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Portes du *Soleil*

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WELCOME

Les Gets, the most famous MTB resort, is also an amazing destination for other summer sports, as well as cultural activities and meditative pursuits! Share memorable moments exploring along the trails and enjoying the cool mountain air. We proudly invite you to visit or return to our resort and enjoy all the sensations that our heavenly environment has to offer. To let you in on a secret, my favourite place to be at sunset is the Mont Chéry summit, to admire the stunning 360° view of the Mont Blanc mountain range and the surrounding peaks. A timeless and unique moment of calmness that puts you at one with nature! Take our word for it, you'll appreciate the beauty of the mountains and make memories that will stay with you forever!

Nathalie TELLIER
Manager of Les Gets Tourisme



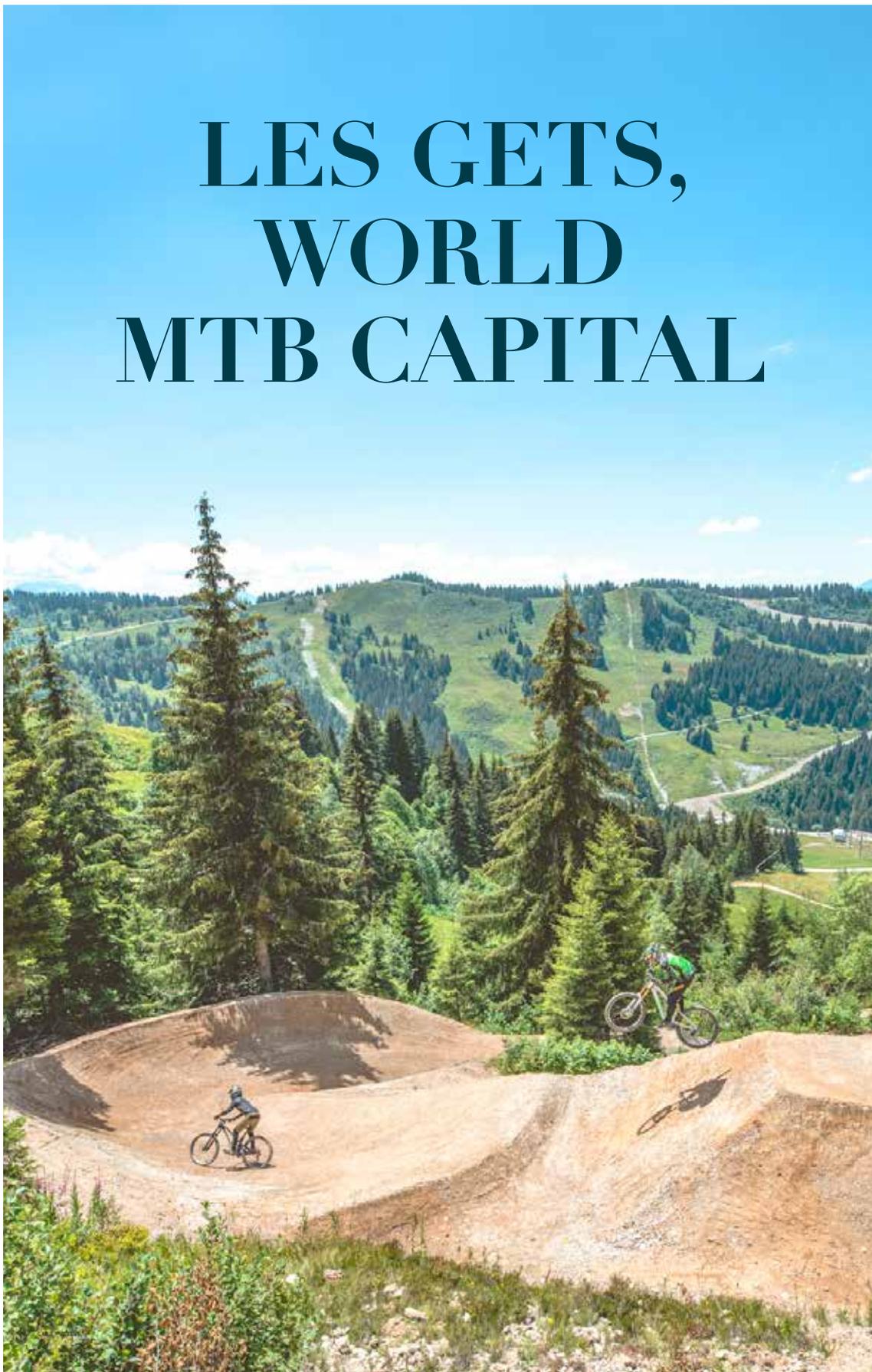
A GATEWAY TO THE PORTES DU SOLEIL SKI AREA, LES GETS IS A MOUNTAIN VILLAGE THAT'S BOTH AUTHENTIC AND AHEAD OF ITS TIME. LOCATED ON A SUN-DRENCHED PASS AT AN ELEVATION OF 1,172 METRES, IT IS ALSO A VAST PLAYGROUND FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE MOUNTAIN (MONT CHÉRY AND CHAVANNES), OFFERING BREATHTAKING VIEWS OVER THE MONT BLANC AND THE CHABLAIS SUMMITS. MOUNTAIN BIKING IS ONE OF THE RESORT'S MOST POPULAR FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES, BUT IT ALSO APPEALS TO LESS ENERGETIC HOLIDAYMAKERS IN SEARCH OF A MAGICAL BREAK AND A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.



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LES GETS, WORLD MTB CAPITAL



AS A PIONEERING RESORT IN THE CYCLING WORLD, LES GETS IS UNQUESTIONABLY AMONG THE GREAT MTB DESTINATIONS ON THE PLANET. AS IF CONFIRMATION WERE NEEDED, THE RESORT IS TO HOST THE UCI WORLD CUP ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR.

MTB & E-MTB, FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

Its link to the 650 km of waymarked trails in the Portes du Soleil Franco-Swiss ski area should be enough to convince anyone. But Les Gets alone has an amazing bikepark. With trails totalling 128 km through the forest and across the mountain pastures, it features the very latest installations to keep novices and experts happy whatever their discipline, be it downhill (DHI, cross-country (XCO), freestyle, freeride, E-biking or even gravel biking. Not forgetting the Kids Zones with pumptracks, a mini-jump park and other amusing obstacles designed with children in mind. Besides the resort's varying terrain, you'll appreciate the 'bike-in/bike-out' access to the trails directly from the village centre!

Bikepark opening dates: weekends only from 24 May, then daily non-stop from 14 June to Sunday 15 September 2024!

www.lesgets.com/decouvrir-la-station/bike/

THE BIKEPARK IN FIGURES

- **128 km** of designated trails
- **13** Downhill trails (DHI)
- **1** Freeride trail
- **5** Enduro/Cross-country trails
- **5** E-MTB trails
- **3** E-bike charging stations
- **1** Portes du Soleil Enduro circuit of **80 km**
- **1** Jump Park of 3 hectares with bridges, jumps, forest sections and wooden obstacles
- **1** mini Jump Park
- **1** 4-Cross track
- **1** Slalom Dual track
- **2** Pump Tracks
- **1** Kid Zone
- **8** bike-patrols to ensure the security and upkeep of the tracks
- Around 10 instructors accredited by the MCF (Moniteur Cycliste Français)
- **35** staff members who take turns at the welcome desk, on the lifts and at the cash desk
- **2** free bike-wash bays



WE LIKE

E-MTB, PUTTING MOUNTAIN BIKING WITHIN EVERYONE'S REACH

While some people may be put off by the physical effort and technical skill required in traditional mountain biking, E-MTB (electric mountain biking) is proving to be the ultimate sport for all. The E-MTB is easy to handle and allows you to cover long distances on all sorts of terrain. In Les Gets, you'll find 5 E-bike trails of different levels of difficulty (green, blue, red and black, as in skiing), offering a total of 52 km of itineraries with plenty of alternative routes. When you venture into the Portes du Soleil area, the total rises to 34 itineraries and 300 km of trails. For the perfect introduction to this sport, the 80-km Portes du Soleil circuit presents no major difficulty and can be covered in a single day.



MEET

LIONEL BERGOEND, AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF MTB IN LES GETS

Although the initial momentum was driven by Christophe Mugnier, then manager of the semi-public tourism company, SEM Touristique, Lionel Bergoend was at his side among those who contributed to the growth of MTB in Les Gets. The very first major event held here was the French Cup in 1991, but things really took off with the hosting of the World Cup in 1996, 1998 and 2000, followed by the World Championships in 2004 and 2022, when France took all three places on the winners' podium in the downhill competition (hooray!). At the time, Lionel was a member of the bike club and an MTB instructor. He was therefore in charge of the technical aspects of event hosting - including the marking out and preparation of the tracks - which have gradually changed with the evolution of the bikes and the technical ability of the riders. He also contributed to the development of what we now call

the 'bikepark', and the creation of Les Gets' very first permanent MTB trail, in 1998 in the Mont Chéry sector). The close link between Les Gets and mountain biking has gradually grown stronger over the



years, with new developments and events turning it into a flagship destination. Lionel remembers this gradual but constant evolution made possible thanks to institutional organisations taking the right decisions (local council, Tourist Office and lift management company). Like the MTB world's answer to Kitzbühel, the history of mountain biking in Les Gets mirrors that of the discipline more broadly. Nowadays, Lionel isn't involved in the organisation of international events but runs a sports shop at the foot of the slopes where amateur mountain bikers benefit from his technical expertise. Profoundly convinced of its potential, he firmly believes in the future growth of this discipline. His hopes and aspirations for Les Gets? That the resort hosts the MTB World Championships in 2027, that the bikes evolve to attract even more enthusiasts, and that the bikepark continues to develop.

SUMMER MTB CALENDER

And because mountain biking is part of the resort's very foundation, MTB events are on the increase here, ranging from elite competitions to events that the general public can participate in, whatever their sporting level. The programme includes:



**Pass'Portes
du Soleil
on 28, 29 & 30 June**

Mountain bikers by the thousand will join in with MTB, E-MTB and gravel bike tours in the mountains, exploring the spectacular landscapes of the Portes du Soleil Franco-Swiss area at elevations ranging from 1,000 to 2,450 metres.



**MTB World Cup
(XCO & DH)
from 4 to 7 July**

This is THE MTB event for the world's elite! The very best downhillers and cross-country riders will be in the spotlight for this key stage on the world circuit, the last international competition before the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.



**DH Kids Cup
17 & 18 August**

An MTB downhill race exclusively for children aged 7 to 14 years!



**Alambike
7 & 8 September**

A friendly 24-hour MTB relay race that's all about solidarity, with teams of 4 to 8 competitors aiming to cover the greatest possible distance and raise as much money for charity as they can.



ZOOM

MTB WORLD CUP (XCO & DH)

4-7 July 2024

Perpetuating its longstanding tradition of world-class MTB events such as the World Championships of 2004 and 2022, and the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in 2023, Les Gets will be back on the world stage once again to host the heats of the UCI World Cup Cross-Country Short Track (XCC), Olympic Cross-Country (XCO) and Downhill (DHI) competitions! Having attracted more than 100,000 spectators from France and abroad last year, and 1,200 athletes from 57 nations, the 2024 event promises to be another amazing show packed with sporting feats! Who could forget the historic winners' podium dominated by the French at the World Championships in 2022?



The 2024 programme:

- **FRIDAY 5 JULY:**
 12pm-3.30pm: Downhill qualifiers (DHI)
 4.45pm-7pm: Short Track finals (XCC)
- **SATURDAY 6 JULY:**
 11.30am-4pm: DHI finals
- **SUNDAY 7 JULY:**
 9am-4.30pm: Olympic Cross Country finals (XCO)

MEET

LÉANDRE ALÉGRI, SHAPER BY PASSION AND DESIGNER OF THE WORLD CUP TRAIL!



Since early childhood, Léandre has had a passion for sports involving 2 wheels (motocross and MTB). His career as a professional rider, between the ages of 11 and 27 years, led him to get involved

in the creation of MTB trails, not only for the fun of testing them with his friends, but also for the needs of major events. Still driven by that same enthusiasm, he decided to combine work and pleasure, fortunately for us because he now creates famous trails such as the slope that hosted the MTB World Cup Downhill race in Les Gets. This slope of 2.6 km has an elevation drop of 470 metres and is known as being one of the fastest on the world circuit. But it is also technically challenging with jumps that send riders flying through the air! It is modified from year to year to accommodate evolutions in the MTB sector, and this year Léandre intends to develop the aerial potential of the slope. But he'll also be paying special attention to the safety aspects.

His profession? Shaper! Meaning the technician who invents, designs and then builds MTB trails, be it in a bikepark intended for the general public or for the needs of international events attracting the world's top competitors. So he has to create the trail from A to Z (and this is where his solid experience comes in), catering for users' expectations while accommodating the natural features of the terrain. He aims to create a whole experience without endangering the natural environment. He cleverly works with the varying relief and existing natural obstacles, such as camber and tree roots, adding bridges and jumps wherever needed. He also ensures the trail approach areas are as safe as possible.



CYCLE TOURING, IN THE PATH OF THE GREATS

Located on the Route des Grandes Alpes, a famous road among cyclists that runs between Lake Geneva and the Mediterranean Sea, Les Gets was one of the host villages of the 2023 Tour de France cycle race and is a cycle-tourism stopover in its own right. Surrounded by so many itineraries and legendary mountain passes (Joux Plane and Encrenaz, for example), Les Gets makes the ideal base for all cycling enthusiasts. In all, there are 12 passes, 282 km of designated routes and 5 official itineraries that can all be reached from the resort.



GETSLIB' BIKES, FOR ECO-FRIENDLY TRAVEL

In Les Gets, the bike isn't just a tool for sports and leisure activities, it's also a means of transport... and a green one at that! Self-service E-bikes are a familiar sight in towns and cities, but they are still rarely seen in mountain resorts. So Les Gets took a truly pioneering step when it launched its very own service, GetsLib', in 2015. Having met with great success, this E-bike service has developed into a fleet of 35 bikes now deployed at seven self-service stations located between the resort centre, the hamlets and the outdoor activities centre. The service is available every day of the week from May to November and at affordable prices! (Minimum age 15 years.)

A MOUNTAIN OF ACTIVITIES

BUT A HOLIDAY IN LES GETS ISN'T JUST ABOUT MOUNTAIN BIKING! THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF WAYS TO ENJOY THE MOUNTAINS IN SUMMER, SO HERE'S A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE BEST ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE. BE THEY UNIQUE, SLIGHTLY UNUSUAL OR ABSOLUTE MUSTS, THERE'S SOMETHING TO SUIT EVERY PREFERENCE AND BUDGET!

UNIQUE

ALTA LUMINA, A SOUND AND LIGHT TRAIL DEEP IN THE FOREST

Unique in Europe, this enchanted night trail takes you deep into the forest of Les Gets to discover a fantasy world inspired by the history and founding spirit of the village. At dusk, the trail comes to life in a succession of immersive light displays, amazingly realistic projections and a symphony of sounds that you'll experience nowhere else but Les Gets (cf. Museum of Mechanical Music). More than a sound and light show, this interactive tour is a whole experience that will appeal to children and adults alike.

Prices: €19.50/adult and €10.50/child. Self-guided tour of approximately 1 hour.

Information and bookings: www.altalumina.com

4-SEASONS LUGE RIDE

Born of a desire to increase the year-round diversity of activities available in the resort, the rail luge is a 1.1-km ride of approximately 6 minutes, with a 104-metre elevation drop over an average gradient of 14.5%, a maximum gradient of 46%, sharp bends and abrupt drops, at speeds reaching up to 40 kph. Hurling down the slope in any season, this ride is a real family attraction. Thanks to an incorporated braking system, you can control the speed and, if you so wish, enjoy a more gentle ride. A hair-raising descent, a ride at a meditative pace or a bit of both, the choice is yours!

Prices: €8/ride (1-2 people per luge).



BIRDWATCHING WALK

The mountain pastures and forests of Les Gets are home to a wealth of local wildlife and vegetation, including an abundance of bird species ranging from the most common to the rarest. And because birdwatching requires a degree of expertise, many of these birds are little known or, worse, ignored. But Dominique Maire, a mountain leader and experienced ornithologist, has the solution: a birdwatching hike for beginners during which he takes curious visitors to see the royal eagle, vultures and smaller specimens such as the swallow or the red-backed shrike. Each natural habitat - built-up areas, mountain pastures, forests, etc. - is home to different species. With his 30 years' experience, Dominique puts his passion into introducing us to them, with facts about their plumage, song, behaviour, breeding habits, etc.

Information and bookings: Dominique Maire - +33 (0)6 81 05 60 82

BIVOUAC HIKE

Experience the wilderness! For a full immersion in the mountain environment and to experience unique sensations, go for a hiking and camping adventure with Émilie, a passionate guide who above all else loves sharing the beauty and wealth of the mountains with her clients. Set off in the afternoon for a destination in the great outdoors that is a 1 to 3-hour walk away, depending on the group's desires and possibilities. Once on-site, you'll prepare the camp, light a fire if the site allows it, then settle down for an aperitif made with wild plants picked during the walk, before enjoying a 100% natural meal. On the menu: a seasonal salad, skin-on potatoes from Abondance and wild garlic heated over a wood fire. And to end on something sweet, chocolate bananas also cooked on the fire, with a herbal tea made with freshly picked plants. Alone in the world, you'll share a moment of togetherness by the light of the stars and headlamps, dreaming of tales and legends of the sky as told by Émilie...

Price: from €85/person (bring or hire a sleeping bag and mattress).

**Information and bookings: Emilie Fourot - +33 (0)6 78 64 52 01
fourot.emilie@gmail.com**





SUNSET WALK WITH A VIEW

Like any mountain resort, Les Gets boasts a whole array of hiking routes, including one that will appeal to all, offering a view of the sunset (or sunrise) over Mont Blanc from the Mont-Caly cross! The less energetic can reach it after a short 10-15 minute walk along a very easy footpath, while seasoned hikers will take the opportunity to explore a longer loop around the Mont-Chéry ridges. With colours exalted by the fading light of dusk, the panoramic views will take your breath away and offer a chance for a souvenir photo that will be the envy of all!

For full details and other routes, enquire at the Tourist Office.



GOLFING WITH A VIEW OF MONT BLANC

The 18-hole golf course of Les Gets, which opened in 1995, is unique in that its location on the Chavannes ridge offers a beautiful view of the roof of Europe! The somewhat challenging course follows the natural relief and features of the terrain, and each of the 18 holes is named after one of the surrounding summits. Novices and seasoned golfers can benefit from golf lessons, the driving range, the 30 electric buggies, the restaurant, the pro shop and so on. But what we like best about it is its environmental commitment. In fact, this was the first golf course in France to obtain the ISO 14001 Environmental Certification, in 2010, for its sustainable watering methods, limited mowing and the use of eco-friendly products!

Information and bookings: <https://www.lesgets.golf>

NEW

DOG-KARTING, THE SUMMER TAKE ON MUSHING

Keen walkers can always try dog-hiking to explore along the Mont-Caly trails. But this summer, those who enjoy the thrill of speed can also have a go at dog-karting. In dog-hiking, walkers wear a belt fitted with a long elastic lead attached to a Nordic dog. So the dog provides the momentum and makes walking easier. As for dog-karting, this involves a vehicle similar to a dog sled, except that it has wheels, in which you are pulled along by a team of dogs. In this case, you'll spend the trip comfortably seated, alone or in pairs, in a kart driven by Justine or Didier, both professional mushers. Often organised at the end of the day, both of these Nordic adventures offer a great way to enjoy the long summer evening and the coolness of dusk while creating a special bond with these fascinating and endearing dogs.

La Patte Nordic: +33 (0)6 46 89 24 72



UNVEILING THE SECRETS OF THE OLD VILLAGE

First and foremost, Les Gets is a mountain resort built around a central village that reflects the history of the residents of yesteryear. Guided tours are available to learn about the habits and customs of that period. And for a truly immersive experience, Lucie, keeper of the history of Les Gets, shows ancient photos and recounts local legends during the tour. **Free tour. Book ahead. Weekly tour. Minimum age 7 years.**

AN UNUSUAL, COSY NIGHT FOR A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Fancy spending a night with a difference, away from civilisation but with all the comfort of a hotel room (and much more!)? Head for the 'Chéry Dôme', perched above La Sarre, a quiet, bucolic hamlet of Les Gets. There you'll find 2 fully-equipped geodesic domes. Both can be privately rented just for your group. One is fitted out as a lounge and dining room, the other is a bedroom with a view of the stars through the transparent roof. Outside, a vast playground with a ground-level trampoline, Pétanque terrain, swing, jacuzzi and firepit makes the ideal setting for those long summer evenings with family or friends! And for those who so wish, the meal option includes a dinner prepared with vegetables from the garden and produce from local farms.

Prices: from €285 for 2 people for bed & breakfast.

Information and bookings: <https://www.cherydome.com>



NEW STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP

FOR BUDDING STAINED GLASS ARTISTS

Open to children aged 6 and above, this amusing and educational workshop takes young enthusiasts to see the stained glass windows of the Notre-Dame de la Nativité church in Les Gets, before they learn to create their own. Using diaphanous paper, the children create their own stained glass window to take away as a souvenir.

Prices: €7/person (minimum age 6 years).

Weekly workshop. Book ahead. Information and bookings: Lucie Bartholomé - +33 (0)6 10 23 77 47

UNIQUE

MUSEUM OF MECHANICAL MUSIC

In the age of modern technology, hole-punched music is fighting back! Les Gets resort is home to a priceless cultural heritage beautifully preserved at Europe's only Museum of Mechanical Music! 900 instruments, some of which date back to the 17th century, all in working order, are admired by some 35,000 visitors a year (4th most visited cultural attraction and 2nd most visited museum in Haute-Savoie). The museum's prestigious collection also includes the Aeolian Philharmonic Organ, a listed historical monument, the automaton of famous perfumers Roger & Gallet, the mechanical carillon that marked the 150th anniversary of the annexation of Savoie to France and one of the oldest carousels with its fairground organ built in 1871. In addition, an outstanding new feature - Pablo Picasso's mechanical piano - is soon to join the collection and, once restored, will go on display to the public in 2025!



Events calendar

vLe Musée en Fête on 21 July 2024

Now a must-see event, the museum festival will be back this year to explore the theme of fairground organs. Some amazing new fairground organs will join the collection, already among the most complete in Europe, and the organ from the 1992 Olympics in Albertville is sure to attract attention!

Full details at: www.musicmecalessgets.org

MEET

DENIS BOUCHER, THE PROUD DEFENDER OF MECHANICAL MUSIC



As president of the events committee, Denis and his colleagues from the association participated in the hosting of the first art & craft exhibition in 1982 which just happened (as if by fate!) to place the focus on mechanical music. His knowledge of mechanics (which he first acquired thanks to the resort's ski lifts), and his lack of knowledge of the 'classical' music world, made him the perfect candidate. He developed a passion for mechanical music and travelled across Europe, carrying out research and consulting various archives, before helping to open the museum that now houses Europe's most complete collection! In addition to preserving the instruments, one of his priorities is to spread awareness, particularly among children, to whom mechanical music is a rather abstract form of art. For one of his latest projects, Denis has acquired some new paintings that show the importance of mechanical music through history. His impressive collection now includes some 250 artworks.

GREAT DEAL - THE PORTES DU SOLEIL MULTIPASS

The MultiPass is a precious card that gives you unlimited access to more than 70 facilities and amenities, as well as discounts on a multitude of activities across the Portes du Soleil Franco-Swiss area. All of this for just €3 per person per day... In Les Gets this invaluable pass includes free access to the Chavannes and Mont Chéry lifts, the golf driving range, the Mechanical Music Museum and the Lac des Ecoles outdoor activities centre... So you get more than your money's worth before you know it!



Full details at: www.portesdusoleil.com/le-forfait-portes-du-soleil/reserver-mon-forfait-ete/multi-pass-le-bon-plan-malin/



COMMITTED TO NATURE (NATURALLY!) FOR MANY YEARS NOW, THE RESORT OF LES GETS PUTS ALL ITS PASSION AND DETERMINATION INTO DEVELOPING A MINDFUL AND, ABOVE ALL, SUSTAINABLE FORM OF TOURISM. THE IDEA IS TO PROTECT BUT ALSO TO SHOWCASE THE REMARKABLE NATURAL HERITAGE, A JOINT LEGACY OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE THAT REFLECTS THE REGION'S VERY IDENTITY. IN BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER, THE RESORT ADOPTS A GLOBAL APPROACH IN THE VILLAGE AND ACROSS THE SKI/MTB AREA, WITH A FOCUS ON SOFT MOBILITY, WASTE REDUCTION AND LOWER ENERGY CONSUMPTION, AMONG OTHER MEASURES... BUT THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING, BECAUSE THE REGION'S PLAYERS ARE CONSTANTLY COMING UP WITH NEW AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT.

SOFT MOBILITY

Because transport is responsible for approximately 75% of greenhouse gas emissions in the tourism sector, soft mobility has become a priority here. Firstly in the village itself, where the centre has been pedestrianised and free buses provide an efficient and reliable shuttle service! In summer, a fleet of 35 self-service electric bikes offers an easy, pleasant and, more importantly, carbon-neutral means of getting around. Secondly, outside the village, Les Gets provides a regular inter-resort bus service, one of which takes passengers to and from Cluses train station just 25 minutes away. Bearing in mind that journeys to holiday destinations alone account for 68% of total emissions, it's good to know that the resort is easy to reach by train!

We like:

- The intra and intercity buses, tourist train and resort shuttle buses running on rapeseed-based renewable fuel (Oleo100).
- The Pysae journey planner app and the Tictatrip transport comparator.
- The electric car and mountain bike charging stations in the village and in the MTB area.
- The 35 GetsLib' self-service E-bikes available in summer.



WASTE REDUCTION

It sometimes takes a little imagination to make waste reduction noticeable. It also requires us to leave our comfort zones, rethink, reinvent, and not be afraid to ask holidaymakers to change their habits too.

We like:

- The reusable ski/MTB lift passes made from beechwood (zero plastic).
- The smoke-free ski area throughout the winter season with designated smoking areas and a public awareness campaign, a first in Europe!
- 'Les Gets, cigarette-butt-free zone', an initiative to collect and recycle cigarette ends.
- Rubbish collection days.
- Digital data cleansing, to eliminate this form of pollution!

CONTROLLED ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Until we reach zero energy consumption, we can at least start by restricting it. To do so, we have to identify energy-intensive elements and consider alternative ways of using them.

We like:

- The wood-fired boiler supplying 13 municipal buildings.
- The 'Commune 3 Fleurs' initiative under which rainwater running off municipal buildings is collected and used for watering.
- The signature of a roadmap outlining joint eco-commitments by Sagets and other ski resort operators.
- The 'Climsnow' study which helps assess the effects of climate change on ski resorts and predict snow conditions on the slopes.
- The state-of-the-art snow cannons that consume less energy.



PRESERVATION OF NATURAL SPACES

From Natura 2000 sites to the Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark and the amazing wildlife and vegetation, the resort is well aware of its natural wealth but also the vulnerability that comes with it.

We like:

- The protection of habitats of the Black Grouse (a protected gallinaceous species).
- The classification of the Plateau de Loëx as a Natura 2000 site.
- The preservation of natural spaces and rehabilitation of wetlands.
- The Chablais region's listing on the UNESCO World Heritage list (protected geological site), with an educational trail at the Lac des Ecoles (Les Boittets peatlands).
- The signing up to the 'Objective Zero Pesticide' environmental initiative.
- Re-grassing measures in summer, for protection against soil erosion, integration of slopes into the natural landscape, more stable snow cover, biodiversity restoration, etc.
- The 'Père Delavay' botanical garden, a collection accredited by the CCVS (Conservatory of Specialised Plant Collections). Open in summer, this is a great place to discover little-known plants.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2010, Les Gets golf course became the first in France to obtain ISO 14001 certification for its eco-tourism approach. At the end of 2022, Les Gets also became the very first resort in Europe to launch a 'tobacco-free' initiative across the ski area!

THE #MADEINLESGETS CHARTERS

To encourage all local players to embrace the resort's environmental values, two 'made in Les Gets' quality charters have been drawn up: the Escale Nature nature-friendly charter and the Escale Vélo bike-friendly charter. Both are accommodation rating tools, the first being based on the means deployed in terms of energy and water consumption, waste management, noise pollution, etc., the second taking into account the facilities and services provided for the convenience and comfort of cyclists.



WE LIKE

A '0 PAPER' TOURIST OFFICE

Since autumn 2023, Les Gets Tourist Office has been engaged in this bold but necessary '0 paper' strategy that aims to drastically reduce and, eventually, completely stop the use of paper. Entertainment programmes (posters and brochures), resort guides and local magazines will be available in digital format only... as will this press kit! In addition, the website lesgets.com has been enhanced with a new feature, called 'SmartMap RESALOCAL', which provides a resort map showing the different activities, entertainment, ski/snowshoe slopes and trails, socio-professional partners, etc. This interactive app also allows you to create your own selection and share it easily.



EUROPEAN CERTIFICATION FOR 'MONTAGNE & TRADITION LES GETS'

Created in 2003, Ecolabel is Europe's only official environmental certification applying to holiday accommodation in all countries of the European Union. It lists 67 criteria, of which 22 are mandatory, that aim to reduce the environmental impacts of hotel accommodation. Today, more than 350 French accommodation providers (hotels, gites, youth hostels, campsites, etc.) carry this seal of approval, including the very first chalet operator in the French Alps: Montagne & Tradition manages 7 chalets and 6 apartments all year round, as well as catering and concierge services, among others. The company is now committed to observing a strict list of requirements and must fix improvement criteria and goals on a year-to-year basis.

ART OF LIVING, THE LES GETS WAY

THE VILLAGE OF LES GETS IS PACKED WITH FABULOUS PLACES THAT ARE CHIC, AUTHENTIC AND UNINHIBITED, INCLUDING AT LEAST 60 RESTAURANTS AND 11 HOTELS. FOR A PROPER INTRODUCTION TO A WAY OF LIFE THAT ONLY LES GETS HAS MASTERED, THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. SO HERE'S A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE GREAT PLACES, CONCEPTS AND LOCAL SPECIALITIES OF LES GETS!

NEW

PAPA RADIS CHEZ TÊTES DE RADIS, THE FAMILY CONCEPT STORE

Welcome to the Maman & Papa Radis concept store, designed by a family with families in mind! Adjoining the pre-existing concept store which already had an impressive collection of decorative objects, fresh flowers, clothing, accessories, toys, stationery, kitchenware and a whole weird and wonderful array of pointed, twisted and eccentric items, Papa Radis takes the concept further with this new shop intended just for 'dads'. It is still full of practical, chic and original objects, but there's also a beer tap around which mums and dads get together to share friendly moments. Attached to the idea of an environmentally responsible approach, Mathilde, the creator of this new concept store, wanted to mix different universes like the house and garden, parents, children and even grandparents. The flowers, for example, come from local and responsible agriculture, with respect for seasonality and guaranteed without pesticides. You could say this rather chic general store is the resort's go-to shop!

<https://www.tetesderadis.com>



NEW

LA FILLE DU TONNELIER, FOR A PARTY ATMOSPHERE

La Fille du Tonnelier is the latest trendy place to be in Les Gets for just about anything. This 400 m² facility which, by the way, was decorated by the Têtes de Radis team, is both a wine cellar, a bar, an afterwork space, a bistro where you can get lunch to eat in or take away, a coffee shop and a venue for business or private functions... All of this without compromise on the atmosphere or the standard of service. Whether it's wine or coffee you want, priority is given to organic specialities and craft beverages. As for the food, the MD10 lunch deal 'served up in under 10 minutes' gives pride of place to local products and homemade dishes, ideal if you're in a hurry. For a taste of the dolce vita, the tapas platters should appeal. For a true moment of togetherness, multiple events are organised throughout the season, including tasting sessions, oenology classes and a master class.

<https://www.lafilledutunnelier.fr>



VELVETTE, THE DELICIOUSLY CREATIVE CONCEPT STORE

At this concept store you can enjoy a bite to eat and hunt for bargains at the same time. In this contemporary, urban establishment with a hint of 'mountain chic', customers can enjoy a coffee, brunch, snack or meal and children even have their own little play area so their parents can enjoy some peace and quiet. Decorative items abound around the open kitchen, wood-fired pizza oven and central buffet of home-made desserts. Everything in Velvette is available to buy, from the comfortable armchairs in which customers are seated, to the warm lighting and colourful tableware in which the food is served - not to mention the unique decorative accessories!

<https://www.velvette-lesgets.fr>



CHEZ LA FINE, TRADITIONAL GUESTROOMS

In an 18th-century farmhouse conversion, this guesthouse serving evening meals has retained all its ancient charm. Everything has been preserved and enhanced, from the materials of its era, like stone and old timber, to the ancient features. The hayrack in the old stable now decorates the lounge, while the wood-burning stove where grandma 'La Fine' used to cook her Savoyard soup is still the centrepiece of the dining room. As for the five rooms, each of them offers a cosy cocoon oozing with a subtle mix of tradition and modernity. The entire chalet can be privately rented and evening meals can be arranged on prior request.

Rates: from €139 for a double room, breakfast included.

<http://www.chezlafine-lesgets.com>

**RECIPE BY
CHRISTOPHE PAULY,
THE MICHELIN-STARRED
BELGIAN CHEF AND LES GETS'
BIGGEST FAN**

Christophe Pauly, the chef at 'Le Coq aux Champs', a restaurant in Belgium boasting a Michelin star, has been a fan of Les Gets since he was a child. He returns with religious regularity to recharge his batteries, but also to find new culinary inspirations. While waiting to take Les Gets on a journey to his kitchen in Soheit-Tinlot in Belgium, he has come up with a dish made in Les Gets, which features in his recipe book.



Farmhouse Reblochon fried spring rolls - pastoral salad

Ingredients (for 4 people): 1 whole farmhouse Reblochon cheese, 4 brick pastry sheets, 1 stick of fennel leaves, 4 mint leaves, a few fennel and coriander flowers, 4 fresh almonds, unshelled, 1 teaspoon of extra-virgin olive oil, 8 toothpicks, grapeseed oil.



Method:

- Use a knife to scrape off as much of the Reblochon skin as possible. Trim the edges of the Reblochon to obtain a square.
- Cut it into 8 identical pieces.
- Cut the brick pastry sheets into strips of the same width as the Reblochon chunks.
- Roll each chunk of Reblochon in a brick pastry strip and secure with a toothpick.
- Remove the leaves from the fennel stick. Finely chop the mint leaves.
- Break the flowers into small pieces. Mix all these ingredients together.
- Shell the almonds, remove the skin from the nuts, and roughly crush.
- Mix all these ingredients with the olive oil.
- Deep-fat fry the Reblochon spring rolls at 180°C for 15 seconds, then drain on a sheet of kitchen roll.
- Remove the toothpicks and serve.

**‘LE SAVEUR DES GETS’,
A LOCAL CHEESE SPECIALITY**

With no less than 8 cheeses produced in Savoie, including 5 PDOs and 3 PGIs, cheese is the undisputed star in the restaurants of Haute-Savoie. And if there's one place in Les Gets that has mastered the art of making them (and cooking with them!), it has to be La Fruitière des Perrières. In business since the 20th century, this establishment is still run by the same family but has broadened its field of expertise. Indeed, it now produces cheeses, sells them in its own farm shop, and serves them up in the restaurant that occupies the old ripening cellars. Abondance, Tomme des Gets and Raclette cheeses are made here, but the most local of all specialities (because you won't find it anywhere else) is Le Saveur des Gets, a pressed raw-milk cheese of the Gruyère type.

<https://www.fruitiere-lesgets.com>



ECO-FRIENDLY EDITORIAL INSPIRATIONS



‘ÉCOLO’

WHAT IF YOU COULD ORGANISE A ‘RESPONSIBLE’ HOLIDAY GENERATING VIRTUALLY NO CARBON EMISSIONS?

What if your environmental concerns weren't necessarily an obstacle to your holiday plans? And what if you could travel (preferably to the mountains!) without any feelings of guilt? You can begin by choosing a responsible destination that shares our values. When it comes to sustainable tourism, Les Gets is a true pioneer! Then, you plan to travel with the lowest possible carbon footprint and choose accommodation that also takes a responsible approach to tourism (Escale Nature charter). Once you're there, you make full use of the soft mobility solutions (Gets'Lib, buses, tourist train, etc.) and zero-carbon activities available: E-MTB, hiking, wildlife and flora observation and awareness walks... Last but not least, you consume only local products, purchased locally from small-scale farmers or savoured in responsible restaurants. A guilt-free adventure made entirely in Les Gets!

‘CULTURE’

PRESERVING AND SHARING ANCIENT EXPERTISE IN THE DIGITAL ERA!

In the age of smartphones, apps and various streaming platforms, a few hard-liners are still resisting. Among them, the Museum of Mechanical Music, which opened in 1988, pursues its mission to collect objects of any shape or size relating to mechanical music: organs, fairground organs, automated figures, carousel, hole-punched music rolls, etc. And what a success, because the 900 items on display here make it Europe's largest mechanical music collection! But while the preservation of these 'ancient' objects is of course one of his main concerns, Denis Bouchet and his colleagues also strive to spread awareness among the public, targeting children in particular. A fascinating and enriching cultural exchange between two generations that sometimes seem worlds apart.



‘SPORTS’

BEHIND THE SCENES OF A WORLD-CLASS SPORTS EVENT

Les Gets has no lack of experience when it comes to international MTB competitions and is all set to host the next MTB World Cup (XCO & DH). The event is expected to attract the best French and international riders, along with over 100,000 spectators. The hosting of an event like this is both complicated and extremely rewarding. But to ensure everything goes as smoothly as possible requires the efforts of dozens of people: shapers (those who create the trails), the resort's technical staff, local elected representatives, activity leaders, the UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale), the athletes, coaches and sponsors... A whole hive of activity in which each has a key role to play!

‘FOOD’

FROM THE FIELD TO THE PLATE: SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS, CHEFS AND LOCAL DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS

A number of small-scale producers work in the mountains (farmers, market gardeners, beekeepers, cheesemakers, etc.) but this environment also attracts restaurant chefs who are constantly on the lookout for fresh inspiration. Aware that their best way to work is hand in hand, to showcase the local products and savoir-faire, they invite us on a culinary journey and, along the way, raise a few societal issues. How to give priority to local distribution channels while working with seasonal produce? How to encourage responsible and sustainable farming methods? How to promote French gastronomy beyond our borders?



‘LIFE IN THE SLOW LANE’

THE ART OF SLOWING THE PACE AND RECONNECTING WITH YOUR INNER SELF

Holidays are often intended as a change of scene and a chance to relax. Unfortunately, this doesn't always turn out to be the case. So, faced with the stress of the daily grind and the constant quest to have more, better and faster, the mountains are the perfect antidote. The wide open spaces, the fresh air, the panoramic views and the wide range of outdoor activities all invite us to return to basics and reconnect with our inner selves. Les Gets encourages you to forget your phone and concentrate on the joys of hiking with a picnic at sunset, a yoga session on top of a mountain or a whole day relaxing in one of the wellness facilities. And the icing on the cake? This remedy is 100% natural and comes with no contraindications!



LAND OF EVENTS

PASS'PORTES DU SOLEIL

28 TO 30 JUNE

A 3-day excursion for all types of mountain bike, touring across the spectacular landscapes of the Portes du Soleil MTB area!

MTB WORLD CUP

4 TO 7 JULY

THE sporting event of the season, when the world's best mountain bikers battle it out!

LES GETS GOLF VINTAGE

14 JULY

A fancy-dress event in which golfers and non-golfers renew with the elegant, authentic attire and glamour of the olden days, at the 18-hole golf course of Les Gets!

FESTIVAL DES 4 ELÉMENTS

15 TO 19 JULY

A fun and informative festival to explore the village's natural surroundings through the 4 elements: water, fire, earth and air.

MUSÉE EN FÊTE

20 & 21 JULY

An ode to mechanical music, instruments and automated figures, many of them little-known. This year's theme is fairground organs.

TRAIL DES GETS

20 & 21 JULY

A weekend devoted entirely to trail running, in the Mont Chéry and Roc d'Enfer sectors.

DH KIDS CUP

17 & 18 AUGUST

An MTB downhill race just for children aged 7 to 14 years.

ALAMBIKE

7 & 8 SEPTEMBER

A super friendly MTB relay challenge for charity!

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