



Winter 2021-2022 press kit

COME TO A LAND OF NATURE AND ADVENTURE



Set at the heart of the Ecrins mountain range in the Hautes-Alpes, **Orcières Merlette 1850** was Champsaur's very first resort. Founded in 1962, it's still the region's biggest resort, boasting 100 km of pistes. Perched at 1,850 m with a ski area reaching an altitude of 2,725 m, Orcières is surrounded by the most beautiful 3000-m peaks of the Ecrins: Vieux Chaillol, Pointe des Estaris, Grand Pinier, Petit Pinier and Tête de Dormillouse, amongst others.

From its privileged position right on the southern fringes of the Ecrins National Park, the resort enjoys an exceptional amount of sunshine, and the soaring immensity of the landscape inspires a feeling of freedom. Those who love vast, open spaces and pristine nature return year after year, attracted by a slew of original experiences at the heart of the mountains: dog sledding, sleeping in an igloo, freeriding, backcountry skiing, trail running, snowshoeing, hot air balloon, and so on. 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.

Whatever your preferences, Orcières has something for everybody: it's a paradise for families (Family Plus-certified resort), adventurers, athletes, or for anyone who loves the region.



ORCIÈRES' 5 GREATEST ASSETS



**THE SOUTHERN GATE
of the Ecrins
National Park**



**300 DAYS
of sunshine per year!**



**A MULTITUDE
OF NON-SKI ACTIVITIES**

**+ an indoor leisure & re-
laxation complex
+ the leisure centre**

with its Nordic area (cross-country skiing, dog sledding, electric karts and scooters, etc.);



RESORT

at attractive prices

Certified Family Plus («Famille Plus»), Orcières offers a wide array of free entertainment throughout the season. Holiday rentals, facilities and services give real added value.



A UNIQUE REGION

with authentic mountain villages

The traditional village of Prapic at the entrance to the Ecrins National Park, for a taste of genuine old-fashioned mountain life; The Serre-Eyraud hamlet with a world-class freeride spot, to ski off the beaten track.

NEW

Innovations at the booking centre! Tailor-made stays for all!

Ever dreamt of concocting your own tailor-made vacation like you'd cook up a good meal? Our centralised booking platform allows you to pick and choose, so you can book exactly what suits your holiday and lifestyle tastes.

A trip 100% made for you: from accommodation to activities and entertainment, you can book it all in just one click!

Easy and practical to save you time and money!

reservation.orcieres.com



**- OPENING -
from december
11, 2021
to april 18, 2022**

Orcières FOR SKIERS

Blessed with the constant sunshine of the Hautes-Alpes, the Orcières ski area offers guaranteed skiing pleasure!

Designed for beginners as well as experienced skiers, there's something for everyone!

It's the perfect place to discover or re-discover skiing. And with the Labell'bleues routes, the peaks and their breathtaking panoramas are accessible to all levels! These routes are composed of only green and blue runs.

Its position at an altitude ranging between 1,850 and 2,725 metres guarantees good snow conditions. As a back-up, the resort has extensive snow-making facilities, with over 100 snow cannons deployed to cover 60% of the ski area.



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 «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

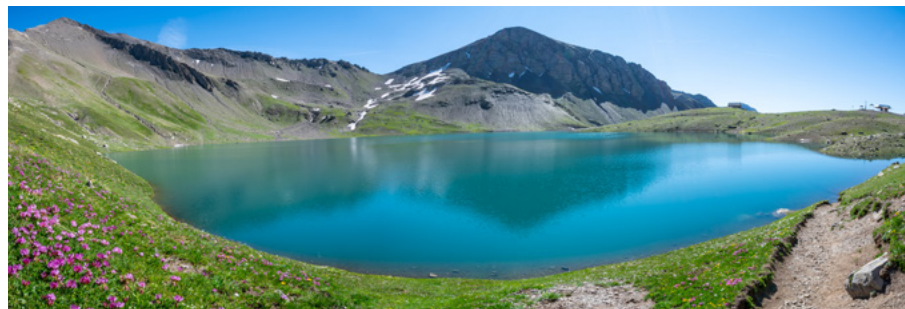


Reducing energy loss in resort buildings

Many of the resort's infrastructures have been renovated in recent years to improve their appearance and to save energy. A major building renovation programme, initiated by a group of condominium managers, was launched in 2014. The goal: To make the resort's residential buildings blend better into the alpine environment through the installation of larch wood cladding on the buildings. **Larch locally sourced, high-quality wood whose great advantage is that it does not require treatment. This programme is systematically accompanied by preliminary thermal insulation, in order to reduce energy loss in buildings that are now about fifty years old.**

In addition, at the Leisure & Relaxation Complex, the energy produced to cool the ice 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.

Orcières GOES GREEN



The ski area: an artificial snow network that respects the environment

The artificial snow network covering 60 % of the ski area consumes little energy, relying as it does on a gravity-powered circuit rather than one powered by pumping or cooling systems. Its main source of natural water is Lac des Estaris at an altitude of 2,600 m.

Everything is done in accordance with the recommendations of Ecrins National Park. Artificial snow may be unpopular with some people, but it does help guarantee that the ski area can stay open if the natural snow cover is insufficient. Providing 120,000 jobs across all lines of work, it plays an important role in preserving the balance between nature and economic activity. Here, artificial snow is simply water transformed into snow crystals when exposed to low temperatures. The water drawn from the lake goes back to its source at the end of the season when the snow melts.



Responsible accommodation

Smart recycling of unused beds for a «quality accommodation» label

To remedy the problem of empty beds in the resort, and reduce construction, a renovation policy has been implemented via the Quality Comfort Accommodation label («Qualité Confort Hébergement»). This has yielded gorgeous apartments that meet the demands of current customer bases. The purpose of Orcières Merlette 1850 is to assist property owners with their renovation projects by bringing in professionals (decorators, construction companies, etc.). 150 apartments have already classed as «Orcières Qualité Confort Hébergement» and rated with up to 5 claws (like stars). To be eligible for Orcières' Quality Comfort Accommodation certification, furnished tourist accommodation must first be classed as «Meublés de Tourisme» (furnished accommodation). Among the mandatory criteria, owners must comply with one of the eco-friendly measures to reduce energy or water consumption in the accommodation and take other steps such as sorting waste and using eco-friendly cleaning products.

Prices and info: www.orcieres.com

NEW



Green activities: Electric scooter rides

The all-terrain e-scooter is ideal for exploring the snow-covered landscapes of Orcières. 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 starting point for guided scooter rides is at the "Ice Racing" ice karting area of the leisure centre. From 12 years of age.

Prices & info: from €25. +33 (0)6 78 96 31 80
www.circuit-orcieres.com - booking required.



Peaceful holiday in an eco-lodge facing the Ecrins

Built entirely with ecological materials, the Coint offers breathtaking views of the Champsaur valley from its large south-facing terrace. Set in the hamlet of Montcheny, at the gates of the Ecrins National Park, this 6-person cottage is located just 5 min. from the charming village of Prapic, 5 min. from the leisure centre and 10 min. from the resort. Rated 3-star and 3-corn ears, the Coint is also certified Tourisme & Handicap, Famille Plus, and Orcières Qualité Confort Hébergement (4-claw).

Prices & info: From €716 per week. Gîte le Coint
Bernard Joubert: +33 (0)4 92 55 74 22 or +33 (0)6 31 58 87 57

Ecrin des Hautes Alpes eco-lodge:

«Winner of the National Coup de Cœur Prize of the Gîtes de France».

Surrounded by nature at the foot of the small resort of Serre-Eyraud, Ecrin des Hautes-Alpes is the very embodiment of a «Gîte de Charme» (Charming Cottage). It's composed of three lodges, proper little gems of 70 to 100 m² that accommodate 2 to 4 people each. Decorated in the old-fashioned way, they have all the charm of tradition while providing every modern comfort for your holidays: Here's the peaceful cocoon you've always dreamt of!

The large-capacity chalet, «Alpage des Autanes» opens this winter to welcome families and groups of friends! This former sheepfold has been converted into a traditional chalet. It accommodates 8 people and meets «Écogite» (ecolodge label) standards. Being out in nature doesn't mean you have to sacrifice any comfort. The large, glazed wood stove lends a particular charm to winter evenings, and the gorgeous, well-equipped kitchen promises all kinds of taste sensations! In winter, snow tyres (or chains – socks) are essential.

Prices & info: from €495 to €715 / week for Gîte Ouest, + €50 € to share with Gîte Est, + €120 for La Grange (+ €80 if short stay). Alpage des Autanes: €1,500 per week (cleaning, sheets, towels and firewood included).
+33 (0)6 23 85 21 43 - www.ecrin-des-hautes-alpes.fr, St Jean St Nicolas / Les Ricous



The Ecogite® Label approach: This is a certification awarded to accommodation of high environmental quality: Preservation of natural resources, minimisation of the negative impacts of tourism on the environment.

Indeed, a major criterion of the «Écogite» Label is how well accommodation blends into its environment. Seeped in respect for the local architecture and even featuring a chapel at the entrance of the property, the Ecrin des Hautes-Alpes is one of the most classic farms in the Champsaur valley.

Use of renewable energies: Central heating and domestic hot water are provided by a wood-fired boiler. The wood comes from the 5,000m² of woodland adjoining the property. The Nordic bath is also wood fired (stove located inside the bath).

Water and waste management: the taps are fitted with aerators to reduce water flow; natural water is collected to supply the Nordic bath and water the plantations; a shower has been installed rather than a bathtub; there is a rainwater collection system; a composter is available for organic waste; and the list goes on.

"Esprit parc national", the brand of an unspoiled region

The «Esprit Parc National» (National Park Spirit) 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.

Infos: www.orcieres.com



Orcières for families

A PARADISE FOR EVERYONE!



Famille Plus, Two words that say it all!

With its accommodation offer (Villages Clubs, tourist residences, etc.), services (Leisure and Relaxation Complex, Maison de l'Enfant (kids' club), etc.), «family» offers, ski area suitable for all (only resort to be equipped with 3 Telemix, fun pistes, etc.), Orcières is a resort entirely geared towards families.

FAMILY FIRST! FUN SPACES AND EXPERIENCES TO SHARE!



Winterparc snowtubes

The Winterparc is the perfect place to discover new downhill thrills! The gentle slopes of the Rocherousse Plateau are ideal for blasting down on snowtubes. The speed and feeling of pure glide make this a unique experience. You can do it alone or go as a group: 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'll 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 & infos : from € 14,50 /pers. - +33 (0)6 69 40 52 57 - www.winterparc.fr

Snakegliss

With your sledges tied together in single file, you go whizzing down the ski slopes at sunset. The «snake» zigzags all the way down, laughing and yelping as it goes... Whether as a family or with friends, 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. There are 3 options available: Discovery (3 km), Apéro gliss (6 km + mulled wine) and Sensation (8 km). From 4 years of age

Prices & info: From € 10 /child, € 15 /adult. +33 (0)7 83 51 23 62
www.orcieres-snakegliss.fr



OUT-OF-THE-BOX EXPERIENCES IN «INUIT» MODE!

Igloo food: Workshop on Igloo-building and fondue

Try a fondue evening in an igloo, it's an experience you'll never forget! After a demonstration and a workshop on igloo construction methods, Inuit apprentices are offered local specialties for a whole new taste sensation. The Champsaur fondue (served with an assortment of cold meats, dessert and drinks) is served in the igloo. You get to the Igloo on snowshoes (10 min.) From the Drapeaux snow front.

Prices & info: € 45 per person (€ 25 / child under 10) - From 6.30pm to 9pm. 6 to 8 people/igloo - 3 evenings per week
Info: IGL00 UP 1850 - +33 (0)6 75 94 98 38 - www.facebook.com/IGLOOUP/



Polar evening: Nordic family adventure!

The magic of a night in the Nordic village of Williwaw, high up on the Rocherousse plateau at 2,300 m... An adventure you simply can't afford to miss. The evening begins with a gentle hike to watch the sunset over the Ecrins massif. You'll make your way back as darkness falls to enjoy a starlit mountain meal cooked with hearty products from neighbouring farms. It's a majestic location with where you can observe the night-sky at its clearest, free of any light pollution. Then, warmly dressed, the guests tuck in for the night, under cosy duvets provided for the occasion. Under the white vault of the igloos, dreams fill the night. Early the next morning, the extraordinary light of dawn accompanies a tasty breakfast, to kick off another splendid day in the Alps. Bring fleece pajamas or jogging outfit, woolly hat, head torch.

Prices & info: €110 / person (hike supervised by a state-certified professional, meal, night in an igloo and breakfast).
33 (0)6 60 68 32 44 (from 5.30pm to 7pm only)
www.alpi-traineau.com,

Gentle ride on a sled pulled by husky dogs

This Siberian-style dog-sledding excursion is open to the whole family. Guided by a professional musher and his five faithful four-legged companions, you'll go for an unforgettable ride around the high-altitude plateaus. Excursions range from 20 min to 1h30. Children under 10 sit in the sled with their parents.

Prices & info:

> 20 min : 2 adults = € 90. 2 adults and 1 child max 14 years old = €100. 2 adults and 2 children under 10 = €110.

> 1h: €68/pers (max 2 adults 1 child-10 years old)
> 1h30: €115/pers (max 1 adult 1 child-10 years old)
+33 (0)6 60 68 32 44 - www.alpi-traineau.com



Snowshoe outing at sunset and tea time with the family!

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 and then sets behind the mountains. 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.accompagneurschampsaur.com

BARGAINS FOR YOUR SNOW TRIP:

Magical Christmas at Orcières Merlette 1850:

Your stay in the land of Father Christmas includes accommodation for 7 nights for 4 people, 6-day lift passes for 2 adults and 1 child (6-12 years old), 6 half-day ski lessons with ESF (Piou Piou) or ESI, 6 half-day ski lessons with ESF or ESI for 1 child 6-12 years old. It also includes unlimited access to the swimming pool and the ice rink at the Leisure & Relaxation Complex. The highlight: Santa giving out gifts on the evening of the 24th or the morning of the 25th!

Price & info: from €415 /pers. Valid on Christmas week. Price based on a 2-3 room apartment, 4 people (2 adults + 2 children) maximum occupancy, subject to availability. reservation.orcieres.com



In spring, Orcières invites the kids for free:

From March 26 to April 18, 2022, lift passes are free for children under 10, unconditionally (spring offer for little skiers!)

The package includes 7 nights of accommodation, 6-day lift passes for 2 adults with unlimited access to the swimming pool & ice rink, lift passes for 2 children under 10 years old.

Price & info: from €202 /person, Valid from March 26 to April 18, 2022. Price based on a 2-3 room apartment, 4 people (2 adults + 2 children) maximum occupancy, subject to availability. reservation.orcieres.com



Indoor / 10,000 M² of activities in the leisure & relaxation com- plex: swimming pool, bowling, skating rink, spa, cinema!

Great for family activities indoors, the Complex's aquatic space has: two large pools, waterfalls, water jets, and a slide. As a bonus, there are also swimming and aquagym lessons on offer. Just a few metres away, a 1,600 m² ice rink awaits skaters of any level. Our completely renovated ice rink, with light shows and musical accompaniments, is open to all – a real dance floor on ice!

Swimming pool and skating rink: € 6.20 /adult, € 5.20 /child • +33 (0)4 92 55 89 96
Liven up your evenings at the Bowling alley with its large, friendly bar room or enjoy a film the cinema.





Babysnow

Even the tiny tots can have their share of thrills and spills! They'll get their first taste of downhill aboard 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!

Prices & info: From €42. From 18 months to 2 ½ years - ESF - +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78
www.esforcieres.com



THE KIDS REIGN SUPREME!

At ESF's Jardin des PiouPiou, nothing's too big for the little ones!

«Le Jardin des Piou Piou» welcomes kids from 3 to 6 years old. This is one of France's loveliest snow gardens. Here, children take their first steps on skis under the watchful, friendly eye of ESF instructors who blend essential qualities such as fun, freedom, and imagination into their teaching methods.

Prices & Infos : 38€ / session, 158€ / 6 sessions.
ESF - +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 - www.esforcieres.com

Baby Sledding

In Orcières, you can start your career as a musher from the tender age of 3! 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!

Prices & info: €55 for a 2-hour session (Book in advance).
Age: 3/7 years. 10 children maximum. Orcières baby park.
Free shuttle access from the resort.
Nomad'Esprits: +33 (0)6 87 37 48 30
www.nomadesprits.com

Offbeat snowmobile excursion around the ski area

The kids are towed behind the guide's snowmobile in a trailer fully enclosed with windows so they can safely enjoy the ride. (Children aged 5 to 10).

Prices & info: €35 /child. Drapeaux snow front.
Motoneige Aventure - +33 (0)6 64 79 78 37
motoneigeaventure.com

NEW

Orcières FOR TEENS!

Team Rider course, get ready for some serious thrills!

For teenagers from the age of 13 who've obtained the Gold Star, this course is an opportunity to refine your style and to go further in the discipline. Join the Team Rider course and have fun skiing with new friends, break out of «academic» skiing and get creative on the mountains with fun instructors who'll share their techniques in each discipline, in complete safety: freeride, carving, snowpark, slalom !

Prices & info: from €148 for 6 half-days from Sunday to Friday (9am - 11.30am).
ESF - +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 - www.esforcieres.com

Freestyle area

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 ski cross track dotted with natural obstacles, jumps, banked turns, whoops... Plunge into the world of Alizée Baron, ski cross champion of Orcières.

Access via the Estaris chairlift

Take to the skies on one of the longest zip lines in Europe

Brave this daredevil crossing, nearly 2km from the top of Drouvet (2,650 m) to Lac Long (2,500 m), 300m above the ground, head-first in a lying-down position, hitting speeds of up to 140km/h! Adrenalin guaranteed! The skis go with you, which means you can keep skiing on arrival.

Prices & info: € 40/person. From 8 years of age.
Access on foot via the Télémix® lift or on skis (skis carried in a protective cover during the flight).
Roll'Air Cable - +33 (0)6 84 44 88 10
latyrolienne.fr

NEW



Discover the life of a trapper: «Mountain survival» adventures

Kids learn about living in nature and discover all the basics of trapper survival: lighting a fire, building a shelter, recognising animal tracks, knowing how to handle a rope, first aid, recognizing spotting edible plants, etc.

Prices & info: €16. Every Tuesday during the February holidays at 9.30am. 2-hour half-day outing. Bureau des accompagnateurs du Champsaur (Guides office)
+33 (0)6 63 64 05 97 accompagnateurs-champsaur.com

Opoualand, heaven for 6-12 year-olds

Kids just love the Opoualand slope, where they can play, improve their balance and have fun as they learn, sliding around among the colourful modules (caves, snow catapults, skill & agility games, 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.

NEW



Multi-activity ESF course

A 3-day activity programme designed to give children aged 6 to 12 a new angle on the mountain: Day 1: «Snow & Mountain» to learn all about mountain safety with transceiver searching, study of snow conditions, avalanches & the wind plaque phenomenon, rescue manoeuvres. Day 2: Fun snowshoe outing with obstacles to cross, animal tracks to discover. Day 3: Big treasure hunt in teams out in nature.

Prices & info: €95 for 3 half-days, €38 for one half-day. Choose the 3 half-days that suit you best: Sunday + Tuesday + Thursday or Monday + Wednesday + Friday, from 2pm to 4.30pm throughout the season, excluding February school holidays. From 4.30pm to 6.30pm during the February holidays. ESF - +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 - www.esforcieres.com

NEW



Weekend ski lessons

ESF Orcières offers group lessons at low prices for children aged 5 to 13, from Ourson level to 2nd star.

Prices & info: €76 for 2 half-days. Every Saturday and Sunday, except during school holidays.
from 10am to 12.30pm. ESF
+33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 - www.esforcieres.com

EXPERIENCES WITH THE RESORT'S PROS:

Budding piste pros: Every Wednesday during school holidays, there's a discovery tour for children to find out about jobs in the mountains. 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... This backstage tour of the slopes used to be for adults only, but not any more!

Prices & Info: Free, From 8 years of age, during school holidays. Registration form at the Tourist Office.
+33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

«Climb on up into my snowcat!» Do you wonder 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. It's a dream opportunity to admire the sunset over the still, deserted landscape and find out all you ever wanted to know about snow grooming.

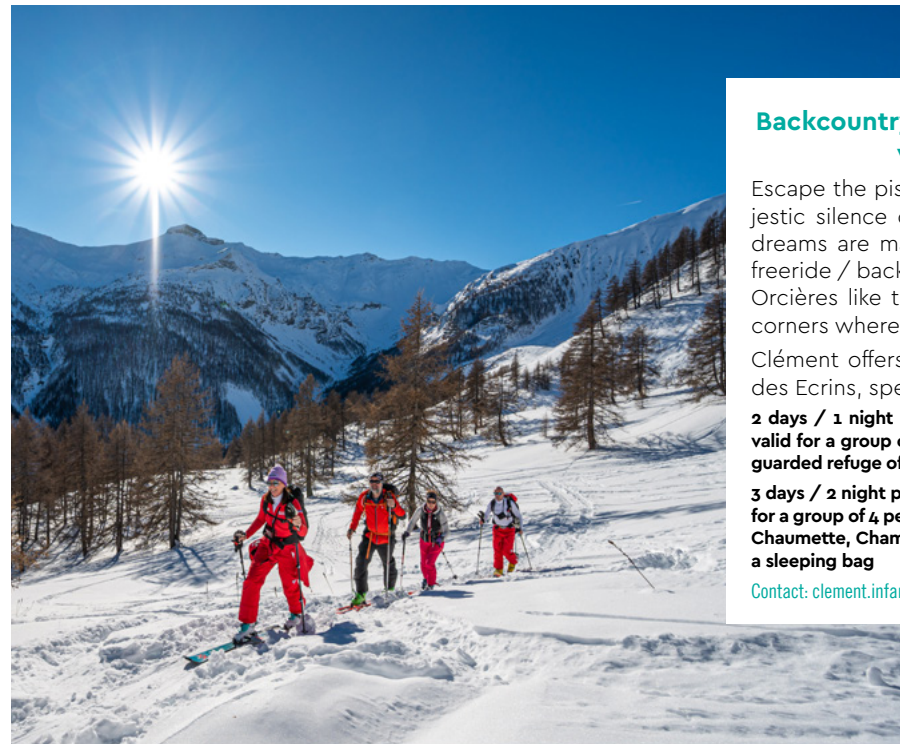
Prices & info: Free, registration and random draw every Thursday at the Tourist Office.
Contact: +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

Patroller for a day! 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. Needless to say, it's also a golden opportunity to have the slopes to yourself and get fresh tracks at sunrise...

Prices & info: Free, 2 hours minimum. Registration and random draw every Thursday at the Tourist Office.
+33 (0)4 92 55 89 89



Orcières FOR ATHLETES AND ADVENTURERS



Backcountry skiing: Follow your guide into the true wilderness of the mountains!

Escape the pistes and hit virgin slopes for fresh tracks in a majestic silence of the mountains... This is the stuff backcountry dreams are made of! Clément Infante, mountain guide, offers freeride / backcountry ski outings in complete safety. He knows Orcières like the back of his hand, down to the most remote corners where he'll take you to find the best snow.

Clément offers 2- or 3-day excursions at the heart of the Parc des Ecrins, spending your nights in shelters or inns.

2 days / 1 night package: 1500m +E (in total) €180 /pers for 2 days (price valid for a group of 4 people minimum). Meals provided. Overnight at the unguarded refuge of Pré la Chaumette, Champoléon valley. Bring a sleeping bag.

3 days / 2 night package: 1200m +E / day: €270 / pers for 3 days (price valid for a group of 4 people minimum). Overnight at the unguarded refuge of Pré la Chaumette, Champoléon valley and in an inn in Prapic. Meals provided. Bring a sleeping bag

Contact: clement.infante@gmail.com- +33 (0)6 32 93 04 71

EXAMPLE OF NATURE IMMERSION ACTIVITY LED BY A MOUNTAIN GUIDE



Among the unforgettable backcountry excursions on the massif

There are magnificent outings to be had around the outskirts of the resort, towards snow-covered lakes such as Estaris, a big lake at the heart of a protected natural area, or towards the Freissinières pass and Roc Diolon, the peak that stands guard over the Orcières Merlette resort at the gates of the Ecrins National Park. The descent is amazing, with 1,500 m of elevation drop from the summit, through the Pisses valley down amid the larch trees to Prapic; it even involves crossing streams! Have lunch or make an overnight halt at the Jabiore Inn to prolong this glorious experience! Prapic, one of Orcières' most charming hamlets, is also the start of a whole range of excursions through the Ecrins National Park. These boast magnificent slopes that can be reached on skis, such as Chapeau Rouge, Mourre Froid and l'Homme, among which you can choose the best orientation according to conditions

Biathlon: This year we've got something new to offer you: Archery!

Just like its little brother, the traditional Biathlon, standard cross-country skis or skates are used to get around the vast cross-country area of the Orcières leisure centre, which offers an ideal playground in which to try this offbeat discipline. What marks this biathlon out is the archery part! Using a bow and arrow, you shoot at circular archery targets placed at various intervals along the route in a safe manner. It feels like you're Robin Hood on skis... Or Martin Fourcade, France's all-time biathlon hero! After you've grasped some basic technical knowledge of cross-country skiing, you'll need concentration and agility to handle the rifle and shoot. It's an experience like no other!

Prices & info: €48 per session (bring standard cross-country skiing equipment) - Biathlon laser rifles: Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday. Archery: Monday & Friday. - Activity for adults only. 2.30pm to 4.30pm from 11/12/2021 to 04/02/2022 and 9.45am to 11.45am from 05/02 to 16/04/2022. - ESF - +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 - www.esforcierres.com



NEW

High-altitude flight in a hot air balloon

This kind of adventure is truly rare: Only 4 destinations in France offer such an experience. Orcières is always at the forefront when it comes to excitement! You can take off right from the ski area and soar at altitudes of over 4,000 m before landing in Gap. This extraordinary flight offers incredible views of the Ecrins during more than one hour. As the basket can hold 6 people, you can share the experience with family and friends!

Prices & info : 350€ / pers includes the return shuttle from Gap to Orcières. Gap-Tallard Fly Dream - +33 (0)4 92 54 32 10 www.gap-tallard.com

WINTER SPORTS CHALLENGES

White trail running at the heart of Ecrins National Park

Experience the pure magic of winter amid the changing scenery of the Ecrins National Park as you go trail running. Nature all around, snow screeching underfoot... What a glorious feeling! All winter, 15 km of groomed marked trails await you, so get your walking or running shoes on and get out there for a taste of sheer delight!

To take things a step further, challenge yourself and get your bib on to take part in the Trail Étoilé d'Orcières (Trail Run Under the Stars). This is a chance to run under the stars, in the pristine high-altitude landscape of the Alps. This year, the 3rd edition of the Trail Étoilé d'Orcières is taking place on January 22, 2022.

Infos: orcieres.com - Guided trail outings: Himal - +33 (0)6 66 12 76 62 www.himal.fr



Freeride skiing among the larch trees at Serre-Eyraud

This spot is located on the outskirts of the small, intimate village resort of Serre-Eyraud. Famous for its position nestled among larch trees, the village sits at an altitude of 1,500m at the foot of Grande Autane, one of the Ecrins' legendary peaks. It's the kind of wild spot that freeride enthusiasts dream of. Boasting exceptional snow conditions, the resort has 9 pistes, 2 of which are steep and challenging, spelling sheer delight for sporty riders who can also head off-piste into the larch forests.

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

Montée Givrée, a fun event based around cross-country skiing!

The «Montées Givitées» challenge is an opportunity to put your skills to the test or just enjoy a sociable sporting event accessible to all! It takes place every Thursday during school holidays. Races start at 6pm from the foot of the slopes at Les Drapeaux and arrive at La Bergerie chairlift, 2.5 km further on and 500m lower down. Refreshments are provided after the downhill descent.

Prices & info: €7 / pers (participation in the race and post-race buffet). From the age of 15. mgo.as2pic.org - +33 (0)6 52 68 42 47. You can rent equipment at various shops in the resort.

As an extra bonus: Big sports and freeride excursion on a dog sledding journey

This adventure is guided by one of the famous Grande Odyssée mushers: Philippe Desmurger, 20 years of experience in long journeys. If you love wide, open spaces and excitement, then you can't miss out on this unparalleled experience. You'll hit sledding speeds of up to 40km /hour!

Taking control of a team of 3 to 5 dogs, apprentice mushers set off for a 2-hour excursion along the plateaus and peaks of Orcières, at the gates of the Ecrins National Park. Get ready for speed and thrills as your faithful team pulls you uphill and down, while you learn to communicate with the dogs. Physical and intense, this is an all-encompassing experience!

Prices & info €145 /person for sports excursions. Duration 2h30. From 11 years old ski helmet compulsory up to 12 years old. Alpi Traineau +33 (0)6 60 68 32 44 www.alpi-traineau.com,





NEW

Goustarando: gourmet snowmobile outing

Climb on the saddle at nightfall for an unusual adventure. Snowmobiles roam the ski area every evening, when all the magic of the Orsatus mountains descends upon the sleepy slopes. Every Thursday evening, the excursion culminates in a delicious meal of mountain specialties at La Bergerie des Baniols, a former high pasture chalet turned mountain restaurant (exclusively reserved for the snowmobile group that evening). After an exquisite aperitif, the guests sit down around a fondue and a platter of cold meats. Desserts and drinks are also included in the menu.

Prices & info: snowmobile tour (1h): €50 /passenger - €100 /driver - €115 /1 passenger + 1 driver. Departures every day from 5 p.m. From 8 years old for a standard excursion without dinner. Gourmet excursion: Every Thursday evening. Meeting point at the foot of the slopes in the Drapeaux sector, 8 p.m. Return at 22pm. 26 people maximum. € 220 / snowmobile (2 pers.), € 90 for the guide's passenger. Book in advance. +33 (0)6 64 79 78 37 - www.motoneigeaventure.com

Orcières FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO RELAX AND EAT WELL

Salon des Souvenirs, tea room & souvenir shop:

This is a cosy cocoon where everything calls you to enjoy sweet pleasures: from the sweet and intoxicating smells of lime chocolates made with milk from the neighbouring farm, to steaming homemade waffles and pancakes stuffed with delicious jams from Délices Orsatus... The perfect place to curl up after a day in the great outdoors. This is a warm, stylish place where even the gorgeous decoration is for sale, because here everything can be brought home. The Salon des Souvenirs is a shop as well, with local products to sample along with household linen, crockery, you name it – whatever your tastes, bring home a little piece of Orcières!

+33 (0)4 92 55 86 94 - www.facebook.com/lesalondessouvenirs

A great place to sample regional specialties

Calling all food lovers out there, curious and ready to discover tourtons, ravioles, or even donkey's ears, let the resort's many restaurants awaken your taste buds! High Alps ravioles are little quenelles made with flour, fresh Tomme cheese and potato. Oreilles d'âne (literally, «donkey's ears») are similar to lasagne, but are garnished with spinach. Simply delicious! Several restaurants offer menus composed of local products, guaranteeing quality and a short supply chain. The specialties are homemade (tourtons, ravioles, donkey ears) and the dishes are concocted with products from the valley: cheeses from Champsaur, local lamb, wines from the Alps, Généri Guillaumette, etc.)

Among the favourites :
Les Gardettes +33 (0)4 92 55 71 11 / Le Refuge de Rochebrune +33 (0)4 92 55 74 36

Getting to know the land: workshops on using mountain plants and flowers in jam-making

Passionate about nature, Stéphane Bertrand-Pellissou is an expert in extracting flavours from plants as he turns them into jam. He can capture the most original aromas: larch flowers, genepi, dandelions, poppies, not to mention wild carrot flowers, elderberries... The spectrum of flavours is as wide as the variety of flowers that can be picked in and around Orcières.

The chef of Les Gardettes restaurant invites you to discover the virtues of wild plants over the course of a workshop entitled «Flavours of mountain plants».

Price & 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 - www.lesdelicesorsatus.com.

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



Orcières IS A BLAST, LET THE GAMES BEGIN!



Enjoy a mad day of fun!

> 8.00 am Open the pistes with the ski patrollers, then ride around the ski area and zoom down the FIS slope that hosts the European Ski Cups.

> After that, soar through the air at 140 km/h down a giant zip line from the top of the Drouvet (2,665m).

> 12 noon, time for a lunch break in the sun at the heart of the ski area, on the terrace of one of the mountain restaurants, as you enjoy panoramic views of the Ecrins mountains.

> Once you've re-fuelled, test your racing skills on the «Waouland» ski cross track, then go for a crazy snow tubing ride blasting down one of the designated Winterparc pistes.

> Fancy getting a bit of height? Head for the skies and enjoy incredible views of the mountains with a ski paragliding flight over the resort.

> And finally, it's time to end the day with the last sensations: when the area closes, hurtle down the slopes in 'snakegliss' formation.

> Still got some energy to burn? Then wrap up this fantastic day with a snowmobile or snow groomer ride at sunset, alone in the world in the wilderness of the mountains!

Independent excursion, solo and safe: 2 marked trails on the ski area:

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.

Info: www.orcieres.com

Introduction to backcountry skiing and safety equipment (group lessons)

Even alpine skiing experts need to learn some basics and ground techniques in order to safely start «backcountry skiing». To help people access to this popular new activity, prevent risks in the mountains, and provide training on the proper use of safety equipment, ESF offers introductory group lessons to adults who already have an intermediate level in alpine skiing.

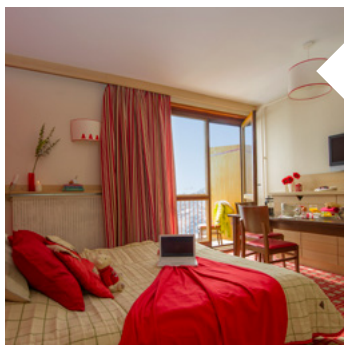
Prices & info: €38 per session Every Wednesday and throughout the season, from 7am to 9am. Loan of safety equipment (transceiver, shovel, probe). Bring your backcountry skiing equipment, which can be rent at any of the resort's ski shops. ESF - +33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 - esforcieres.com

NEW

Orcières ACCOMMODATION... THE RESORT CATERS TO ALL TASTES!

FAMILY ACCOMMODATION: HOLIDAY CLUBS, AN ALL-INCLUSIVE PARADISE

In Orcières, holiday clubs are a lifeline for families looking for easy, sociable holidays. They're all ruled by the same policy: to offer incomparable services and prices. They boast kids' clubs adapted to each and every age range, from 4 months to 17 years old, to offer your children a chance to enjoy various activities on their holidays, such as sledding, snow games, snowshoe outings, snow-ball battles, ski guiding for teenagers, and the list goes on. The packages offer: half-board or full board + lift passes + swimming pool + skating rink or rental. Entertainment and festivities and 6-day alpine ski passes are included.



Le Belambra Le Roc Blanc

The major assets: Ideally located in the middle of the resort. The Belambra experience that makes all the difference: Well-equipped kitchenettes in the apartments, as well as all-you-can-eat buffets in the restaurant, with panoramic views, for more choice. The best location of the resort: At the foot of the slopes, ski lifts and shops. The ski-in ski-out concept is undoubtedly a great favourite.

Prices & info: Stays from 18/12 to 25/12: All-inclusive full board (breakfast + lunch + dinner) for 2 adults and 2 children with apartment accommodation + 4 weekly ski passes: kids' club, linen, access to swimming pool and ice rink: €2,700 (€675 per person www.belambra.fr - +33 (0)1 46 10 13 14



Village Club du Soleil

The major assets: A high-altitude chalet for sociable lunches at the top of the slopes. Cross-country ski passes are included, giving you access to the Domaine de Rocherousse and the Orcières Leisure Centre circuit. Also included is loan of equipment such as children's helmets, sledges and snowshoes.

The Spa: The Village Club has a 200 m² wellness and relaxation area entirely devoted to your well-being: sauna, hammam, whirlpools, rest room, herbal tea room, and large solarium terrace. Aesthetic or comfort massages are available for an additional fee. The gym, offering a programme of lessons taught by coaches: Bungypump, stretching and relaxation. There are guided snowshoe outings.

Prices & info: Stays from 18/12 to 25/12 all inclusive full board (breakfast + lunch + dinner) for 2 adults and 2 children with apartment accommodation, 4 weekly lift passes, ski equipment, access to the kids' club, entertainment, and club activities: €2,856 (€714 per person): www.villagesclubsdusoleil.com - +33 (0)825 802 805



Accommodation out in nature: Le Kitz

Perched at 1,950 m above sea level in the pretty little hamlet of Forest des Estaris, Le Kitz is a former high-altitude chalet. At the beginning of last century, it housed the shepherds who came during the season to look after the animals and make sheep cheese. Fully renovated in larch wood brought from the village of Orcières, this chalet of 120 m² offers a modern mountain decor and sleeps up to 10 guests. The decoration is themed on skiing and the discipline's greatest athletes. What clinches its appeal is that you can put your skis on right at the door: ski in, ski out. With a quality rating of 5, Le Kitz offers the ultimate in comfort with its 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. From up here, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the resort and the Champsaur valley. Since the road to the chalet is covered in snow in winter, the owner provides snowcat transport for arriving and departing guests: A magnificent experience that really feels like being out in the wilderness of nature!

Info: www.orcieres.com - +33 (0)6 85 55 04 84



Luxury accommodation: Rochebrune-Les Cimes residence

Built according to traditional mountain architecture, the new 5-star «Rochebrune Les Cimes» residence boasts a surface area of 3,800 m² to host holidaymakers in a warm, cosy setting. 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 & info: from €270 / week in a 2-person studio. Prices include cleaning and take into account health provisions due to the Covid 19 crisis - +33 (0)825 825 677 / +33 (0)825 273 273 - www.labellemontagne.com/ www.odalys-vacances.com

WINTER RENDEZVOUS



January 22, 2022 ORCIÈRES TRAIL RUN UNDER THE STARS

A unique night-time snow race around the resort. The race begins at sunset, and participants finish the course by the light of their headlamps.

On the programme are 2 trail runs and a non-timed walk **Info:** www.trails-orcieres.com

December 11 & 12 2021 OPENING CELEBRATION

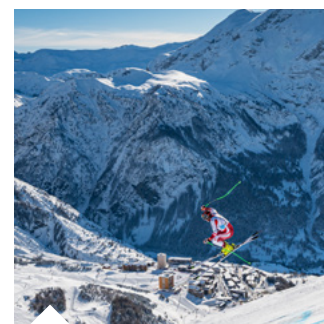
A weekend of festivities to kick off the winter season, throughout which owners are given prime position.



December 24 & 25, 2021 TEDDY BEAR CHRISTMAS

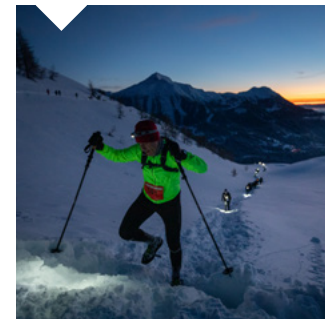
Orcières crackles with Christmas magic. There are lots of events to mark this beautiful family celebration, including of course the ever-popular «le Père Noël Chez Vous» («Father Christmas at home») operation (for a fee, register at the Tourist Office.)

All the resort's shops will light up with the magic of Christmas.



January 10 to 17, 2022 EUROPEAN SKI CUPS

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 are two downhill training runs, two descents, a super G and 2 giant slaloms.



January 29, 2022 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. The programme for this anniversary day features introductions to handiskiing and demonstrations by volunteer pilots. The party culminates a torchlight descent, organised by the ESF.



February 5, 2022 IMAGINE POP SONG LIVE

This pop music event comes to Orcières Merlette 1850, with a concert organised in partnership with Imagine La Radio: An unforgettable party right on the snow front.



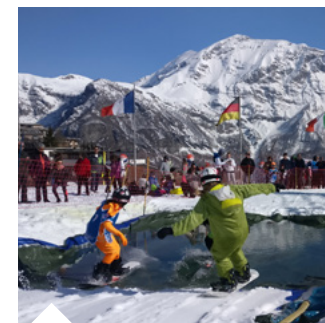
April 16 to 18, 2022 30TH TROPHÉE DES PETITS CHAMPIONS

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.



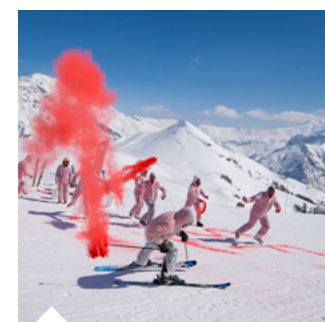
19 & 20 March, 2022 21ST ROSSIGNOL SKI GAMES

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.



March 26, 2022 DERBY D'ORCIÈRES

2nd edition of the Derby d'Orcières to follow the resounding success of the first edition. On the programme: Timed descent on a course specially created for the occasion, monoski parallel slalom and a grand challenge for seasoners. The day promises plenty of fun activities and entertainment.



April 10, 2022 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.

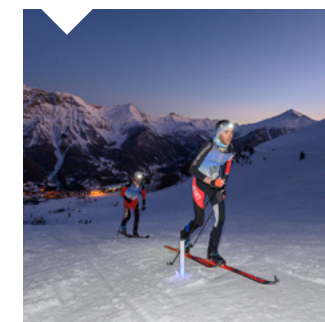
April 17, 2022 CLOSING EVENT

Ski & bike end-of-season party !



NIGHT BACKCOUNTRY SKIING RACE

Every Thursday during school holidays (see details on page 11)





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