



EVERYTHING WITHIN REACH

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ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850

THE NEW ORCIÈRES ARENA 1850:

THE NEW ORCIÈRES ARENA 1850: *8 leisure activities in one place*

Forty years after it was first built, the Palais des Sports, Orcières' iconic venue, is entering a new era following a major refurbishment designed to meet the destination's new challenges : improving visitor facilities, accessibility and the overall visitor experience all year round. Now known as the Orcières Arena 1850, this vast 10,000 m² complex is the ultimate après-ski destination, offering a wealth of activities all under one roof. Families can gather on one of the eight brand-new bowling lanes, glide across the ice at the ice rink or splash about in the refurbished swimming pool. Those wishing to unwind after a day on the slopes can delight in a dip in the bubbling waters of the modernised spa or relax in one of the new leisure areas : karaoke booths, arcade games, an interactive video games area, a lounge bar... Designed as a key facility for the resort's future, the Palais des Sports will eventually be able to host sports camps all year round, thereby contributing to the development of year-round tourism.



AFTER 1850, *a new entertainment venue*

In Orcières, the day continues long after you've taken off your skis at After 1850, the new party hotspot at the Orcières Arena 1850. Behind its 'industrial chic' décor, the venue offers a wide range of experiences: eight brand-new bowling lanes (two of which can be booked online), two karaoke booths (for 6 to 12 people) offering karaoke, quizzes or battles, a wall with an interactive digital screen designed for both children and adults, not to mention a spacious lounge area where you can enjoy a glass of wine or a cocktail whilst gazing at the snow-capped peaks. This new social hub has been designed to bring together all generations around a shared desire: to make the most of the après-ski experience.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

📅 Every day from 3 pm to midnight

€ Bowling (1 game):

- Adults: €12
- Children (aged 5-17) : €10

ORCIÈRES ARENA 1850



THE FITNESS CENTRE: *the new training ground for sports enthusiasts*

With its new fitness centre, the Orcières Arena 1850 is no longer content to be merely a leisure venue: it is also asserting its sporting credentials. Designed in collaboration with the fitness coach of the French national alpine skiing team, the centre combines cardio training equipment with a weight-training area to meet the needs of both athletes and holidaymakers keen to keep fit. Open to those aged 16 and over and accessible all year round via a membership scheme for residents, it exemplifies the resort's ambition to develop a fully-fledged training centre capable of hosting sports camps in all seasons.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

👤 Ages 16 and over

💰 ■ Single entry: €10

■ Annual membership: €180

📅 ■ Every day from 2.00 pm to 7.30 pm outside school holidays;
■ during the season, every day from 10.00 am to 7.30 pm
except Saturdays, when it is open from 2.00 pm to 7.30 pm

SPA 1850, a modernised wellness centre overlooking the snow-capped peaks

At the Orcières Arena 1850, après-ski can now also be enjoyed in a pampering atmosphere. With Spa 1850, the resort is taking its wellness offering to the next level by providing a completely redesigned space where visitors can come to relax and recharge their batteries. With views of the mountains, visitors can alternate between the benefits of the salt cave, the warmth of the sauna and steam room, sensory showers or whirlpool baths, before treating themselves to a treatment in a private room and a break in the herbal tea lounge. With access limited to 30 people, this new sanctuary focuses on creating an intimate atmosphere to offer a genuine escape from the hustle and bustle right in the heart of the resort.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

👤 Open to guests aged 13 and over

🌐 pass.orcieres.com

📅 ■ Every day from 2.00 pm to 7.30 pm, excluding school holidays
■ Every day from 10.00 am to 7.30 pm,
except Saturdays when it is open from 2.00 pm to 7.30 pm



THE ORCIÈRES ARENA 1850 SWIMMING POOL: a redesigned space for the whole family

With the refurbishment of its swimming pool, the Orcières Arena 1850 continues to expand its range of indoor leisure activities. Designed as a true water play area, the new facility invites people of all ages to come together and enjoy the pleasures of the water. Two large pools, waterfalls, water jets and a slide create a world where everyone can enjoy themselves at their own pace, alternating between moments of relaxation and more playful activities. Swimming lessons and aqua aerobics classes round off the offering, making the swimming pool a lively hub where families, holidaymakers and locals can extend the joys of the mountains, well sheltered from the snowflakes. Late-night opening is available during the season on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8.30 pm to 10.30 pm

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

👤 ■ €8/adult,
■ €6.50/child (aged 5 to 17)



GLIDING... on ice skates

In Orcières, the thrill of gliding can even be found inside the Orcières Arena 1850. Just a stone's throw from the swimming pool and other leisure facilities, the ice rink invites visitors to lace up their skates. On its 1,600 m² of ice, beginners and seasoned skaters alike can enjoy themselves in a festive atmosphere, with lively music and light shows that transform the rink into a veritable dance floor on ice. And for those who love a party, themed evening sessions are held twice a week. Retaining the improvements made during its 2017 refurbishment, it remains an essential part of the après-ski experience for spending time with family or friends. Its little extra? The heat generated to create the ice is reused to heat the water in the adjoining swimming pool. It's a great way to look after the planet whilst enabling the resort to make

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

👤 ■ €8/adult,
■ €6.50/child (aged 5 to 17)

ORCIÈRES, A TRUE RESORT EXPERIENCE

ORCIÈRES IS PIONEERING the 'resort' of the future

Building on its extensive ski area – with 100 km of slopes at altitudes ranging from 1,850 to 2,725 metres – Orcières Merlette 1850 is now broadening its horizons by adopting an innovative approach: that of the resort. The aim is to bring together, under a single management structure provided by SEMIOM, all aspects of the resort's tourist experience – from skiing to the indoor leisure facilities at the Orcières Arena 1850, via the O2

Area, its hotel-restaurant and its outdoor activities. This diversification strategy responds to holidaymakers' new expectations: to find everything needed for a successful holiday – namely accommodation, dining and leisure options – all in one place. This approach helps to shape a vibrant, attractive destination designed for year-round enjoyment.



HORIZON PASS: unlimited skiing and leisure activities on a single card

With the Horizon Pass, Orcières is taking its resort concept a step further by including, as part of the ski pass, unlimited access to the swimming pool and ice rink at the Orcières Arena 1850 for anyone skiing for two days or more. This package goes beyond simply providing access to the ski lifts to offer a holistic experience, where the joys of skiing and snowboarding flow naturally into moments of relaxation and leisure. It's a way of meeting holidaymakers' evolving expectations, making Orcières a destination where everything is thought through holistically to simplify your holiday and allow you to experience the mountains to the full, both on the slopes and after-ski.

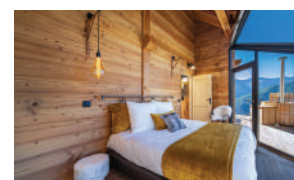
PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

Exclusively at www.pass.orcieres.com

2-day Horizon Pass:	6-day Horizon Pass:
■ €106/adult,	■ €267/adult,
■ €90/child (aged 5–17)	■ €227/child (aged 5–17)

PLAN YOUR BESPOKE HOLIDAY with the booking centre

In Orcières, the booking centre acts as the orchestrator of successful holidays. Its secret? A catalogue of 'Qualité Confort' certified apartments, a centralised booking service for accommodation, activities and entertainment, and, above all, a team on the ground who know the destination like the back of their hand. Nathalie and Alexis are committed to honouring the trust their guests place in them and crafting a bespoke holiday that reflects their personalities, fits their budget and will create wonderful holiday memories.



THE MOBILE PHONE SIMPLIFIES THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY

In Orcières, the resort experience is defined by the seamless nature of the customer journey. Using just their mobile phone, holidaymakers can access the slopes, the Orcières Arena 1850 and resort information. Thanks to Team Axxess technology, the resort is modernising all its access terminals with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)-compatible equipment, enabling access via smartphone or card, whilst turnstiles are being replaced by flap gates, which are smoother and more intuitive. The same technology is in use at the Orcières

Arena 1850, where ticketing and access control for the swimming pool, ice rink, gym and spa have now been unified and simplified. This new mobile app also centralises resort events, activity bookings and an interactive map of the ski area. This development simplifies holidaymakers' stays today, with the aim of integrating other services such as catering in the future, for an ever-smoother and more connected experience.

A HASSLE-FREE ESCAPE



THE NEW O2 AREA:

one place to stay, eat and have fun

Just eight kilometres from the resort, the O2 Area has everything you need for a brilliant holiday. The former leisure centre has been transformed into a genuine outdoor resort, bringing together accommodation, dining and activities in one place, on the banks of the River Drac. The twelve new chalets at the campsite, designed as cosy little homes, allow you to stay right next to the activities. Here, you can leave the car in the garage: the 40 km of cross-country ski trails, ski touring routes and even dog sled rides with Nomad'Esprits' huskies all start almost right on your doorstep. It's a different way to experience the mountains – more relaxed, more immersive and with everything within easy reach.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- From €500 per week.
- www.reservation.orcieres.com
- +33 (0)4 92 55 89 17



THE IBEX REFUGE

tucked away in the heart of the countryside, just a stone's throw from the slopes

At first glance, the Ibex Refuge seems cut off from the world. Perched at an altitude of 2,050 metres, beside a stream and on the edge of the Écrins National Park, this former 19th-century alpine chalet offers absolute tranquillity and a magnificent panoramic view of the peaks. Yet everything is within easy reach: it's just a few metres to the red 'Gourou' run, to set off on a ski tour or to put on your snowshoes and head for the Jujal plateau. Fully renovated in keeping with its original architecture, and self-sufficient in energy thanks to its solar panels and wood-burning stove, the 100 m² chalet can accommodate up to 8 people. Meeting all modern comfort standards, it features 2 double bedrooms, 1 dormitory for 4 people, 2 shower rooms and 3 toilets.

The owner arranges transport for guests.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- From €2,400 per week (bed linen and towels included).
- www.reservation.orcieres.com
- +33 (0)4 92 55 89 69



SKI TOURING HOLIDAY

to the remote hamlet of Dormillouse

What if ski touring – synonymous with effort, commitment and wide open spaces – could also be synonymous with comfort? On this four-day trip organised by Maison Outhera, enthusiasts with some prior experience of ski touring will explore the Écrins massif alongside a qualified guide for the first two days, seeking out the most beautiful

routes and the best snow conditions. On the third day, the group heads to the Refuge de l'Oncle Emile in the remote hamlet of Dormillouse – accessible only by snowshoes or ski touring in winter – for an unexpected interlude where the joy of the mountains continues in a comfortable and luxurious setting. As the highlight of the trip,

on the final day, the group sets off back towards Maison Outhera on a final leg that is more challenging and demanding. An immersive experience combining physical challenge, wide-open spaces and characterful accommodation, offering a different perspective on ski touring.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- Trip:**
 - from 7 to 12 March 2027
 - from 4 to 9 April 2027.

- €1,525 per person**
Included:
 - 4 ski touring excursions led by a qualified mountain guide (between 800 and 1,500 metres of elevation gain per day),
 - 5 nights at Maison Outhera in a double or triple room,
 - 5 breakfasts,
 - 4 dinners,
 - 5 packed lunches.

- Equipment (skis, ski boots, ski poles, avalanche transceiver, shovel, probe and rucksack) is not included and can be hired on site (allow around €60 per day).**

- Maison Outhera :**
 - www.outhera.com
 - +33 (0)6 17 23 83 63

GET STARTED EASILY, SKIS ON



GETTING STARTED AT ALTITUDE on the new Marmotte's green run

Orcières has always been committed to helping beginner skiers get started. Following an initial phase of works carried out last winter, the resort continues to work towards making it easier to learn to ski by re-profiling and extending the 'Marmotte' green run. This new run offers a gentler descent down to the Front de Neige des Drapeaux. Widened from 17 to 30 metres and with gentler gradients, it allows beginners, starting from the Drouvet 1 telemix lift, to discover the joys of skiing at altitude without any anxiety. This development also improves the flow of traffic across the ski area by further separating novice skiers from more experienced ones, whilst enhancing Orcières' appeal to families and newcomers to the sport.



REPROFILING OF THE CHARDONNETS BLUE RUN to improve flow on the return to the resort

The return journey to the resort has also been the focus of particular attention from Orcières. The Chardonnets blue run, the main route down from the Rocherousse plateau, will be more comfortable and flow more smoothly this winter thanks to the widening of one of its narrowest sections. This improvement makes it easier for skiers, particularly beginners, to make their way down this particularly busy route. Further down the slope, this improvement continues with the re-profiling of the 'Les Marmottes' green run, creating a return route to the resort that is clearer, simpler and more accessible.

FROM THE SUMMIT TO THE RESORT, IT'S ALL BLUE!

In Orcières, even beginners can enjoy the most stunning panoramic views. From the summits of Drouvet (2,655 m) and Freissinières (2,725 m), the blue runs Bouquetins and Freissinières allow families and intermediate skiers to enjoy over 1,000 m of vertical drop across long, accessible descents, with breathtaking views of the Écrins National Park and wide, gentle curves. From summit to summit, all the way to the two base areas, everyone can ski at their own pace, as a family. This experience is made even more enjoyable thanks to recent improvements to the Vallons, Chardonnets and Marmotte runs, which ensure a smoother flow along the routes back to the resort.



LEARN TO SKI FOR FREE with the ESF

In Orcières, learning to ski is free! For one hour, accompanied by an ESF instructor, beginners put on their skis – often for the very first time – and learn the basics of skiing gently and safely on a green run near the Front de Neige. Ski equipment (provided for the duration of the lesson), instruction and access to the ski lift are all free every Tuesday from 8.00 am to 9.00 am.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

Book at the Tourist Office before midday on Monday.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

THE SKI AREA AT A GLANCE:



Altitude of the ski area:
FROM 1,850 m TO 2,725 m



**4 AREAS DEDICATED
TO LEARNING TO SKI**



52 RUNS

(including 10 green, 17 blue,
18 red and 7 black)



**MORE THAN 60% OF THE SKI AREA
IS EQUIPPED WITH SNOW GUNS**
to ensure optimal snow cover
on the slopes



1 FIS-CERTIFIED DOWNHILL RUN,
the Camille Ricou, which hosts
major sporting competitions



2 BOARDERCROSS COURSES

(with gentle bumps, banked turns and
guaranteed fun for the whole family) and a
fun zone covering 16,000 m²



**2 PANORAMIC
TERRACES**

to enjoy
breathtaking views

**THE SKI AREA IS OPEN
FROM 12 DECEMBER 2026
TO 11 APRIL 2027**

€ RATES 1-DAY SKI PASS

Adults	€48.50
Children (aged 5–17)	€40.50
Students (up to 24 years old)	€40.50



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SKI PATROLLERS

The ski patroller and first-aidler, a guardian angel on the ski area, fascinates and protects, yet their job often remains little known. In Orcières, holidaymakers can, for the duration of a morning, become a 'Ski Patroller for a Day' and experience their daily routine by taking part in the opening of the ski area. For two hours every Friday morning, they learn the techniques that ensure everyone's safety and enjoy a unique experience: skiing on a still-silent slope, carving the very first turns of the day.

RA T A R A T

Registration and a draw for 10 places
every Thursday at the Tourist Office

+33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

For those aged 10 and over,

Free

meet at 8.15 am on Fridays
at the Drouvet 1 Télémix lift.



LITTLE SNOW PROS

The inner workings of a ski resort have always fascinated young children. Orcières therefore offers children aged 8 and over the chance to go behind the scenes at the resort every Wednesday afternoon for two hours. Everything is revealed: grooming the slopes on a snow groomer, discovering the role of a piste officer, understanding how the snow-making system works... It's sure to inspire future careers!

RA T A R A T

A draw for 10 children (each must be accompanied
by an adult) takes place every Tuesday
during the school holidays
at the Tourist Office

+33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

Ages 8 and over.

Meet at 2.00 pm on Wednesdays at the Rocherousse
Télémix lift station.



HOP ON BOARD MY SNOW GROOMER

In the evening, as the mountain falls asleep, the snow groomers get to work preparing the slopes for the following day. Every Friday, one participant, chosen at random, gets the chance to go behind the scenes by climbing aboard a snow groomer to discover all the secrets of snow grooming for an hour and a half. It's also a chance to witness a unique spectacle: the sunset over the snow-capped peaks in a stunning setting.

RA T A R A T

One winner is drawn at random
every Thursday at the Tourist Office

+33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

Meet at 5.00 pm on Friday at the snow front



SKI DIFFERENTLY

SERRE-EYRAUD,

one of the smallest ski resorts in the Hautes-Alpes

A hamlet with 25 year-round residents, Serre-Eyraud transforms into one of the smallest ski resorts in the Hautes-Alpes when winter arrives. With its three ski lifts, 600 metres of vertical drop, 10 km of slopes of all difficulty levels and its unique off-piste terrain amidst the larch trees, it is a one-of-a-kind resort with a family-friendly and intimate atmosphere. And to add to the friendly atmosphere, you can buy your ski pass at the counter in the village bar-restaurant.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- € 1-day ski pass
 - €18.00/adult,
 - €14.50/child



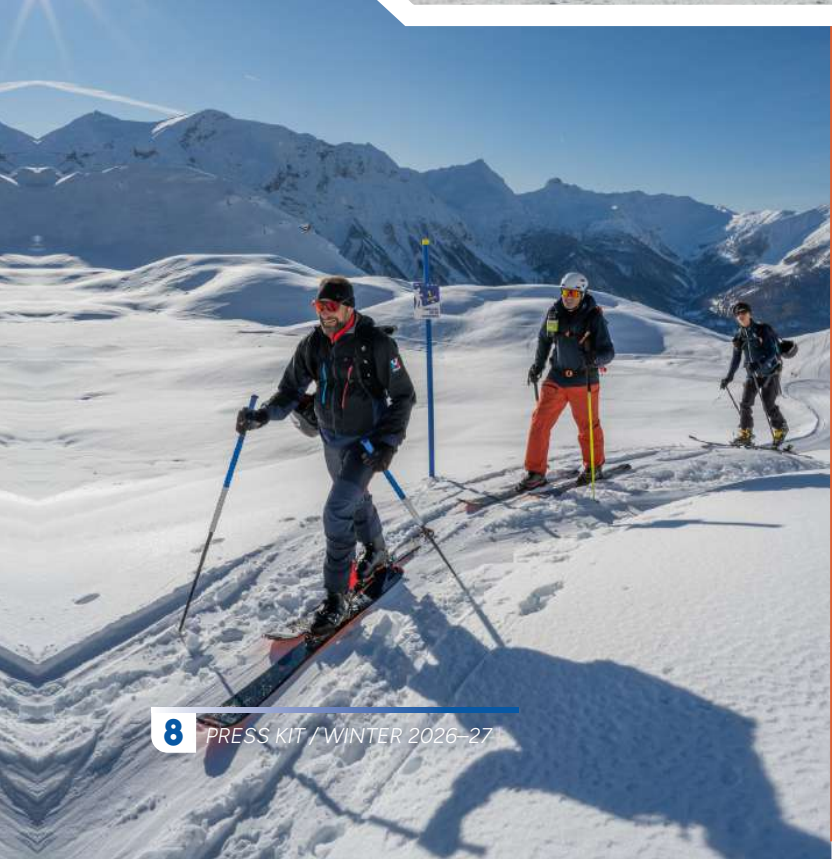
THE JOY OF GLIDING

to the rhythm of nature

At the Orcières leisure centre, cross-country skiing invites you to slow down and reconnect with a quieter side of the mountains. Along the River Drac, 40 kilometres of groomed trails wind their way through forests, clearings and sweeping panoramic views, offering routes suitable for all ability levels. People come here as much to hone their technique as to savour the pleasure of a peaceful glide, lulled by the tranquillity of the great outdoors. A nature retreat that reveals another side to Orcières, just three kilometres from the resort.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- € Southern Alps Weekly Nordic Pass (2026 rates):
 - €70/adult,
 - €45/child (5–15 years).
- 🌐 www.nordicalpesdusud.com



SKI TOURING

on marked routes

Ski touring enthusiasts can enjoy two groomed and marked routes in Orcières. Safe and well-maintained, these routes offer powder lovers lovely outings throughout the day, from when the ski area opens until it closes. It's a way to get away from it all and experience a contemplative form of exercise.

- **Méollion:** (3.4 km, 640 m elevation gain), taking around 1 hour 30 minutes, starting from the Front de neige des Drapeaux (1,850 m) and finishing at the Pointe de Méollion (2,474 m).
- **Estaris:** (4.6 km, 800 m elevation gain) is a 2-hour ascent, starting from the resort (1,870 m) and finishing at the top of the Estaris chairlift (2,670 m). The descent is via the ski area's slopes, for added safety.

SKI MORE, SPEND LESS

BOOK EARLY to ski at a great price

Planning your holiday in advance has never been more rewarding in Orcières. With its PROPUL'S offer, the resort has adopted a dynamic pricing system that rewards the most forward-thinking holidaymakers. By booking their ski pass by midnight on the day before their first day on the slopes, they can enjoy a discount of up to 25 per cent. This strategy helps you keep better control of your budget whilst simplifying the organisation of your holiday.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

🌐 Exclusively at www.pass.orcieres.com

THIS SPRING, FROM 20 MARCH TO 11 APRIL, skiing is free for children!

Spring in Orcières is best enjoyed with the family on the slopes. From 20 March to 11 April 2027, as part of the 'Orcières Invites Your Children' initiative, children under 12 can ski for free (no strings attached, upon presentation of proof of age). It's the perfect opportunity to extend the fun of skiing, to learn or to improve your skills, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

🌐 For more information, visit www.pass.orcieres.com

THE PASS MARSIEEN: the best deal this spring

In Orcières, spring can now be enjoyed well beyond the slopes. With the arrival of the Pass Marsien at the resort, the ski pass becomes a real passport to discovering all the resort has to offer. At the same price as the Pass Horizon, it entitles holders to a range of discounts, notably on activities at the Orcières Arena, from bowling to the cinema and the spa. This initiative caters to holidaymakers' desire to enjoy a wider variety of experiences and confirms that, in spring, the mountains are just as much to be savoured on skis as they are after the final runs of the day.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

🌐 Exclusively at www.pass.orcieres.com

2-day Horizon Pass:	6-day Horizon Pass:
■ €106/adult,	■ €267/adult,
■ €90/child (aged 5–17)	■ €227/child (aged 5–17)

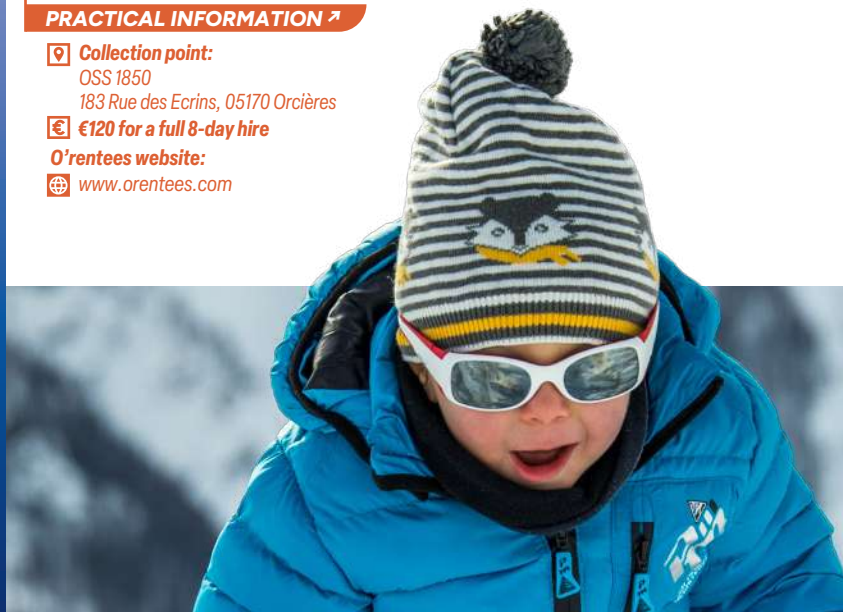


Renting ski clothing and equipment: THE O'RENTEES SOLUTION

A trip to the mountains often means suitcases bursting at the seams. In Orcières, **O'rentees** is shaking up the status quo by offering a rental service for premium ski clothing and accessories, delivered directly to the resort. Holidaymakers order their kit online, collect it on arrival (within 4–5 working days) from the OSS 1850 shop, then return it to the same location before they leave. A trip to the mountains can now be enjoyed with lighter luggage and a more responsible approach, where comfort and environmental commitment go hand in hand.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- 📍 **Collection point:**
OSS 1850
183 Rue des Ecrins, 05170 Orcières
- 💶 **€120 for a full 8-day hire**
- 🌐 **O'rentees website:**
www.orentees.com



ENJOY THE HEIGHTS

THE ROCHEROUSSE PLATEAU:

a hub of activity at an altitude of 2,300 metres

In Orcières, there is a place where all your mountain adventures come together. Perched at an altitude of 2,300 metres, the Rocherousse Plateau stands out as a veritable 'outdoor village square' amidst the snow-capped peaks. Accessible in just a few minutes via the Télémix® lift of the same name, it offers an astonishing variety of activities: cross-country skiing, now enhanced with an introduction to biathlon, boardercross, a fun zone, dog sled rides, snowshoe trails and ski touring routes to Lac des Estaris. The youngest visitors can slide down on giant rubber rings at the Winterparc, whilst others can enjoy a gourmet break on the panoramic terrace of the mountain restaurant, overlooking the Écrins. A wealth of experiences where everyone can tailor their day to their own pace, in a setting that makes you feel as though you're alone in the world.

WINTERPARC,

giant inflatable rings and thrilling slides

The joy of sliding is being reinvented at Rocherousse. At Winterparc, families climb into large inflatable rings to hurtle down one of the six groomed runs entirely dedicated to this activity, with options ranging from solo runs to convoys of up to eight rings. Even the youngest children (under 4s) have an area all to themselves, with a dedicated lift that means they never have to walk back up. A small detail that makes all the difference when it comes to enjoying run after run... and lots of smiles.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- € 1 hour's activity from (Season 25-26 prices):
 - €17 per person in the morning,
 - €18 per person in the afternoon.
- 🌐 www.winterparc.fr
- ☎ +33 (0)6 69 40 52 57

THE ROLL'AIR CÂBLE,

Orcières' giant zip line

The calm lasts for a fraction of a second, then comes the acceleration. Suspended headfirst beneath the Roll'Air Câble, the most daring visitors soar across the Orcières sky at nearly 120 km/h, between the summit of Drouvet (2,650 m) and Lac Long (2,500 m). Stretching 1.8 km, this giant zip line offers 1 minute 20 seconds of thrills against the backdrop of the snow-capped peaks of the Écrins. Suitable for children aged 8 and over, the experience has been designed to fit seamlessly into a day's skiing: skis are transported during the flight, suspended above the participant, so they can be put back on immediately upon arrival and the descent resumed without wasting a minute.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- € Roll 'air cable: €40 per person (excluding ski lifts)
- 🌐 latyrolienne.fr
- ☎ +33 (0)6 84 44 88 10

THE SNAKEGLISS:

a group tobogganing experience

When the ski lifts stop running, another form of winter fun takes over. At sunset, the Snakegliss sets off down the slopes of Orcières with its cheerful convoy of toboggans linked together in single file. The participants, seated on their sledges, hands firmly gripping the handles and feet planted on the sledge in front, follow the more or less intense pace set by the driver of this amusing caterpillar-like procession. As it winds through the bends, the snow 'snake' undulates and the thrills spread all the way to the passengers at the back, who are often the ones jolted about the most... and the ones laughing the hardest. Available in three versions — Discovery (3 km), Apéro Gliss (6 km with mulled wine) or Sensation (8 km) — this unusual activity transforms a simple descent into a shared experience where the good humour is as infectious as the fits of laughter.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- € From:
 - €20 per child,
 - €25 per adult.
- 🌐 www.orcieres-snakegliss.fr
- ☎ +33 (0)7 83 51 23 62



BIATHLON:

kiing, taking aim and hitting the target first time!



In Orcières, the youngest participants step behind the screen for a two-hour introduction to the Olympic sport par excellence: biathlon. Alternating between cross-country skiing on the trails of the Rocherousse plateau and shooting with a laser rifle, the activity requires participants to manage their breathing, regain their composure after exertion and demonstrate precision before setting off on their skis again. Supervised in small groups of up to eight participants, the children discover the full richness of a sport that is as fun as it is demanding.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- 👤 Ages 8 and over (private lessons available for children under 8)
- 📅 Every afternoon during the holidays, and on Fridays outside school holidays.
- 📍 Meet on the Rocherousse plateau (please ensure you have a pedestrian pass)
- € €50 per person (Equipment can be hired at the resort.)
- ESF d'Orcières:
 - 🌐 info@esforcieres.com
 - ☎ +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH ALPINE WILDLIFE



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MUSHERS with Philippe Desmurger

On the Rocherousse plateau, the sled dogs offer much more than just a simple ride. Guided by Philippe Desmurger, a renowned musher who has long taken part in the legendary Grande Odyssée, participants discover two ways to experience this northern adventure. Some choose to settle into the sledge to fully enjoy the plateau's snow-covered landscapes, lulled by the rhythm of the huskies. Others learn the basics of mushing before driving their own team across the wide open spaces. Two complementary experiences – one more family-friendly, the other more athletic – offering an up-close look at the fascinating world of sled dogs.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

€ Sled ride:

- 20 mins: €100 for 2 people
- 1 hour: €110 per person
- 1 hour 30 mins: €145 per person

Introduction to mushing:
from €50 to €210 (ages 8 and over)

Alpi-traineau :

- 🌐 www.alpi-traineau.com
- ☎ +33 (0)6 60 68 32 44

LEARNING MUSHING from a very young age



Thanks to Nomad Esprit, based at the O2 Area in Orcières, children aged 3 to 7 are given the chance to step into the shoes of real little mushers for two hours. With the 'Baby Sled' session, children get to know much more than just the huskies: they learn how to drive a team of dogs specially designed for them. A few instructions, a first meeting with the dogs, and the adventure can begin along the River Drac, through the larch forests. A child-friendly introduction that combines the thrill of gliding, getting to know the animals and the joy of learning in a different way.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 ■ Baby Sled (3–7 years): adult supervision required
- Kids Sled (8–12 years)

- € ■ Baby Sled: 2-hour session, €55 per child
- Kids Sled: 2-hour session, €70 per child

🌐 <https://chauffarel.com/chiens-de-traineaux>
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A SPECIAL ENCOUNTER with the chamois of Prapic

All you need to do is set off early to witness one of the mountain's most beautiful spectacles. Every Friday morning at 9am, families set off from the village of Prapic on snowshoes to venture deep into the snow-covered landscapes of the Écrins National Park. At the first light of day, the chamois emerge from their shelters, offering excellent opportunities to spot them through a spotting scope. The route, suitable for all, winds its way through snow-covered mountain pastures, larch forests and a frozen waterfall before returning to the village. An immersive experience in nature where the hike also becomes a special encounter with one of the Alps' most iconic species.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- € ■ Adults €30.50
- Children (aged 8 to 14) €25.50
for the second child and any further children: 30% off (snowshoes and poles provided)

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A WALK UP CLOSE to the animals of the mountains

Just a few minutes from the Orcières resort, the Creuset Wildlife Park offers a break amidst the winter wildlife. Across 12 hectares, visitors can encounter the large animals of the Alps, such as chamois and ibex, as well as reindeer, fallow deer, yaks, llamas and Falabella horses. From early March, marmots emerge from hibernation, heralding the first signs of spring. When there's snow on the ground, the trails can be explored on snowshoes – available to borrow on site – for an even more immersive experience of this vast natural space.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

- 📅 ■ Open in winter from Tuesday to Sunday, 10.00–17.00 during the Christmas holidays (closed on Mondays)
- from February until the end of the season, closes at 17.30

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- € ■ €9.50/adult,
- €8.50 for 12–16-year-olds,
- €7.50 for 3–12-year-olds,
- free for children under 3



SPORT AND SAVOURY PLEASURES

SNOWSHOE HIKE AND FONDUE IN A TEEPEE

All it takes is switching off the resort's lights to let the mountains reclaim their place. At 6 pm, by the light of their headlamps and accompanied by the crunch of snowshoes in the fresh snow, hikers are invited to walk for an hour under the stars before spotting a lit teepee in a clearing amidst a larch forest. Inside, the warmth of a fondue made with cheeses from the Ebrard cheese dairy and a local herbal tea warms both body and soul. After this gourmet interlude, it's time to leave the cosiness of the blankets and the space heater behind, put your snowshoes back on and make your way slowly back down to the valley. An experience that combines nature, fine dining and a friendly atmosphere, to be enjoyed with family, friends or as a couple.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

-  Suitable for ages 7 and over
-  Approximately 3 hours' activity, every evening from 6 pm.
-  ■ €65 per adult
■ €55 per child (under 12)
-  marcorandos.com
-  +33 (0)6 50 66 34 30

DOG-SLEDDING AND FONDUE in the heart of the countryside

A dog-sledding trip, a fondue and snow-capped peaks as a backdrop: in Orcières, you have to work for your lunch! From the Rocherousse plateau, budding mushers take the reins of their own team of 3 to 5 dogs and follow Philippe Desmurger, a musher from the Grande Odyssée, across the wide open spaces on the edge of the Écrins National Park, sometimes travelling at over 40 km/h. After all that exertion, it's time for a lunch break, enjoyed al fresco on the Jujal plateau or inside a kota, over a fondue to share, with the dogs never far away. A break that's as indulgent as it is exotic.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

-  **Gourmet hike:**
■ 1½ hours: €170 per person (max. 1 adult and 1 child under 10)
-  www.alpi-traineau.com
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A NEW MUSEUM dedicated to génépi

What if you could experience génépi with all your senses? That is the aim of the new museum conceived by Guillaumette, which is set to open its doors in Saint-Léger-les-Mélèzes in early 2027 at the site of the former Olympic swimming pool. This unique museum brings together botany, heritage and local history. Visitors can discover the plant in its natural environment, relive the experience of harvesting it on the heights of Orcières thanks to a spectacular immersive room (a giant 7-metre-long screen with a 180° projection), breathe in the characteristic scents of génépi and mountain plants in the scent room before watching, live through a large floor-to-ceiling window, the stages of the liqueur's production. The tour also pays tribute to the history of the former Olympic swimming pool and the development of skiing that shaped the valley and Orcières Merlette, before concluding with a tasting area and a cocktail workshop. A new must-see tour that further anchors génépi in the region's living heritage.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

-  Route d'Orcières,
site des Grands Prés,
SAINT-LÉGER-LES-MÉLÈZES

SENSORY DELIGHTS

LA PASTOURELLE: *the bold vision of a young local chef*

At 24, Kentin is part of a new generation of chefs who aren't afraid to venture far afield... only to return all the better for it. After a rigorous apprenticeship and several stints at renowned restaurants along the Mediterranean coast, notably in Saint-Tropez, he returned to Orcières with a single ambition: to breathe new life into La Pastourelle, the family restaurant that had been destroyed by fire. In the kitchen, he brings together the iconic produce of the Champsaur region — Arctic char, brown trout, lamb from Prapic or Ancelle, and cheeses from the Laiterie du Col Bayard — with the influences he has gathered during his summer travels to the four corners of the globe. In this fully renovated bistronomic restaurant, overlooking the Écrins massif, his cuisine evolves in line with his inspirations, seeking a balance between creativity, local produce and accessibility.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

€ Dishes costing between €25 and €35
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FONDUE REIMAGINED IN ORCIÈRES



At the Bar à Fondues, a warm, friendly atmosphere is the key ingredient in every meal. Behind this venue in the heart of the resort, Yves — a former elite athlete and mountain enthusiast — champions a cuisine that is entirely homemade, crafted from local produce. Whilst fondues remain the stars of the menu, they are served here in both classic and more creative versions, alongside Champsaur specialities, tourtons, meats, Orsatus bruschettas and cheeses from the valley. With its barrel-shaped tables and relaxed atmosphere, the restaurant offers a setting where guests come as much for the local flavours as for the pleasure of sharing a good time.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

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FIRE PITS *overlooking the Écrins*



At an altitude of 2,280 metres, the Chalet de Rocherousse transforms a traditional lunch break into a genuine mountain experience. With exceptional views of the Écrins massif, four fire pits on the terrace invite skiers and walkers to gather round a pierrade or melted cheese, in an atmosphere that is as convivial as it is comforting. Here, fine dining is enjoyed in the great outdoors, with local specialities, high-altitude sunshine and live music setting the tone for winter days. A stop-off where people come as much for the view as for the pleasure of sharing a meal by the fire.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

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CHAMPSAUR COCKTAILS *at the Mashpook*

A must-visit nightspot in Orcières, the Mashpook bar showcases the local region through its cocktails. Since Lloris took over the family-run bar, classic cocktails have been a thing of the past: here, génépi, larch liqueur and the flavours of the Champsaur region form the basis of around thirty original creations. This approach has quickly spread beyond the resort's borders, even winning over Guillaumette Génépi, for whom the team devised a cocktail presented at the Salon de l'Agriculture. A fine demonstration that, in Orcières, innovation can also be savoured... with a glass in hand.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ↗

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WHERE PROFESSION MEETS PASSION



MAXIME PALLU:

*Ski instructor in winter,
winegrower the rest of the year*

In winter, Maxime Pallu shares his passion for winter sports with holidaymakers on the slopes of Orcières. As an instructor with the ESF, he coaches both beginners and experienced skiers before swapping his skis for the vats at Domaine Allemand – the family-run estate in Théus – when the warmer weather

returns. For the past five years, he has been involved in every stage of winemaking, from the September grape harvest to bottling, carrying on a tradition of expertise passed down for over 70 years. Straddling the mountains and the vineyards, this local lad perfectly embodies the dual lives so characteristic of Alpine regions, where the seasons dictate the rhythm of the trades without ever letting one forget their anchor point: Orcières, where every winter he returns to the peaks and the skiers.



GUILLAUME AND JEAN:

physiotherapists in winter and brewers in summer

Their story could have remained simply that of two physiotherapists who became flatmates and brewed a few beers for fun. But the enthusiasm of their friends and family had other ideas. In Pont-du-Fossé, Guillaume Waille and Jean Escalon turned this passion into the Brasserie Walpine, with the aim of promoting the valley's produce and, above all, creating a place where locals love to gather. Nevertheless, the two men continue to practise their first vocation: treating people as physiotherapists, whilst taking care to keep the two professions strictly separate. The only exception is July and August, when they put away their white coats to devote themselves entirely to the brewery and to this second life that began almost by chance in their flat.



FROM THE ZIP LINE TO ICE CREAM:

Régis's double life

In Orcières, Régis Rochet is one of those people who pack several days' worth of activities into a single day. For the past 18 years, he has been sending thrill-seekers soaring along the Roll'Air Cable zip line at the summit of Orcières. But when the zip line closes at around 4 pm, he heads off to Saint-Jean-Saint-Nicolas to start his second day. There, he joins the team at M'Ice, the ice cream business he launched five years ago with Anaïs, his business partner. Milk, cream, honey, lavender, sea buckthorn... the recipes draw their ingredients from the local area. Thanks to his second job, Régis works on a staggered schedule and spreads ice cream production over a large part of the year. Ice-cream production ramps up in October and November in preparation for the Christmas log cakes, and picks up pace again from January to March to get ready for the summer season.



STÉPHANE BERTRAND-PELISSON:

feet in the kitchen, head in the clouds

One day behind the stove, the next soaring beneath a sail: in Orcières, Stéphane pursues several passions without ever really leaving his valley. Head chef at the Hôtel-Restaurant des Gardettes – the family-run establishment set up in a former sheepfold – he is also a paragliding instructor. In between, this lover of his local area draws inspiration from local plants, particularly génépi and larch blossoms, to create his 'Délices d'Orsatus', a product halfway between jam and jelly. Whether at the table or in the air, his guiding principle remains the same: to introduce people to Orcières through flavours, landscapes and, above all, emotions.

WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

WHEN FATHER CHRISTMAS... ...knocks on the door on 25 December

On Christmas morning, certain knocks on the door have a very special feel to them. In Orcières, Father Christmas leaves his sleigh behind for a special round of visits to see the children right in their accommodation. In the space of a few moments, surprise gives way to wide-eyed wonder and smiles as the famous figure in his red coat hands over the presents in person. It's a thoughtful gesture that prolongs the magic of the festive season and turns waking up on Christmas Day into a memory that families will never forget. Visits are organised upon booking with the Tourist Office.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Les visites sont organisées sur inscription auprès de l'Office de Tourisme.

 <https://reservation.orcieres.com>



TRAIL ÉTOILÉ D'ORCIÈRES: running with headlamps under a starry sky 9 JANUARY 2027

The last glimmers of daylight fade over the Champsaur valley and night gently envelops Orcières Merlette 1850. It is then time for the 300 participants, headlamps switched on, to set off along the snow-covered trails. In early January, the Orcières Trail Étoilé celebrates its 9th edition with two timed races of 9 km (+440m elevation gain) and 15 km (850m elevation gain), as well as a 6 km leisurely walk (+300m elevation gain) to be completed on foot or in snowshoes. In the darkness, landmarks shift and so does the perception of effort, and each participant finds themselves immersed in a silent, almost surreal mountain landscape. A sporting adventure as much as a sensory one, which concludes with a buffet of local produce.

ORCY KIDS: a week just for the children 3-9 APRIL 2027

To round off the season in style, Orcières is focusing on creating family memories. During the first week of April, Orcy Kids transforms the resort into a vast playground of discovery for children. Workshops to let their creativity run wild, sporting activities to burn off energy, open-air shows and an entertainment village: for a whole week, there's a non-stop programme of events inviting the whole family to join in. A spring highlight that puts children centre stage and offers a different way to enjoy the mountains together.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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