PRESS KIT

Winter 2026 - 2027

Les Gets
Portes du Soleil

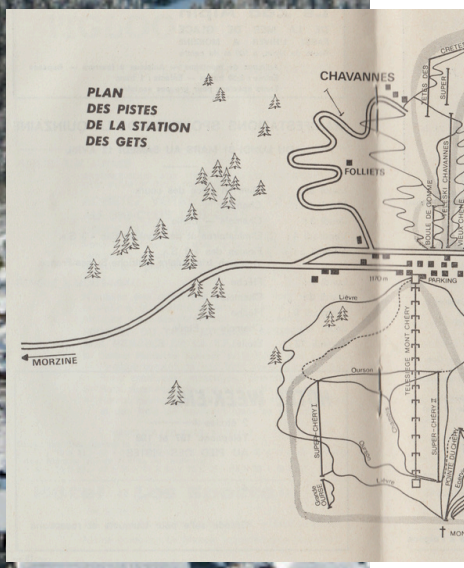


Unforgettable experience the extraordinary together

#madein**lesgets**

WELCOME TO LES GETS

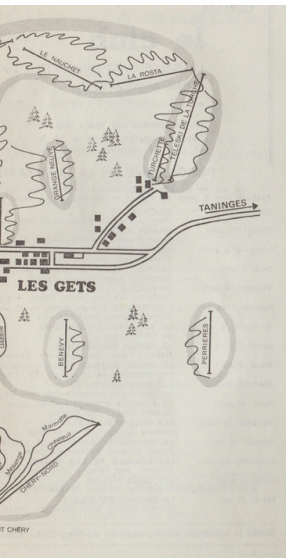
A HOLIDAY RESORT FOR 90 YEARS, A CHARMING VILLAGE SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL



At the entrance to the vast Portes du Soleil ski area, Les Gets is a charming, family-friendly and authentic village. Perched at an altitude of 1,172 metres on an exceptionally sunny mountain pass, the resort comprises two ski slopes: Les Chavannes and Mont Chéry. Les Gets is a vast playground offering a side to the mountains that is as active as it is contemplative. With 120 km of ski runs to suit all abilities, a wide range of activities and breathtaking views of Mont Blanc, the resort is the perfect place to get together and share unforgettable moments.



SUMMARY



KEY FIGURES ____ 04
TIMELINE ____ 05
90 YEARS AGO ____ 06
THE FIRST SKI LIFT ____ 07
A PRIONEERING STATION ____ 08
GROWTH OF TOURISM ____ 09
A UNIQUE IDENTITY ____ 11
LES GETS & LES PORTES DU SOLEIL ____ 13
LES GETS TODAY ____ 15
THE RESORT OF TOMORROW ____ 19
WINTER PROGRAMME ____ 20

KEY FIGURES

Les Gets - Morzine ski area

90 years of the ski area

2 "Step into the void" glass-floor platforms

1 "360° view with unique photo spots" of Mont Blanc (and the entire mountain range)

120 km of skiing

4 snowparks

900 instruments in the unmissable Museum of Mechanical Music

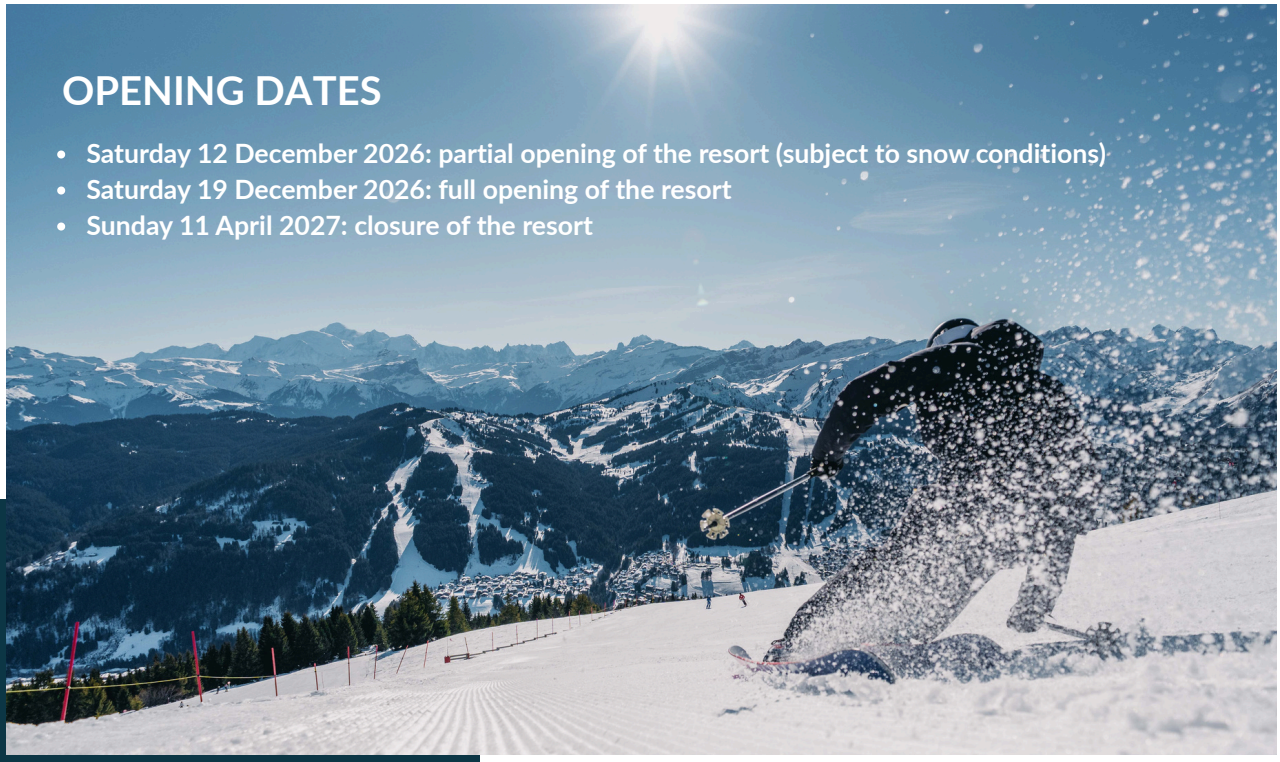
74 runs

6 ski touring routes

50 ski lifts

1 cheese you won't find anywhere else: Saveur des Gets

1255 residents of Les Gets year-round



TIMELINE

1880

Creation of the **Route des Grandes Alpes,** linking Thonon-les-Bains to Grenoble via Les Gets

1936

Installation of the **first detachable ski lift** in Les Gets

1937

Launch of the **first ESF in Les Gets**

1938

Fondation of **L'Igloo**

FRANCE'S OLDEST NIGHTCLUB!

1946

Construction of the **Turche ski lift**

1947 1948

Conversion of the ski lift into a **chairlift at Les Chavannes** – one of the first of its kind in the world

1970

Integration into the **Portes du Soleil**

1973

Construction of the **Chavannes cable car**

1974

First **FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup** in Les Gets

1981

Inauguration of the **Mont Chéry cable car**

1982

Establishment of the **Museum of Mechanical Music**

LES GETS = EUROPEAN CAPITAL

2010

Déborah Anthonioz wins a silver medal in snowboard cross at the **Vancouver Olympic Games**

2017

Adeline Baud is the French slalom skiing champion and the mixed teams world champion

2022 2023

Establishing a **smoke-free resort**

2024

Hosting the **World Junior Championships**







90 YEARS AGO...

... The first ski lift was built in Les Gets

Before becoming one of the most iconic resorts in Haute-Savoie, Les Gets was, first and foremost, a mountain village. During the interwar period, technological advances and the growth of tourism gradually transformed daily life there and paved the way for a new identity: that of one of France's first ski resorts.
Behind this transformation lies a history shaped by innovation, initiative and, above all, the men and women who shaped the village. **A collective adventure that continues and which, this winter, celebrates its 90th anniversary.**

From the mid-1930s onwards, the village of Les Gets turned its attention to developing tourism. Over the decades, the resort has modernised its infrastructure whilst retaining its alpine village charm, making Les Gets an authentic, family-friendly destination. Initially, a single ski lift allowed visitors to ski down a few slopes.

Today, **the destination is renowned for its variety of activities, its commitment to preserving its heritage and its innovative ideas.**

THE FIRST SKI LIFT

The Tourism and Sporting Adventure begins



The resort's opening up to the world began well before the 1930s, as it was as early as 1880, with the completion of the Route des Grandes Alpes, that the first travellers began arriving in Les Gets – initially for business, then for holidays. This opening up gained momentum at the start of the 20th century with the development of hotels. Tourists, drawn by the fresh mountain air and the beauty of the landscape, came in both winter and summer.

The installation of the resort's first ski lift, '**La Boule de Gomme**', reflected a strong desire for development!

Interview idea: Jean-Paul Baud, the guardian of time

Beyond his work as an architect, Jean-Paul Baud has made it his mission to preserve the soul of Les Gets through images. A passionate collector, he has amassed an impressive collection of old photographs, vintage postcards and holiday films from days gone by. His expert eye enables him to pinpoint places that have disappeared or been transformed, making his collection a veritable visual bridge between the resort's past and present.

A PIONEERING STATION

1936 - 1947



A technological revolution in the ski industry: Les Gets became one of the first resorts in the world to convert a T-bar lift into a chairlift.

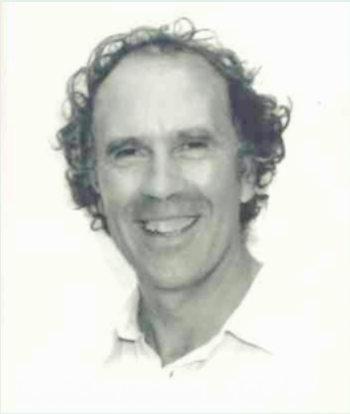
The first T-bar lift, the 'Boule de Gomme', was installed in **1936.** At the time, the pulleys and poles were made of wood, whilst the seats were simply bicycle saddles! In **1947**, a prototype chairlift was trialled at Les Chavannes: the seats were shaped like 'pickaxes'.

Technological development led to growth in tourism. **The first ski school** was founded during the winter of 1937. Today, the red-jumpered instructors of the ESF in Les Gets organise colourful events every winter!

1937 - 2027



Le Red Ski Show : ESF instructors and resort staff put on a showcase of winter sports activities and careers. On the programme for this event: freestyle demonstrations, a presentation by the piste service, technical snow grooming demonstrations and various entertainment activities. This year, the show will include a segment dedicated to the resort's 90th anniversary.
Plus d'informations sur www.lesgets.com/evenements-agenda/



Interview idea: Daniel Contat and the history of the Les Gets ski school

Alongside his work as a shopkeeper, Daniel Contat is a passionate scholar of Les Gets' history. He has made a name for himself in particular as one of the custodians of the local archives through his book *L'école de ski des Gets*. Daniel gives a detailed account of the development of the ski lifts and the stories of the first ski instructors!

GROWTH OF TOURISM



With the development of tourism, Les Gets is no longer just a simple mountain village but a ski resort, gradually establishing itself as a tourist destination. As early as **1938**, with the opening of the Igloo, a new nightclub, the resort gained a proper venue for partying, which over the decades would become a symbol of its nightlife.

At the same time, the ski lifts were modernised, transforming the experience for skiers. Les Gets thus gradually established itself as a '**ski-in, ski-out**' resort.

Interview idea: André Baud, the storyteller



Having witnessed the village's evolution towards tourism, André shares his life story and recounts Les Gets' transformation. From a pastoral economy in the 20th century to one of the flagship resorts of the Portes du Soleil.





LES GETS SKI AREA

1948

4 SKI LIFTS
3,4 KILOMETRES OF SLOPES
2850 SKIERS PER HOUR

2027

23 SKI LIFTS
64 KILOMETRES OF SLOPES
37'458 SKIERS PER HOUR

Over the decades, the number of ski lifts in the resort has grown, whilst ski touring has given way to other activities, reflecting changing habits and the boom in winter tourism. However, this trend has gained new momentum since the winter of 2020, marked by the Covid-19 health crisis, which has helped to reignite interest in ski touring.

Story idea

Ski touring: from survival to selfies

How an ancient Alpine technique, once essential to the survival and mobility of mountain dwellers, has, in the space of a few decades, become a trendy leisure sport.



Interview idea: Philippe Mugnier, writer and historian

An author, publisher and historian from Les Gets, the town forms the beating heart of his research and literary imagination. In 2023, he published Les Gets Retro, a historical book tracing the entire history of Les Gets. In 2026, he turned his hand to fiction with Fert, les veilleurs des cols. This debut novel blends history and mystery, set across two time periods. The plot oscillates between the present day and the 1950s, when the protagonist, Richard, is introduced to the heart of the village of Les Gets, then undergoing a radical transformation driven by tourism.

A UNIQUE IDENTITY

Les Gets draws its strength from being a centuries-old village first and foremost, before being a ski resort. This heritage is reflected in the village's mountain identity and authenticity, sustained by a community of residents who are fiercely committed to maintaining a vibrant local community all year round.

Far from being overshadowed by an economy centred entirely on tourism, traditional crafts and agro-pastoral practices remain powerful drivers of social cohesion and the transmission of local heritage.
This authenticity is embodied by local businesses, facilities and creators:

THE MUSEUM OF MECHANICAL MUSIC

A unique collection of over 900 mechanical musical instruments: carillons, automata, clocks, music boxes, and even a mechanical piano by **Pablo Picasso!** This incredible collection is the result of the dedication of a passionate team. One of the most visited museums in Haute-Savoie, it is open year-round.

From €5 / More information at www.musicmecalesgets.org/





Interview idea: Denis Bouchet, the collector

A former mayor of Les Gets and former operations manager of the ski area, he is now the curator of the Museum of Mechanical Music, a collection he has been patiently expanding since 1982.



THE PERRIÈRES CHEESE DAIRY

A family-run business founded in 1906, La Fruitière des Perrières has established itself as a benchmark for local expertise! Operating on a short supply chain, it processes milk sourced mainly from farms in Les Gets. This is where the Saveur des Gets cheese is made and matured (for a minimum of 5 months!), using milk from Abondance, Tarine and Montbéliarde cows.
Further information at www.fruitiere-lesgets.com



Interview idea: Monique Pelvat, between farming and tourism

Having grown up amidst rural life, Monique embodies the living memory of Les Gets' economic transition, having witnessed traditional farming successfully merge with the boom in mountain tourism.



LES GETS POTTERY WORKSHOP

Each visitor steps into a world where creativity meets traditional craftsmanship. Every piece is unique, shaped with its own identity. On one side, the farm and its sheep; on the other, the creative workshop. Deeply rooted in local inspiration, the motifs draw directly from the mountain and rural atmosphere that surrounds the place.
Further information is available at www.poterie-des-gets.fr/



Interview idea: Anouk and Nathalie Bonhomme, the potter sisters

Anouk and Nathalie Bonhomme, two sisters who are potters, bring an artistic touch to the resort all year round. Once the pottery session is over, you'll find them in the pastures where chickens, sheep and cows enjoy the peaceful mountain setting.

MOUNTAIN-INSPIRED RECIPE

The Gets' identity is also reflected in its terroir and its modern-day ambassadors. Michelin-starred chef and resort ambassador **Christophe Pauly** shares one of his recipes made with local produce!
Discover the recipe on our website



LES GETS & LES PORTES DU SOLEIL

In 1970, Les Gets became part of the **vast international Portes du Soleil resort area, which brings together 12 resorts across France and Switzerland** (Les Gets, Morzine, Avoriaz, Montriond, Saint
Jean d'Aulps, Châtel, Abondance, La Chapelle d'Abondance, Torgon, Morgins, Champéry, Champoussin/Les Crosets). The links between each resort create a **real journey within a journey**: skiing for pleasure, unforgettable panoramic views and immediate access to the ski lifts, right on your skis!

LES GETS, THE "ELEGANT" FACE OF PORTES DU SOLEIL

Les Gets stands out by combining the elegance of a major resort with the authenticity of a well-preserved Haute-Savoie village. Only a few kilometres from the railway stations and Geneva International Airport, Les Gets stands out for both its accessibility and its Alpine charm. This elegance is particularly evident in the high-end facilities on offer, such as the spas (Sources du Chéry, Sérénicîmes, Kinabalu), chalets and hotels offering premium services.









THE WORLD CAPITAL OF MOUNTAIN BIKING

Even in Winter!

In Les Gets, mountain biking is part of the **village's DNA**, so it is only natural that the activity continues year-round. Several providers offer electric mountain bikes specially designed for snow, known as fat bikes, and organise **snow-riding introductions**. With their extra-wide tyres, these bikes provide excellent stability
on snow. The groomed, secure trails are accessible from age 8 and guided by qualified instructors. Informations and prices: lesgets.com



Interview idea: Benoît Texier, all-season mountain biking instructor and guide

Benoît accompanies holidaymakers on rides, allowing them to explore the surroundings at their own pace all year round. In winter, he takes people looking for new thrills out on the trails of Mont Caly on **'fat bikes'.**



EVENT

FROM AUGUST 24 to SEPTEMBER 5, 2027 Haute-Savoie will be the venue for the World Cycling Championships. On this occasion and thanks to its important past as an organizer of this type of event, the city of Les Gets will host the downhill and cross-country races!

LES GETS TODAY

Les Gets stands out thanks to its unique layout: a village located right at the centre of the ski area. At its heart, the church and the lanes of the old village highlight the resort's heritage. Situated on a pass in a "**cold pocket**", the resort benefits from a microclimate that guarantees snow quality comparable to sites perched at 1,500 metres. Free of steep slopes or rock barriers, its gentle terrain ensures smooth, accessible skiing that appeals to families and beginners as well as experienced skiers seeking technical variety.

On one side, **the Chavannes slope**, which links up with Morzine, is now the gateway to the Portes du Soleil, an iconic area of the Alps. It is also on this slope that the resort's highest point stands: the Ranfoilly, featuring its unique "Step into the void" platform overlooking Mont Blanc. Opposite, The **Mont Chéry** offers breathtaking views of the entire Mont Blanc range. This slope provides a wilder, quieter environment away from the bustle. More challenging runs, spectacular views and exceptional sunshine on its southern aspect make it a must for adventurous skiers.



Experience the area in a different way...

Today, skiing remains at the heart of mountain holidays, but it is no longer the only reason people take a holiday. **The resort of Les Gets has therefore diversified its offering to meet the public's current preferences and continue to be a forward-thinking resort.**





SHARE

1ER SKI FESTIVAL

Designed for those who have never strapped on skis before, the 1st Ski Festival offers a week of initiation into the joys of skiing in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. On the programme: ski lessons every morning with instructors from Les Gets ski schools, a variety of activities in the afternoon and shared evening meals to build connections.
See you during the week of 20 to 27 March 2027. Stay from €699.
More info https://www.1erskifestival.com/



LES GETS COMEDY

From 11 to 17 March 2027, skiing meets laughter with Les Gets Comédie, a week dedicated to humour in the friendly atmosphere of the resort. On stage, a line-up of talented artists including Elie Semoun, Anne Roumanoff, Paul de Saint-Sernin and Paul Taylor! Prices from €23
www.lesgets.com/evenements-agenda/



ALTA LUMINA

In the heart of the forest, blanketed in snow at night, a one-kilometre illuminated trail with immersive scenes awaits visitors. The story of a travelling musician, tied to the very DNA of the region, invites spectators on a poetic journey through light and sound. Ideal for all ages, this experience is part of the resort's year-round diversification strategy. The self-guided tour lasts approximately 1 hour. Times vary according to nightfall.
Price: adult : €19,50 children : €10,50
Altalumina.com

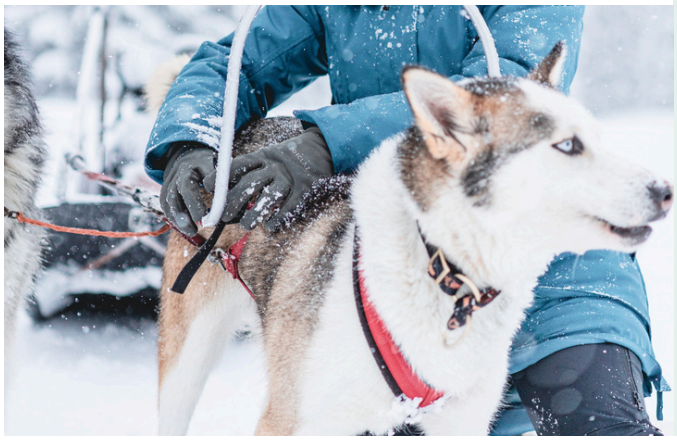




DISCONNECT

4 SEASON LUGE

Embark on a thrilling ride aboard the 4-Season Luge! Through the larch forest on a 46% slope (reaching speeds of up to 40 km/h!), alone or in pairs, the 4-Season Luge is a rush of adrenaline for the whole family!
Price: €9 per luge for 1 or 2 person. www.lesgets.com



SLED DOG

Drawn by a team of 14 Nordic dogs, the family-run business La Patte Nordic offers immersive experiences centred on nature, bonding with animals and getting away from it all. Whether it's sled dog rides or an Inuit experience, Justine and her father Didier guarantee extraordinary Nordic adventures.
Information and booking: www.lapattenordic.fr
Price: from €120

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

SKI GATHERING

Holidays designed for solo travellers seeking adventure and new encounters in the mountains. The concept appeals because it's so unique: going on holiday alone! A holiday focused on learning and making new friends, for adults and all levels of skiing.
Theskigathering.com / Chalets-lesgets.com
From €600 the week.

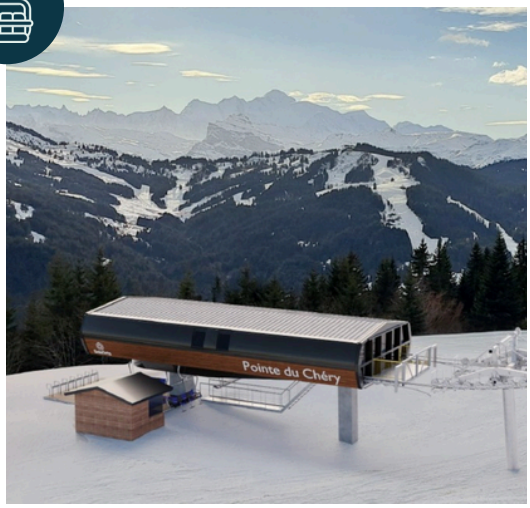


LES GETS WINTER TRAIL BY ROSSIGNOL

On Saturday 16 January 2027, Les Gets will host a new edition of its Winter Trail. A unique event combining athletic performance with the beauty of snow-covered mountains at night. Open to all, the event offers routes from 800 m to 20 km. Several distinctive features make the Les Gets Trail a one-of-a-kind event: a night-time start, a route through the heart of the ski area, ...



WHAT'S NEW



A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE SKI AREA

As part of the modernisation of the resort, the Grains d'Or chairlift has been removed to make way for the Pointe chairlift on the Mont Chéry side. The new layout involves the replacement of three old installations. The Grains d'Or chairlift will not be replaced, as skier numbers are now handled by the 8-seater Rosta chairlift, which was upgraded last year. More informations on: solegets.com/2026/08/13/nouveau-telesiege-de-la-pointe/



NEW MEDIA LIBRARY

This autumn, the former presbytery in Les Gets will open its doors following a complete refurbishment, unveiling a modern and accessible 750 m² media library spread over four floors. It will feature reading areas for adults, a floor entirely dedicated to young people with a games library, a 'Micro-Folie' digital room, as well as a future connected and immersive exhibition space dedicated to the village's history.



NEW SNOWPARK

Located beneath the La Croix chairlift, the mini boardercross course will be replaced by a snowpark for beginners, enabling riders to tackle features suited to their level.

STATION OF TOMORROW

LES GETS: A PIONEER IN SMOKE-FREE RESORTS!

A pioneer in this field, Les Gets has made its mark on the history of winter tourism by becoming, from December 2022, the very first ski area in Europe to impose a total ban on smoking on its slopes and ski lifts. This environmentally responsible initiative, initially adopted by municipal decree to preserve air quality and combat pollution from cigarette butts, has since paved the way for a widespread ban on smoking across all French ski resorts.

REUSABLE WOODEN SKI PASSES

Three years ago, the resort introduced a novel initiative: a range of beechwood ski passes to replace plastic passes (40,000 plastic passes were issued to skiers and mountain bikers each year).

PROTECTING THE BLACK GROUSE

To protect the black grouse, an Alpine bird that is particularly vulnerable to cold weather and disturbance in winter, Les Gets is taking action in the Mont Chéry and Ranfoilly areas. Wintering areas are now clearly marked to alert off-piste skiers and hikers. In addition, the cables of five chairlifts have been fitted with visual markers to prevent fatal collisions. Finally, the resort offers activities to raise public awareness of the importance of protecting wildlife and the mountain environment.



Eco smart tip:

TRAVEL BY TRAIN AND SAVE!

Montagne Verte, a local association operating in the Les Gets–Morzine area, works towards a low-carbon future. The association offers the AlpinExpress pass, which gives discounts on accommodation, ski rental, lessons, restaurants and more, for those arriving by train.
montagneverte.org/projects/alpinexpress/

NEW : This winter, a Montagne Verte second-hand shop is opening its doors in the old village of Les Gets.

EVENT CALENDAR



Santa Claus lives in Les Gets

20-24 DÉCEMBER 2026

This winter, in the village centre, the Tourist Office is putting on a magical and unique show to celebrate Christmas. On Christmas Eve, it's time to celebrate with a street parade, a torchlit procession and a fireworks display!



New Year's Eve

31 DÉCEMBER 2026

A night to warm up the winter chill: free hot beverages, live music, a torchlit descent and a fireworks show to ring in the New Year. There'll be plenty to get the party started, with entertainment and a champagne bar*.



Les Gets Winter Trail by Rossignol

16 JANUARY 2027

Open to all, this race features routes ranging from 800 metres to 20 kilometres through the heart of the ski area. This unique event stands out for its night-time start and offers a magical immersion in the very heart of the ski area.



Red Ski Show

8, 15, 22 FEBRUARY AND 1 MARCH 2027

An amazing show celebrating winter sports in all their forms! Expect snow groomer demos, ski patrol presentations, freestyle displays and plenty of surprises! This winter brings a special edition to mark the 90th anniversary of the resort!



Les Gets Comedy

11 - 17 MARCH 2027

A week of comedy in the resort's friendly atmosphere. On stage, a line-up of talented artists including Elie Semoun, Anne Roumanoff, Paul de Saint-Sernin and Paul Taylor!



1er Ski Festival

20 - 27 MARS 2027

The 1st Ski Festival offers a week of fun-filled introductory sessions for complete beginners. On the programme: ski lessons every morning, a variety of activities in the afternoon and communal dinners in the evening to get to know one another.

*Alcohol abuse is dangerous for your health, consume in moderation.

CONTACTS

CLARA BOUVIER

PRESS OFFICER
+33 (0)6 10 23 77 47
COMMUNICATION@LESGETS.COM

LAUREN FULSEBAKKE

LFRP AGENCY MANAGER
+33 (0)6 33 28 80 06
LAURENFULSEBAKKE@GMAIL.COM

Press area and photo library:
https://www.lesgets.com/presse/
Password: presse

www.lesgets.com





Les Gets
Portes du Soleil

©crédits photos : Thomas Sallaberry, Corentin Croisonnier, Marie Tardy, Archive La Sagets, Quentin Chopard, Regis Blanc, Famille Mirigay, Hubert Coppel, Roger Delavay, Laura Bureau, Jean-Paul Baud, Sara Venning, Philippe Mugnier, Lucie Bartholomé, La Fruitière des Perrières, Alba Santoro, Marion Co Photography, Solenn Monnet, Manon Guenot, David Michet, Exposition photo Louis-René Astre par la collection Rouchon, Mel Carle, Jeremy Calvot, Mairie des Gets, Tim Arnold, Gio Fleming Photography

OFFICE DE TOURISME CLASSÉ
DESTINATION D'EXCELLENCE
GÉOPARC CHABLAIS
unesco Géoparc mondial
ACCUEIL VÉLO
La Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes
haute savoie le Département
HAUTE-SAVOIE MONT-BLANC
MAURIN AUTOMOBILES
ROSSIGNOL
CUBE
Portes du Soleil
Les Gets MAIRIE