

CÔTE d'AZUR
FRANCE

THE RESORTS OF THE ALPES-MARITIMES

THE MOUNTAINS-SEA ESCAPE



WINTER PRESS RELEASE 2024-2025

TAKE TO THE HEIGHTS !

The Côte d'Azur – in all its undeniable grandeur and spectacular purity – can also be admired from its peaks.

With 15 resorts and 600 km of slopes, just 1.5 hours from the coast and 3 hours from Paris, the mountain resorts of the Alpes-Maritimes present a unique offering and position, supported by the CÔTE D'AZUR FRANCE and PURE ALPES regional labels.

CÔTE D'AZUR FRANCE and PURE ALPES.

For over 130 years, winter sports have been helping to raise the profile and build the reputation of our Alpes-Maritimes department.

With family, a partner or among friends, mountain holidays help diversify the tourist clientele of the CÔTE D'AZUR FRANCE destination.

From vast ski areas like Auron, Isola 2000 or Valberg, to village resorts such as Beuil Les Launes, La Colmiane Valdebløre, Roubion – Les Buisses, Station de Gréolières, Turini Camp d'Argent, Val Pelens and L'Audibergue – La Moulière, not forgetting the Nordic areas of Boréon, Castérino, Saint-Delmas-le-Selvage, Estenc-Entraunes or Peïra-Cava, **each resort has its own identity and assets** to attract winter-sports fans, whether novices or seasoned athletes, or simply visitors seeking a getaway in the great outdoors.

With record levels of sunshine and activities for all interests – Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowshoe hiking, zip lines and more – the mountains of the Côte d'Azur stand out for both their exceptional landscapes and their

range of après-ski and off-piste activities. From six of our resorts, on a clear day, skiers can make out the sea and soak up the beauty of the Côte d'Azur, even from way up on high !

We are also proud to announce that the French Alps have been chosen to welcome the **Winter Olympic Games 2030**, encompassing the areas of Haute-Savoie, Savoie, Briançon and Nice. This selection reinforces our commitment to modernising our infrastructure.

We are very proud of the fact that territorial authorities including the Alpes-Maritimes Department continually invest to meet both the changing expectations and needs of winter-sports enthusiasts and environmental matters.

For everyone from skiers, snowboarders and hikers to visitors in pursuit of wide-open spaces and fresh air, our valleys are ready to welcome you for winter 2024–2025.

Welcome to our snowcapped mountains, where excitement is already building for the 2030 Winter Olympics!



ALEXANDRA BORCHIO FONTIMP,
President of Côte d'Azur France Tourisme Board

COME DISCOVER THE EXPERIENCE
#COTEDAZURFRANCE
#PUREALPES

15 SKI RESORTS

460 km of Downhill Ski Slopes
150 km of Cross Country Ski Runs
And snow less than 90 minutes from the coast...



- GREAT SKI AREAS
- VILLAGES RESORTS
- CROSS-COUNTRY AREAS
- TRAIN DES NEIGES

3 GREAT SKI AREAS FOR SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS

AURON : Family-Oriented and Lively.

The biggest ski area in the Alpes-Maritimes, the resort has the "Famille Plus" label. The ski area is connected to Saint-Etienne-de-Tinée by cable-car.

ISOLA 2000 : Freestyle Queen of Champions.

A land of talents, this is the highest resort in the department and the most party-oriented. It attracts freestyle lovers.

VALBERG : A Resort With Values.

With its "Flocon Vert" [Green Snowflake] label for its sustainable commitment and "Famille Plus" for the attention it pays to its family clientele. The ski area is connected to Beuil les Launes.



THE "COTE D'AZUR FRANCE" EFFECT. SKI SLOPES WITH A SEA VIEW FROM SIX RESORTS

Unique! The special geography of the Alpes-Maritimes offers exceptional panoramic views from the Cote d'Azur massif. In clear weather, skiers can gaze at the Mediterranean Sea from Valberg, Isola 2000 (from the resort's highest point at an altitude of 2610 m), the Col de Turini (Turini-Camp d'Argent), Roubion, Gréolières-Les-Neiges as well as L'Audoubert.

 In Côte d'Azur France, ski with your eyes on the deep blue sea!

7 VILLAGE RESORTS FOR A WARM FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

BEUIL LES LAUNES : A Resort With Values.

The birthplace of skiing and winter sports in the Alpes-Maritimes. Connected to Valberg, it dominates the Upper Cians with its red rocks.

LA COLMIANE-VALDEBLORE : Fill Up on Thrills.

The resort is home to France's biggest zip-wire: 2663 metres long and 130 km/h at top speed!

ROUBION - LES BUISSES : Unforgettable Panoramas.

From up there, you have a 360° view of the Mercantour chain and as far as Corsica when the weather is clear.

TURINI CAMP D'ARGENT : Gently With The Family.

The quintessential small-format family resort, suitable for young children. As a bonus, exceptional panoramic views of the coast.

VAL PELENS : Gentle for Children.

The village resort of Saint-Martin-d'Entraunes, it is particularly suitable for children and fledgling skiers.

GRÉOLIÈRES RESORT : For All Tastes.

In the high lands of Grasse, this is the resort closest to the coast (22 km as the crow flies). Panorama of the whole Côte d'Azur.

L'AUDIBERGUE - LA MOULIÈRE : Well-Being and Nature.

Two family resorts connected by a ridge. For a stay focused on gastronomy, well-being and nature.

5 CROSS-COUNTRY AREAS TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE HEART OF NATURE

LE BORÉON : Fun and Family-Oriented.

Near the village of Saint-Martin-Vésubie, one of the biggest cross-country ski centres of the Alpes d'Azur.

CASTERINO : Zen and Switching Off.

At the gates of the Vallée des Merveilles, a few kilometres from Tende, a haven of peace, at the heart of a preserved site.

ESTENC-ENTRAUNES : Authentic and Refreshing.

In a magnificent Alpine setting and absolute peace, beautiful cross-country ski or snowshoe outings.

PEÏRA CAVA : Peaceful.

Overlooking the valleys of the Paillon, La Vésubie and La Bévère, it delights lovers of peace and quiet.

SAINT-DALMAS-LE-SELVAGE : A Cross-Country Escape.

At the heart of the Tinée Valley, a return to the roots where peace, serenity and a change of scene combine.



THE VILLAGE RESORTS OF THE SOUTHERN ALPS

The concept of the Village Resorts of the Southern Alps is a unique one: simplicity and diversity of activities and the friendly atmosphere of village life, with a human and family-friendly dimension. The criteria for joining this charter are as follows: historic village of less than 2,000 inhabitants, environmental-protection awareness actions, comprehensive equipment, some accommodation, catering and shops and a tourist-information body.

Certified resorts : **La Colmiane Valdeblore, Roubion - Les Buisses, Saint-Dalmas-le-Selvage, Turini Camp d'Argent and Le Boréon**

HANDI SKI 06

The Handi Ski accessible skiing programme allows people with disabilities to practise this sport in optimal comfort and safety conditions. Several tandem skis are available free of charge of at the following resorts : **Isola 2000, Auron, Valberg, Gréolières, and La Colmiane.**

Infos and bookings: : www.handiski06.com

FAMILLE PLUS

'Famille Plus' is the only national tourist label certifying the reception and services offered to families with children in French tourist towns. Certified resorts: **Auron, Valberg, Saint-Martin-Vésubie and, just recently Isola Village and Isola 2000** with the creation of a nursery service and outdoor recreation centre.

- www.familleplus.fr

SNOW & SKIING IN THE ALPES-MARITIMES

FROM COASTAL TOURISM TO THE PEAKS: THE ASCENT OF WINTER SPORTS

A humanitarian mountain enthusiast, Chevalier Victor de Cessole joined the Club Alpin Français in 1889, then decided to **introduce the Côte d'Azur peaks** to the middle-classes holidaying on the coast of the Côte d'Azur. As Lord Brougham had done to attract the British middle-classes to Cannes, he therefore invited friends from high society to share his wonder before **the beauty of these landscapes** and practice skiing, sledging, ice-skating in the mountains of the Alpes-Maritimes.

The Chevalier de Cessole told of his expeditions through articles and photographs of the peaks and villages, and made friends with climbing celebrities. As he gradually conquered the summits, he created real archives about a territory which was then unknown. His aim: to **introduce the Alpes-Maritimes massif**, the least known of all the Alps. He never stopped photographing the rapidly changing mountains.

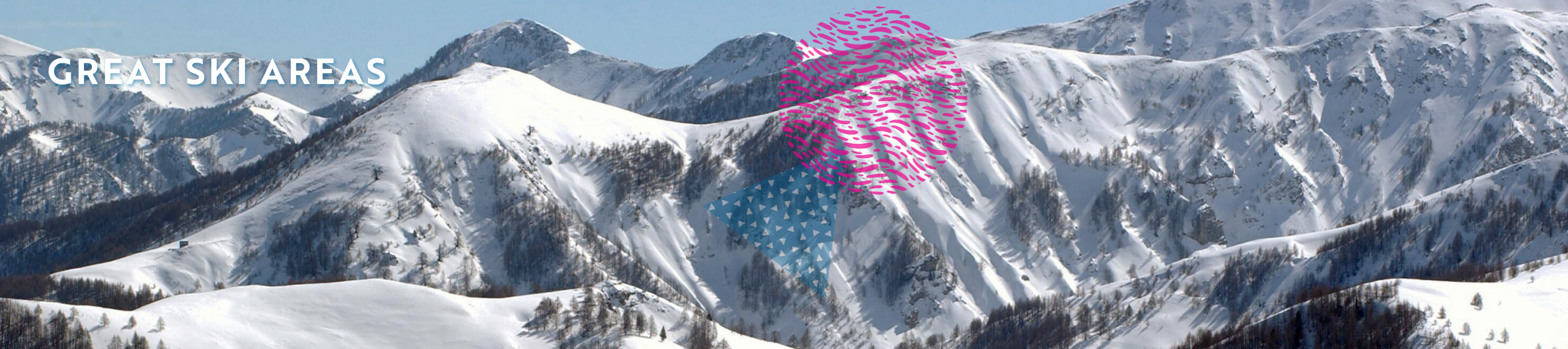
From his first traditional photographs, the unchanged mountain villages transformed gradually with **the conquest of the heights** by hiking and climbing through to the construction of refuges and the progressive equipping of snowy slopes. Cessole it was who launched skiing in the region by organising at Peïra Cava the first competition with the Chasseurs Alpains, before inaugurating the first downhill and ski-jump competitions at Beuil les Launes with the Ski Club des Alpes-Maritimes.

The Early 20th Century ... The Northern Alps were captured by this **new craze for winter sports**. The Alpes-Maritimes, in their turn, also started to have a certain attractiveness. 1936, the Valberg resort was established and the first ski-lift in the department was inaugurated. In 1937, France's third cable car was installed in Auron. From 1938, **the French Downhill Ski Championships** were organised there.

Today... **The Côte d'Azur has become an international brand**, but its hidden treasure still lies in the high country region. Indeed, **the mountains, under the PURE ALPES brand, represents 80% of the Alpes-Maritimes land mass**. Thanks to the power of the local authorities (the Department of the Alpes-Maritimes and the Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur) which have opened up these valleys over many years and invested in the resorts, the Côte d'Azur can today claim to **be a remarkable and unexpected place for winter sports** and discovering exceptional sites.



GREAT SKI AREAS



AURON, A LIVELY AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY RESORT

Nice Côte d'Azur Resort

www.auron.com

The largest ski area in the Alpes-Maritimes !

Divided into four sectors (Las Donnas, Sauma longue, Demandols and Lieuson), the Auron resort welcomes winter-sports fans of all levels and all disciplines.

As a certified 'Famille Plus' resort, everything is made available to facilitate and privilege the reception of families (nursery, activities for children, ski kindergarten, family park, etc.).

Auron is also known for its **lively atmosphere**, with the village's main square – a meeting point for skiers and home to a selection of businesses, shops and bars. **A fantastic après-ski atmosphere** is guaranteed by a range of activities for young and old, alongside the evening festivities hosted by the resort throughout the season.

Another highlight: **the Auron ski area is linked to Saint-Etienne-de-Tinée** (located 7 km away by road) by the Pinatelle cable car, in just 6 minutes.



SKI AREA

Altitude : 1,600- 2,450 m

135 km of slopes

43 slopes: 3 green, 17 blue, 15 red and 8 black

19 lifts

Activities : indoor climbing, ice rink, ice hockey, cross-country skiing and themed snowshoe outings (yoga, meditation, fauna and flora observation, igloo construction, etc.).

* CALENDAR

DECEMBER

'Your children are our guests' Family Weekend: Various free offers, discounted rates and activities for children (free ski packages, discounted ski courses, equipment hire, accommodation or catering).

JANUARY

15 to 20 January 13th edition of the **Mountain Gastronomy Festival** : for the 13th year running, this high-altitude culinary event returns as Auron celebrates gastronomy with the best chefs of the Côte d'Azur.

FEBRUARY

Artists in Auron : This open-air gallery offers the chance to discover the worlds of some talented artists and enjoy a fantastic moment in the great outdoors.



NEW

The Résidence Prestige Odalys Le Mont d'Auron is a new, ultra-modern tourist residence which opened in March 2024: spacious and furnished apartments, heated indoor pool and more.

my Adventure, is the new exploration game between sea and mountain, available online and the information office. This XXL exploration game offers 21 adventures distributed across the whole region, from the coast to the high mountains.

The AURON HOCKEY CLUB has been recently created and affiliated with the French Ice-Hockey Federation. National and international competitions and introductory sessions are open to the public.



ISOLA 2000, THE FREESTYLE QUEEN OF CHAMPIONS

Nice Côte d'Azur Resort

www.isola2000.com

A true land of champions, the youngest and highest of the Alpes-Maritimes ski resorts celebrated its 50th birthday in 2021. Bordering Italy and located between the Mercantour National Park and the Parco Alpi Maritime, Isola 2000 offers up a resort with some **exceptional assets for winter-sports fans** : snow cover, sunshine, sea-view skiing and the rare privilege of being able to reach the slopes and lifts with your skis on.

Though it offers all winter sports, Isola 2000 was designed as **the ultimate freestyle resort**, with various facilities for snowboarders: such as the Tony's Snowland snowpark and its modules for all levels, the Biopark – a course made up of wooden modules hidden in the forest – and the Back to Back, a snowboard club specialising in competitions across

all disciplines. Since its creation in 1991, it has brought home over 100 national titles and made a name for itself as **one of the most decorated clubs in France!**

In short : a resort for thrill-seekers !

Isola is also a natural setting in which to recharge your batteries thanks to 'wellness breaks' (meditation, yoga, stretching and more) after a day of skiing or for a full-body reawakening, with various beauty institutes, spas and even zen snowshoe hikes ... The Wellness Festival will return for its 3rd edition this year..



SKI AREA

Altitude : 2,000-2,700 m

Alpine skiing: 120 km of slopes

42 slopes: 7 green, 21 blue, 11 red and 3 black

20 lifts

Activities : ski touring (a signposted and secure route in the Lombarde sector and another Pélevo's 'le lac' sector), Nordic skiing (classic and skating 5 km loop), snowshoeing (1.5 km loop accessible from the resort and a trail at the top of the Pélevo's cable car), fun toboggan area, dog sledding, snowbike outing, snowpark, boardercross, family park, ice driving, **full-moon skiing** and snow volleyball.



The resorts' champions

- Julia Pereira: snowboard cross, gold medal at the 2018 Olympic Games
- Mathieu Faivre: giant slalom, bronze medal at the 2022 Olympic Games
- Maxime Montaggioni: world champion of para-snowboard cross in 2017 and gold medal in banked slalom at the 2022 Olympic Games
- Christophe Ferrier : ice driving.

Not forgetting Théo Letitre, Tony Romain, Nastasia Noens, Olivier Gittler, Marion Perez, Margot Bailey, Bruce Rulfo, Marion Bertrand, Karen Smadja, Ken Vuagnoux, Norick Polchi, Valentin Emeric, and Justine Tonso.

* CALENDAR

DECEMBER

'Your children are our guests' Family Weekend : Various free offers, discounted rates and activities for children (free ski packages, discounted ski courses, equipment hire, accommodation or catering).

Snow Duo Trail® MERCANTOUR : An unusual duo race to share in the fun! Duo Trail offers two routes: one 10 km discovery course open to runners and hikers, and a 22 km open to trail runners. Each course will award duos: men, women or mixed !

FEBRUARY

The Adrenaline Film Festival is a film festival dedicated to adrenaline and extreme sports. This unique event has been designed to delight lovers of extreme sports, cinema fanatics and all those in pursuit of thrill.

MARCH

• 8 to 9 March > Wellness Festival

This festival offers a complete immersion in rejuvenating practices. All weekend long, enjoy access to various activities such as yoga and stretching, as well as chair massages, meditation, ayurveda, naturopathy and more, alongside a market of wellness products.

• 22 to 23 March > Mountain Flavours Festival

A now-unmissable event at Isola 2000 – this year, China has arrived in Mercantour

APRIL

• World ski-cross and snowboard-cross championship



NEW

Full-moon skiing : A 'nocturnal' session is hosted on the ski area each month under the full moon. This unusual experience allows visitors to discover the station in a new way, immersed in a magical atmosphere..

Snow Volley : a fun and lively après-ski activity to discover at the foot of the slopes (free and accessible to all).



VALBERG & BEUIL LES LAUNES, RESPONSIBLE RESORTS

Sea view 

www.valberg.com



1 hour and 15 minutes from the coast and at an altitude of 1,700 m **Valberg** is a charming village resort in the heart of the Southern Alps, located between the Mercantour National Park and the Gorges de Daluis Nature Reserve.

As a **fantastic family resort** awarded 'Famille Plus' certification in 2006, Valberg pays particular attention to visiting families

Committed to protecting its exceptional natural environment – located in the heart of the larch forests – Valberg has been **awarded Flocon Vert certification since 2018**, a label guaranteeing the sustainable commitment of mountain tourist destinations.

Valberg also forms part of the towns labelled '**International Starry-Sky Reserve Alpes Azur Mercantour**' in 2019. This distinction rewards regions committed to carrying out actions to reduce light pollution and therefore guarantee an exceptional-quality night sky.

SKI AREA

Altitude: 1,700–2,010 m, the ski area extends over two resorts: **Valberg and Beuil les Launes**

Alpine skiing: 90 km of slopes

56 slopes: 12 green, 10 blue, 28 red and 6 black

21 lifts

Activities : Alpine ski, cross-country skiing, biathlon, trail running, snowshoe and walking hikes, pool, snowmobiling, fatbike on snow and more.

The Valberg ski area is linked to **Beuil les Launes**, the birthplace of skiing in the Alpes-Maritimes.

With slopes to suit skiers of all levels, from beginner to the most experienced, Valberg offers a warm and relaxed ski experience, amid an unspoilt setting.

The whole ski area offers unbeatable views over the Mounier, Argentera and Saint-Honorat mountains.

CALENDAR

TIME TO PARTY

For the **festive period**, Valberg is decked out in lights, with decorations and illuminations in the village, a Christmas market with local producers and craftspeople and a musical atmosphere to keep you warm, as well as visits from Father Christmas and the distribution of Christmas snacks ...

The festivities continue with **the after-ski party on 31 December**. Come celebrate the new year on the foot of the Garibeuil slopes with a DJ to welcome in 2025 the way it deserves !

FEBRUARY

Foodies are in for a treat at the **Truffle Market** : sale of exceptional local products, tasting of truffle-based dishes and activities all around food in the centre of the resort.

And for the **Carnival**, Valberg is transformed into an open-air stage with a costume parade, street music and activities for all. Costumes at the ready !

NEW

Jack'Potes package

Ski together for the price of 1.
*Offer valid weekdays outside of school holidays and public holidays, online purchase only.



THE VILLAGE RESORTS



LA COLMIANE VALDEBLORE, UNBEATABLE THRILLS

Nice Côte d'Azur Resort

www.colmiane.com

Between Vésubie et Tinée, the village resort of La Colmiane is located in the town of Valdeblore, made up of 3 villages with their own identity and preserved architecture, at the heart of the Mercantour Park: La Bolline (1,000 m), La Roche (1,100 m) and Saint-Dalmas-le-Selvage (1,300 m).

Beyond Alpine skiing, the ski area also offers a vast space dedicated to cross-country skiing and snowshoe routes to set off on a discovery of local fauna and flora. Calling all thrill-

seekers: La Colmiane is also home to the **largest zipline in France!**

2,663 m, in two sections, from the top of the Pic chair lift to the heart of the resort. With a nearly 300 m drop, all in under two minutes. Top speeds of 130 km/h on the fastest section. Lying down, you'll feel as though you're flying! Fantastic moments and wide-open spaces far from the hustle and bustle, with activities for everyone: La Colmiane truly has it all.

SKI AREA

Altitude: 1,400–1,800 m

Alpine skiing: 30 km of 70% snow-covered slopes

21 slopes: 5 green, 6 blue, 8 red and 2 black

5 lifts: 1 chair lift, 5 ski lift

Cross-country skiing and snowshoe hikes (with option for supervision): 34 km of routes to explore

Activities : Giant zipline made up of two lines, free-access toboggan run, swimming pool open from the winter holidays onwards, ESF ski school (courses every day, kindergarten, introduction to biathlon), La Colmiane Ski Club, yoga, meditation, sound bath, carriage ride, relaxation space (sauna, hamman, jacuzzi, cardio room), My Adventure in the village of Saint Dalmas (subject to snow cover), snowshoe hikes, cross-country skiing and more.



CALENDAR

- **27 October > Chestnut Festival - La Bolline Valdeblore**
Every year for over 30 years, the town of Valdeblore has celebrated the chestnut groves during the November holidays. Entertainment, **various stands presenting local products and craftsmanship and free tasting of roast chestnuts.**
- **Christmas Holidays > Christmas Festival - Saint Dalmas Valdeblore**
5 incredible musical evenings hosted at the Sainte-Croix Church from 18:00. The church, with its lateral square bell tower, is home to a selection of paintings.

ROUBION - LES BUISSSES, UNFORGETTABLE PANORAMIC VIEWS

Nice Côte d'Azur Resort

www.roubion.com

The natural ski village resort of Roubion - Les BuisSES brings together **the charm of mountain villages** with slopes marked out amid the larch trees.

From Mont Pommier, at a height of 1,920 m above sea level, visitors can take in a 360° view of the Mercantour mountain range. In fine weather, you might even spot the island of Corsica in the distance!

Peace and quiet and a lively atmosphere are the main assets of this family-friendly resort in the Tinée Valley.

The Roubion-les-BuisSES resort is perfect for **slow tourism** while it continues to perpetuate its traditions. At the beginning of each October, the **Transhumance Festival** sees nearly 2,000 sheep descend from the Alpine pastures, adding to this destination's authenticity.



SKI AREA

Altitude: 1,410–1,920 m

Alpine skiing: 30 km of slopes

20 slopes: 2 green, 4 blue, 12 red and 2 black

6 lifts

Cross-country skiing: For fans of fresh air and breath-taking panoramic views, 12 km of groomed cross-country ski trails start from the La Couillolle mountain pass, snaking between larch trees and clearings.

Activities : Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, ski touring, snowshoes and **mountain biking on snow (new)**



TURINI CAMP D'ARGENT, A SWEET ESCAPE TO ENJOY WITH FAMILY

Sea view 

www.puremontagne.fr

With its twists and turns and incredible panoramic views, the **Turini mountain-pass route** is a journey in itself – a sneak peek of what awaits you at the top.

Located at the gates of the Mercantour Park and near the Les Merveilles Valley, Turini Camp d'Argent is **is the ultimate 'small-format' family-friendly resort** : the perfect place to learn to ski at your own pace and without fear of falling over. Generations of skiers have made their first snowploughs on these slopes – and not forgetting the toboggan run that is so popular with budding daredevils, the snowshoe hikes on offer and even the downhill and cross-country 'snoc': a mix of sledding and skiing.

Though this resort's family-friendly spirit enchants little groups of beginner skiers, this village resort has something even better up its sleeve with an exceptional panoramic view across the coastline and the Mediterranean sea, and sometimes all the way to Corsica !



SKI AREA

Altitude: 1,600–1,920 m

15 km of Alpine-ski slopes: 1 green, 2 blue and 2 red
12 km of ski-touring trails

VAL PELENS, PERFECT FOR LITTLE ONES

tourisme@saint-martin-dentraunes.com

Set amid the high mountains, Val Pelens is a family resort in the village of Saint-Martin-d'Entraunes. Its ski area is particularly **oriented towards children and beginners** but also offers some remarkable ski touring and snowshoe sites. According to your level and interests, two types of snowshoe hiking are available here: 5 walking circuits around the Val Pelens resort and the Saint-Barnabé plateau, and a there-and-back route towards the Les Champs mountain pass and the summit of Voya. These routes are freely accessible, at hikers' own liability.



SKI AREA

Altitude: 1,600–1,750 m

Alpine skiing: 10 slopes (8 green and 2 blue) – a total of 3 km

Cross-country skiing: 6 km of slopes, with 3 slopes in total

NEW

This winter, the resort will **launch a secure fenced-in toboggan run** beside the local inn, allowing parents to keep an eye on their little ones while seated at the inn.

The creation of ski-cross zones on certain slopes has also been studied, as well as the installation of new recreational facilities.



IN THE PAYS DE GRASSE



26 km away, the Gréolières and Audibergue-La Moulière resorts are located less than an hour from Cannes and 45 minutes from Grasse, offering up two distinct ski areas. Stretched out over the towns of Gréolières, Caille and Andon, these mountain ranges act as magnificent balconies overlooking the Côte d'Azur and offering incredible views over the Lérins Islands, the coastline, the Var and the Alps.

GRÉOLIÈRES RESORT, SOMETHING TO SUIT ALL TASTES

Sea view

www.stations-greolieres-audibergue.com

Located in the peaks of the Pays de Grasse, on the northern slopes of the Cheiron mountain range, this ski resort is **the closest to the coast** (just 22 km as the crow flies). From the summit of the Cheiron, visitors can admire a unique 360° panoramic view stretching out across the Côte d'Azur, from the mountains of Estérel to the Alps, and as far as Corsica in clear weather.

Located at an altitude of between 1,400 and 1,800 m, it prides itself on a **family-friendly atmosphere** and offers guests the chance to enjoy a full-day of Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing and biathlon on spaces dedicated to each of these activities, as well as some brand-new activities such as the Snoc, the Aspera Escape Game and the Explor Game.

In the winter season, Gréolières-Les-Neiges is **served by the Les Neiges shuttle departing from Antibes and bus line 512 from Grasse**. A huge advantage for this resort



SKI AREA

Altitude: 1,400–1,800 m

Alpine skiing: 1,000 hectares spread over the slopes of the Cheiron mountain range, offering up a total of 30 km
 Nordic skiing: total of 30 km of slopes for skating and ski touring
 25 slopes: 4 green, 5 blue, 14 red, 2 black

* CALENDAR

JANUARY

The Cheiron Mountain Club organises various events, such as the Ronde du Cheiron with an introduction to biathlon, the ski-touring Cheiron Wine Route and the Ridges Trail running race.

FEBRUARY

During the February holidays, the resort offers a varied programme of activities, including a sweets hunt, an introduction to the various trades on site and much more.

L'AUDIBERGUE-LA MOULIÈRE, WELLNESS AND NATURE

Sea view

<https://stations-greolieres-audibergue.com>

Upon the heights of Andon and Calle, L'Audibergue and La Moulière share a mountain range with a maximum altitude of 1,650 m. These two small and family-friendly resorts are linked by a ridge trail and offer all the expected amenities and comforts for a family stay in the great outdoors. Between **local-heritage tours, introductions to winter sports** on the ski area or even a cross-country ski or snowshoe hike in the Caille plains, here, you're guaranteed a fun-filled holiday. Accommodation and businesses are committed to offering an environment and **services centred around nature, good food and wellness**.

SKI AREA

Altitude: 1,400–1,650 m

Alpine skiing: 1,000 hectares spread over the slopes of the Cheiron mountain range, offering up a total of 30 km
 Nordic skiing (Plaine de Caille): total of 28 km of slopes
 23 slopes: 7 green, 5 blue, 10 red, 1 black

NEW

The activities on offer are managed by the Gréolières and L'Audibergue Resorts Joint Syndicate.

THE SNOOC : First impressions can be deceiving. But, as you'll soon see in our testimonies, to try this sport is to fall in love – from the very first descent! This alternative winter sport is aimed at both beginners and mountain experts. Finally: an activity that can be shared between skiers and non-skiers and as a family with children ... and even grand-parents !

ASPERA ESCAPE GAME : Discover this unusual activity in the legendary Aspera Chalet! Open winter and summer, on foot or snowshoe. Book your game directly at Gréo Parc where you'll be provided with the magic map allowing you to reach the chalet. Once you arrive, no less than an hour of mysteries and riddles await you, all about the Barons behind this resort's creation: Camille and Victor De Tornaco

GREOLIERES EXPLOR GAME : Gréolières Explor Game is the exciting new addition combining orientation course, mysteries and scientific experiments, all with environmental conservation in mind !



LES ESPACES NORDIQUES



LE BORÉON, FUN AND FAMILY FRIENDLY

Nice Côte d'Azur Resort

www.puremontagne.fr

8 km from Saint-Martin-Vésubie, an authentic, 'Famille Plus' certified village nestled in the valley, the village resort of Boréon presents an unspoilt natural setting at an altitude of 1,500 m, opening out over the Mercantour National Park. The perfect place for family gatherings and a favourite among fishers, Lake Boréon is one of the most beautiful mid-mountain lakes of the 'Suisse niçoise' region, and the starting point for various hikes. Whether you're looking for mountaineering, tobogganing, biathlon, Nordic skiing, snowshoe hikes or climbing, Boréon has something to delight both beginners and seasoned athletes

ACTIVITIES

Cross-country ski and snowshoeing

Calling all cross-country skiers and biathletes: Boréon is one of the largest Nordic skiing centres in the Alpes-Maritimes, with 20 km of signposted trails for cross-country skiing. For walkers, 3 signposted snowshoe circuits are also available (2 km, 5 km and 8 km). Across the Boréon and Salèse sectors, high-mountain circuits are also available, under users' own liability.

Artificial ice waterfall

Equipped with crampons, ice axe, harness and helmet, discover the fun of climbing on a frozen waterfall. With 4 faces and at a total height of 18 m, this artificial waterfall offers a wide variety of routes for all levels. This activity is to be practised accompanied by a high-mountain guide.

OUR FAVOURITES IN THE AREA

The unmissable Vesubia Mountain Park

This complex offers a range of sporting and fun activities :

- **Largest indoor canyoning space in Europe** with three pools located at different levels.
- **A climbing space** : a 33-route climbing wall, a 4 metre-high bouldering wall, a 150 m² fun-climbing space, an adventure course and more.
- A 250 m² **indoor pool** and a 100 m² wellness area.

Pure Montagne Resort & Spa****

Located 5 minutes from the centre of the village of Saint Martin Vésubie, upon 2 hectares of wooded grounds, this resort includes 34 luxury suites combining the charm of independence with the comfort of top-of-the-range hotel services. With its luxury facilities, the spa – open to all – offers an experience of pure relaxation.

NEW Pure Thermal Résidence de Roquebillière

The Pure Thermal Résidence de Roquebillière, just one hour from Nice, offers fully equipped studios in a peaceful setting amid the heart of nature – perfect for relaxing and enjoying the neighbouring **Berthemont-Les-Bains Thermal Centre**. Its placement at the gates of the Mercantour Park make it the perfect spot for a restful stay or thermal treatment at Berthemont-les-Bains.

CASTERINO, ZEN AND DISCONNECTION

www.menton-riviera-merveilles.fr

Located in the town of Tende, in the Haute Roya, Castérino is a **little paradise at the gateway to the Les Merveilles Valley**, in the Mercantour National Park. Nestled at an altitude of 1,550 m, this hamlet is **surrounded by such renowned summits** as Mount Bégo, Chajol, the Monts Sainte Marie and more.

With its preserved mountain architecture and a vast, sunny mountain plateau, the site has been designed as place to disconnect and relax, far removed from the hustle and bustle of large Alpine-ski resorts.

The Nordic ski area includes 13 km of signposted **cross-country** ski trails for all levels (3 km of green trails, 5 km of blue trails and another 5 km of red trails), plus a **toboggan run** for the little ones. Not forgetting the 3 signposted trails for **snowshoe hikers** (around 1.5 hours each), which can be followed alone or with a companion from the Tende Guides Office, at an altitude of between 1,600 and 1,920 m.

From 2 September and for at least 15 months, the 05 Nice-Tende Train des Merveilles line will be closed for works. Users are recommended to consult the Menton, Riviera & Merveilles Tourist Office website, as well as the SNCF site, before planning their trip to the Castérino Nordic centre.



ESTENC-ENTRAUNES, AUTHENTIC AND REFRESHING

www.entraunes.fr/ski-de-fond/

On the Grand Alps Route, heading towards the La Coyelle mountain pass, the Entraunes site – at the confluence of the Bourdous – and the Estenc site, located at the source of the Var, both enjoy a lush atmosphere and **absolute calm**.

Perched at a height of 1,260 m above sea level, this site is perfect for snowshoe hikes and cross-country skiing (groomed, signposted and free route).

Ski-tourers will also enjoy the many surrounding peaks, offering up **breathtaking views of the high summits of the Mercantour mountains**.



PEÏRA-CAVA, PEACEFUL

www.luceram.fr

13 km from Lucéram, the little mountain village of Peïra-Cava and its Nordic space are located at an altitude of 1,500 m, overlooking the valleys of the Vésubie and the Bévéra. This site is perfect for ski touring, snowshoeing and hiking, while offering of a **stunning panoramic viewpoint**. As the oldest cross-country ski resort in the Alpes-Maritimes, Peïra-Cava attracted many big names in the early 20th century and is now a favourite spot for lovers of peace and quiet.

THE NATIVITY CIRCUIT

For 27 years, the Maison de Pays de Lucéram centre has been organising the 'Nativity Circuit' – a long-established tradition. In December and early January, over 450 nativity scenes are exhibited, to be admired at your leisure and free of charge, in the streets of the village and at the Peïra-Cava resort. For the occasion, visitors will explore streets dressed in red and gold and lit up in all the colours of Christmas. Events are organised throughout the month of December, as well as activities for children



SAINT-DALMAS-LE-SELVAGE, A NORDIC GETAWAY

Nice Côte d'Azur Resort

<http://saintdalmasleselve.fr>

Nestled in the Tinée Valley, at an altitude of 1,500 metres, Saint-Dalmas-le-Selvage is a hamlet of around 100 inhabitants, located where the south meets the far North, with all the charm of sunny forests and the beauty of snow-covered mountains. Stretching out over two thirds of the protected territory of the Mercantour National Park, it offers the chance to get back to your roots, blending **tranquillity, serenity and a real change of scenery**. The highlight of Saint-Delmas-le-Selvage is that it is fully accessible equipped with snowshoes. The village is also well worth a visit thanks to its beautiful heritage: church, chapel and sundials.

Don't miss: The Giarlorgues Valley offers up some of the most beautiful ice waterfalls in the region. This discipline is directly derived from climbing and also consists of climbing along frozen walls using crampons and an ice axe.

ACTIVITIES

Cross-country skiing, ski touring and snowshoe walks (50 km of signposted trails starting from the village) will punctuate your days here, with the option to **discover ice-waterfall climbing** with a professional



www.cotedazurfrance.fr

<https://cotedazurfrance.com/press-space>

PRESS & INFLUENCER CONTACTS

INTERNATIONAL – Florence LECOINTRE – f.lecointre@cotedazurfrance.fr

FRANCE - Géraldine GIRAUD - g.giraud@cotedazurfrance.fr

Share your experiences in the Côte d'Azur with the hashtag **#CotedAzurFrance**

Public Networks



@visitcotedazur

Professional Networks



Côte d'Azur
France Tourisme



@ProCotedAzur

CÔTE D'AZUR FRANCE TOURISM BOARD

455, Promenade des Anglais
Bâtiment Horizon - CS 53126
06 203 NICE Cedex 3
Tel : 33 (0)4 93 37 78 78



PHOTO CREDITS

© Côte d'Azur France Tourisme / Isabelle Fabre / Lionel Lecourtier / Olivier Puydebois / Georges Veran / Pierre Behar / Yann Savalle · Auron · Isola 2000 · OTValberg · Bienvenu pour OTValberg · Office de Tourisme de Valdeblore · BIT la Bollène-Vésubie · Pays de Grasse · SMGA · Pierre Tardieu · Saint-Dalmas-le-Selvage · OTM NCA
Conception : Yann Savalle