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NEWS 2014



THE GRANDE ODYSSEE RETURNS TO LES GETS!

This exciting winter event, bringing together the best mushers in the world, returns to Les Gets for a stage on 15th January 2014. It is a long-distance race inspired by the legendary Yukon Quest and Iditarod mushers and is a great opportunity for lovers of the Big North to indulge in their passion. Competitors depart from the village centre and follow a two hour circuit over the Mont Chéry slopes to Mont Caly before returning to the village for veterinary checks. The race will continue towards Les Chavannes via a spectacular section under the Maison des Gets. Various themed shows and events are planned throughout the week.

2.0 WEB TREND

"Digital treasure hunt in the ski area"

Welcome to the world of web 2.0. This winter the resort has established a digital treasure map over the ski area – solve riddles and complete challenges on your smartphone to reach your goal. The objective is to discover the ski area in an innovative way using modern technology.

Further information on www.lesgets.com/glisse.

GRAND CRY VIDEOTOTEM

At the heart of Grand Cry Territory, the American Indian themed ski area, you will find tepees offering face painting and a trappers lodge where you can enjoy different games; musical and logical. Children can also star in their own video, either dancing a rain dance in front of a totem pole or singing along to a short song! Watch the videos on the internet and share them with your friends on social networks.

MARMOTTE HOTEL **** RENOVATION

Come and enjoy the improvements at this charming, family run hotel. Ideally situated at the bottom of the slopes, it has been owned and improved by the Miriguay family since 1947. From only 6 bedrooms when it opened, the hotel now boasts 48 in addition to its sister chalet 'La Tapiaz' with its 8 luxury suites built last year. A stunning 800 m² spa, an infinity swimming pool and a Jacuzzi complete the top-end facilities available at this luxurious hotel.

In 2014 the lounges, bar, restaurant, reception and children's playroom will be totally renovated. To retain the cosy, modern feel, the owners have asked the acclaimed interior designer and founder of the 'Un Amour de Noel' boutique, Julie Lambertini, to undertake the work together with Hervé Lefillatre, a skilled decorator with an excellent reputation in the area.

www.hotel-marmotte.com

THE GRANDE CORNICHE CHALET

The Grande Corniche is a new, exclusive chalet combining luxury, modernity and technology while retaining a traditional feel. It can accommodate up to 12 people in 6 bedrooms each with its own en-suite bathroom.

Its 'baby sister' – La 'Petite Corniche' adjoins the main chalet. This ultra cosy chalet can accommodate up to 4 more people – perfect for a holiday with friends or for families of different generations.

The chalet has some fun, unique features, like the wacky slide descending straight from the cosy bar area on the 4th floor to the wine cellar and billiard room in the basement. This slide provides great entertainment for both young and not so young! The billiard table can also be converted into a dining table seating 22 people for special occasions.

To relax, unwind in the sauna with its glass surround offering stunning panoramic views over the mountains, delight in a chilled glass of champagne in the 'conversation corner' or peacefully contemplate the stars in the outside Jacuzzi. After this relaxing interlude guests are invited to enjoy canapés and pre-dinner drinks around the grand piano before sitting down to dinner prepared by their private chef.

Everything in this chalet has been created to provide maximum enjoyment for clients. The facilities have been meticulously selected, the interior decoration, the mountain views, the impeccable service with chef, hostesses and chauffeur. Everything has been designed to make the Grande Corniche an exceptional property. The chalet is run by the Consensio Group, specialists in the luxury market.

www.consensioholidays.co.uk/grande-corniche-fr.htm



2014 DIARY

Full details and programme on www.lesgets.com/evenements-animations/



FATHER CHRISTMAS LIVES IN LES GETS **21st DECEMBER 2013 TO 3rd JANUARY 2014**

A talkative elf has started a rumour that Father Christmas lives in Les Gets – but shhhhhh - don't tell anyone!

At the end of every year, the village bubbles with excitement thanks to Father Christmas and this special magic-filled Christmas event. Les Gets is where Father Christmas feels most at home and can be himself - he IS shy, but you might just catch a glimpse of him when he comes down to the village, visits the sweet garden or even visits the ski-slopes.

On the programme for these 15 exciting days are visits to the enchanted forest where he lives with his loyal elves and where you can enjoy story-telling. Other family surprises include street theatre, elf workshops, shows, local parties and other unmissable Christmas events.

THE SAVOIE MONT-BLANC GRANDE ODYSSEE **LES GETS STAGE: 15th JANUARY 2014**

This exciting winter event, bringing together the best mushers in the world, returns to Les Gets for a stage this year. It is a long-distance race inspired by the legendary Yukon Quest and Iditarod mushers and is a great opportunity for lovers of the Big North to indulge in their passion. Competitors depart from the village centre and follow a two hour circuit over the Mont Chéry slopes to Mont Caly, before returning to the village for veterinary checks. The race will then continue towards Les Chavannes via a spectacular section under the Maison des Gets. Various themed shows and events are planned throughout the week.



BIG MOUNTAIN BATTLE

8th, 22nd, 29th JANUARY 2014

This exciting, unique event is a kind of orientation race over the Les Gets ski area in which any experienced skier or snow boarder can participate.

The objective of this multi-discipline event is to pass through a series of marked checkpoints as quickly as possible (in under 3 hours). Teams of 2 racers will each be given a route map while organisers follow their progress in real time, via GPS, to ensure all checkpoints have been crossed.

After the Le Mans-style start, each team races to find the various compulsory routes and complete them in the fastest time possible. To win requires strategic, methodical and tactical planning, and a good sense of direction, as each team can choose its own route over the area to cut precious seconds from their overall time, (checkpoints can be crossed in any order the participants choose).

To maximise participation in the race and include skiers of all levels, there are 3 categories: Snowboard Competition, Ski Competition and Ski Discovery (for families). In this way both experienced and less experienced skiers can explore the ski area in a fun and exciting way.

ROCK THE PISTES FESTIVAL

FROM 26TH TO 30TH MARCH 2014

This event, marking the start of the music festivals' season, combines snow sports and music. Enjoy free, open-air daytime concerts in a different resort each day and use your ski-pass as your entrance ticket! Ski from venue to venue, between France and Switzerland and find the festival stages erected overnight. Full details of the Pop-Rock programme available on www.rockthepistes.com

Each year the festival is based in a different resort. In 2014 Les Gets is proud to welcome the artists and sponsors and to host the CODA trade fair (Artistic Development and Coordination) along with other educational and music-themed events.

The party doesn't end when the lifts shut; continue to enjoy the evening après-ski concerts.

Information and programme: www.rockthepistes.com

APERITIF IN THE MONT CHERY BUBBLE LIFT

14TH FEBRUARY 2014 (ST VALENTINE'S DAY)

A new, romantic idea for Valentine's day 2014! Why not surprise your loved one with an aperitif in the Mont Chéry bubble with as the highpoint, a stunning night view of the village.

From 5pm - 7.30pm romantic couples take their seats in one of the elegantly decorated bubble cars. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served and a magnificent firework display will bring the evening to close - leaving everyone with stars in their eyes!

Further information, price and registration :
www.lesgets.com/valentin



ON THE SLOPES



Situated between Lac Lemman and Mont Blanc, Les Gets is an integral part of the Franco-Swiss Portes du Soleil area. A charming village with sympathetically retained Savoyarde architecture, it draws mountain lovers seeking traditional values and tranquillity from the world over. In winter, the ski lifts are quickly and easily accessible making skiing the obvious choice to discover the 120 kilometres of ski runs in the ski area.

On either side of the village are the two slopes of Les Chavannes and Mont Chéry. Each ski area has its own characteristics making them the perfect playground for skiers of all levels.

THE MONT CHERY TRAINING CENTRE

Opposite the Mont Blanc mountain chain, Mont Chéry's slopes are generally the choice of more experienced skiers, freestylers and ski-clubs, who regularly train in the area. There are special prices for ski-clubs, competitions are organised regularly and posts and stopwatches are available for training purposes.

More intimate, it is ideal for the more reflective skier and the perfect environment for powder skiing. The runs are mainly red and black and there are also two slalom runs and a snowpark with an airbag.

SNOWPARK AND FREESTYLE AIRBAG

What could be better than having the facilities to improve your skills located opposite one of the most stunning panoramas in the region? The Mont Chéry snowpark has rails, boxes, kicks and other freestyle modules. At the bottom of the piste is an airbag where skiers can learn freestyle or perfect their technique. This huge inflatable cushion measuring 15m x 11m provides a safe, soft landing. Free of charge.

LES CHAVANNES, FAMILY SKIING

The Chavannes slopes are varied and suitable for skiers of all levels. They are also ideal for families with a special area including play facilities, reserved for beginners and children.

MAPPYS AREA

The "Espace des Mappys" beginners' ski area, is a fantastic innovation in Les Gets. It is free of charge and provides the perfect environment for tomorrow's champions (of all generations) to learn to ski safely, protec-

ted from faster more confident skiers. Easily accessible from the top of the Chavannes bubble lift, this beginners' zone is in a calm, safe area just beside the main ski slopes. It has 2 moving carpets and 2 tow-ropes on a gentle beginners' slope.

Please note that the Youcanski Offer is the first all-inclusive beginners ski package available from ski schools in the Portes du Soleil. Exclusively for adults, various options including ski classes, ski passes and ski rental are available.

Further information from
www.esf-lesgets.com

SKI-PASS SPECIAL OFFERS

FURTHER INFORMATION
AND ON-LINE BOOKING
WWW.LESGETS.COM/PASS

The ski area is open from :
21st December 2013 to 21st April 2014.
There will be some early opening
weekends at the end of November
depending on snow conditions.

Special Offer -20% Reduction on Ski-passes bought before 31st October 2013

20% reduction on individual prices when reserving 'Les Gets/Morzine' 6 - 14 consecutive day ski-passes (excluding 21/12/13 to 03/01/14 and from the 15/02/14 - 14/03/14) at the same time as booking accommodation. This offer applies to all reservations made before the 31st October 2013.

Family Ski-Pass - 10% reduction throughout the season

To benefit from this special offer, which is also valid during the school holidays, book a minimum of 4 Les Gets/Morzine Ski-passes, for between 6-14 consecutive days, in advance. Either book them at the same time as your accommodation or on-line at www.lesgets.com/pass, up to 3 days prior to your arrival in the resort.



THE "GRAND CRY" AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVE, PARADISE FOR BUDDING YOUNG SKIERS

An American Indian frontier village complete with tepees, wild-west decor and Indian face-painting. This snowy paradise for children is Les Gets' key product for ages 5/12. Situated in the heart of the forest, it consists of ski-runs decorated with giant scenery including totem poles and tepees. There's a ski-run complete with loud-speaker system, bumps and a cowboys' log-cabin full of games and music. Every week during the season, there are drawing competitions, face-painting and treasure hunts. New this year is the videototem, enabling children to star in their own personal video! (See page 4, under Winter News).

THE MAUVE MILKA SKI RUN®

Fun and educational, this ski run starting from the top of the Grand Cry Territory is an children's introduction to the mountain environment. It includes large animals and information boards so that children can learn visually about mountain flora and fauna. There are skiing games where one has to hit a target and knock the bell with a stick and you can have your photograph taken with the famous Mauve cow. The cow is present during the French school holidays to provide entertainment on the ski run and distribute mini-chocolates to the delight of clients!

SKI-PASS SPECIAL OFFERS

FURTHER INFORMATION
AND ON-LINE BOOKING
WWW.LESGETS.COM/PASS

Avoid queues at lift pass offices during busy times and recharge your lift-pass on-line. Use your mobile or computer and simply connect to www.lesgets.com and follow instructions.





SKI-PASS SPECIAL OFFERS

S K I - P A S S

10% Reduction on day passes and 5-hour passes bought on-line

Recharge your ski pass on the website and get a 10% reduction on the cost of your 5-hour or day (full price) Les Gets/Morzine ski pass.

5 Consecutive-hour ski pass

Available throughout the Les Gets/Morzine ski area. Choose when you start skiing and ski for 5 consecutive hours to maximize ski time and avoid busy times on the slopes.

40% Reduction on season passes bought before 10th December 2013

340€/adults, instead of 567€
244€/children, instead of 406€
290€/seniors, instead of 483€.

DEBORAH ANTHONIOZ BOARDER CROSS

This Boarder Cross run was designed with advice from the local Olympic vice-champion (Vancouver's 2010 winter Olympic games), Deborah Anthonioz. Originally from Les Gets, Deborah is a valuable ambassador for the resort. This is one of only a very few permanent Boarder Cross installations in France with the capacity for International competitions. It is open to the skiing public throughout the winter and enjoys a continual supply of snow thanks to a row of specially designed snow cannons. Visit www.lesgets.com to see the action live on the HD webcam.

THE PERRIERES VIDEO PARK

You can now watch yourself improve over the parallel slalom on skis or snowboard thanks to this exciting area fitted with cameras and stopwatch. The video system starts automatically when you pass your ski pass through the checkpoint at the top of the slalom. When you finish your run, you can watch your personal video on a screen or see it on the website and share it on social networks. It is free of charge and access is via the Perrières Express chairlift from the bottom of the Mélèzes ski run.

LOOSE YOURSELF IN THE PORTES DU SOLEIL

Les Gets is part of the Portes du Soleil, one of the biggest ski areas in the world, comprising 12 interconnected resorts in France and Switzerland with 650 km of ski runs. Close to Geneva, it is a region without frontiers, with breath-taking panoramic views and incredible skiing over plains and through pines. Despite its size and over 40 years of existence, the Portes du Soleil has retained its human dimension, a strong local identity and community values enabling it to enjoy parallel cultures past and present. To ski in the Portes du Soleil is to enjoy a protected and valued natural environment. Ski lifts melt into the countryside, mountain chalets offer the ideal location in which to savour the local gastronomy and ski runs follow the natural and varied contours of the land providing a ski area suitable for all levels. Try your own 'ski safari' and master the art of winter mountain living.

MOUNTAIN

LIVING



APRES-SKI

Great atmosphere at the foot of the slopes at the Aprèski

Conveniently situated at the bottom of the slopes in the village centre, this snowline terrace is a great place to unwind to music at the end of the afternoon. On various days of the week live bands and DJs liven up the terrace providing a dynamic and relaxing end to the day.

The Irish Pub 'The Géttoise Brewery'

Drop in to the Irish Pub for a relaxing evening with friends after a day on the slopes. Enjoy the live weekly concerts, delicious tapas and home-made beers. Brewing is an art and Colin's passion. He makes 3 different varieties, the most renowned of which is the delicious 'Géttoise'. Join one of the organised weekly visits to the brewery, throughout the season, and discover the art of beer making.

The Black Bear

On entering this wood clad pub one is hit by the warm and welcoming atmosphere. Its cosmopolitan clientele and cosy, intimate atmosphere make this the ideal place to relax after a day on the slopes.

L'Outa

This magnificent mountain restaurant, mentioned in the Bottin Gourmand guide, offers customers elegant surroundings, effortlessly combining contemporary and traditional Savoyard design to provide the perfect, relaxing environment. The wine bar serves wines from all over the world accompanied by Savoyard charcuterie and Gillardeau oysters.



GASTRONOMIC RESTAURANTS

Great mountain restaurants

La Grande Ourse

Located in the Mont Chéry area, this mountain restaurant offers a fairytale panorama over the Mont Blanc range and surrounding mountains. The terrace is the place to sit and contemplate life while the warm cosy interior with its huge glazed windows allows you to enjoy the view in the warmth of the crackling open fire. For skiers with discerning palates this restaurant is the ideal place to take a break between pistes and enjoy refined, traditional cooking and some very British dishes.

The renowned Fruitière des Perrières (Cheese-making dairy)

The Fruitière des Perrières has been an institution in Les Gets for over 100 years. In these historical surroundings Miti produces excellent local cheeses: raclette, abondance, tomme de montagne and his own innovative creations; le bleu des Gets and Gruyère. This young Japanese cheesemaker will share his know-how with holidaymakers during weekly guided visits.

In the evening, excellent Savoyard specialities are served in the original cheese-maturing cellars transformed into a charming ferme-auberge. Traditional, cosy with a retro feel, there is no warmer atmosphere to be found in Les Gets.



La Païka

Located in the Perrières area above Turche aux Gets, this beautifully renovated old farm will seduce skiers with its large, sunny terrace and traditional wood interior. The menu offering fresh and varied dishes includes meat grilled on the open fire and sumptuous home-made desserts guaranteed to titillate the taste buds of any food lover.

Open during the day and until the ski runs close, we defy anyone not to fall for the charms of La Païka.

Le QG

A restaurant to enchant the taste buds! The QG (HQ) serves beautifully presented traditional Savoyard specialities alongside more refined cuisine. Its charming, piste-side terrace make the QG the perfect spot for a last drink before the lifts close.

Restaurants selected by Gault and Millau

Le Saint Laurent



Crayfish ravioli, lobster with cèpe risotto, beef roasted on the open fire, vanilla and citrus fruit soufflé. An important point to note is that all the beef comes from the owner's own herd of Salers cattle, giving it its delicious, unique flavour.

Les Soupers du Crychar

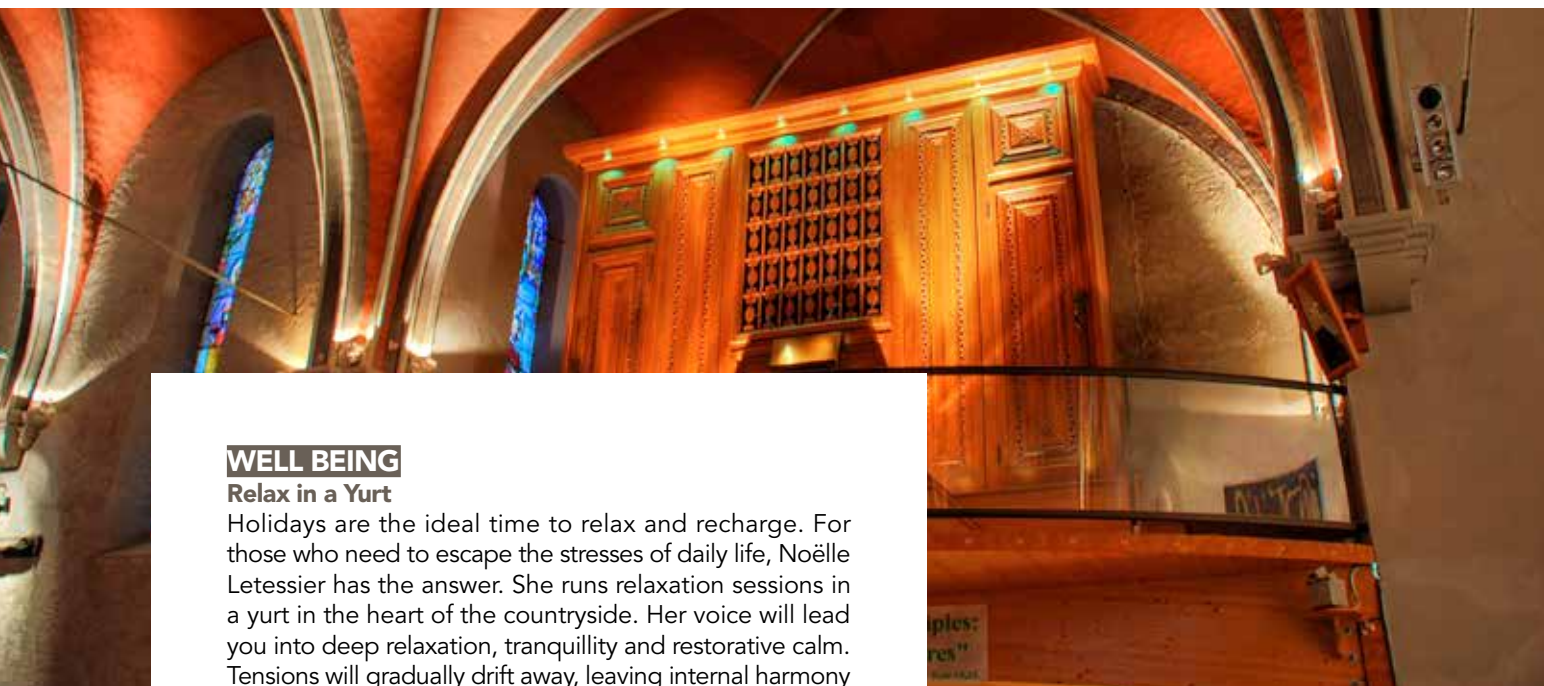


In this relaxing family ambiance, succumb to the delights of these original dishes created with care and attention. Pan-fried foie gras with chestnut cream, scallops, Jerusalem artichoke cream with orange zest, pistachio panacotta with a pear and hazelnut coulis or the delectable Guerande salted shortbreads.

Le Tourbillon

A beautiful menu offering tradition and sophistication. Choose the Saint Marcellin crumble as a starter, followed by the delicious semi-smoked salmon with lentils, a speciality of the house, and end with something deliciously sweet such as the iced honey parfait with spiced rum.

NON SKIING ACTIVITIES



WELL BEING

Relax in a Yurt

Holidays are the ideal time to relax and recharge. For those who need to escape the stresses of daily life, Noëlle Letessier has the answer. She runs relaxation sessions in a yurt in the heart of the countryside. Her voice will lead you into deep relaxation, tranquillity and restorative calm. Tensions will gradually drift away, leaving internal harmony between body and soul.

Prices from 50€ to 70€ (depending on the session)

Information and reservation: Tel +33 (0)6 70 11 81 71

www.capsolutions-etvous.com

Sérénité Cimes Spa

This sensational 750 m² beauty treatment centre resembles a cosy but sophisticated mountain chalet. With its interior of magnificent old wood and Mont Blanc stone, you feel cut off from the real world, in a magical place to unwind and forget everyday stresses. Escape from it all with a massage, detoxify in the Turkish bath or simply relax in a stimulating shower.

Contact: Tel +33 (0)4 50 79 86 09

www.serenicimes.com



HERITAGE

The Mechanical Music Museum

For both its originality and historical interest, the museum is well worth a visit. Covering 1500m², it pays homage to man's ingenuity in constructing machines, some dating from the 17th century, designed to reproduce the sound of musical instruments.

Musical boxes, phonographs, Barbary organs, automatic pianos, all in perfect working order are exhibited chronologically throughout the museum's various rooms. Roger & Gallay, the renowned perfumier's collection is on display in one of the rooms.

The star of this magnificent collection is the museum's prize possession, the Aeolian Philharmonic organ, classed as an Historical Monument. An imposing structure that has found a home in Les Gets' church, and works in both manual and automatic modes.

Don't miss the latest exhibit at the museum. The mechanical bells marking the 150th anniversary of the Savoie's annexation to France.

Prices, opening hours and information: www.lesgets.com

Hand Crafted Pottery

Turning and glazing demonstrations in Anouk's Workshop at the Ferme de la Sarre. Based on natural minerals, her pots have a rustic style with floral decoration. Wonderful souvenirs to take home from your mountain holiday.

An accredited 'Village Famille Plus Montagne', Les Gets resort welcomes children and provides countless activities for children of all ages. The snow garden, the luge (sled) run, the Grand Cry Territory, the Mauve Milka ski run, the ice skating rink. Endless possibilities to ensure everyone enjoys fun in the snow and heads back home with stars in their eyes!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Chocolate making workshop

Indulge in a course at the Chocolate Workshop, an activity uniting young and old at the altar of this passion inspiring delicacy.

Dressed in a chef's hat, gloves and an apron, create your own chocolate-based delicacy to take home with you. Isabelle, an unfailing source of creativity, is there each week throughout the season to guide and inspire you.

Price : 12€/person (from 5 yrs+).

Chalet du Chocolat : Tel +33 (0)4 50 37 67 43.

"Sapaba Pottery Painting"

In this brightly decorated pottery-painting workshop, Evelyne welcomes adults and children of all ages, providing the perfect atmosphere for budding artists to let their creative talents run wild. Choose a piece of pottery to paint and either draw or stamp out a design with sponge stamps, stencils and other equipment then paint your pottery – child's play!! Evelyne will glaze and fire your work so you can take home your personal souvenir of your mountain holiday!

Open every afternoon throughout the season. No time limits and prices vary according to the chosen model.

Price : From 6€ to 60€ (depending on the piece chosen).

Information : Tel +33 (0)6 11 45 21 17.

"Babes in the Wood" Carpentry Workshop

A carpentry workshop where children can try their hand at this skill requiring dexterity and creativity. Learn to saw in a straight line, drill a hole in a specific place and make things out of wood. A pleasant, educational activity for all budding young carpenters! The workshop is open once a week and is supervised by a professional.

Information from the tourist office : tel 00 33 (0)4 50 75 80 80



SKI JOERING PARK

If you enjoy snow sports and animals, getting away from it all, seeing the mountains from a different perspective while respecting the natural environment – Ski joering is for you!

In addition this activity can be practiced from a young age - as soon as children can balance on their skis and slide down a slope – they are ready to go!! (about 5yrs). The ski-joering session is run by a qualified instructor in a secure, specially prepared area.

For children, beginners course 1h15 (in an enclosed arena): 38€ - Grand Nord 2h30 (beginners class, slalom, forest ride, snack in a tepee during the session): 60€

Tel +33 (0)6 08 18 78 54 - skijoering-lesgets.com

SNOW-SHOE WALKS

Evening snow-shoe walk and aperitif in an igloo

This guided snow-shoe trek, suitable for all ages, takes you over Getois pastures, enveloped in their snowy mantle. Step into another world, beneath the stars, and enjoy breathtaking night-time views of the village. Your destination is a real igloo where you can enjoy an invigorating local aperitif served with tempting local delicacies. Every Thursday evening. Departure 5.50pm return around 8.30pm.

Suitable for mini snow-shoers from 6yrs old. Prices: 28€/adult – 24€/child (to 12 yrs).

Ski Academy: Tel +33 (0)6 83 90 22 73.

Find mystical Chamois and Long-Horned Mountain Sheep

Discover unspoilt countryside with the family, seek out wild animals and escape into the heart of nature for a refreshing mountain experience. This walk is led by a guide passionate about his subject, who will let you into the secrets of these mystical animals, the chamois (mountain goats) and mountain sheep.

Price (chamois and sheep trek with a snack): 27€/person.

Different types of guided walks available on request.

Les Accompagnateurs en montagne:

www.lesgets-raquette.com - Tel +33(0)6 81 05 60 82.

ECO-TOURISM

THE ENVIRONMENT, A MAJOR CONCERN IN THE MOUNTAINS

Les Gets has long been aware of the issues involved in sustainable development, and continues to give priority to initiatives promoting responsible tourism. The resort has instigated many projects designed to preserve its environment. The various schemes are all aimed at raising visitors' awareness and encouraging local inhabitants, both residential and professional, to participate. Some examples:

- **Introduction of an environmental charter** for hotels and other accommodation providers highlighting the most ecologically responsible.
- The ski area, Tourist Office and Les Gets Golf Club have all obtained the **ISO 14001** certification (the golf club is the first club in France to have done so). An independent audit is carried out each year.
- Les Gets resort is also a member of the international organisation **Alpine Pearls**, represented in 6 Alpine countries (Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland). The Alpine Pearl organisation consists of 27 tourist destinations that have signed up to a sustainable development initiative aimed at increasing environmental protection in the Alps through tourism and transport.



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LES GETS ON ROUTE FOR 2020!

Conscious of its environmental footprint and continually looking to the future, Les Gets is currently working on a new environmental development strategy for 2020.

In 2011, the town participated in the European 'ClimAlp Tour' project (Climate change and its impact on tourism in the Alps). Its principal objectives were:

- To analyse the possible impact of climate change on tourist sites in the Alps
- To analyse the strengths and weaknesses, assets, limitations and

vulnerability of resorts to climate change

- To propose management and adaption strategies to improve sustainable tourism in Les Gets.

In an extension of this project the town is drawing up its 'Strategy 2020' development paper, outlining plans to implement the 'ClimAlp Tour' findings into practical, concrete actions that will

ECO-ACTIONS IN LES GETS

Here are a few examples of initiatives introduced over the years in both the village and ski areas:

- Wood-fired central-heating. Since 2000, a wood-fired heating system using re-claimed wood has heated 12 municipal buildings via a heating network over a kilometer long.
- Provision of pocket ashtrays at all lift kiosks
- Introduction of an environmental charter for accommodation providers highlighting the most ecologically responsible. A hotel charter is currently being drawn up.
- Local services and businesses involved in preserving the environment (geothermal systems, heat pumps, organic wines, local produce, organic products used for ski maintenance).
- ISO 14001 certification of the 18-hole golf club (first in France to obtain this certification) and the Tourist Office.
- Lift-pass recycling. All passes of three days or more are sold in a rechargeable hands-free format, so can be reused. The disposable 1-3 day lift-pass will be replaced by a flexible hands-free card that clients can put in special collection bins after use. They will then be recycled to provide on new lift passes.
- Speed regularisation of certain lifts. To avoid frequent stops, certain lifts now move very slowly, to reduce energy consumption.
- The Chery Nord radio repeater operates using solar panels.
- Excavation works over the summer months to create gentler slopes and so preserve the snow. The objective is to reduce the piste-bashers' work and limit snow canon use.
- Re-turfing of the summer activity area. This protects the ground from erosion, integrates the pistes with the natural countryside, helps stabilise the snow cover and encourages biodiversity.
- A protection zone for Black Grouse has been established with signposting explaining the protected species.
- Eco -Friendly Transport. Semi-pedestrianised area, closure of the rue du centre on certain days, resort mini bus service, Balad'Aulps Bus' Line serving the valley, little trains to get around in winter and visit the tourist attractions in summer. Evening mini-bus service direct to your accommodation from 6.30pm to 11.00pm, every day during the season for only 2€/ person (free for children -12 yrs accompanied by an adult).
- Biodegradable oil for piste bashers
- An annual rubbish-collection day over the ski area



- Rigorous water controls, reservoirs for drinking water, new generation snow canons (more energy efficient), additive-free snow manufacture.
- Participation in European and environmental initiatives in conjunction with partners such as l'Ademe, Prioriterre, Mountain Riders, Alpine Pearls, Clim'Alp Tour, The University of Savoie Mont Blanc ...
- Creation of eco-events during which environmental considerations are taken into account in various areas: location of the reception area, catering and food provision by local suppliers, use of recycled paper or PEFC. In addition, there will be shows and events on environmental themes as was demonstrated during French Mountain Bike Championships 2012 and by the themed weeks during summers (The Four Elements, The Environment)....
- Public awareness of the eco-actions (accommodation, events, ...).
- Purchase of guaranteed 'eco-cups' for events.
- Environmentally-friendly purchasing policy at SaGets, the Golf Club and the Tourist Office.
- A 'Spectacular nature' vegetable garden created in the summer.
- Presence detectors to economise on light and heating in new premises and in detachable lift stations.
- New garage construction conforming to all current environmental regulations.
- Inventories and preservation action plans for the natural wet lands in the ski area.
- Lift cabins washed with a biodegradable product.
- Developing and increasing use of new technology for communication (web, e-mail, smartphone).

benefit future development in Les Gets. The findings will be considered in conjunction with the Institut de la Montagne and plans on how to manage territorial and tourism development from now until 2020 will be developed. The aim is to continue the resort's policy of sustainable development (environmental, economic and social) and to position Les Gets as an 'Eco-village'.

In order to do this, 4 areas will be studied each with its own working party:

- **Planning:** Manage construction and preserve open spaces. Facilitate new year-round inhabitants.
- **Transport:** Totally pedestrianise the village centre (no cars).

- **Economy:** Provide balanced economic development between activities and seasons.
- **Ecology:** Preserve and develop the local (resources and quality of life) and global environment. Anticipate and adapt to climate change.

The objective for the end of 2013 is to present short, medium and long term proposals for the future development of the village.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL OFFERS



FATHER CHRISTMAS LIVES IN LES GETS SPECIAL OFFER

From 21 to 28/12/13

Soak up the magic of Christmas with the family at the home of Father Christmas and his elves!

7 nights in a 2 room, 3-star apartment for 4 people + 4 Les Gets/Morzine family lift passes (2 adults and 2 children) 338€/adult.

THE PORTES DU SOLEIL 'BIG SKI' SPECIAL OFFER

From 04/01 to 15/02/14

Enjoy a 20% reduction on your Portes du Soleil lift pass and burn up the 650 km of ski-runs in the world's largest international ski area!

7 nights in a 3-star studio + 6-day adult Portes du Soleil ski pass: 295€ per person.

SKI AND MUSIC BREAK

From 26 to 30/03/14

During the Rock the Pistes Festival, discover the Portes du Soleil area on skis and enjoy the best of the French and International pop-rock scene at piste-side concerts.

4 nights in a 2-star studio for 2 people with two, 3-day adult Portes du Soleil lift passes with unlimited access to the concerts on presentation of your lift-pass.

Cost: 221€ per person.

FROM 15TH MARCH, DAYS GET LONGER, PRICES SMALLER !

From 15/03/14 to 21/04/14

Profit from lower prices and higher temperatures! Enjoyment guaranteed!

7 nights in a 3-star studio plus one 6-day Les Gets/Morzine adult ski pass: 214€ per person.

www.reservation.lesgets.com

Tel. +33 (0)4 50 75 80 51.

These price examples are valid on advance bookings only and include the services mentioned. They do not include cancellation insurance, holiday tax or administration charges.

A GOURMET EXPERIENCE AT THE LABRADOR HOTEL****

From 04/01 to 15/02/14

In this Relais du Silence, chalet-hotel the priorities are to unwind, relax and indulge in the gastronomic delights that the hotel restaurant has to offer. Let yourself be cocooned away from the rest of the world enjoying charming, traditional interiors with luxurious facilities creating a haven of peace and tranquillity. With one Gault and Millau toque, dinners too are wonderfully relaxed moments, enjoyed in the traditional Savoyard surroundings of the Saint Laurent restaurant. Patrick and Marie Rose the owners, offer refined cooking inspired by the scents and flavours of the past and a menu offering choices to satisfy the most of demanding connoisseurs.

Passionate about the local area, they are unfailingly loyal to the values of their native village and invite clients to share its riches.

7 day break including:

- Accommodation in a double or twin room with half-board.
- A different menu each evening allowing you to discover the local specialities and enjoy the creativity of the Saint Laurent restaurant head chef.
- One candle-lit relaxing massage at the Fleur de Neige.

Price: 995€ per person.

Prior reservation required as places are limited.

www.labrador-hotel.com - Tel +33 (0)4 50 75 80 00.

FULL SPEED AHEAD AT THE MARMOTTE HOTEL****

From 04 to 25/01/14 and 23/03 to 13/04/14

Originally a tearoom – this traditional chalet-hotel has grown in size and stature thanks to four generations of the Miraguay family who, little by little, transformed it into a 4* establishment. Ideally situated in the heart of the village at the foot of the ski slopes, it offers the perfect location. For relaxation during your holiday why not be pampered at the Sérénité-Cimes Spa or take dip in the large heated indoor swimming pool?

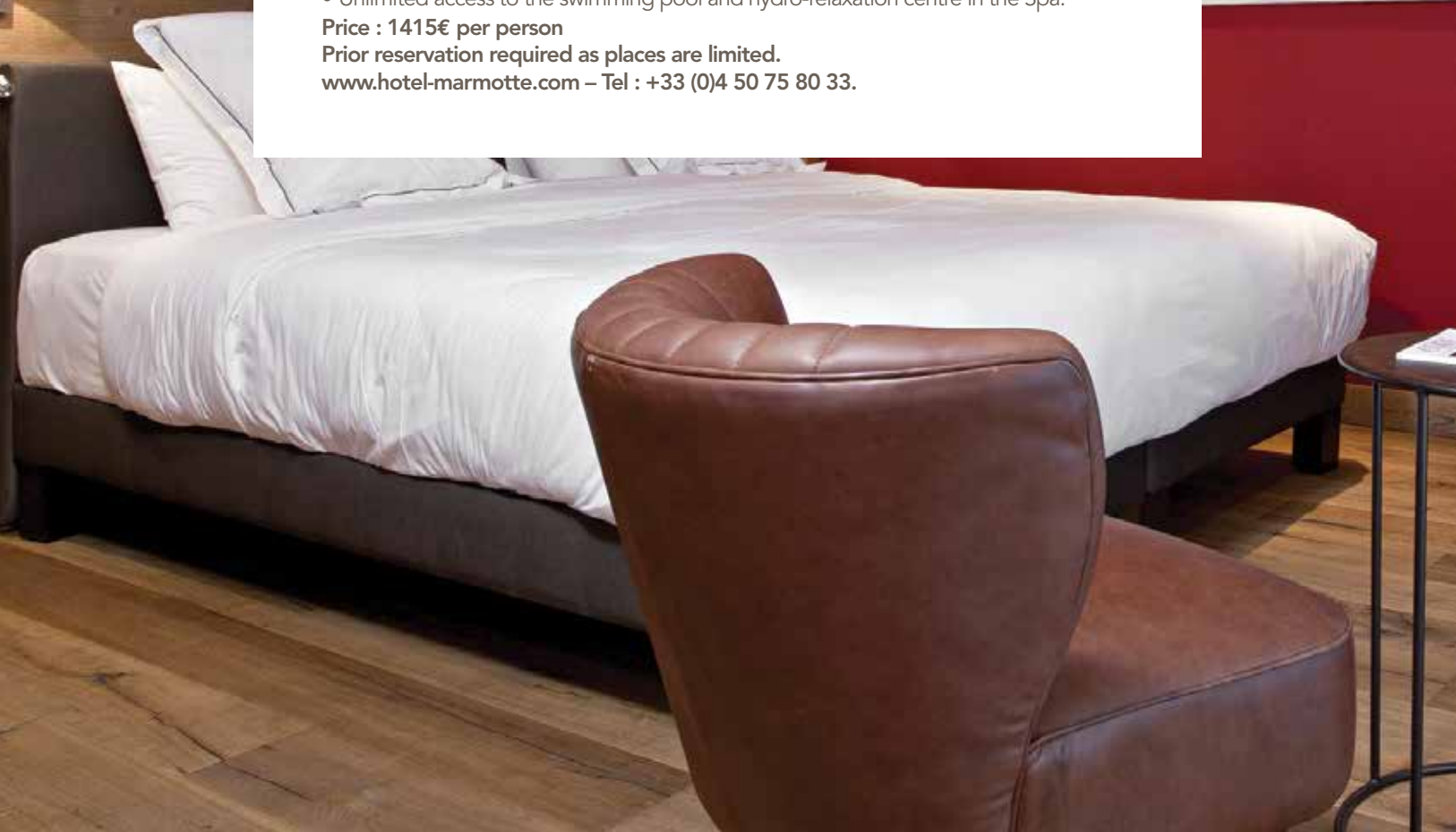
7-day offer including:

- 7-nights accommodation in a superior double room.
- Buffet-style breakfasts and dinners (4 course), excluding drinks.
- 6-day ski pack for two people (skis and poles) with our partner Intersport Les Gets.
- 6-day Portes du Soleil ski pass for 2 people.
- Unlimited access to the swimming pool and hydro-relaxation centre in the Spa.

Price : 1415€ per person

Prior reservation required as places are limited.

www.hotel-marmotte.com – Tel : +33 (0)4 50 75 80 33.



STATISTICS

LES GETS/MORZINE SKI AREA- KEY STATISTICS

71 SKI RUNS

120KM OF SKI RUNS

50 SKI LIFTS

TOTAL FLOW : 72 144 PEOPLE PER HOUR (2011-2012)

1 BEGINNERS SKI AREA (MAPPYS)

3 CARPET LIFTS FOR BEGINNERS

4 ROPE-TOWS

2 CABLE CARS

3 BUBBLE LIFTS

26 CHAIR LIFTS

14 DRAG LIFTS

4 SLED RUNS (IN LES GETS)

385 SNOW CANNONS COVERING 120 HA
(34% of the snow area can use artificial snow)

PORTES DU SOLEIL - KEY STATISTICS

650 KM OF SKI RUNS

12 RESORTS IN BOTH FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND

122 000 BEDS

197 SKI LIFTS

283 SKI RUNS

800 SNOW CANNONS

LES GETS VILLAGE AND FACILITIES - KEY STATISTICS

1370 PERMANENT RESIDENTS

40 RESTAURANTS, BARS, PUBS, BOWLING ALLEY, DISCOS, CINEMA

HEALTH AND BEAUTY CENTRE

16 000 BEDS – 521 ROOMS/1 300 BEDS

HOTELS: TWO 4* HOTELS, SEVEN 3* HOTELS, SEVEN 2* HOTELS

3 FURNISHED RENTAL PROPERTIES WITH HOTEL SERVICES

2 HOLIDAY VILLAGES

2 BED AND BREAKFASTS OFFERING FOOD

HOSTELS

RENTAL APARTMENTS, STUDIOS AND CHALETs








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A choice of communication networks keeping you up to speed with resort news. Find details of future events, a focus on daily activities and share videos, photos and accommodation offers.

 www.facebook.com/LesGetsOfficiel
 twitter.com/lesgetsnews
 <https://plus.google.com/112668252259242993446>

YOUTUBE/FLICKR

These two platforms host Les Gets' official images and videos and contain both up-to-date news and records of past resort events and activities.

 www.youtube.com/lesgetsTV
 www.flickr.com/photos/golfdesgets

MOBILE VERSION: M.LESGETS.COM

The mobile website is a lighter, adapted version of the original enabling quick access to information and no loading time.

LES GETS IN SUMMER



Les Gets is also a thriving summer destination. In Spring, nature reclaims the mountains, the snow gradually melts giving way to vibrantly coloured flowers and verdent alpine pastures. Whatever the season, relaxation and enjoyment remain the mantras of a mountain holiday.



LES GETS IN SUMMER

During the Summer there are numerous activities suitable for all age groups; mountain hiking with the help of chair lifts, horse or pony rides, a swimming lake, merry-go-round, Aventure Parc®, water and air sports, 18-hole golf course or MTB – something for everyone!

And to complete the summer picture, summer days and evenings are filled with events, shows, festivals and local village celebrations. A varied programme offering numerous surprises to enjoy with family or friends.



SPECIAL OFFER

MULTIPASS PORTES DU SOLEIL
WWW.PORTESDUSOLEIL.COM

During the summer the Portes du Soleil Multipass gives unlimited access for 1 or 2€ per day (2013 prices) to activities in the 12 Franco Swiss resorts of the area.



Pedestrians can also use the Multipass to enjoy use of the ski lifts and hike over the entire area. In Les Gets the Multipass gives access to the swimming lake, Mechanical Music Museum and Little Tourist Train.

Overall, the Portes du Soleil area offers:

- 4 swimming pools, 2 lakes,
- 24 (summer) ski lifts,
- 5 cultural sites,
- 9 tennis centres,
- 2 ice skating rinks,
- 3 little tourist trains, an inter-resort minibus service,
- 850 km of marked walking trails and numerous reductions in shops and businesses.

Further information: www.lesgets.com
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By plane: Geneva International airport 55 km away (1 hour's drive)

By train: TGV to Cluses 22 km away

By car: A40 motorway, Cluses exit.



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