



Orcières

MERLETTE 1850

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> What's new

> TRAPPER'S BATHS

An original and relaxing experience in the heart of unspoilt nature. Three private Nordic baths, hidden away deep in the forest, are heated by wood fire. As a couple or with friends, let's slip into a hot bath and enjoy a unique and intimate atmosphere. Trappers will love night-time baths under the stars...!

Les Bains du Trappeur, Chauffarel, Orcières leisure centre. €65 group package for up to 8 people/Duo package (drinks included). Food and bar service next to the baths. Booking +33(0)6 22 09 06 46 www.lesbainsdutrappeur.fr

> LABELL'AIRE, A RELAXING BREAK AND GRAND VISTAS

Orcières looks after its skiers. Two wooden platforms with picnic tables and loungers have been added to the ski-slopes for a well-deserved break and the chance to soak up some sun. The ideal place to relax, and of course, switch off, in front of a breathtaking panoramic view.

Free. Access via the Py-Marty, Mézelle and Sirènes slopes.

> PHOTOSHOOT ON THE SKI LIFT

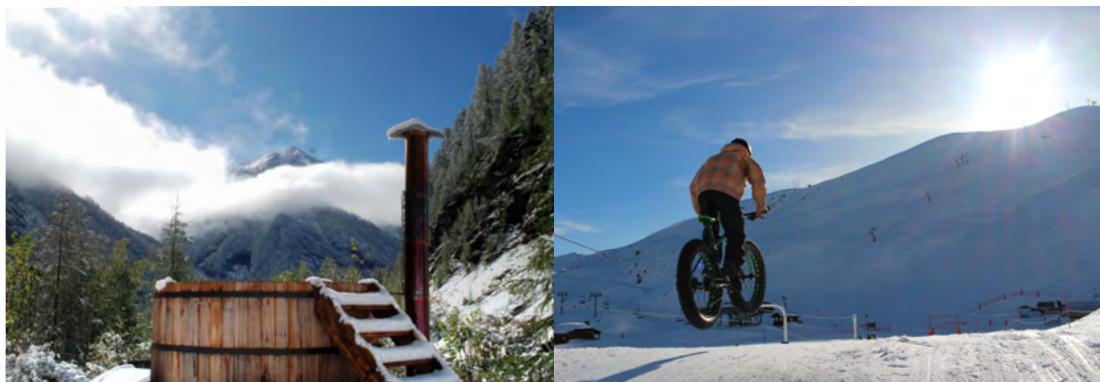
To relive the best poses and glowing tan, a camera has been installed at the ski lift, a few metres from the top. Arriving at the top, holiday-makers will discover the photo on a screen and enter email address to have it sent right there and then. *Free, at the top of the Estaris ski lift.*

> THRILLING EXCURSION ON A FATBIKE

An unforgettable experience on mountain bikes with (very) fat wheels, designed to ride on snow! This vehicle gives good grip and smooth riding. Thrills, fun and laughter guaranteed.

Meeting at 4pm (2 hours). From €40 (not including ski lifts).

Marc Blancard +33 (0)6 60 33 89 32.





> Brand new events

> IMAGINE POP SONG LIVE ORCIÈRES, 12 JANUARY 2019

Imagine Pop Song Live is coming to Orcières Merlette 1850 for an unforgettable concert in the snow. A number of well-known artists will be performing at this event, organised in partnership with Radio Imagine.

Free, from 5pm, More info at www.orcieres.com

> LE TRAIL BLANC (THE WHITE TRAIL), 19 JANUARY 2019

A unique night-time race around the Orcières Merlette 1850 resort for sports fans and nature lovers. The race will begin at sunset, and participants will finish the course by the light of their headlamps.

Some of the proceeds from this event will be given to the Moya Moya association, a partner of the Elena Noller Memorial Race, which will be held the next day, on 20th January.

For prices and registration, head to the Tourism Office. More info at www.orcieres.com

> SPRING DAYS : 30 & 31 MARCH 2019

The resort has some amazing events planned for this festive weekend: music on the ski slopes, water slide and Big Air Bag contests for beginner and expert skiers and snowboarders alike, and an after-ski DJ Set on the Saturday evening with no less than 3 famous DJs! In partnership with Radio Imagine.

Free, more info at www.orcieres.com

> COLOUR SKI : 7 APRIL 2019

Like the famous Colour Run, but on skis!

Participants will have to brave the jets of coloured powder on a fun and lively downhill ski slope. At the bottom of the slope, everyone lets fly with their own powder sachet, creating an explosion of colour in a musical ambience!

For prices and registration, head to the Tourism Office. More info www.orcieres.com





> Stays

> THE FAMILY STAY

It is the “all-inclusive” package to set off for a carefree week stay during french school holidays. It includes accommodation in a 2-room apartment, 6-day ski pass for 2 adults and 1 child (6 -12 years old), 6 skiing lessons for 2 kids (3-6 and 6-12 years old), not to mention FREE unlimited access to the swimming pool and ice rink of the Leisure & Relaxation Centre for the whole family!

From €410 /person (based on 2 adults + 2 children). Valid for french school holidays 2018-19.
www.orcieres-reservation.com

> SOURCE HOLIDAY

To escape completely and enjoy like never before...

This holiday package includes accommodation, a 6-day ski pass for 2 adults and a Duo package for Les Bains du Trappeur (outdoor wood-fired Nordic baths for 2 people with 2 drinks included). Free access to the swimming pool and ice rink at the Leisure & Relaxation Centre.

From €370 per person (based on 2 people). Valid for winter 2018-19 outside Christmas holidays, New Year's Day and February. www.orcieres-reservation.com.

> MOUNTAIN THRILLS HOLIDAY

Enjoy a delicious adrenalin rush on this skiing holiday, which guarantees thrills!

It includes a week's stay in a 2-room apartment, 6-day skiing passes for 4 people, and 1 thrilling activity - choose from zip line, paragliding or Snakegliss luge. Free access to the swimming pool and ice rink at the Leisure & Relaxation Centre.

From €361 per person (based on 4 people). Valid for winter 2018-19 outside Christmas holidays, New Year's Day and February. www.orcieres-reservation.com.





> Fun times for families

> TEDDY BEARS' CHRISTMAS, VISITS FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

From 22 to 28 December 2018, Orcières Merlette 1850 will treat your family to a week full of free and original entertainment: torchlit downhill skiing, shows, horse-drawn carriage rides, Father Christmas's grotto, ice sculptures... You may even receive a visit from Father Christmas in your apartment (for prices and registration, head to the Tourism Office). *More infos www.orcieres.com*

> FAMILY DAYS, 26 & 27 JANUARY ET 16 & 17 MARCH 2019

Following the success of last year, the resort is once again hosting this grand children's party. Orcières Merlette 1850 will be transformed into a fully-fledged amusement park and Orcy, the resort mascot, will be there, along with tasty treats and a disco!

Free, More infos www.orcieres.com

> FROM 30 MARCH TO 22 APRIL 2019, KIDS GO FREE IN ORCIÈRES !

As part of its Skiing Spring, the resort has created an amazing offer to help families enjoy the final snowflakes of the season: skiing is FREE for all children under 10! Lots of other SPECIAL OFFERS are available for families through the partner companies. From 6 to 22 April, the resort will lay on a whole host of fun activities for children together with Orcy the mascot: inflatables, mascot snacks etc. Celebrate spring at Orcières!

More infos www.orcieres.com





> Snow Experience

> OPEN FROM 15TH DECEMBER 2018 TO 22ND APRIL 2019

- > The resort features 51 slopes (9 green, 16 blue, 19 red and 7 black) ;
- > + 60% of the area equipped with artificial snow ;
- > 30 lifts including 3 Télémix® (mix of chairlift and cable car) ;
- > 1 downhill course & 1 slalom course ;
- > 1 high-altitude snowpark with ropelift and skilift ;
- > 1 recreational piste «Opoualand» ;
- > 1 boardercross course «Waouland» ;
- > 5 Webcams: Orcières live, on orcieres.com ;
- > 2 ski schools: ESF and ESI.

> SKI PASSES

Day: €35/adult, €28,50/child ; 6 days adult: from €162.30 (web Family rate) to €196.80 (ski + pool + ice rink) ;
6 days children: from €132.20 to €160.70.

> ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850 KICKS OFF FRIENDLY SATURDAYS !

The resort gives skiers a 25% discount on the Saturday pass, for the 300 first orders (web purchase from Monday to Thursday). « **Samedis Friendly** » pass, only on skipass-orcieres.labellemontagne.com





> Snow Experience

> FREESTYLE AREA

Orcières Merlette 1850 Snowpark covers a 16.000 m² area where beginner, intermediate and expert freestylers alike can show off their skills in the most favourable weather conditions. At an altitude of 2300m, there are a series of whoops jumps, 2 beginners' areas, 2 boxes, 2 beginners' areas with a springboard, 1 rainbow, 1 flat rail, 1 tele-cord and 1 ski lift. 2 permanent boarder crosses have been installed nearby. One red snowboard cross for experts, one green snowboard cross for beginners ! *Rocherousse Plateau.*

> WAOULAND, LIVE LIKE ALIZÉE BARON

This area is open to all and promises fun, fun, fun! Hurtle down the ski cross slope, which is full of natural obstacles, springboards, banked turns, whoops jumps... Immersion in the world of Alizée Baron, Orcières' ski cross champion. *Access via the Estaris ski lift.*

> GET AWAY TO SERRE-EYRAUD

Less than 30 minutes from Orcières Merlette 1850, the small resort of Serre-Eyraud is a breath of fresh air to be enjoyed by nature lovers as making their way through the larch in a hushed atmosphere.

This protected area is a secret spot for those keen on an authentic skiing experience. It has two technical tracks for riders to enjoy the many off-piste skiing opportunities.

Day pass €15.30/adult, €12.30/child.





> Snow experience

> BABY SNOW

Can you ski when you're only 18 months old? Yes - in Orcières, you can!

With «Baby Snow», the ESF (French ski school) provides for the littlest ones. Seated atop a board, steering wheel in hand, pulled along by an instructor, baby will hurtle down the slopes in complete safety... with a huge grin !

18 months to 3 years. From €40/h. ESF : +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 - www.esforcierres.com

> FIRST TIME ON SKIS, 100% FREE!

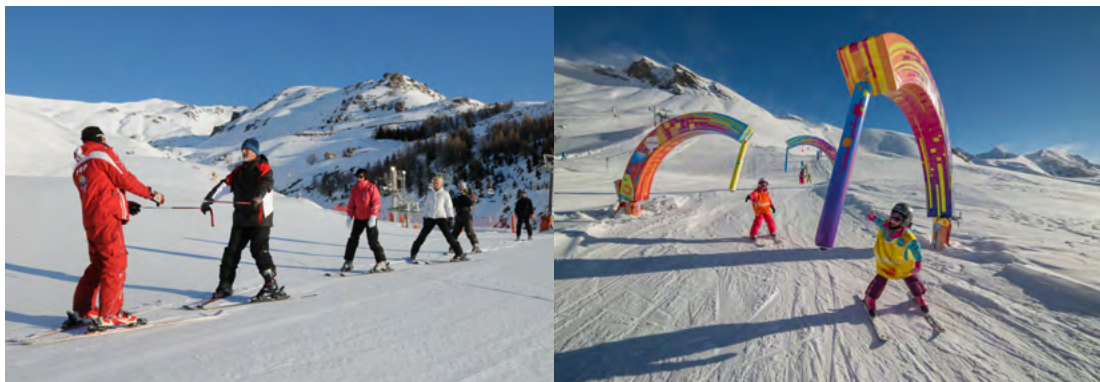
Adult learners are able to discover the slopes of Orcières Merlette 1850 every Tuesday morning. The resort offers a one-hour initiation with an instructor, with the ski pass and equipment included. To give beginners peace of mind, the course is given before the slopes open.

Free of charge. «Ski Découverte» activity, Sign-up sheet at the Tourism Office. Info +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

> OPOUALAND, A FUN AREA FOR KIDS AGED 6-12 YEARS

On the Rocherousse plateau, the fun slope of Opoualand dedicated to kids aged 6-12 years has colourful attractions (caves and snow catapults, games of skill, etc.) to be enjoyed by both young and old, who can dive into the fantasy world of Opoual, the friendly yeti.

Access via Rocherousse Télémix® & Torrent ski lift.





> Stay at Orcières

> TOTALLY REVAMPED ACCOMMODATION!

Orcières Merlette 1850 is working with property owners to offer holiday-makers a stay in one of the pretty apartments, redone and decorated in a modern and contemporary style. 50 apartments have already been renovated and have Orcières Quality Luxury Accommodation a 3- to 5- "claw" rating. Various other apartments are under-going coaching.

Booking from www.orcieres.com

> LE TRIPTYQUE CHALET

Up in the heights of the resort, 400 m above the slopes, Le Triptyque is a beautiful modern apartment that was recently awarded a 5-"claw" rating. With its 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, it can sleep up to 12 people, and its spacious lounge boasts a stunning panoramic view over the Massif des Écrins.

Available to rent from €600 per week - www.orcieres-reservation.com

> ALL-INCLUSIVE OR A LA CARTE IN HOLIDAY VILLAGE

Want to get the best out of Orcières on a no-stress, all inclusive holiday? The resort is home to two holiday villages, Club Belambra at the foot of the slopes and the Villages Club du Soleil, with a panoramic view over the valley. For those who want all-inclusive (Villages Club du Soleil) or à la carte (Belambra) package, they will have access to numerous services and facilities: the restaurant, ski passes and equipment, kids' club, guided trips, shows and entertainment, access to the pool and ice rink at the Leisure & Relaxation Centre...

More info at www.orcieres.com





> My teen loves #OM1850

> ZIGZAG ON THE SLOPES WITH THE SNAKGLISS

Sledges attached to each other in single file, sliding down the pistes forming S's all the long way down! Snake-gliss is flipingly good fun - especially for those sitting at the end of the convoy! An experience when the ski area closes!

3 options available: discovery (3km), gliss aperitif (6km + hot wine), sensation (8km).

From €10 /child, €15 /adult. +33 (0)7 87 11 60 47 - www.orcieres-snakegliss.fr

> IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE PROFESSION OF A SKI PATROL RESCUER

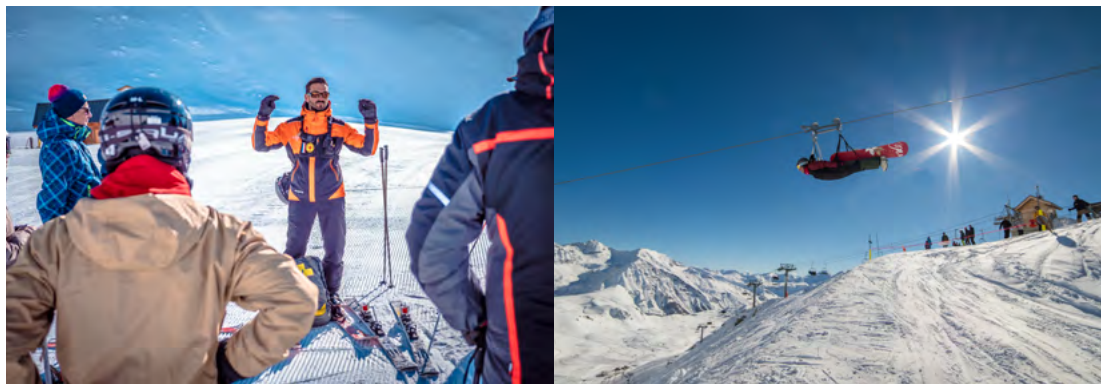
Every Friday at 8:30 am, ski patrol team invite holiday-makers to open the ski area. A great occasion to make the first tracks in the snow under the first rays of sun of the day. An unforgettable experience. It is also a way of discovering this job of someone with a true passion for the mountain.

Free of charge. Minimum 2 hours. « Pisteur d'un jour » activity, registration and draw on Thursday at the Tourist Office. +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89.

> TAKE FLIGHT ON ONE OF THE LONGEST ZIPLINES IN EUROPE

Almost 2 km at breakneck speed (130 km/h) along a steel cable. The Roll'Air Cable gives you an adrenalin hit in the shortest possible time, and makes you feel amazing, just like you're flying... Access on foot via Télémix® or on skis (skis transported in a bag during the flight).

€40 /person (not including ski lifts). +33 (0)6 84 44 88 10 – latyrolienne.fr





> Night-time experience

> SNOWMOBILE DRIVING SESSION

Blasting around on a powerful snowmobile in a deserted ski area is every thrillseeker's dream. Whether on the pistes or off-piste, you'll feel like the whole ski area is yours alone.

From 5pm. Guided hikes (1 hour) €40 /passenger, €90 /driver, €110 /1 passenger + 1 driver.

Magasin Loutesskis. +33 (0)4 92 55 64 96

> L'APÉRO POM'CHAUD SNOWSHOE TRIP

What better way to enjoy the sunset than with a snowshoe excursion followed by a hot drink and great conversation? Relax and bask in the evening light.

Every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 8pm. Adults €22, children €17. +33 (0)4 92 55 60 20 - www.accompagnateurs-champsaur.com

> HOLIDAYS ON ICE!

1 600 m² await skaters at the Leisure & Relaxation Centre. The completely renovated ice rink, with incredible light shows and musical accompaniments, is open to all - it's a real dance floor on ice! **6€ /adulte, 5€ /enfant.**

For a convivial late afternoon or evening, the bowling, its bar and concerts is the place to be ! Not far away, two cinemas will delight film lovers.

> TAKE A RIDE IN MY GROOMER

Go behind the scenes of the ski area, aboard one of the Orcières Merlette 1850 groomers – this is an unforgettable experience ! By far the best way to watch the sunset and enjoy the deserted, sleepy snow-scapes. A chance to find out everything about grooming the pistes! **Free of charge, « Monte dans ma dameuse » activity, registration and draw on Thursday at the Tourist Office. More infos + 33 (0)4 92 55 89 89**





> Happy families

> ODYSSEY IN SLEDGES

To practise dog sledding, the resort has a plateau at an altitude of 2300m with the benefit of snow all winter, as well as a leisure centre in the valley with a wooded setting. Dog sledding, a magical experience every time!

Driving from €30 /p, family from €70 (4 people).

Rocherousse plateau: Alpi-Traineau +33 (0)6 60 68 32 44 - www.alpi-traineau.com

Leisure centre: Nomad'Esprits +33 (0)6 87 37 48 30 - www.nomadesprits.com

> RIDE WITH THE CRAZY SNOWTUBES AT THE WINTERPARC

The Rocherousse plateau (accessible to skiers and pedestrians via the Télémix® lift) is a real high-altitude amusement park! Head to the Winterparc to slide down on snowtubes on dedicated slopes. Swirling alone or clinging to others, up to 8 people at once, this is a real fun experience ! There are also special games for your toddlers (from 4 years).

From €13.50 /pers. +33 (0)6 69 40 52 57 - www.winterparc.fr

> WELLBEING FOR PARENTS

Mountain holiday is also a chance to get a breath of fresh air and take some time out. Not to miss, the sauna, hammam and jacuzzi to feel on top form, ready to own that ski slope !

Cocooning fans will love massages and body treatments from our qualified professionals.

Spa Peau d'Ours: €20, +33 (0)6 14 41 42 58 - www.spapeaudours.com

Relaxation Area (Leisure & Relaxation Centre): € 22, +33 (0)4 92 55 89 97

New at Spa Peau d'Ours: free shuttles to take clients back to their accommodation in the evening. Next to the Spa, a cosmetics and swimsuit shop.





> Happy families

> CHILD'S HOUSE FOR CHILDREN' HAPPINESS

The « Child's house » is the home of children. They are treated like kings, everything is done for them ! Les Oursons Day Nursery is open to children from 3 months to 6 years old. A colourful cocoon, a comfortable dormitory, a good sports and activities room and, of course, gentle and capable teachers.

From €92.50 for six half days: +33 0(4) 92 55 89 84

> PEAKS LITTLE PROS

Every Wednesday from 1:30pm to 4pm, the children go on a trip to discover mountain trades. They'll enjoy a unique adventure all afternoon long: they'll ride on a snow tractor, meet the snow patrollers, discover the snow factory... A backstage tour of the slopes used to be for adults only, but not anymore!

Free of charge, For children 8 and over, french school holidays only. «P'tits Pro des Cimes» activity, sign-up sheet at the Tourism Office.

> BABY SLEDGE

At Orcières, mushers start learning their trade at the age of three! Fun and educational, this activity lets children learn sledge handling and the importance of respecting safety rules. And then they'll be off on a special adventure!

Every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm. Baby Park at the Leisure Centre. Free shuttle access from the resort.

For children aged 3 to 7. €50 for a two-hour session Nomad'Esprits - +33 (0)6 87 37 48 30 - www.nomadesprits.com

> DIVING AT 1850 M HIGH

With its two large pools, waterfalls, water jets and slide, the Orcières Merlette 1850 swimming pool is the ideal place to have fun in the water with the family, until 10 pm on some nights! What's more: swimming and aquagym classes.

Leisure & Relaxation Centre. €6 / pers

> ICE KINDERGARTEN

Twice a week, the ice rink turns into a veritable Ice Kindergarten for children aged from 3 to 7 who want to learn ice-skating. *€8.50 : 1 child + 1 crêpe ; €13 : 1 child + 1 parent + 1 crêpe. Ice Rink in the Leisure & Recreation Centre*





> Moments of Pleasure

> THE SECRETS OF THE TOURTONS DU CHAMPSAUR

Every Tuesday, the Local Cuisine workshop provided by Myriam – a fine chef – is a chance for foodies to learn about the production of the valley's star product: tourton.

It's a pastry stuffed with potato, fresh tomme and onion. It is usually savoured as a starter, served with a green salad with garlic, or as an accompaniment to a meat. For the more greedy, the tourtons with prunes or apples are also eaten as a dessert ! Of course, a tasting will be in order once the work is done!

€9 /pers. Registration and meeting at the Tourist Office +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89.

> MINI CHEFS AND BAKERS

Little ones can get behind the stoves and bake cakes and cookies with Myriam. Delicious chocolate aromas will fill the entire resort and parents will be licking their lips at the thought of trying one of these delicious cakes.

Every week, €5 per child, sign-up and meeting point at the Tourism Office - +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

> WHEN THE LARCH FLOWER COMES TO DINNER...

Stéphane Bertrand-Pellisson, chef at Les Gardettes restaurant, uses the flower of larch trees in his cooking, producing fine gourmet dishes that will delight tastebuds. The larch flower essence, reigning supreme in the Southern Alps, is also used in the restaurant's home-made sorbets and jams. Stéphane invites holiday-makers to discover the virtues of wild plants at the «Flavours of mountain plants» workshop.

Free of charge. From age 6 years. Meet at the Les Gardettes restaurant on Wednesday at 3:30 pm. 12 pers max. +33 (0)4 92 55 71 11





> Moments of Pleasure

> AFTER-SKI AT THE WINE BAR

Next to the L'Ourson Restaurant, the new wine bar will delight amateur oenologists. Get together over a glass in a warm and cosy atmosphere with around twenty high-quality wines to choose from, including the organic Alpine white wine Domaine des Treilloux (Hautes-Alpes). The bar is also famous for its beer-based cocktails. These delicious drinks should be accompanied by a local delicacy (tourtons, ravioles of Champsaur) or a sharing platter (cheeses, cured meats). You should also try hot cocktails, with chocolate, coffee, cognac...

Open 9am to 11pm, Galerie Le Chamois +33 (0)4 92 55 70 43

> GUILLAUMETTE «GÉNÉPI»

The Bernard-Reymond family are experts at skiing... and at making génépi (local liqueur)! This family, also known as the «Guillaumette»s, teach snowsports in the winter and cultivate génépi on the Orcières mountains in the summer.

Guillaumette : +33 (0)4 92 21 11 19 - www.guillaumette.com

> THE PERFECT PLACE TO SAVOUR THE LOCAL DELICACIES

If you're a gourmet diner and curious to discover tourtons, ravioles of Champsaur or even oreilles d'âne, the resort's restaurants will tickle tastebuds! Ravioles are little quenelles made with flour, fresh Tomme cheese and potato. Oreilles d'âne (literally, "donkey's ears") are similar to lasagna, but are garnished with spinach. A real delight...!

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HOW TO GET TO ORCIÈRES ?

By road :

- > From the south: A51 motorway until (Gap Sud) then head towards Grenoble on RN85. 220 km from Marseille, 38 km from Gap.
- > From the north: Motorway until Grenoble then RN85 by La Mure. 120 km from Grenoble, 220 km from Lyon, 680 km from Paris, 960 km from Bruxelles.

By train :

- > Aix-en-Provence TGV or Grenoble TGV then connection by coach or taxi
> 2:30 Gap (Paris - Briançon line)
then connection by coach or taxi > 0:45.

By plane :

- > Marseille Provence or Grenoble Isère then connection by coach or taxi > 2:30.



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