our athletes and the expertise of our resorts. These competitions inspire future vocations among young skiers and help pass on a sport full of unique sensations.



DECEMBER 9-12, 2025 - SKI CROSS WORLD CUP

Val Thorens

DECEMBER 13-14 & 20-21, 2025 - ALPINE SKIING WORLD CUP

Val d'Isère

DECEMBER 16, 2025 ALPINE SKIING WORLD CUP

Courchevel

DECEMBER 18-21, 2025 - BIATHLON WORLD CUP

Annecy - Le Grand-Bornand

JANUARY 23-25, 2026 - SNOWBOARD CROSS WORLD CUP

Isola 2000

MARCH 13-14, 2026 - FREESKI WORLD CUP

Tignes

MARCH 14-15, 2026 ALPINE SKIING WORLD CUP

Courchevel

AUGUST 2026 SKI JUMPING WORLD CUP

Courchevel

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