



**PIONEERING SPIRIT.**

*Press kit / winter 2025-26*

# ORCIÈRES OPENS A NEW PATH



## ORCIÈRES 60 YEARS OF INNOVATION, AND COUNTING

From the very first sports centre in the heart of a Southern Alps resort (featuring both a swimming pool and an ice rink) to the creation of the Cartable à la Neige school-ski programme, the first-ever Jardin des Neiges for children, the pioneering Télémix® lift, and the imaginative artistic staging of the “World of the Six Lakes” hiking route... Orcières has been innovating for 60 years, acting as a true “locomotive” for the Champsaur territory thanks to the resort of Orcières Merlette 1850.

This is where the resort was born and grew, with local people becoming the first to work thanks to snow and skiing. Many of their children and grandchildren still carry on these mountain trades, shops, and skills today. This is a land to which its people are deeply attached. Hospitality runs deep here — “Here, you feel at home” is a phrase often heard at the Tourist Office.



## STRONG, LOCAL VALUES

With roots often in farming, shepherding or even travelling trade, the people of Orcières Merlette 1850 have built their story on knowing the value of effort, the power of novelty and innovation, the warmth of sharing, and the importance of a genuine welcome. Today, Orcières Merlette 1850 continues to evolve with the same ambitions, ready to change its face without ever changing its promise: snow, sunshine, and high-altitude smiles.

This is the DNA of Orcières Merlette 1850 — a destination where families, urban adventurers, and nature-lovers meet in a human-scale setting, enjoying modern facilities and exceptional sunshine.



## A 25-YEAR VISION for the territory

The desire to take back control of its own future led the municipality to reintegrate ski area operations into SEMILOM management. Since November 2022, the Tourist Office and the ski area have worked hand in hand on a shared 25-year plan, guided by the municipality's strategy and focused on the common good of both visitors and residents.

Tourism habits are changing, guest expectations are rising, and the climate itself is evolving. Orcières Merlette 1850 aims to set an example — in the Champsaur-Valgaudemar, across the Hautes-Alpes, and throughout the French Alps — by building a model that balances tourism economics, protection of its natural surroundings, and the vitality of local life, ensuring employment for residents and the long-term future of public services.



## MODERNISATION & INNOVATION :

### **Orcières Merlette 1850, a single destination for multiple experiences**

With its altitude — 1,850 m at the resort base and 2,725 m at the highest point of the ski area — Orcières is well-positioned for many more great years of skiing, still the main driver of its economy. But the resort now sees itself as a true resort in the broad sense: a single destination offering all the experiences today's visitors seek.

Orcières Merlette 1850 continues to shape its 100 km ski area and village to deliver quality services to every guest, year-round, with a strategy that extends beyond winter into summer and looks towards diversified experiences.

### **Upcoming projects include:**

- **Complete renovation of the Sports & Leisure Centre** (Autumn 2025 – December 2026), with energy efficiency upgrades, improved flow management and new facilities: an expanded bowling area, a panoramic spa, a modern gym, and a refurbished aqua play zone.

- **Removal of the car park** in front of the Tourist Office (scheduled for winter 2027–28) to make way for a 660-space underground facility, freeing up views and creating a 400 m<sup>2</sup> public plaza for markets, shows, concerts and gatherings.

- **Expansion of the wood-fired heating network**, adding a sixth plant to supply energy to seasonal workers' residences (five are already in service for public buildings).

- **Ongoing support for property owners** to upgrade their holiday rentals, with over 200 apartments now certified under the "Qualité Confort Hébergement" label, significantly enhancing the seasonal accommodation offer.



## ENHANCING THE NATURAL SETTING

Orcières Merlette 1850 is constantly evolving — improving accessibility, increasing pedestrian zones, running free shuttle services — all while enhancing the spectacular scenery at the gateway to the Ecrins National Park.

In places like Rocherousse, the resort disappears from view, leaving you feeling "away from it all"; in the valley, the leisure base offers Nordic skiing trails winding through the forest and along the Drac river. Showcasing this unspoiled nature is a guiding principle, with more contemplative activities helping to foster awareness of environmental preservation.

A perfect example is the summer "World of the Six Lakes" hike: a family-friendly walk enhanced by subtle artistic touches, transforming a simple outing into a heart-touching experience for visitors.

# SKI AREA – A MODEL OF INTEGRATION

## A mountain playground becoming EVER MORE ACCESSIBLE

Orcières Merlette 1850 continues its transformation, offering guests a ski area that is smoother, more comfortable, and firmly rooted in its natural setting. Several major upgrades came into service for winter 2025–26, marking a new chapter in the resort's ongoing evolution.

### Rethinking accessibility for beginners

The snowfront underwent a complete makeover in summer 2025 to offer a safer, more user-friendly, and fully dedicated space for beginners. Its slope was softened from 17% to 14%, following tightly controlled works that were subject to environmental impact studies and State approval.

**1** A 170 m covered magic carpet now replaces two outdated drag lifts, serving a beginner zone and a green slope.

The Flocon drag lift was dismantled and relocated to the Lauzières sector, on the western side, to replace an old chairlift and a challenging drag lift.



**2** The Vallons blue run has been reshaped and widened, creating a more gradual 600 m vertical descent. Beginners can now enjoy skiing blue slopes all the way from the summit of Orcières Merlette 1850 down to the snowfront. This redesign will also improve the flow of skiers, while offering breathtaking views over the Champsaur Valley and the resort itself.

**3** A new 6-seater chairlift (La Muande), departing from the Drapeaux snowfront and arriving between Lauzières and Méollion, has been installed. Its key benefits include:

■ Easier access to the **Camille Ricou piste**, a FIS-homologated red run that is the backbone of Orcières Merlette 1850's sporting ambitions. This emblematic slope hosts the resort's most prestigious annual events, including the Alpine Skiing European Cup speed races, and serves as a training ground for regional clubs and national teams. Improved access via the new chairlift means smoother logistics for competitions — and a better experience for the general public keen to ski it.

■ Replacement of three ageing, energy-intensive lifts, offering greater speed and comfort.

■ Reduced visual impact on the landscape (fewer pylons).







## Smarter management for a MORE SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN

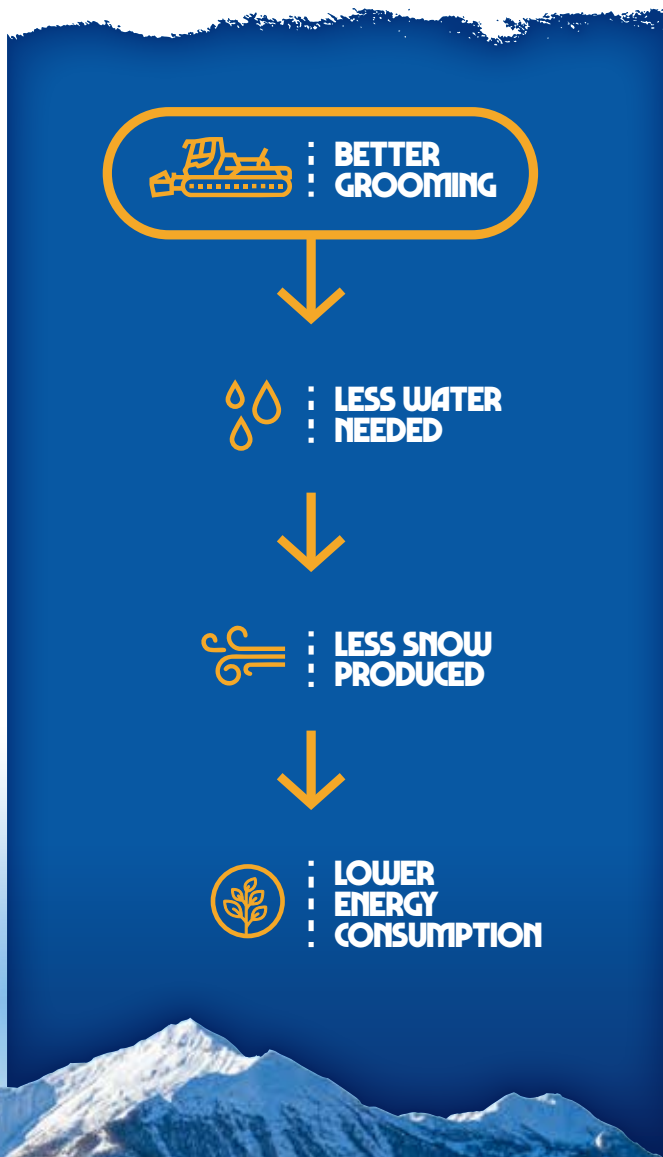
A micro-hydropower project is under study. One or two turbines, integrated into the snowmaking network, could supply up to 30% of the annual energy needs of both the ski area and the Sports & Leisure Centre, with minimal visual impact.

All snow-groomer operators are trained in eco-driving techniques, and the machines are fitted with Leica snow depth sensors from Prinoth. This technology optimises snow distribution across the slopes, leading to more efficient use of artificial snow: better grooming means less water needed, less snow produced, and lower energy consumption.

## NATURE IN ITS PUREST FORM

In the Lauzières sector, to the west of the ski area, the resort has chosen to preserve natural snow in a largely lift-free area, providing an uninterrupted panorama over the Champsaur Valley.

The Rocherousse plateau, on the edge of the Ecrins National Park, offers a meeting place for gentle adventures: dog sledding, snowtubing, cross-country skiing, a fun slope for children, a snow fun zone, snowshoe trails, and ski touring itineraries. The panoramic Chalet de Rocherousse restaurant will be completely rebuilt for winter 2027–28, as a new wooden chalet with a spacious terrace.





# BLUE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

## BLUE RUNS FROM 2,725 M DOWN TO 1,850 M

In Orcières, skiing goes hand in hand with gentleness for beginners. The resort offers something unique in the Hautes-Alpes: the possibility to descend from the very top of the ski area, at 2,725 m altitude, all the way down to the base at 1,850 m exclusively on blue runs accessible to the widest range of skiers. It's a dream for intermediate skiers seeking both sweeping panoramas and relaxed gradients, and for families eager to share long descents together, each at their own pace.

## SKIING WITH 360° VIEWS

The panoramic Bouquetins and Freissinières blue runs start from the ski area's two highest summits (the Drouvet at 2,655 m and Freissinières at 2,725 m), offering a dream route: almost 1,000 m of vertical drop in gentle slopes, punctuated by spectacular views over the Ecrins National Park peaks and the Champsaur Valley.

This winter, the experience is enhanced by the reshaping of the Vallons blue run, making it easier to access the western sector. A development that reflects the resort's ongoing commitment to making high-altitude skiing more accessible than ever.

ALMOST  
**1 000 m** OF VERTICAL DROP  
IN GENTLE SLOPES



## BEGINNER ZONES

*for learning in complete freedom*

To make those first turns in complete safety, Orcières offers four dedicated beginner areas, located on the two snowfronts and in the heart of the ski area (mid-station of the Drouvet and the Rocherousse plateau). These secure, easily accessible zones allow both children and adults to discover the joy of sliding in full confidence, before progressing to longer itineraries.



■ **FRONTS DE NEIGE DES DRAPEAUX**



■ **FRONTS DE NEIGE DU QUEYRELET**



■ **PLATEAU DE ROCHEROUSSE**



■ **INTERMÉDIAIRE DU DROUVET**

# ALTITUDE FOR EVERYONE

## ROCHEROUSSE :

*a high-altitude plateau for every kind of winter Fun*

At Rocherousse, everything comes together for a perfect winter's day at the top. Perched at 2,300 m, this high-altitude plateau offers a wide array of activities to suit every taste: boardercross for thrill-seekers, cross-country skiing for those craving a sportier glide (new this year: biathlon discovery), snowshoeing or ski touring for soaking in the scenery... and, of course, the magic of a dog sled ride.

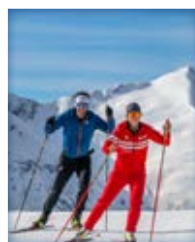
After an active morning, it's time for a gourmet break around the outdoor firepits at the mountain restaurant, before heading to the Winterparc for exhilarating runs on giant snow tubes. A true "village square" in the heart of the mountains!



## All on one plateau !

2,300 m – accessible via the Rocherousse Télémix®

- **Scenic lunch:** mountain restaurant with panoramic terrace facing the Ecrins peaks.
- **Snow tubing:** fun descents accessible to all, no skis required.
- **Dog sledding:** meet the huskies and learn the basics of mushing.
- **Cross-country skiing:** one blue and one red trail.
- **Snowshoe & pedestrian routes:** two itineraries, plus the Lac des Estaris ski touring route nearby.
- **Fun zone:** boxes, rails, rainbows...
- **Boardercross:** gentle bumps, banked turns, and guaranteed laughter for the whole family.
- **Nature immersion:** exceptional panoramas and an "away from it all" atmosphere.



## WINTERPARC : the snowtube sensation

Accessible via the Rocherousse Télémix®, and nestled on the plateau of the same name, Winterparc reinvents the way you slide. Here, there are no skis or snowboards—just big inflatable tubes ready to speed down specially groomed tracks. Go solo for pure thrills, or link up to eight tubes together for a laughter-filled group ride. Little ones under four have their own Baby slopes, and thanks to a dedicated lift, there's no need to trek back uphill.

### INFO & RATES

- from €17/person for 1 hour in the morning, €18 in the afternoon
- ☎ +33 (0)6 69 40 52 57
- 🌐 [www.winterparc.fr](http://www.winterparc.fr)

## Meeting the sled dogs with *Alpi traîneau*

### ■ Adventure ride, seated in the sled

Seated in the musher's sled, visitors are guided across the snowy Rocherousse plateau, taking in the magical scenery unfolding before them... This is the perfect family activity, requiring no special physical condition.

#### INFO & RATES

- 20min : €100/2 people
- 1h : €110/person
- 1h30 : €145/person
- 1h30 with fondue : €170/person

#### Alpi Traîneau:

- ☎ +33 (0)6 60 68 32 44
- 🌐 [www.alpi-traîneau.com](http://www.alpi-traîneau.com)

### ■ Driving your own team

Learn the basics of mushing with Philippe Desmurger, a renowned musher who competed for many years in the legendary "Grande Odyssée" race. Under his guidance, budding mushers take the reins of their own sled team, gliding through stunning snow-covered landscapes.

#### INFO & RATES

- from €50 to €210
- Alpi-traîneau :
- ☎ +33 (0)6 60 68 32 44
- 🌐 [www.alpi-traîneau.com](http://www.alpi-traîneau.com)



# HEARTBEAT OF THE MOUNTAINS

## NORDIC AMBIANCE *at the leisure center*

Just 3 km from the resort, the Orcières leisure center offers a different winter rhythm: that of Nordic skiing. Alongside the Drac River, 40 km of groomed trails invite skiers to glide gently through forests, clearings and breathtaking scenery. Several loops are available, suitable for all ability levels. Visitors come here for a dose of fresh air, to train, or simply to savour the silence of winter, far from the ski lifts.

### INFO & RATES (WINTER 2024-25)

🎟 Southern Alps Nordic Pass – week €70/adult, €45/child (5–15 years)

🌐 [www.nordicalpesdusud.com](http://www.nordicalpesdusud.com)



## YOUNG MUSHERS IN THE MAKING!

At the Orcières leisure base, the huskies of Nomad'Esprits eagerly await their young apprentice mushers. Children, equipped and supervised by professionals, learn to drive a dog team specially adapted for them. After a short theory session and meeting their four-legged partner for the day, it's time for hands-on experience in unspoilt nature along the Drac River.

### INFO & RATES

🎟 Baby Sledding (ages 3–7): adult accompaniment required, 2-hour session, €55/child

Kids Sledding (ages 8–12): 2-hour session, €70/child

Nomad'Esprits :

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## SERRE-EYRAUD, *authenticity at the tip of your skis*

In Serre-Eyraud, skiing takes on a whole new dimension. Far from the big ski areas, this tiny resort overlooking a hamlet of just 25 souls offers a timeless interlude. Three lifts, 600 m of vertical drop, 10 km of varied pistes, and above all, a unique off-piste playground where you weave between larches in complete silence. The north-east aspect guarantees quality snow, and the view over the Champoléon valley is the perfect finishing touch for those seeking the mountains in their purest form.

*Passes available from the village bar-restaurant.*

### RATES SERRE-EYRAUD:

🎟 1-day pass €18/adult, €14.50/child



## SKI TOURING

*in the Écrins with an overnight at the Refuge de l'Oncle Émile*

The ESF Orcières ski school offers a two-day ski touring adventure to the preserved hamlet of Dormillouse. Nestled in the Freissinières valley, in the heart of the Écrins National Park, this historic site is only accessible on foot or by skis in winter. After a demanding ascent, enjoy a warm and convivial evening at the refuge, with half-board accommodation, before heading back the next day. Between untouched landscapes, the satisfaction of the climb, and an authentic mountain experience, this outing is aimed at experienced skiers seeking adventure and disconnection.

### INFO & RATES

🎟 from €349/person (based on 4 people) for 2 days / 1 night, including guiding and half-board at the refuge

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# ÉCRINS OF NATURE



## SNOWSHOEING

### on the trail of Chamois in Prapic

Every Friday morning, from 9:15 am to 12 pm, families strap on their snowshoes for a hike from the picturesque village of Prapic into the heart of the Écrins National Park. At first light, the chamois emerge from their hiding spots and can be easily observed through a spotting scope—an unforgettable moment for the youngest participants. The route, accessible to all, winds through snow-covered alpine pastures and larch forests, leading to a spectacular frozen waterfall. On the way back to Prapic, the guide shares more about this curious and playful mountain animal.

#### INFO & RATES

€ adult €30 – child (8–14 yrs) €25  
– 30% discount from the 2nd child onwards (snowshoes & poles provided)

#### Champsaur Mountain Guides :

+33 (0)6 63 64 05 97

accompagneurs-champsaur.com



## SKI TOURING on marked routes

Orcières offers ski touring enthusiasts two marked and maintained routes. Secure and accessible all day, from ski area opening to closing, these trails allow powder lovers to enjoy a peaceful escape with a contemplative effort.

■ **Méollion** (3.4 km, +640 m vertical): about 1.5 hrs, starting from the Front de Neige des Drapeaux (1,850 m) and ending at Pointe de Méollion (2,474 m).

■ **Estaris** (4.6 km, +800 m vertical): about 2 hrs, starting from the resort (1,870 m) and ending at the top of the Estaris chairlift (2,670 m). Descent via ski area pistes for greater safety.



## INTO THE WIDE OPEN SPACES of the Écrins National Park

On the snowy slopes of the Écrins National Park, the ESF Orcières ski school invites skiers to experience freeride and freerando adventures in complete safety, guided by a qualified instructor. Whether it's your first time with skins on or you're looking to refine your technique, each outing combines learning, safety, and discovery. Between ascents to sweeping panoramas and powder-filled descents, these trips are also an opportunity to explore little-known itineraries far from the crowds.

#### INFO & RATES

- Beginner group lesson (2 hrs): €44
- Intermediate outing (3h30 – max 5 people): €225
- Advanced outing (7 hrs – max 5 people): €367

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## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FABRICE discovering winter wildlife

The mountains hold no secrets for Fabrice. As a mountain leader, keen observer, and storyteller, he takes families on an exploration where every step reveals a new discovery. Here, the tracks of a mountain hare dot the fresh snow; there, the rhythmic tapping of a black woodpecker echoes from an ancient larch. In a quiet valley, he explains the role of protected zones in the survival of Alpine species. With Fabrice, the mountains are not just visited—they are lived, listened to, and understood.

#### INFO & CONTACT

Fabrice Arbonnier

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# HOSPITALITY, ORCIÈRES STYLE

## *Tailor-made holidays with* **THE RESORT BOOKING CENTRE**

In Orcières, the booking centre is the true conductor of a well-orchestrated holiday. Its secret? A curated catalogue of Quality Comfort-labelled apartments, a centralised service for booking accommodation, activities and events, and—most importantly—a local team who knows the destination inside out. Nathalie and Alexis treat every request as a new challenge: finding the perfect home base, crafting a personalised programme, and designing a stay that truly reflects the guests who come to live it.

### **NFO & BOOKING**

+33 (0)4 92 55 89 69 [reservation.orcieres.com](https://reservation.orcieres.com)



## **Quality Comfort label : raising accommodation standards**

In Orcières Merlette 1850, the fight against underused “cold beds” (unoccupied beds) took a concrete turn in 2017. The resort launched the Orcières Quality Comfort Accommodation label, rated from 1 to 5 “paws,” to encourage the renovation of privately-owned holiday rentals and meet the evolving expectations of guests. Over 200 properties have already been awarded the label, supported by a free coaching service for owners. Beyond comfort and style, the label incorporates eco-friendly criteria, embedding the approach in a sustainable vision for mountain accommodation.



## **A resort that takes care of its seasonal workers**

In Orcières, the spirit of conviviality extends naturally to the seasonal workers who help bring the resort to life each winter. Nearly 220 seasonal staff are hired each season in key sectors: ski lifts, hospitality, catering, sports and leisure. Around 60% are locals—proud to work in their own backyard—while for others, the resort offers tailored support: access to affordable housing, serviced pitches, and free shuttle transport to the leisure base. A welcome day at the start of the season, regular social events, and structured training programmes all help build loyalty, with more than 70% of contracts renewed year after year.





# EVERYTHING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY IN JUST ONE CLICK

## Smart ski passes at friendly prices

In Orcières, planning ahead pays off. Thanks to a dynamic pricing policy, early bookers enjoy attractive discounts on their ski passes. With the PROPUL'S offer, passes purchased in advance—up until midnight the day before your first ski day—can be discounted by up to 25%. A winning formula that encourages travellers to plan their stay with peace of mind while keeping their budget under control.

 Available exclusively at [www.pass.orcieres.com](http://www.pass.orcieres.com)

## All-inclusive with the HORIZON PASS

In Orcières, the Horizon Pass redefines après-ski. Starting from just a 2-day ski pass, it includes unlimited access to the swimming pool and ice rink at the Palais des Sports. Designed to appeal to families and visitors seeking variety, this pass embodies the modern resort vision: everything within easy reach—from fresh mountain air to indoor leisure—set against a warm and welcoming backdrop of exceptional natural beauty.

 Available exclusively at [www.pass.orcieres.com](http://www.pass.orcieres.com)

## Springtime means free skiing for kids!

Bathed in generous sunshine and with slopes still perfectly snow-covered, spring in Orcières is a family favourite. From 21 March to 12 April 2026, children under 12 ski for free (no conditions—proof of age required). It's the perfect opportunity to extend the ski season, learn new skills, or simply enjoy the slopes together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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**NEW!**

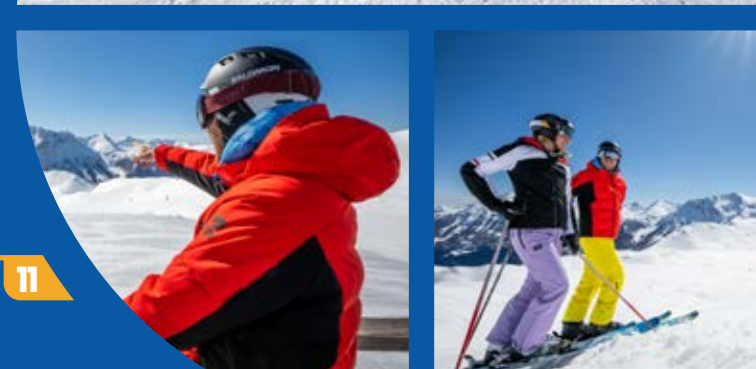
## Sea & mountain stay: 9 days between Orcières and Cannes

From crisp Alpine air to the gentle Mediterranean climate, this 9-day trip showcases the very best of southern France. After a transfer from Marseille Airport, guests spend 4 days in Orcières skiing at their own pace, with daily shuttles from the leisure center to the resort and an included entry to the Palais des Sports. The journey then continues to Cannes and the Côte d'Azur for 3 days of relaxation and discovery: guided tour of the old town aboard a mini-train, a stroll along the famous Croisette, cultural outings and Provençal market visits. Evening meals are included, and flight bookings can be arranged as an option.

### INFO & PRICES

 Available in January and March (outside school holidays)  
From €1,349 per person (minimum 20 participants per trip)

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# FAMILY, HOW I LOVE YOU

## FAMILY

*The DNA of Orcières for over 60 years*

A true family resort, Orcières has been delighting parents and children for more than six decades! A pioneer in family hospitality since 1967—with France's very first "Jardin des Neiges" and the launch of the "Cartable à la Neige" school-and-ski programme—it continues to innovate year-round, offering top-quality ski facilities, leisure amenities, family-friendly and unusual activities, all wrapped in a 5-star welcome. Its commitment to family holidaymakers has been officially recognised since 2006 with the Famille Plus label.



### ESF daycare

#### "LES OURSONS"

Right in the heart of the resort, the "Les Oursons" daycare welcomes little ones from 3 months up to 6 years old. In cosy, secure spaces supervised by a team of qualified childcare professionals, days unfold to the rhythm of games, stories, shared meals and nap times. Parents can relax knowing their children are in good hands—whether for a half-day or a full day. For those already comfortable on skis, the "ski lesson + daycare" option allows for seamless transitions between time on the slopes and moments of gentle play.

#### INFO & PRICES

€ €41 for a half-day, €92 for a full day,  
and weekly packages up to €434 for 6 full days, lunch included.

#### ESF Orcières :

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### PIOU-PIOU SNOW GARDEN – ESF

An Orcières institution—home to France's very first "Jardin des Neiges"—the Piou-Piou Snow Garden is a magical, miniature ski world where children aged 3 to 5 discover the joys of snow at their own pace. Guided by ESF instructors, they progress in a playful setting equipped with conveyor belts, colourful figurines, gentle turns and small bumps. Each session is an adventure in itself: learning to glide, stop, and turn—always through play. At week's end, the medal ceremony is a highlight for children and proud parents alike.

*The "P'tits Poussins" programme welcomes toddlers from 2½ years old for their first safe glides through fun, age-appropriate activities.*

#### INFO & PRICES

€ €49 per half-day, €200 for 6 half-days (medal included)  
médaillon incluse – €220 for "P'tits Poussins."

#### ESF Orcières :

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# ALL-INCLUDED SERVICES

## Sleep in Paris, **SKI AT SUNRISE**

Board the train in Paris at 9 pm, drift off to sleep to the gentle rhythm of the rails, and wake up to the sight of snow-covered peaks... That's the magic of the Paris–Gap night train. Every evening, a direct service leaves the capital, whisking skiers overnight to Gap, just 45 minutes by shuttle to get to the slopes in Orcières. The return works the same way. More than just a means of transport, this is an invitation to slow travel, with a carbon footprint up to 30 times lower than driving. Perfect for a zero-carbon weekend getaway.

### FARES

🇪🇺 One-way tickets from €40 (Paris Austerlitz to Gap).



## PAUSE O'CHAUD : A warm welcome between activities

Right in the heart of the resort, the Pause O'Chaud room is a cosy retreat for a break between activities. Heated and welcoming, it offers tables, chairs, restrooms, and a baby-changing area. Ideal for enjoying a picnic indoors, meeting up with friends or family, or simply recharging

### INFO

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



## TRAVEL LIGHT : lockers and luggage service

For those arriving early, leaving late, or wanting to make the most of the day without heading back to their accommodation, a secure locker and ski-storage service is available near the Palais des Sports. The 82 lockers are fitted with drying systems for equipment, so you can explore

### INFO & PRICES

🇪🇺 from €2 (luggage service) and €10 (ski-storage)

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



## SNOW BALANCE BIKES : tiny slopes for tiny riders

Even the youngest guests can enjoy their first taste of sliding fun with snow balance bikes, available to hire from Ski Center. Fitted with two short skis instead of wheels, these no-pedal bikes let little ones push along with their feet on the snow, helping them develop balance and confidence before they even strap on skis.

### INFO & PRICES

🇪🇺 €6 per hour

🌐 [www.ski-center-orcieres.fr](http://www.ski-center-orcieres.fr)



## GETTING AROUND MADE EASY

At Orcières, there's no need for a car: a free shuttle service connects the resort, the village, and the leisure center down the valley. Frequent rotations and timetables tailored to ski hours make getting around simple, whether you're carrying skis or towing a sled. In summer, the service continues, with trailers adapted to carry scooters or mountain bikes.

### INFO

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



# SMILES AT ALTITUDE

## Meeting the residents of “TOUT LÀ Ô” farm

Spending time “Tout là Ô” means stepping straight into farm life alongside its friendly residents. Curious goats come to greet the children under the watchful eyes of Pauline and Jean-Baptiste, who are always delighted to share their passion and daily routine. Families leave with eyes sparkling... and hands full: in the little shop, fresh organic eggs, goat terrines and saucisson sit alongside local honey, cheeses, and craft beers. A visit that feeds both curiosity and appetite.

### INFO & PRICES

- Self-guided visit €2.50/person
- Guided goat-milking visit (40 min to 1 hr) €3.50/person
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- 🌐 [lafermetoutlao.wixsite.com/fermepedagogique](http://lafermetoutlao.wixsite.com/fermepedagogique)



## LITTLE PROS OF THE SLOPES

Every Wednesday afternoon during the French school holidays, budding mountain experts set off to discover the hidden jobs that keep the resort running: climbing into a piste-groomer, meeting the ski patrol, discovering the snowmaking factory... a unique behind-the-scenes look at life on the mountain.

### INFO

- From 8 years old – School holidays only, Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm
- Sign up at the Tourist Office
- ☎ +33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

## “MOUNTAIN SURVIVAL SKILLS” life as a trapper

In the heart of the mountains, children discover nature and, for the more adventurous, the basics of trapper life: how to light a fire, build a shelter, identify animal tracks and edible plants, protect against the cold, and even master rope skills. A hands-on expedition that feels straight out of an adventure book!

### INFO & PRICES

- € €17
- Every Tuesday during the February holidays at 9:30 am – Half-day (2 hrs)
- Champsaur Mountain Guides:**
- ☎ +33 (0)6 63 64 05 97
- 🌐 [accompagneurs-champsaur.com](http://accompagneurs-champsaur.com)



## BIATHLON

### Between glide and precision

Inspired by the Olympic discipline, Orcières' version of biathlon combines cross-country skiing with laser rifle shooting. Children learn to balance physical effort with laser-focused accuracy in this fun, complete sport. Small groups (max. 8) ensure real progress while keeping it playful.

### INFO & PRICES

- From 8 years old (skating),
- private lessons available for children under 8,
- Every afternoon during school holidays, Fridays only outside school holidays.
- €48/person

- Meeting point: Rocherousse Plateau (pedestrian pass required)
- Equipment rental available in the resort

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# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

## SANTA CLAUS MAKES A HOUSE CALL

Dressed in his big red coat, Santa Claus arrives in Orcières to visit the children... Whether they've been perfectly well-behaved or a little mischievous, every child deserves the most magical of gifts at Christmas. This is the perfect opportunity to invite our favourite white-bearded grandpa into your home for gift-giving on the morning of 25 December! Everything is planned for his grand tour: he'll knock on the doors of all the wide-eyed little ones... No doubt about it, surprise and magic will be in the air! To make this dream come true, register with the Tourist Office.

### INFO & BOOKING

 <https://reservation.orcieres.com/>



## SOUTHERN REGION EUROPEAN CUPS

**26 to 30 January 2026**

The Women's Alpine Skiing European Cup speed events will set down their skis in Orcières Merlette 1850, taking place on the famous FIS-homologated "Camille Ricou" downhill run. Holidaymakers can cheer on the racers during two downhill events and one Super-G.

## ORCIÈRES STARRY TRAIL

**10 January 2026**

Running through snow beneath a sky full of stars, lit only by your headlamp – that's the exhilarating challenge of the "Trail Étoilé." Three hundred participants take on the course in a hushed, magical atmosphere, facing the Ecrins National Park, with the celestial vault as their backdrop.

 [www.trails-orcieres.com/le-trail-etoile](http://www.trails-orcieres.com/le-trail-etoile)



## EUROPEAN CUPS & FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SNOWBOARDS CROSS

**30 March to 5 April 2026**

From 30 March to 2 April 2026, Orcières will host the European Cup in snowboardcross, followed by the French Championships from 3 to 5 April. Two major events on the international and national calendars, gathering on the Charpenet piste Europe's top snowboarders and France's most decorated athletes. Between jumps, banked turns and precision sequences, the show promises to deliver, immersing spectators in the speed and intensity of this Olympic discipline.



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