



WINTER 2020-21

PRESS KIT

## - COVID INFO -

*In view of the COVID-19 epidemic, health measures have been implemented at the resort's shops and businesses as well as with accommodation and activity providers to guarantee our customers' safety and satisfaction. A charter has been drawn up to ensure that customers enjoy optimum hospitality.*

# ORCIÈRES, VIBRANT & FRIENDLY!

The resort of Orcières perches on the fringes of the Ecrins National Park at an altitude of 1,850 metres, its ski area reaching 2,725 metres at the highest peak. Straddling Alpine and Mediterranean climates, this is one of the Alps' sunniest resorts. The sight of the very first peaks triggers a sensation of freedom.

There are 22 hamlets in the Orcières commune, each more charming than the next. These are quaint, peaceful mountain villages where craftsmanship and traditions abide. A host of unexpected experiences awaits you throughout the winter at various amazing sites!

- **A resort known for its wide open ski slopes, with a multitude of activities to offer aside from skiing and an indoor leisure & relaxation complex;**
- **The traditional village of Prapic at the gates of the Ecrins National Park, for a taste of genuine old-fashioned mountain life;**
- **The leisure centre with its Nordic area (cross-country skiing, dog-sledding, karting ...);**
- **The Serre-Eyraud hamlet with a world-class freeride spot, to ski off the beaten track.**

A paradise for families (resort labelled "Family Plus"), Orcières is also ideal for those who love sports and those want to party!

Orcières has it all: Original activities, fun events and an eco-friendly approach. A land of champions, nature and wilderness, it's a friendly place where you can just disconnect, relax and enjoy some genuine quality time with your loved ones!

## THE BEAUTY OF A NATIONAL PARK

**Set at the gates of the Ecrins National Park, one of France's biggest national parks, near the emblematic peaks of Meije and Barre des Ecrins, Orcières stands out for its high-mountain and gorgeous, pristine nature.**



ONE OF FRANCE'S  
10 national parks



Highest point:  
Barre des Ecrins,  
4102 M



Founded in:  
1973



OVER 150  
peaks between  
3,000 and 4,000 m  
of altitude



11,000 HA  
of glaciers



167 SPECIES  
including eagles,  
chamois,  
ibex



4.8 MILLION  
visitors in winter



NEARLY 200  
shops, businesses,  
accommodation  
and service providers



Ranked in TOP 5  
ski areas  
in the southern alps  
(source skiinfo)



18,800 beds





# WHAT'S NEW?



## RÉSIDENCE ROCHEBRUNE: LES CÎMES\*\*\*\*

Featuring typical mountain architecture, the new four-star "Rochebrune Les Cîmes" residence boasts a surface area of 3,800 m² and a warm, cosy setting all in wood. Modern yet blending perfectly into the landscape, this residence sits at the foot of the slopes, giving you direct access to the Rocherousse Telemix lift. The residence is made up of three chalets with 50 accommodation units, from studios to ultra-comfortable 4-room apartments. After a great day out skiing, holidaymakers can relax in the spa area featuring swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi and hammam.

*Prices: from € 260 / week in a studio for 2 people. Prices include cleaning and take into account the health provisions arising from the Covid 19 crisis - Contact: +33 (0)825.825.677 - [agence@labellemontagne.com](mailto:agence@labellemontagne.com) Info: [www.labellemontagne.com](http://www.labellemontagne.com)*



## SMART "RECYCLING" OF EMPTY ACCOMMODATION FOR A STAMP OF QUALITY

To remedy the problem of empty beds in the resort, a renovation policy has been implemented via the "Qualité Confort Hébergement" (Quality Comfort Accommodation) label. As a result, many apartments have been done up beautifully, with locally-sourced-materials. Orcières Merlette 1850 aims to assist property owners with their renovation projects by bringing in professionals. Over 100 apartments are already labelled "Orcières Qualité Confort Hébergement", rated up to 5 claws (like the star system). For an owner, adopting this approach entails establishing a special, personalised relationship with customers and placing particular emphasis on the services offered (e.g. personalised guest reception with welcome gift, beds made on arrival, jacuzzi in the apartment, hi-tech equipment, etc.) To enhance standards of quality and better meet customers' expectations, the label now includes eco-friendly criteria. The goal is to have 150 apartments labelled by the end of winter 2021, including nearly 100 labelled 4 and 5 claws (luxury).

*Prices and bookings: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)*

## ELECTRIC SCOOTER RIDES

Fancy exploring the snowy landscapes of Orcières? Take a ride on an all-terrain electric scooter! Their fat wheels make them easy to handle in any terrain, including snow. Accessible to all aged 12 and over, they're silent, clean and loads of fun.

The start point for guided tours on all-terrain electric scooters is by the "Ice Racing" ice karting area at the leisure centre. From 12 years of age

*Prices: from € 25 - Info: [www.circuit-orcieres.com](http://www.circuit-orcieres.com) +33 (0)6 78 96 31 80 - booking required.*

## BIO-ETHANOL FUELLED SNOWMOBILES: A FIRST IN FRANCE!

Eco-friendly snowmobiles for a whole new way to explore the mountain! The "Motoneige Adventure" company is breaking new ground renting out innovative snowmobiles whose gearboxes allow them to run on bio-ethanol, thus drastically reducing CO² emissions.

**NEW THIS YEAR, bring the kids along too!** : The snowmobile guide tows a trailer for children, fully enclosed with windows, so kids can safely enjoy the ride (from 6 years of age, up to 2 children in the trailer).

*Prices: Guided tour (1h) € 40 / passenger - € 95 / driver - € 115 / 1 driver + 1 passenger.*

*Departures every day from 5 p.m.*

*Contact: Motoneige Adventure: +33 (0)6 64 79 78 37 • [www.motoneigeaventure.com](http://www.motoneigeaventure.com) (foot of slopes at Les Drapeaux)*







## INDEPENDENT EXCURSIONS

### 2 permanent cross-country skiing trails

As part of its efforts to develop Orcières' cross-country skiing potential, the resort is setting up two permanent trails, freely accessible to all.

> **"Méollion"** (3.4 km, 640m Elevation gain), duration approximately 1h30, starting from the foot of the slopes at Les Drapeaux (1,850m) and finishing at Pointe de Méollion (2,474m).

> **"Estaris"** (4.6 km, 800m Elevation gain) going uphill for 2 hours, starting from the resort (1,870m) and arriving at the top of the Estaris chairlift (2,670m). To be extra safe, the descent takes you back along one of the ski area's blue runs.

# GETAWAY AT THE EDGE OF ECRINS NATIONAL PARK

## MONTÉE GIVRÉE, A FUN CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND PARTY EVENT!

The "Montées Givrées" (frosty climb) are nocturnal cross-country skiing races that take place every week during french school holidays. Whatever your level, you're welcome to join in! Races start at 6 pm from the foot of the slopes at Les Drapeaux and arrive at La Bergerie chairlift, 2.5 km further on and 500m lower down. A food buffet is provided after the descent. This is a fun, friendly event that'll give you a good workout nonetheless!

From age 15.

*Registration: € 7/pers. Includes participation in the race and post-race buffet.*

*Info: [mgo.as2pic.org](http://mgo.as2pic.org) or +33 (0)6 52 68 42 47. Register on the day and on site before the start of the race. You can rent equipment at various shops in the resort.*



## PARAGLIDING, A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Take to the skies and enjoy stunning views of the Écrins as you glide from the top of Le Drouvet (2,650 metres) down to the resort (1,850 metres) or even to the outdoor activities centre lower down (1,260 metres). Orcières Merlette 1850 is renowned in the paragliding world for its ideal flying conditions.

*Prices and info: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com) € 80 /pers.*

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

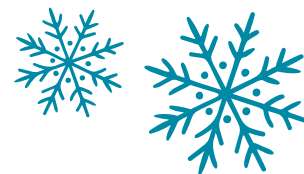
*JP Parapente 05: +33 (0)6 83 03 63 44.*

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

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







## "TRAIL BLANC" AT THE HEART OF ÉCRINS NATIONAL PARK

If you want to take in the jaw-dropping beauty of Ecrins National Park and explore its pristine nature, there's nothing better than going on an excursion. 15 km of groomed marked trails await you, so get your walking or running shoes and get out there... It's sheer delight! This year, the 3rd edition of the Orcières Night Trail Run will take place on January 16, 2021, in all the fairytale magic of winter...

*Info [orcieres.com](http://orcieres.com) - Guided outing: Himal - +33 (0)6 66 12 76 62 [www.himal.fr](http://www.himal.fr)*

## "APÉRO POM'CHAUD" SNOWSHOE EXCURSION

Head out on snowshoes and watch the sun go down over the mountains, soaking in the serenity of a winter evening. Enjoy some friendly company over a hot drink on your break. Sit back and relax while the sun puts on its show of lights, yawns, and sets. Start from the resort, towards the Forest des Marches, in the tranquillity of the late afternoon. Every Tuesday from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Prices and info: € 22 / adult - € 17 / child. +33 (0)4 92 55 60 20 [www.accompagnateurschampsaur.com](http://www.accompagnateurschampsaur.com)*



## MUSHER FOREVER!

A touch of Siberia, a pinch of Canada, a taste of Lapland... Here's an Hautes-Alpes recipe you just can't afford to miss! Starting from the Nordic village on the Rocherousse plateau at 2,300 m of altitude, go for a dog-sledding excursion at the head of a team, or in the dog leader's (musher) sled, gliding down the gentle slopes of high altitude plateaus (Rocherousse). It's a magical experience every time, whether this is your first go or you're already an expert in the art of dog-sledding.

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

- > Adventure hike led by a professional guide (baptism): from € 90 /family (20 min.)
- > Individual team driving (from 12 years of age): from € 30 /pers. (20 min.)
- > Improvement session: from 1h30 to half day: from € 115 /pers
- > Introductory course for children: € 205 /pers. - From 7 years of age

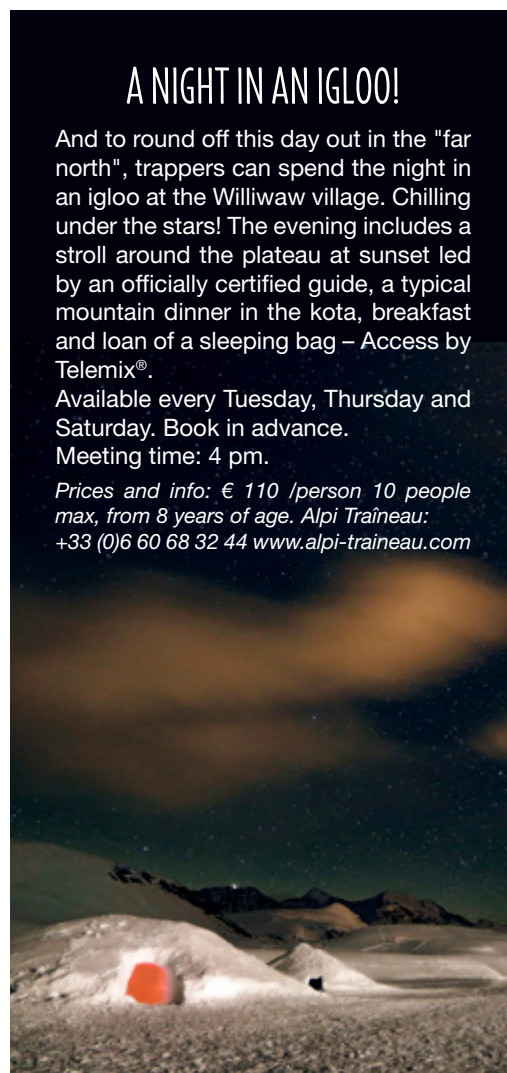
## A NIGHT IN AN IGLOO!

And to round off this day out in the "far north", trappers can spend the night in an igloo at the Williwaw village. Chilling under the stars! The evening includes a stroll around the plateau at sunset led by an officially certified guide, a typical mountain dinner in the kota, breakfast and loan of a sleeping bag – Access by Telemix®.

Available every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Book in advance.

Meeting time: 4 pm.

*Prices and info: € 110 /person 10 people max, from 8 years of age. Alpi Traineau: +33 (0)6 60 68 32 44 [www.alpi-traineau.com](http://www.alpi-traineau.com)*





# A WHOLE NEW ADVENTURE TO SHARE!



## SNAKESLEDDING DOWN THE SLOPES

With their sledges tied together in single file, holidaymakers hurtle down the ski slopes at sunset... Welcome to the world of "Snakegliss!" The "snake" zigzags all the way down, laughing and yelping as it goes...

If you're in a family or group, it'll bowl you over – particularly if you're one of the daring ones at the back, clinging on for dear life! An experience like no other. Choose between 3 options: discovery (3 km), "Apéro Gliss" (6 km + mulled wine), "Sensation" (8 km).

*From 4 years of age - Prices and info: From € 10 /child, € 15 /adult.  
+33 (0)7 83 51 23 62 - [www.orcieressnakegliss.fr](http://www.orcieressnakegliss.fr)*

## A CAROUSEL RIDE WITH WINTERPARC SNOWTUBES

The Rocherousse plateau could well be described as a high-altitude amusement park! Head to the Winterparc for a whole new way to hit the slopes! Hurling downhill astride a snowtube is not something you're likely to forget. You do it alone or go as a group, as up to 8 tubes can be tied together, which spells a whole lot of fun – or trouble – for the most adventurous! A special lift carries the tubes, so you reach the top of the slope without getting exhausted. There are also Baby runs for the little ones. From the age of 4. Access by Telemix® from Rocherousse.

*Prices and info: from € 14.50 /pers.  
+33 (0)6 69 40 52 57 - [www.winterparc.fr](http://www.winterparc.fr)*







## ZOOM DOWN ONE OF THE LONGEST ZIPLINES IN EUROPE

Ever dreamt you could fly? Well, now you can – and what's more, you can do it right over the slopes of Orcières Merlette 1850 at breakneck speed (up to 140 km/h)! 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 8 years of age. Access on foot via the Télémix® lift or on skis (skis carried in a protective cover during the flight).

*Prices and info: Roll'Air Câble: € 40 /pers. (not including lift pass).  
+33 (0)6 84 44 88 10 latyrolienne.fr*



## A GOURMET OUTING ON A GOUSTARANDO SNOWMOBILE

At nightfall, adventurous holidaymakers embark on a fantastical adventure in the slumbering ski area. Mounted on snowmobiles, they make their way to the Rocherousse plateau at 2,300 m of altitude. Up in this fairytale land, an igloo lights up and welcomes the intrepid travellers into the warmth for a copious platter of local specialties: cold cuts, cheese, tourtons (local fritters) and, of course, the renowned Génépi Guillaumette.

*Every Saturday and Wednesday evening. Meeting point at the foot of the slopes in the Drapeaux sector, 8 pm. Return at 9.30 pm. 12 people maximum.  
Prices and info: € 160 / snowmobile (2 people). (Booking required): +33 (0)6 64 79 78 37 - motoneigeaventure05@gmail.com  
[www.motoneigeaventure.com](http://www.motoneigeaventure.com)*



## SNOW BABY



Toddlers also have the right to their share of thrills! They can have their first taste of downhill riding the "Baby Snow" scooter. The instructor steers the board, making wide turns to delight the little ones as they go whizzing down the slopes in complete safety!

*Baby Snow scooter from 18 months to 3 years. Prices and info: From € 42  
ESF: +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 - [www.esforcieres.com](http://www.esforcieres.com)*



## BABY SLEDGING

At Orcières, mushers start learning their trade at the age of three! Fun and educational, this activity teaches children how to handle a sledge and the importance of respecting safety rules. And then off they go on a wonderful adventure! Age: 3/7 years. Book in advance. Baby Park at the Leisure Centre. Free shuttle access from the resort.

*Prices and info: € 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)*





# A JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE SLOPES

Basking in the sunshine of the Hautes-Alpes, the ski area has been designed for skiers of all levels, beginner to expert. Its position at an altitude ranging between 1850 and 2725 metres guarantees good snow conditions. As a back-up, the resort has extensive snow-making facilities, with over 60 snow cannons deployed across 100 of the slopes.



**51 runs**

9 green, 17 blue,  
18 red, 7 black



**30 ski lifts**

including 3 telemix®,



**1 official**

**FIS-certified  
downhill run**

**+ 1 slalom stadium**



**2 ski**

**schools**



**5**

**live webcams**

## LIFT PASSES

The resort offers hands-free and "multigliss" (multiactivity) passes [ski + swimming pool + ice rink].

- 3 consecutive hours: € 31.50 adult, € 27 child
- Adult daypass: € 42 multigliss / € 37 ski only;
- Child daypass: € 34 multigliss / € 30 ski only;
- 6-day adult pass: from € 174.60 (Family price online) to € 206.30 (multigliss at the cash desk);
- 6-day child pass: from € 141.60 to € 167.70



## HOW DOES A SKI AREA WORK, EXACTLY?

To go behind the scenes at the resort is every kid's dream (young or old)! Orcières Labellemontagne offers you a chance to find out all about the jobs at a resort. You'll be taken round by professionals who are passionate about the mountains and love working in this protected and enhanced environment.





## BUDDING PISTE PROS

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

*More info: From the age of 8, during school holidays only.*

*Registration form at the Tourist Office. Free.*

*Contact: +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89*



## "CLIMB ON UP INTO MY SNOWCAT!"

Ever wondered what it's like to drive around in those notorious snow groomers? In Orcières, holidaymakers are invited to climb aboard a snowcat 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.

*More info: Registration and random draw every Thursday at the Tourist Office. Free.*

*Contact: +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89*



## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SKI PATROLLER

The job of ski patroller and rescuer continues to spark admiration among the general public. These "guardian angels" of the ski area are people who truly love the mountains. Every week in Orcières, holidaymakers can get an insight into this line of work by going along with the ski patrollers as they open the ski area in the morning. Of course, it's also a golden opportunity to have the slopes to yourself and get fresh tracks at sunrise...

*More info: 2 hr minimum. Registration and random draw every Thursday at the Tourist Office. Free.*

*Contact: +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89*



## A SECRET SPOT JUST ROUND THE CORNER!

### Outing to Serre-Eyraud

Less than 30 minutes from Orcières Merlette 1850, tucked away at the foot of the Grande Autane, Serre-Eyraud is a small, discreet resort, the perfect place to get away from it all. This little gem is highly cherished by those who ski for the sheer fun of it: this is "authentic", energetic skiing at its best, right in among the larches. The snow cover here is of excellent quality. There are 9 runs, two of which are technically demanding, ideal for those who can also make the most of the extensive off-piste potential.

*Prices: Day pass € 16/adult, € 12.90/child. 6-day pass € 80/adult, € 64.50/child. Contact: +33 (0)4 92 55 92 06*





# ORCIÈRES, AN ECO-FRIENDLY RESORT

The resort goes green to balance tourism with respect for the environment. Sustainable mobility, reduction of energy costs, creation of eco-friendly tourism activities are the main concerns.

## EVENT

### GATHERING OF ECO-CITIZENS FOR THE FUTURE

Since waste management is everyone's concern, particularly in the mountains where nature must be kept pristine, resort stakeholders participate in an annual collection session. The purpose of this event is to bring the resort up to scratch before the summer season, in terms of hygiene, compliance with sanitary conditions, cleanliness of facilities and infrastructures, and quality of service offered.

## ON THE SKI AREA SIDE

The artificial snow network covering 60 % of the ski area consumes little energy, thanks to a gravity-powered circuit that reduces energy production – in contrast with systems that pump and cool – the main source of natural water being Lac des Estaris at an altitude of 2,600 m.

Everything is done in accordance with the recommendations of Écrins National Park. Artificial snow may be unpopular with some people, but it does guarantee that the ski area can stay open if the natural snow cover is insufficient. It secures 120,000 jobs across all lines of work, hence the importance of preserving the balance between nature and economic activity. Here, artificial snow is just water transformed into snow crystals under the effect of low temperatures. The water resource taken out goes back to its source at the end of the season when the snow melts.

## ON THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SIDE

People who use carpooling to get to Orcières benefit from discounts on lift passes (up to -10%). To show you qualify for this benefit, all you have to do is go to the lift pass offices and show a Blablacar confirmation email for your trip to Orcières. Shuttles are free of charge so you can get around the resort and travel between the leisure centre, village and resort. There's also a regular shuttle service between Gap and Orcières, and during the season, a shuttle service between the resort and the airports of Marseille and Grenoble.

## ON THE BUILDINGS SIDE

Much of the resort's infrastructure makes use of ecological materials (wood, cellulose wadding, pellet heating systems, etc.). The renovation plan for building exteriors (larch wood cladding), initiated in 2014, is systematically accompanied by prior thermal insulation.

In addition, the leisure & relaxation complex runs with a power saving system. The power produced to make the ice for the rink is used to heat the swimming pool.

There are many more actions to add to this list, such as the solar panels on the tourist office roof, etc. The new village centre, currently undergoing energy re-qualification, will run on a communal heating network.

## ON THE ACTIVITIES SIDE

In 2014, the ice karting circuit replaced combustion engines with electric motors. The service provider now also offers a new activity: e-scooters. On the snowmobile side, the Motoneige Aventure company has modified its energy system to run on bioethanol.

## ON THE SIDE OF ELECTRIC & HYBRID VEHICLES

These vehicles are most welcome in Orcières and the town has a number of charging points for electric vehicles. They also get free parking at all car parks.



# A TASTE OF THE MOUNTAINS AT HOME



Many shops and restaurants in the resort work with producers from the valley (cheeses, meats, honey, "tourtons", "ravioles", etc.). Several of them also offer take-away meals.

Info: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)

## WHEN MOUNTAIN FLOWERS ARE EATEN AT HOME

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. He started off making homemade jams and serving them to customers at the breakfast table. At first, he worked only with genepi. Today, he uses all kinds of flowers, from dandelions to poppies, including wild carrot flowers, elderberries and larches – as many kinds as you can pick in the area. Stéphane runs a workshop introducing people to the virtues of wild plants, "Mountain flora and flavour".

*Prices and info: Free, book in advance. From 6 years of age. At Les Gardettes restaurant on Wednesdays at 3.30 pm. - +33 (0)4 92 55 71 11 - [lesdelicesorsatus.com](http://lesdelicesorsatus.com)*

*Order online and have it delivered anywhere in France: <http://lesdelicesorsatus.com/livraison-etretour/>*



## BRING HOME SOME BEER BREWED WITH ORCIÈRES WATER AND ORGANIC CHEESE

Ferme des Cabrioles in the hamlet of Les Marches is renowned for its two products: organic goat cheese and "La sOrcière" beer! Blonde, brown, white or amber, La sOrcière is a typical beer brewed with Orcières water, a North of France tradition.

With about fifty goats, the farm manufactures around ten varieties of cheese from unpasteurised milk, including one named "Marchou" after the locals of the hamlet.

*Prices and info: Educational farm tour: € 7 /family, snack € 8.50 /person  
[www.fermedescabrioles.com](http://www.fermedescabrioles.com) - +33 (0)6 45 37 10 23*



## GÉNÉPI GUILLAUMETTE, MADE IN ORCIÈRES

To the Bernard-Reymond family, skiing is child's play... as is making Genepi! The "Guillaumette" family teach snowsports in the winter and grow genepi in the summer, on the heights of Orcières. They make a delicious liqueur, best enjoyed after a typical Champsaur meal.

Info: *Guillaumette: +33 (0)4 92 21 11 19 - [www.guillaumette.com](http://www.guillaumette.com)*



## "ESPRIT PARC NATIONAL", THE BRAND OF AN UNSPOILED LAND

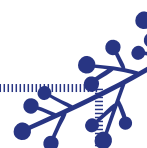
The Esprit Parc National brand is seal of approval that certifies eco-friendly production and services. Over 250 accommodation providers, traders, artisans and activity providers come under this ecological label of quality. Delicious mountain and dandelion honeys, organic cheeses from the Cabrioles farm, syrups concocted from aromatic and medicinal plants... These are just some of the products made in Orcières that bear the Esprit Parc National brand. Every Tuesday during the February school holidays, you can sample local products (cheeses, honey, genepi, meats, wild flower and fruit jams, birch sap) brought to you by producers who hold the "Esprit Parc National" label, sign of their commitment to protecting biodiversity.

Info: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)



## SALON DES SOUVENIRS

*This new tea room at the heart of the resort offers products from the valley such as Génépi Guillaumette, Gérald Rouit honey and Challet honey, Chaillol jam, La Sorcière beer from Orcières or the V.O beer from Ancelle, fruit juices from Altiflore to Chabottes, and the list goes on...*





Orcières  
ranks among  
the TOP 10  
best ski resorts  
for kids  
(2<sup>nd</sup> place,  
source: skiinfo).



# A "FAMILLE PLUS" RESORT WHERE HOLIDAYMAKERS ARE PAMPERED

The resort offers a plethora of free events and activities for kids, such as the Family Games, Orcy disco, magic shows (attendance free of charge), dancing pets, Haribo Cups with the ESF, torchlight descents, etc.

Info: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)

## EXCITING ACTIVITIES ARE NO LONGER JUST FOR ADULTS!

Drive a dog sled, zoom down the slopes, go on a snowmobile ride, learn to ice skate, build an igloo, fly a paraglider, whizz down a zip line, go snakesledding or snowtubing...

You name it!

Orcières is simply bursting with activities for kids and families.

Info: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)







VIVRE ENSEMBLE  
DE BELLES EXPÉRIENCES

### "FAMILLE PLUS" SERVICES

*The Tourist Office gives families a warm welcome: a "Famille Plus" meeting point with a relaxation area, complete with books and games; equipped to reheat baby's meals and featuring a baby changing space; lockers (small size) for the day, free of charge; "children's" toilets that can be accessed from the foot of the slopes.*



### AFTERNOON TEA AT CABRIOLES FARM

This educational farm in the hamlet of Les Marches welcomes families and groups for independent or guided tours, during which breeders explain the processes of milking, cheese making and so on. With about fifty goats, the farm produces ten raw milk cheeses, including "Marchou", named after the hamlet's inhabitants. At the end of the tour, indulge in a tasty snack: sweet pancakes (goat's milk dough), with homemade goat's milk jam or sugar, accompanied by a hot chocolate.

*Prices and info: Educational farm tour: € 7 /family, snack € 8.50 /pers.  
+33 (0)6 45 37 10 23 - [www.fermedescabrioles.com](http://www.fermedescabrioles.com)*



### LEISURE & RELAXATION COMPLEX: FACILITIES COVERING 10,000 M<sup>2</sup>

This is "The place to be" for indoor leisure. The complex's aquatic area features: two large pools, waterfalls, water jets and a 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 m<sup>2</sup> ice rink awaits skaters of any level. 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*

A fun-filled, sociable bowling session takes place every evening, complete with live music on Thursday evenings. Meanwhile, film buffs can get their fix at the cinema.

**BARGAIN!**  
Orcières invites  
your children: Skiing  
in springtime,  
**FREE for kids!**  
(See details on page 15)



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

Children love the Opoualand 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.) This fun slope on the Rocherousse plateau offers stunning views over the Ecrins massif.

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



### LES OURSONS DAY CARE CENTRE, WHERE KIDS RULE!

Les Oursons welcomes toddlers 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.

*Les oursons : from €95 for 6 half-days. +33 (0)4 92 55 89 84.*



# SAVE THE DATE!

**24 & 25 DECEMBER 2020**

## TEDDY BEARS' CHRISTMAS, VISITS FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

Orcières crackles with Christmas magic. There are lots of events to mark this beautiful family celebration, including of course the ever-popular "le Père Noël Chez Vous" ("Father Christmas at home") operation (for a fee, register 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)

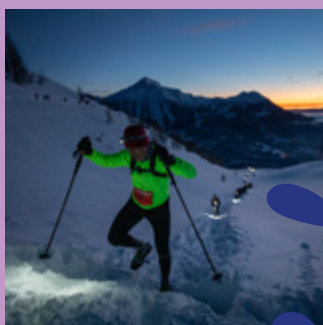


**16 JANUARY 2021**

## ORCIÈRES NIGHT TRAIL RUN

A unique nocturnal race around the Orcières Merlette 1850 resort, in the snow. The race begins at sunset, and participants 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).

Info: [www.trails-orcieres.com](http://www.trails-orcieres.com)



**JANUARY 25 TO 29, 2021**  
**EUROPEAN SKI CUP**

Orcières Merlette 1850 is hosting the speed events of the European Alpine Skiing Cup on the superb "Camille Ricou" FIS-approved downhill slope. On the programme: Two downhill training races and one downhill, then a combined Super (a slalom round and a super-G round).

**30 JANUARY 2021**

## HANDI-SKI CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

For the last twenty years, the resort has been welcoming people with disabilities who want to ski and take full advantage of the slopes. There'll be introductory handiski lessons and demonstrations by volunteers. The party will finish with a torchlight descent, organised by the ESF.



**11 APRIL 2021**

## COLOR SKI:

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! Participants face a series of crazy challenges to overcome as a team.

Info and registration: [orcieres.com](http://orcieres.com)



**FEBRUARY 6, 2021**

## IMAGINE POP SONG LIVE ORCIÈRES

Imagine Pop Song Live comes to Orcières Merlette 1850, in partnership with Imagine La Radio for an unforgettable concert at the foot of the slopes.

Info: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)

Location: Les Drapeaux at the foot of the slopes



**APRIL 23 TO 25, 2021**

## "YOUNG CHAMPIONS TROPHY"

This is France's biggest junior ice hockey competition, now on its 30th edition. Over 400 players from all over France, Switzerland and Italy will battle it out on the ice at Orcières Merlette 1850.



**MARCH 20 AND 21, 2021**

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SKI GAMES ROSSIGNOL

A bordercross ski race for children ('Poussins', 9-10 years old & 'Benjamins', 11-12 years old). This grand occasion is expected to attract 500 young French and Italian skiers.

**27 MARCH 2021**

## ORCIÈRES DERBY

2nd edition of Derby d'Orcières, following the tremendous success of the first edition. There will be a timed downhill race on a course specially created for the event, a parallel slalom monoski race and a "big challenge" contest for those spending the season in Orcières. The day promises plenty of fun activities and entertainment.

Info: [www.orcieres.com](http://www.orcieres.com)

**The Tourist Office's booking department offers packages for each event: accommodation + registration + additional services (ski lift passes, activities, etc.)**  
**> [reservation.orcieres.com](http://reservation.orcieres.com)**





# = DEALS =



## THIS IS MY FIRST GO AT SKIING, AND IT'S 100% FREE!

Fancy trying your hand at skiing, ever so gently? For adult beginners who are a little apprehensive about getting (back) on skis, the resort offers a one-hour introductory lesson with an instructor, lift passes and ski equipment included. The lesson takes place before the rest of the ski area opens, guaranteeing tranquillity and safety for participants.

*Price: Free. Operation "Ski Découverte" (Discover Skiing): every Tuesday from 8 to 9 am. Participation form to be completed at the Tourist Office before Monday 12 noon. Contact: +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89*



## FRIENDLY SATURDAY!

The resort offers skiers a 25% discount on the first 300 one-day lift passes for a Saturday, purchased online from Monday to Thursday 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: [www.skipass-orcieres.labellemontagne.com](http://www.skipass-orcieres.labellemontagne.com)*



## FROM 27 MARCH TO 18 APRIL 2021, ORCIÈRES HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL IN STORE FOR LITTLE ONES!

The resort has compiled an amazing programme to celebrate skiing in the spring-time and take advantage of the last snow of the season: lift passes are free for all children aged under 10!

*Plenty of other special family deals are available from the partners of the campaign.*



## FAMILY STAYS

An "all-in-one" package for a whole week's peace of mind during the french school holidays. It includes accommodation in a 2-room apartment, 6-day lift 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 also includes unlimited access to the swimming pool and the ice rink at the Leisure & Relaxation Complex!

*Prices: from € 440 / pers. (based on 2 adults + 2 children).*

*Validity: french school holidays 2020-21.*

*Contact: [reservation.orcieres.com](http://reservation.orcieres.com) - +33 (0)4 92 55 89 69*



## A WHOLE MOUNTAIN OF THRILLS

Going to 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 two-room apartment, 6-day lift passes for 4 people, 1 adrenaline-pumping activity of your choice: zip line, paragliding or snowmobiling. It also includes unlimited access to the swimming pool and the ice rink at the Leisure & Relaxation Complex!

*Prices: From € 291/person (based on 4 people).*

*Validity: winter 2020-21 excluding Christmas holidays, New Year's Day and February.*

*Contact: [reservation.orcieres.com](http://reservation.orcieres.com) - +33 (0)4 92 55 89 69*

*Tailor your holiday just the way you like it on [reservation.orcieres.com](http://reservation.orcieres.com): it's easy as pie. Simply pick from a wide range of accommodation (apartments, residences, hotels, chalets and alpine cottages, etc.) and add additional services (lift passes, ski lessons, activities, equipment rental, etc.).*



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AND VILLAGE < > RESORT**



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AIX EN PROVENCE > 2H  
GRENOBLE > 2H**



**GAP STATION / GRENOBLE TGV STATION  
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**MARSEILLE PROVENCE / GRENOBLE**

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