



**Orcières**  
**MERLETTE 1850**

**PRESS KIT**  
**WINTER**  
2019 / 2020





OPEN SPACE, PURE WHITE SNOW AND A BRIGHT BLUE SKY

# welcome to Orcières !



With an elevation of 1,850 metres and a ski area culminating at 2,725 metres, this resort is located where Alpine and Mediterranean climes meet. The sight of the very first peaks triggers a sensation of freedom.

At the gateway to the Parc National des Ecrins, the municipality of Orcières covers 22 hamlets, each offering that characteristic charm and the sweetness of living, as well as access to four remarkable winter facilities: the resort with its ski area and leisure & relaxation centre, the village of Prapic, the outdoor activities centre including a Nordic area, and Serre-Eyraud, where skiers can go off the beaten track and even try a freeride activity.

Orcières is an invitation to wellbeing and to the pleasure of disconnecting. It is also the ideal spot to just take your mind off things. The resort has a long-time reputation for offering a host of activities and festivities!

As a bearer of the "Famille Plus" seal of approval, the resort adopts an overarching approach to encouraging families to visit.

**4,8 millions**  
**PEOPLE PASSAGES  
ON THE SKI LIFTS**

**TOP 5**  
**OF THE SKI AREAS IN  
THE SOUTHERN ALPS**  
(source Skiinfo)

**NEARLY 200**  
**RETAILERS, ACCOMMODATION  
AND SERVICE PROVIDERS**



**18800 beds**



# Family adventures



## • SNAKEGLISS DOWN THE SLOPES

A joined-up line of sledges zig-zags down the slope in a giant S for a never-ending descent and plenty of thrills. This experience is a knock-out for families or groups, especially for the most intrepid members of the convoy clinging on at the back. An unusual way to make the fun last after the lifts have closed! 3 options are available: discovery (3 km), aperogliss (6 km + mulled wine), or sensation (8 km).

*Prices start at €10/child, €15/adult • +33 (0)7 83 51 23 62 • [www.orcieres-snakegliss.fr](http://www.orcieres-snakegliss.fr)*

## • FUNFAIR RIDES AT THE WINTERPARC

The Rocherousse plateau could be described as a high-altitude amusement park! Head for the Winterparc for downhill thrills with a difference! Enjoy the brand new experience of hurtling down the slope on a tube. Go solo or enjoy the fun with your crowd - up to 8 tubes can be hooked together, turning the descent into a hilarious experience for groups adventurous enough to try!

A special lift carries the tubes, so you reach the top of the slope without getting exhausted. There are slopes set aside for small children too.

From age 4. Access via the Rocherousse Télémix® lift

*Prices start at €14.50/person • +33 (0)6 69 40 52 57 • [www.winterparc.fr](http://www.winterparc.fr)*

## • AT THE LEISURE & RELAXATION CENTRE : FACILITIES COVERING 10,000 M²

This is the place to be for indoor recreation! The swimming pool includes two large pools, waterfalls, water jets and a water slide. This is where families get together for an aquatic experience that lasts until 10 pm on certain evenings! There are even swimming and aquagym lessons.

Just a few metres away, a 1,600 m² ice rink awaits novice and expert skaters. Our completely renovated ice rink, with light shows and musical accompaniments, is open to all - it's a real dance floor on ice!

*Pool/ice rink: €6.20/adult, €5.20/child. • +33 (0)4 92 55 89 96*

Twice weekly, the ice rink becomes a "Junior skate school" giving children aged 3 to 6 years a chance to learn ice skating.

*Admission: €8.50: 1 child admission + 1 crepe / €13: 1 child admission + 1 parent admission + 1 crepe. • +33 (0)4 92 55 89 96*

A fun and friendly bowling session takes place every evening, complete with live music on Thursday evenings, while film fans can enjoy the 7th art at the cinema.

## • BABY TRAÎNEAU

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!

For children aged 3 to 7. Book in advance. Baby Park at the outdoor activities centre. Free shuttle access from the resort.

*€55 for a 2-hour session. 10 children maximum*

*Nomad'Esprits - +33 (0)6 87 37 48 30 • [www.nomadesprits.com](http://www.nomadesprits.com)*

## • BABY SNOW

Toddlers also have the right to experience a few thrills! Aboard the Baby Snowboard they'll enjoy their first downhill experience. The instructor steers the snowboard down the slope, leaning into the bends to the delight of the little ones who enjoy their descent in total safety! Baby Snowboard from 18 months to 3 years.

*From €42/hour • ESF +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 • [www.esforcieres.com](http://www.esforcieres.com)*



# the Nordic

## adventure



### IGLOO PASSION...

At Orcières, the igloo is part of a 3-fold adventure:

#### CONSTRUCTION

What an unusual experience it is to build your own igloo, like a trapper or an Eskimo. With the expert advice of Vincent, a ski instructor with a passion for the mountains, building the igloo of your dreams becomes child's play! Vincent will teach you the techniques of forming and assembling perfectly shaped blocks. When the work is done you'll be rewarded with a cup of hot chocolate. You'll walk to the igloo camp on snowshoes (provided). *For children aged 5 to 18. €20. Book in advance. Meeting point at the foot of the slopes in the Drapeaux sector, 5 pm.*

*Igloo up: +33 (0)6 75 94 98 38 • [iglooup1850@gmail.com](mailto:iglooup1850@gmail.com)*



#### GOURMET RIDE

At dusk, climb aboard for an original adventure on the abandoned ski area. On a snowscooter, you'll head for the Rocherousse plateau at an elevation of 2,300 metres. There, in a fairyland decor, an illuminated igloo invites guests to enjoy a copious platter of local specialties: charcuterie, cheese, tourtons (local fritters) and of course the famous Guillaumette Genepi. The air temperature in the igloo is around 0° C, which actually feels very warm when you step inside from the freezing winter temperatures prevailing outside.

*10 people maximum. €160/snowscooter (2-seater). (book in advance) Goustarando, every Saturday and Wednesday evening. Meeting point at the foot of the slopes in the Drapeaux sector, 8 pm. Return at 9.30 pm. +33 (0)6 64 79 78 37. • [www.motoneigeaventure.com](http://www.motoneigeaventure.com)*

#### A STARLIT NIGHT IN THE ARMS OF MORPHEUS

in the Igloo village of Williwaw

Great-Northern thrills under the night sky: the immensity of the landscape under the moonlight makes this night a truly magical experience. On the vast Rocherousse plateau, igloos emerge from the deep covering of snow. This habitat looks just like the Great North. You feel as if you can touch the canopy of heaven as the stars shine down on the glistening snow. Silence, that troubling stranger, reigns here. Anyone who has tried this experience says it's one they'll never forget!

*€110/person including a walk around the plateau at sunset with a professional guide, a dinner of mountain specialties inside the kota, a breakfast and a sleeping bag. Access by the Télémix@ lift.*

*Available every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. 10 people maximum. From age 8. Book in advance. Meeting time: 4 pm.*

*Alpi Traineau: +33 (0)6 60 68 32 44 • [www.alpi-traineau.com](http://www.alpi-traineau.com)*

### LIVING THE MUSER'S LIFE

A hint of Siberia and a touch of Canada, seasoned with a pinch of Lapland... right here in the department of Hautes-Alpes.

Dog-sledding is all about speed... The Nordic village on the Rocherousse plateau, at an elevation of 2,300 metres, is your departure point for a trip controlling a team of huskies, or riding on the musher's sled, across the gentle slopes of the high plateaus. Whether it's your first dog-sledding experience or you're up to driving the team, the magic operates every time.

#### Alpi Traineau (Rocherousse plateau)

> adventure trip driven by a professional musher:  
from €90/family (20 min)

> individual sled-driving sessions (from the age of 12):  
from €30/person (20 min)

*Book in advance • +33 (0)6 60 68 32 44 • [www.alpi-traineau.com](http://www.alpi-traineau.com)*

#### Introductory course for children

Young holidaymakers wishing to become apprentice mushers can join 3 lessons to learn various mushing techniques on a varied terrain with a few technical features. They'll also get to know the huskies and learn to win over these beautiful furry animals.

*€205/person. From age 7. During the February school holidays. Book in advance • AlpiTraineau +33 (0)6 60 68 32 44 • [www.alpi-traineau.com](http://www.alpi-traineau.com)*



#### Improver session

Those who have already tried mushing can perfect their technique with 2 improver sessions on a more technical course.

*Session of 1 hr 30 mn. €95/person (book in advance)*

*+33 (0)6 60 68 32 44 • [www.alpi-traineau.com](http://www.alpi-traineau.com)*



**Adapted sports activities :** Alpi Traineau proposes packages for people with disabilities. Dog-sled driving, accompanied driving (2 drivers), or simply a sled excursion (when weather conditions allow).

> dog-sledding trip under professional guidance (introductory trip):  
from €90, for 20 min

> individual sled driving: from €30/person for 20 min.

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# the Adventure

continue...



## NEW CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, WALKING AND SNOWSHOEING ITINERARIES

Cross-country skiers, snowshoers and hikers will be delighted to explore the new routes in store for them this winter.

The cross-country ski trails are accessible to anyone, whatever their level, and are signposted from the resort, with alternative routes linking up the different sectors of the ski area. The return to the resort is via the downhill ski slopes. You can follow these itineraries on your own or with a professional mountain guide.

Every week during the school holidays, cross-country skiers get a chance to surpass themselves through the various challenges and vertical races organised by the resort.

And for those who prefer hiking or snowshoeing, there's an itinerary between the Rocherousse plateau and the outdoor activities centre, via the resort.

Access is free • [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)

## THE "APERO POM'CHAUD" SNOWSHOE EXCURSION

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 5.30 to 8 pm - €22/adult, €17/child

+33 (0)4 92 55 60 20 • [www.accompagnateurs-champsaur.com](http://www.accompagnateurs-champsaur.com)

## TAKE OFF WITH ONE OF THE LONGEST ZIPLINES IN EUROPE

It's one thing to live the dream of flying like a bird. Doing it at high speed (up to 140 km/h) over the slopes of Orcières Merlette 1850 is quite another! In a horizontal position, skis on board, you launch yourself from the Drouvet summit (2,650 metres), and whizz down the steel cable to Lac Long (2,500 metres).

From age 8. Access on foot via the Télémix® lift or on skis (skis carried in a protective cover during the flight).

Roll'Air Câble: €40/person (ski lifts not included)

+33 (0)6 84 44 88 10 • [latyrolienne.fr](http://latyrolienne.fr)



## PARAGLIDING, A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

From the top of the Drouvet (2,650 metres) down to the resort (1,850 metres), or maybe to the outdoor activities centre lower down (1,260 metres), enjoy the ride between sky and land with breathtaking views over the Ecrins. Orcières Merlette 1850 is well-known for its atmospheric conditions conducive to free-flying activities.

From €75/person

Chaussée Glissante : +33 (0)6 82 08 47 83

JP Parapente 05 : +33 (0)6 83 03 63 44

Ecrins Vol Libre : +33 (0)6 85 43 04 96

Fusion Parapente : +33 (0)6 86 71 86 51

## SNOWSCOOTER DRIVING SESSION!

Driving a powerful snowscooter at dusk across the deserted slopes is the dream of many adrenalin seekers. From 5 o'clock in the evening, on the slopes or off-piste, the ski area belongs to them.

Guided tours (1 hr) from €40/passenger, €95/driver, €115/driver + passenger.

Loutesskis : +33 (0)4 92 55 64 96 (foot of the slopes, Rocherousse sector)

Motoneige Aventure : +33 (0)6 64 79 78 37 • [www.motoneigeaventure.com](http://www.motoneigeaventure.com) (foot of the slopes, Drapeaux sector).



# Skiing

pleasure!

OPEN FROM 14 DECEMBER 2019 TO 19 APRIL 2020

Bathed in the Hautes-Alpes sunshine, the ski area is designed for all levels, from beginners to expert skiers. At an altitude ranging between 1,850 and 2,725 metres, a good covering of quality snow is guaranteed, and backed up by extensive snow-making facilities, with over 100 snow cannons deployed across 60% of the slopes.

51 SLOPES

9 17 18 7

30 SKI LIFTS

including 3 Télémix® hybrid lifts, an innovating gondola/chairlift combination

1 FIS-APPROVED ALPINE SLOPE  
1 slalom stadium

5 WEBCAMS

Orcières live on [orcieres.com](http://orcieres.com) and via the **Orcières app**

2 SKI SCHOOLS



## SKI PASSES

The resort proposes hands-free and "multiglisse" passes [skiing + swimming pool + skating rink]

- > **Adult day pass:** €41 multiglisse / €36 ski only ;
- > **Child day pass:** €33.20 multiglisse / €29.20 ski only ;
- > **Adult 6-day pass:** from €170 (web Family rate) to €201.30 (multiglisse) ;
- > **Child 6-day pass:** from €138.60 to €164.40

## FUN FACILITIES

### THE FREESTYLE PARK

Orcières Merlette 1850 Snowpark covers a 16,000 m² area where beginner, intermediate and expert freestylers can show off their skills in the best possible conditions. At an altitude of 2,300 metres, you'll find a series of whoops, 2 beginners' tables, a box, 2 beginners' jump tables, 1 rainbow rail, 1 flat rail, 1 rope lift and 1 drag lift. There are also 2 permanent boarder-cross runs nearby. A red one for experts and a green for beginners! Rocherousse Plateau

### WAOULAND - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ALIZÉE BARON

This area is open to all and promises fun, fun, fun! Hurtle down the skicross slope, which is full of natural obstacles, jumps, banked turns and whoops... Immerse yourself in the world of Alizée Baron, Orcières' skicross champion. Access via the Estaris chairlift.

### OPOULAND, HEAVEN FOR 6-12 YEAR-OLDS

Children love the Opouland slope, where they can play, find their balance and have fun as they learn, sliding between the colourful modules (caves, snow catapults, games of skill, etc.).

Access via the Rocherousse Télémix® lift and the Torrent drag lift.

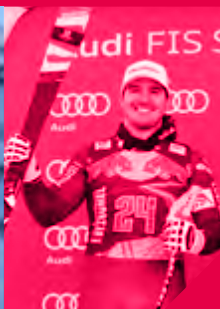
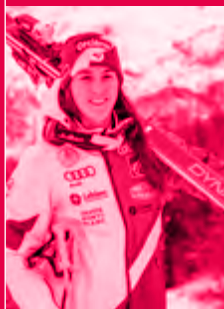
*Orcières is one of the Top 10 child-friendly ski resorts (rated 2nd, source: Skiinfo).*

## LABELL'AIRE PICNIC SPOTS, FOR RELAXATION AND SPECTACULAR VIEWS

Orcières looks after its skiers. Two wooden platforms with picnic tables, sun loungers and viewpoint indicators have been installed on the ski area for a well-deserved break and the chance to soak up some sun. Here you can relax and, of course, switch off, in front of a breathtaking panoramic view. Free. Access via the Py-Marty, Mézelle and Sirènes slopes.







## ALIZÉE BARON, PROFILE OF A CHAMPION

One of the world's greatest skicross athletes, Alizée Baron, grew up in Orcières, where she is still a member of the Orcières Merlette 1850 Sports Club. This is where she developed her passion for skiing.

### ORCIÈRES, HER PLAYGROUND

Alizée was a downhill skier before she took to skicross. At the age of 11, she took part in France's first junior skicross competition, the Orcières Ski Games, and won! She became hooked on this new discipline. Very quickly, the young skier became a serious competitor at national level.

Between competitions, the skier from Orcières enjoys returning to her heartland to see her friends and fan club. Alizée has her own favourite spots at the resort. She loves skiing down what she calls the playful Camille Ricou slope. And of course she's very fond of the Café Merlettois, where she meets up with her fan club.

At the age of just 26, Alizée Baron already has 15 World Cup titles to her name. And she still has plenty of other medals to aim for!

## VALENTIN GIRAUD-MOINE, A FIGHTER OF A SKIER

Valentin grew up in Orcières. After earning his stripes in the Champsaur valley, he first appeared in FIS competitions in 2007 before joining the French A-team in 2013. In 2016, he won the French (Elite) downhill championships, an event he had already won in the Hopefuls category in 2012 and 2013.

The 2017 season got off to a good start for the champion from Orcières, who won a World Cup downhill title on the legendary slope of Kitzbühel. But he was stopped in his tracks following a serious fall at Garmisch-Partenkirchen which caused damage to both of his knees. In need of urgent surgery, he became the first person in France to benefit from a graft to the knee joint.

Valentin Giraud-Moine was skiing again just one year after his injury. With a great deal of self-sacrifice and combativeness, he returned to skiing and again reached world level.



## EXCURSION TO SERRE-EYRAUD

Less than 30 minutes from Orcières Merlette 1850, at the foot of the Grande Autane, this secret little resort among the larches offers a breath of fresh air and is highly appreciated by skiers looking for pure, authentic pleasure and a new challenge. The snow cover here is of excellent quality. There are 9 slopes, including two very technical ones that freeriders will enjoy, along with a host of off-piste possibilities.

*Day pass €15.80/adult, €12.70/child.*

*6-day pass €79.00/adult, €63.50/child. • +33 (0)4 92 55 92 06*

## THE SKI AREA, BEHIND THE SCENES

Children from 8 to 80 dream of going behind the scenes of their resort! Orcières Labellemontagne is ready to reveal the secrets of working in a ski resort. In the company of mountain professionals who love their work and are happy to promote this protected environment, holidaymakers can enjoy the ski patroller experience, from the opening of the ski area to its closure, and even board a snow groomer!

### IN A SKI PATROLLER'S SHOES

Ski patrol/rescue members always win the admiration of the general public. These "guardian angels" of the slopes have a passion for the mountains and never cease to fascinate. Every week in Orcières, they offer holidaymakers a chance to gain insight into their work by opening the ski area with them. It is also a golden opportunity to visit the deserted slopes and make your tracks in the snow as soon as the sun comes up. 2 hr minimum. Registration and random draw every Thursday at the Tourist Office.

*Free • Information on +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89.*

### "CLIMB ABOARD MY SNOW GROOMER!"

It's everybody's dream to explore behind the scenes on the ski slopes... In Orcières, holidaymakers are invited to climb aboard a snow groomer for a tour of the slopes after the lifts have closed. A great opportunity to admire the sunset over the still, deserted landscape and find out all you ever wanted to know about snow grooming. Registration and random draw every Thursday at the Tourist Office

*Free • Information on +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89.*

### LITTLE MOUNTAIN-TOP PROFESSIONALS

Every Wednesday, children go on a discovery of mountain occupations. From 1.30 pm to 4 pm, they'll enjoy a unique adventure, riding on a snow groomer, meeting the ski patrollers and visiting the snow-making facility... The backstage tour of the slopes used to be for adults only, but not any more!

From the age of 8, during school holidays only. Registration form at the Tourist Office.

*Free • Information on +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89.*



# Winter fun



## **TEDDY BEARS' CHRISTMAS, VISITS FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS > 24 & 25 DECEMBER 2019**

The Christmas holidays kick off with Christmas magic. A host of festive events are organised for this wonderful time for families, with a highlight on Christmas Eve, the great evening show, not forgetting the "Visits from Father Christmas" which are just as popular as ever. (Prices and registration at the Tourist Office.) ! All the resort's shops will light up with the magic of Christmas. Info: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)

Holidays from €347/person • Info & bookings [www.orcieres-reservation.com](http://www.orcieres-reservation.com)

## **ORCIÈRES NIGHT TRAIL RUN > 18 JANUARY 2020**

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.

On the programme: 2 trail races of 8 km (400 m elevation gain) and 14 km (800 m elevation gain), and an untimed 6 km walk (270 m elevation gain).

Night Trail Race Package from 18 to 25 January (7 nights in an apartment + 6-day passes for ski lifts + swimming pool + skating rink + 1 trail run registration): from €263/person • [www.orcieres-reservation.com](http://www.orcieres-reservation.com)

## **IMAGINE POP SONG LIVE AT ORCIÈRES > 1 FEBRUARY 2020**

For the 2nd year running, Imagine Pop Song Live is coming to Orcières Merlette 1850 for a memorable concert at the foot of the slopes. A number of well-known artists will be performing at this event, organised in partnership with Radio Imagine.

Free, foot of the slopes in the Drapeaux sector - Info [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)

Pop Song Live Package from 1 to 8 February (7 nights in an apartment + 6-day passes for ski lifts + swimming pool + skating rink):

from €304/person • [www.orcieres-reservation.com](http://www.orcieres-reservation.com)

## **THE 21<sup>ST</sup> SKI GAMES ROSSIGNOL > 21 & 22 MARCH 2020**

A skicross race for children (under-11s and under-14s). This grand occasion is expected to attract 500 young French and Italian skiers.

## **DERBY D'ORCIÈRES > 28 MARCH 2020**

After the huge success of this event in 2019, participants can enjoy the Orcières Derby for a second occasion. The programme includes a downhill race against the clock on a course specially created for the event, as well as a parallel slalom monoski race! The day promises plenty of fun activities and entertainment. Surprises in store at the 2nd Orcières Derby!

Prices, info and registration at [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)

## **COLOR SKI > 5 APRIL 2020**

Brave the obstacles and jets of coloured powder on a fun and lively descent of the slopes. Like the famous Colour Run, but on skis! At the bottom of the slope, everyone lets fly with their own powder sachet, adding an explosion of colour to the musical ambience! Participants can enjoy a whole host of crazy challenges with their team mates. The day ends with a colourful concert of sound and light.

Prices, info and registration at [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)

## **30<sup>TH</sup> YOUNG CHAMPIONS' TROPHY**

**> FROM 17 TO 19 APRIL 2020**

The greatest Junior Hockey competition is celebrating its 30th year. More than 400 players from all over France, Switzerland and Italy will battle it out on the ice at Orcières Merlette 1850.



## **EUROPEAN SKIING CUP > FROM 22 TO 26 JANUARY 2020**

Orcières Merlette 1850 is to host the speed races of the European Alpine Skiing Cup at the superb "Camille Ricou" downhill slope, a permanent facility accredited by the FIS. Life at the resort will revolve around the competitions during 5 days of festivities. Holidaymakers can enjoy a host of events and a party atmosphere.





# Great Winter deals ☺

**FRIENDLY SATURDAY**

**25%**  
discount on the  
saturday ski pass  
(see detail below)



## skiing at bargain prices

### I'M NEW TO SKIING AND IT'S ALL FREE!

Want to embark on a skiing adventure but at your own pace? For adult beginners who are a little apprehensive about trying (or returning to) skiing, the resort proposes a 1-hour introductory session with an instructor, lift pass and ski equipment included. The lesson takes place before the ski area opens, guaranteeing tranquillity and safety for participants.

Free. "Ski Discovery" campaign, every Tuesday from 8 to 9 am

Fill in a registration form at the Tourist Office by Monday at 12 noon.

Information on +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

## your stay

### AS A FAMILY

An "all-in-one" package for a whole week of peace of mind during the school holidays. It includes accommodation in a 2-room apartment, 6-day ski passes for 2 adults and 1 child (aged 6-12 years) and 6 half-day ski lessons for 2 children (aged 3-6 years and 6-12 years). It includes unlimited access to the swimming pool and ice rink !

From €410/person (based on 2 adults + 2 children).

Valid during the 2019-20 school holidays.

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### MULTIGLISSE

Besides skiing, Orcières proposes other slippery sports, such as ice skating or the water slide at the Leisure & Relaxation Centre. So why have to choose? The package includes accommodation in a 2-room apartment, 6-day ski passes and unlimited access to the swimming pool and ice rink !

From €244/person (based on 4 people). Valid for the 2019-20 winter period.

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### A WHOLE MOUNTAIN OF THRILLS

A holiday in the mountains spells Adventure with a capital A! And Orcières promises a week full of thrills! The package includes a week's stay in a 2-room apartment, 6-day skiing passes for 4 people, and 1 adrenalin activity - choose from zipline, paragliding or snakesledding. It also includes unlimited access to the swimming pool and ice rink!

From €296/person (based on 4 people). Valid for winter 2019-20 except Christmas holidays, New Year's Day and the month of February.

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### FRIENDLY SATURDAY!

The resort offers skiers a 25% discount on the first 300 one-day ski passes for a Saturday, purchased online from the Monday to the Thursday of that week. On the Saturday morning, they receive a special welcome on the forecourt outside the Ecrins sales desks. What better way to start the day!

Only on [skipass-orcieres.labellemontagne.com](http://skipass-orcieres.labellemontagne.com)

### FROM 28 MARCH TO 19 APRIL 2020, KIDS GO FREE IN ORCIERES !

The resort has compiled an amazing programme to celebrate skiing in the springtime and take advantage of the last snow of the season: ski passes are free for all children aged under 10! Plenty of other special family deals are available from the partners of the campaign.





# renovated Accommodation



## FULLY RENOVATED FURNISHED LETS

"Qualité Confort Hébergement" quality label.

Orcières Merlette 1850 is working with property owners to offer holidaymakers a stay in one of the lovely apartments, refurbished and decorated with quality as top priority.

The Tourist Office committed to this win-win approach in 2017 with the creation of the Orcières quality seal. Hence, the Tourist Office can provide help for owners with holiday flats to let, to accompany them through all the procedures, from filling in the legal paperwork to perfecting the marketing pitch. Moreover, the Tourist Office can provide help for owners with holiday flats to let, to accompany them through all the procedures, from filling in the legal paperwork to perfecting the marketing pitch.

The resort has engaged the professional help of "LICHÔ", a company that specialises in building bespoke implementation strategies for property-owner policies, in order to deal with the "vacant beds" issue encountered by many tourist destinations. Owners receive help to renovate and organise the layout of their furnished property. The service includes: Advice - Renovation - Organisation - Decoration, in the aim of refurbishing and enhancing furnished holiday accommodation.

At the end of 2019, 100 apartments are renovated and awarded the "Orcières



Qualité Confort Hébergement" seal of approval which rates them on a scale from 1 to 5. Various other apartments will be ready soon.

By adopting this approach, property owners guarantee their clients good communication on a personalised level and attach particular importance to the services and facilities provided. These may include a personal welcome, a courtesy welcome gift, beds made on arrival, a jacuzzi or hi-tech equipment in the apartment, and so on. This quality approach is to go further still and incorporate new criteria to fulfil the expectations of clients looking for eco-friendly facilities and services. *Rates and bookings: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)*



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE KITZ CHALET, RENOVATED IN 2019 - NEW

Located at an elevation of 1,950 metres in the picturesque hamlet of the Forest of Estaris, The Kitz is an old mountain chalet where, at the beginning of the last century, shepherds came with their flocks and made cheese from the ewes' milk. Fully renovated in larch wood brought from the village of Orcières, this chalet of 120 m<sup>2</sup> offers a modern mountain decor and sleeps up to 10 guests. The ski-theme decoration pays tribute to some great competitors, including the owners' son, Valentin Giraud-Moine, whose shining career continues with his inclusion in the French alpine skiing team. But the skiing theme doesn't stop when you leave the chalet. As soon as you set foot outside, you can reach the ski area by ski.

With a quality rating of 5, the Kitz offers the ultimate in comfort with its 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms.

Guests can contemplate the incredible views over the resort and the Champsaur valley. The chalet's access road is closed by snow in winter, but the owner drives guests in a snow groomer on their arrival and departure, making the experience even more memorable.

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## THE TRANQUILITY OF AN ECOGITE

The Counit is built from eco-friendly materials and offers an uninterrupted view over the Champsaur valley from its vast south-facing terrace. Located in the hamlet of Montcheny, at the edge of the Ecrins National Park, this gîte sleeps up to 6 guests. It is just 5 minutes from the village of Prapic and the outdoor activities centre, and 10 minutes from the resort. The Counit has 3-star ratings from two quality labels and also boasts certification by Tourisme & Handicap, Famille Plus and Orcières Qualité Confort Hébergement (rated 4).

*Weekly rates from €550.*

*Gîte le Counit*

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## A MOMENT OF WELLBEING...

Mountain holiday is also a chance to take a break and enjoy some time out for yourself. Not to miss, the sauna, hammam and jacuzzi to feel on top form, happy in your own skin and ready to own that ski slope!

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

### Relaxation Area

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### Peau d'Ours Spa:

Overlooking the valley and offering a panoramic view of the Garabrut peaks, the Peau d'Ours Spa is yet another invitation to unwind and enjoy a sense of wellbeing.

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Next to the Spa is a new boutique offering a wide range of cosmetics and swimwear.



# Portraits

*the adventurers of savoir-faire and flavour!*



## GUILLAUMETTE GENEPI, MADE IN ORCIÈRES

To the Bernard-Reymond family, skiing is child's play... as is making Genepi! This family of ski instructors, the "Guillaumette" family, grow genepi plants on the high pastures of Orcières during the summer. They use it to make a delicious liqueur which goes down very well after a typical Champsaur meal.

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## FARMHOUSE SNACK AND CRAFT BEER AT CABRIOLES FARM

Noémie and Julien established Cabrioles Farm in 2007. Both trained vets, they came to Orcières to live the mountain life, surrounded by goats.

They have a passion for high-altitude farming and a strong desire to promote the valley's iconic activity among families. The couple share great respect for the region, and attach great importance to the authenticity and quality of their production. In the hamlet of Les Marches, Cabrioles Farm produces not only organic goat's cheese, but also a beer called sOrcière!

They own fifty or so goats and make around ten cheeses from unpasteurised milk, including one named "Marchou" after the local inhabitants. Then there's the Cabrioles brewery. "Water is the basic ingredient required to make good-quality beer. The remarkable water of Orcières contains no nitrates" Julien points out. Some of the hops we need grow on the steep slopes around Les Marches, while the barley comes from the plain and is malted in Ardèche. In lager, amber or seasonal versions, "La sOrcière" is a typical beer made with water from Orcières, following brewing methods traditionally used in the North of France.

The couple also open their gates to families and groups who come to this educational farm for guided and unguided tours, and the chance to hear explanations straight from the farmer's mouth about milking the goats, making the cheese, etc.

Educational farm tour: €7/family, snack €5.50/person

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## MORE THAN 40 VARIETIES OF "FLOWER DELIGHTS"

Stéphane Bertrand-Pellisson, chef of the restaurant Les Gardettes, uses larch flowers to delight the tastebuds of gourmet diners. This lover of fine food worked for top establishments all over France before returning to the family business. His first homemade jams were served to customers at the breakfast table. He started with genepi. Nowadays, he uses a vast range of flowers including anything from dandelion to poppy and from wild carrot to elderberry and larch. In other words, whatever he finds growing in the vicinity.

Stéphane proposes an introduction to the virtues of wild plants during a workshop, "Mountain flora and flavour"

Free, book in advance. From age 6. At Les Gardettes restaurant on Wednesdays at 3.30 pm.

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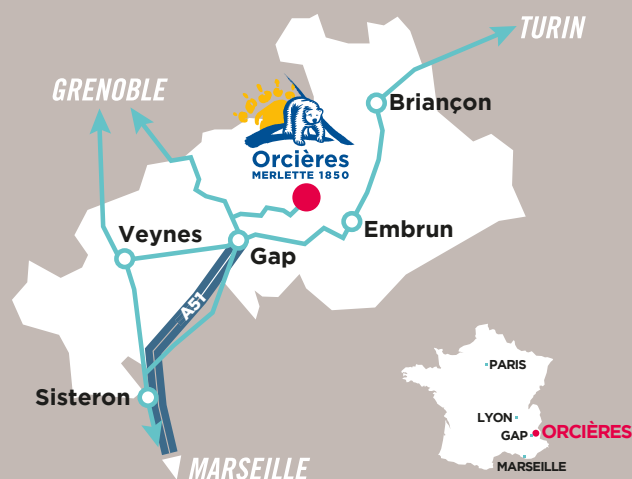
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