



HAUTES ALPES

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WINTER  
20  
21 | **ski resorts  
guide**



“ PURE ”

Nothing is  
more  
beautiful  
than  
the simple  
things.



**GAP**  
Marseille > 180 km  
Lyon > 205 km

**BRIANÇON**  
Turin > 111 km  
Paris > 727 km

This winter, head to the Hautes-Alpes by **plane**, by **train**, by **bus** or by **car**. Take a bus from **Paris**, **Marseille** (airport and TGV station), **Aix-en-Provence** (TGV station), **Turin** (TGV station), **Oulx** (TGV station), **Grenoble** (airport and TGV station) and **Lyon** (airport and TGV station). Also shuttles services between the Hautes-Alpes' TER stations and the ski resorts.

# The essentials

## MAIN SITES

**Gap**  
**Briançon - Mont-Dauphin**  
 (UNESCO)  
**Serre-Ponçon - Durance**  
**Notre-Dame du Laus**  
**Vallouise - Valgaudemar - La Meije**  
 (mountaineering)  
**Parcs naturels** : Écrins, Queyras,  
 Baronnies Provençales Natural  
 Parks  
**Bure**  
**Tallard** (Airfields)  
**Great Alpine Route**  
 (Major mountain passes)  
**Napoleon Road**  
**Ski resorts**  
 (9 major resorts and 18 village  
 resorts)



## EXPERIENCES

**The great outdoors**  
 Skiing  
 Nordic activities  
 Mountaineering and rock climbing  
 Hiking and rambling  
 Cycling  
 Sailing and white water  
 Aviation sports and leisure  
 Golf  
 Nature and fishing

**Culture and lifestyle**  
 Relaxation and balneotherapy  
 Culture and knowledge  
 Heritage and traditions  
 Local gastronomy

**Events**  
 Sports and cultural events



MORE INFORMATIONS:  
[www.hautes-alpes.net](http://www.hautes-alpes.net)



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## Ski resorts

### MAJOR RESORTS



#### KEY

-  Altitude
-  Number of slopes
-  Number of lifts
-  Adult ski pass price (from)



SERRE CHEVALIER

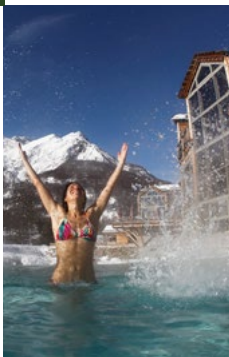


**SERRE CHEVALIER**

ONE OF FRANCE'S  
TOP TEN RESORTS

The large Hautes-Alpes ski resort extends from the Galibier Pass to Briançon, spans numerous villages and combines exceptional skiing conditions and excellent services. With a Club Med, a wide range of hotels and plenty of après-ski facilities, such as the Grands Bains of Monêtier, it became an international destination.

[www.serre-chevalier.com](http://www.serre-chevalier.com)



1 200 m  
2 800 m



82



59



> day ski pass 53€  
> 6-day ski pass 272€

**MONTGENÈVRE**

THE OLDEST  
RESORT



Created in 1907, this resort located at the French-Italian border combines the charm and character of a mountain village with a vast international ski resort: the Milky Way, as it is known, extends to Sestriere and San Sicario in Italy. Montgenèvre has more than 400 km of slopes and high-quality après-ski facilities such as the Durancia wellness centre.

[www.montgenevre.com](http://www.montgenevre.com)



1 860 m  
2 700 m



48



25



> day ski pass 49.40€  
> 6-day ski pass 254.80€



LA GRAVE - LA MEIJE






**LA GRAVE - LA MEIJE**  
THE FREE RIDE  
MECCA

The best riders flock from all over the world to hurtle down the off-piste, powder-snow-covered areas of La Grave-La Meije. A 360° panoramic view, a 2,150 m difference in height over almost 9 km of downhill slopes: a must for 'free riders'. Even if you are a proficient skier, it is strongly recommended you seek the services of a specialist in this high-mountain environment.

[www.lagrave-lameije.com](http://www.lagrave-lameije.com)






1 450 m

3 550 m

domaine

freeride

3



> day ski pass 52€


> 6-day ski pass 271€

**PUY-SAINT-VINCENT**  
THE PEARL  
OF THE ÉCRINS

Puy-Saint-Vincent has exceptional snow conditions. Staggered across three different altitudes (1,400 m, 1,600 m and 1,800 m), the resort's slopes unfold among the Pays des Écrins' larch forests facing the emblematic Pelvoux and Barre des Écrins summits or the Glacier Blanc.

[www.puysaintvincent.com](http://www.puysaintvincent.com)





1 400 m

2 700 m

35

12



> day ski pass 35,50€

> 6-day ski pass 182€

PUY-SAINT-VINCENT





VARIS - RISOU

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LA FORÊT  
BLANCHE



Vars and Risoul share the joint ski area of La Forêt Blanche, a vast forest of larch up to 2,200 m in altitude with 185 km of marked slopes. It is one of the largest and most beautiful ski resorts in the Southern Alps. Vars is the resort of big events such as the Vars en scène show and its legendary speed-skiing slope. Risoul, on the other hand, keeps growing and innovating in sustainable energy.



[www.risoul.com](http://www.risoul.com) [www.vars.com](http://www.vars.com)



1 650 m  
2 750 m



115



43



> day ski pass 41.50€  
> 6-day ski pass 209.50€

LES ORRES

SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT



The resort has a vast ski area, a 1,170 m gradient and slopes for all levels either across the pastures or among larch-lined mountains. Les Orres overlooks the Serre-Ponçon lake and the town of Embrun. The resort is highly involved in the Smart Mountain programme and committed to the energy self-sufficiency of its installations.

[www.lesorres.com](http://www.lesorres.com)



1 550 m  
2 720 m



36



17

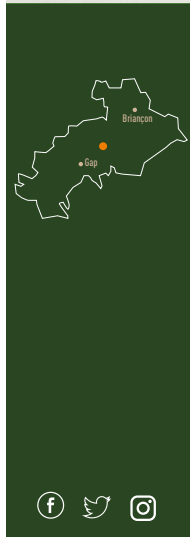


> day ski pass 38€  
> 6-day ski pass 195€





ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850

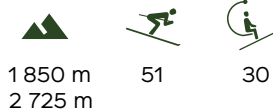
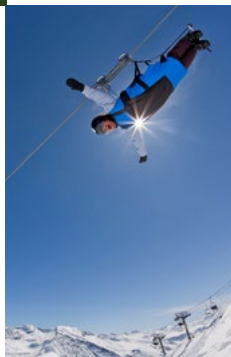


**ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850**

THE FAMILY  
RESORT

Orcières Merlette 1850 has the appeal of a large high-altitude resort with a warm welcome and friendly atmosphere. The south-facing ski area extends up to an altitude of 2,725 m. Orcières also boasts a sports complex for leisure and relaxation and is classed as a 'Famille Plus' resort, a label for family-friendly destinations.

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



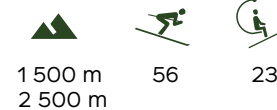
> day ski pass 37€  
> 6-day ski pass 189.80€

**SUPERDÉVOLUY - LA JOUE DU LOUP**

TWO RESORTS,  
TWO ATMOSPHERES

Linked to each other, the ski resorts of SuperDévoluy and La Joue du Loup total 100 km of slopes. They differ in atmosphere. If SuperDévoluy is characterised by a club atmosphere, La Joue du Loup has a preference for a cosier ambiance with beautiful wooden chalets. Dévoluy is also home to the remarkable O'Dycée wellness centre.

[www.ledevoluy.com](http://www.ledevoluy.com)



> day ski pass 37.50€  
> 6-day ski pass 192€



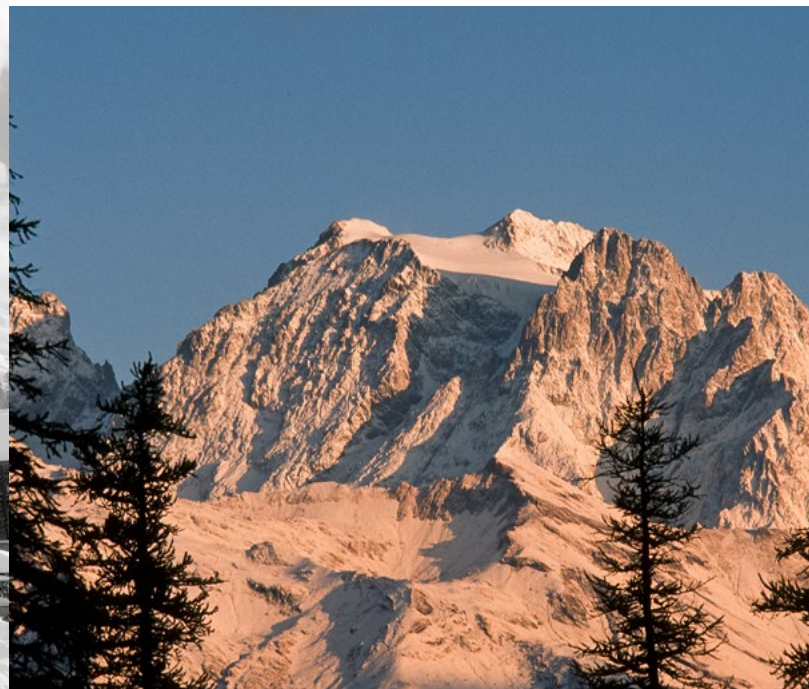
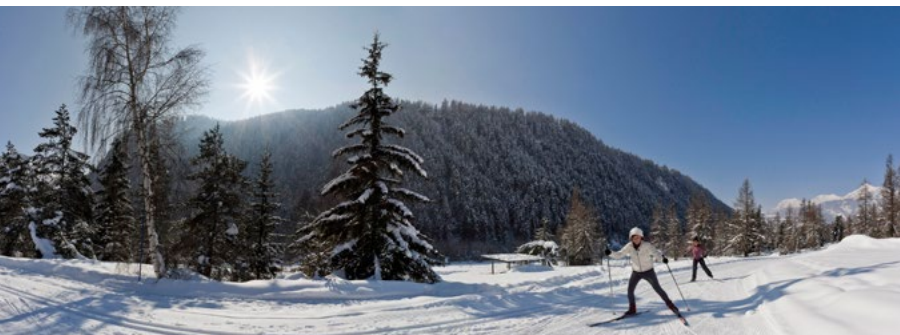


## VILLAGE RESORTS

## NORDIC ACTIVITIES

The departement has 1,000 km of groomed trails over 22 marked renowned sites under the label **Nordic Alpes du Sud** (Southern Alps Nordic). Among the most well-known are the wild **Vallée de la Clarée**, **Névache**, the **Gap-Bayard** resort and the Queyras, which is one of France's largest Nordic sites.

Cross-country skiing and outings on foot or snowshoes are activities that can be enjoyed in the resorts as well as in the valley. They can be practiced freely or guided by a mountain professional.



## PELVOUX-VALLOUISE

AT THE  
GIANTS' FOOT

Powder snow lovers will be enthralled: varied landscapes, slopes for all members of the family (beginners, proficient or experts), free riding spots, events around the resort's Igloo Village. Pelvoux-Vallouise is ideal for those wanting to escape the hustle and bustle of larger resorts.



[www.paysdesecrins.com](http://www.paysdesecrins.com)



1 250 m  
2 300 m



18



> day ski pass 23.50€  
> 6-day ski pass 119.40€







QUEYRAS





QUEYRAS  
ALL  
IN HEIGHTS

At the heart of a Regional Natural Park, backed up to Mont Viso (3,841 m) and Italy to the east, the Queyras is a deep valley with several spurs. The five village resorts of Abriès, Arvieux, Ceillac, Saint-Véran and Molines have plenty of character and form four ski areas with varied atmospheres.





[www.queyras-montagne.com](http://www.queyras-montagne.com)



Abriès

   
1 550 m 16  
2 450 m



Molines - Saint-Véran

   
1 740 m 33  
2 830 m

Arvieux

   
1 690 m 17  
2 105 m

Ceillac

   
1 700 m 16  
2 450 m

€ > day ski pass  
from 28.20€  
> 6-day ski pass  
from 156.30€

CHAMPSAUR  
THE SOFTNESS  
OF THE MOUNTAINS





The Champsaur counts five village resorts: Ancelle, Chaillol, Laye, Saint-Léger-les-Mélèzes et Serre-Eyraud. Here nature is generous, one can ski in intimacy and quietly discover villages by foot or snowshoes.



[www.champsaur-valgaudemar.com](http://www.champsaur-valgaudemar.com)



Ancelle

   
1 350 m 15  
1 807 m

Chaillol

   
1 600 m 13  
2 000 m



Laye

   
1 300 m 8  
1 850 m

Saint-Léger

   
1 260 m 16  
2 001 m

Serre-Eyraud

   
1 480 m 9  
2 100 m

€ > day ski pass  
from 15.80€  
> 6-day ski pass  
from 79€





## CRÉVOUX

IN THE HEART  
OF NATURE

Located in the Parpaillon massif, Crévoux is a natural skiing paradise. Over time the resort, built in 1937, has maintained the authenticity of a mountain village offering a warm welcome and a friendly atmosphere.

[www.crevoux.fr](http://www.crevoux.fr)



1 600 m  
2 550 m



16



> day ski pass 23.<sup>20</sup>€  
> 6-day ski pass 109.<sup>40</sup>€

## RÉALLON

ABOVE  
SERRE-PONÇON

At the heart of the Aiguilles de Chabrières cirque and the gateway to the Écrins National Park, the Réallon resort overlooks the Serre-Ponçon lake providing a unique view. Above all, Réallon is a resort that puts people first, with a ski area suitable for all and is easily accessible thanks to its location just 2½ hours from Marseille.

[www.reallon-ski.com](http://www.reallon-ski.com)



1 560 m  
2 146 m



13



> day ski pass 24.<sup>50</sup>€  
> 6-day ski pass 123.<sup>50</sup>€



**New**

## ACCOMMODATION

### LE DÉVOLUY

#### 8 new high-end chalets at La Joue du Loup: Les Chalets des Écrins

Marketed by the Écrin des Neiges (formerly Le Refuge de l'Eterlou) hotel, these eight 4-star chalets built in wood can accommodate up to 6 people. Since they are essentially part of the hotel, the chalets benefit from services akin to those available to guests in hotel rooms. Depending on the options selected by customers, the chalets are cleaned every day, the beds changed and bathrooms serviced just like in hotel rooms.

Additionally, chalet guests can opt to have breakfast at the hotel or have it delivered directly to the chalets. They are also granted use of the hotel's ski room at the foot of the slopes. A cosy bar welcomes guests for some relaxing après-ski in a mountain atmosphere.

### GUILLESTROIS - QUEYRAS

#### A new star on the heights for Ferme de l'Izoard hotel

Perched at 1,700 m of altitude at the foot of the legendary Izoard pass, in the village-resort of Arvieux-en-Queyras, Ferme de l'Izoard has just earned its fourth star. A faithful reconstruction of a traditional Queyras farmhouse, the hotel features all the modern comforts of a 4-star hotel with restaurant, spa and heated indoor pool. For the owners, who want to keep the style humble, friendly and intimate, this is a wonderful reward.

### ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850

#### New 4-star holiday residence: Rochebrune 2 (Les Cimes)

A brand new 4-star holiday residence takes up winter quarters in Orcières Merlette 1850: 3,800 m<sup>2</sup> divided into 2 chalets. The residence has a total of 50 accommodation units with 250 beds, from studios to T4. It also features a wellness area (sauna, hammam, jacuzzi) and heated indoor pool, also accessible from the Rochebrune 1 residence, known as Le Vallon.

### VARIS

#### The 16 I 150\*\*\*\* Spa Nuxe & the Panorama Vars 2000

The 16 I 150 is an Authentic Design Boutique Hotel & Spa nestled at 1,650 m of altitude. Redesigned by its new owners, it now offers guests a new and original mountain experience.

The decor is loosely styled on the late 60s', with a lounge atmosphere and a distinct party feel, featuring a Nuxe Spa and a wellness area of nearly 300 m<sup>2</sup>.

The Skitchen, a "bistronomic" restaurant also open to customers from outside the hotel, is run by executive chef Vincent Poette who gives pride of place to fresh, organic and local products.

The new ski in, ski-out Panorama Vars 2000 holiday residence receives guests in a magical setting on the heights of Vars les Claux. It has almost 50 accommodation units.



## APRÈS-SKI



## SERRE CHEVALIER

**A second giant zip line in the Hautes-Alpes**

Following Orcières Merlette 1850's example, it's now Serre Chevalier's turn to get its very own giant zip line.

1,100 m long with 300 m of elevation drop, for a 95-second descent at speeds of 70 to 110 km/h, the zip line extends from Grand Serre (2,491 m) to Grand Alpe (2,193 m).

A whole new way to get to know the peaks..

## PAYS DES ÉCRINS

**Sylvotherapy, a first in France**

Initiation to Shinrin-Yoku, therapeutic "forest bathing" at the heart of Ecrins national park. A 3-hour walk along mostly easy and flat terrain. This outing involves small groups, allowing you to take full advantage of the sensory guidance offered by the leader, whose role it is to help practitioners interact with the natural environment.

Lie down and watch the clouds passing, listen to the forest and let your senses explore the environment, as Lucas Bessy, nature therapy guide, takes you on a sensory journey. Forest bathing encourages you to let go of your mental processes and focus on what you feel, thus allowing you to gradually reconnect with the essential, in the present moment.

## GUILLESTROIS - QUEYRAS

**A mushroom farm and cheese plant in Mont-Dauphin**

Civilian life returns to Rochambeau barracks in the Mont-Dauphin fortress (Vauban Fortification).

This former military building, classed as a national monument and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is now a mushroom farm and cheese ageing plant.

At the start of the year, Nicolas Wagner installed up his organic mushroom farm across six of the building's rooms. He now produces oyster mushrooms and is planning to grow shiitake soon.

The Monbardon cheese dairy and the Southern Alps dairy cooperative, for their part, are using six other rooms which they've converted into ripening cellars for their cheeses. The micro-climate brings extra taste to the cheeses, which include Bleus du Queyras, raclette and various others.



## VARS

**The ice cave**

Accessible by the Chabrières telemix, on skis or on foot, the new ice cave in Vars boasts 30 snow or ice crystal sculptures on the Caribou theme. Of course, this changes every year since, come springtime, nature inexorably takes back what's rightfully hers and melts these ephemeral masterpieces.

Eight sculptors from all over Europe spend a week each year creating their art in the cave's nooks and crannies, to the delight of visitors. The cave's interior is made up of a network of about 100 metres of galleries decorated with all kinds of sculptures.

You'll be surprised by how soft the snow and ice are, in what must surely be a very cold environment. A site you can't afford to miss.



## SKI AREAS



## GAP-TALLARD / QUEYRAS

**New cross-country skiing trails**

Until this year, the Col de Gleize had not been used for cross-country skiing for 15 years. It will now be ready for the winter, equipped with 12 km of track at 1,700 to 1,900 metres of altitude. Tinged with nostalgia, this new ice-skating and alternative cross-country skiing venue boasts stunning views.

Queyras is all set for a new cross-country trail, marked and regularly groomed: the Grande Trace Izoard, going from Souliers to Cervières, passing through Arvieux and the Col Izoard at 2,360 m. This hilly area is ideal as it includes some faster downhill sections, with picturesque scenery as it passes right through the Queyras village-resorts.

## LES ORRES

**Le Pic Vert, a new high-altitude restaurant**

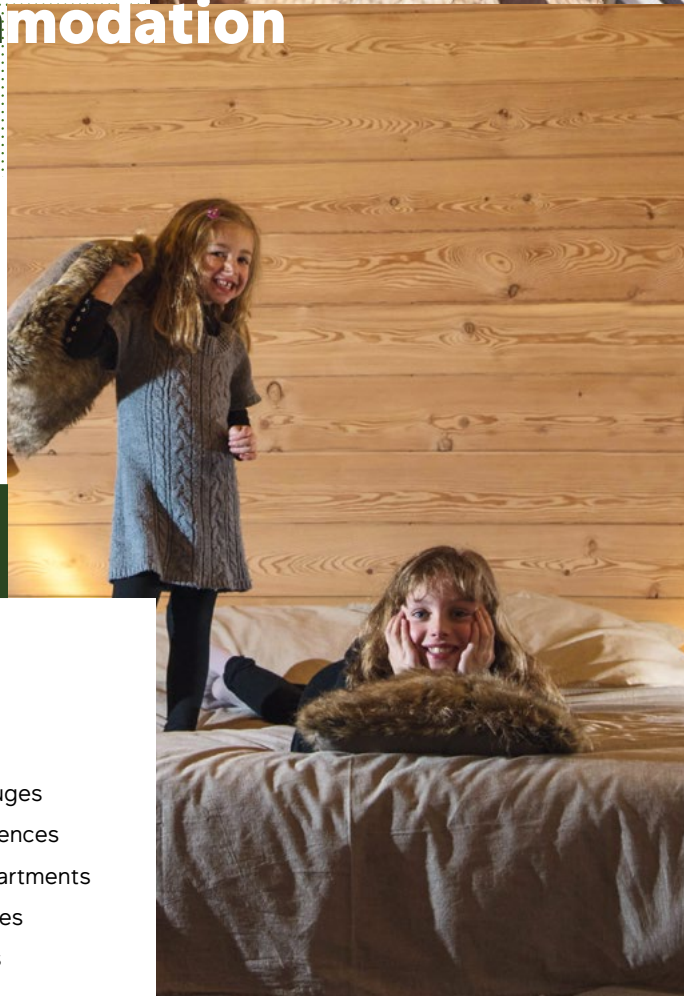
Following the opening of Le Pic Vert chairlift in 2018, a mountain restaurant of the same name completes the picture for this part of the resort. Lying at an altitude of 2,230 m, it serves traditional food in a family atmosphere and has a takeaway section. The restaurant boasts a large terrace with a capacity of 250 seats where skiers can enjoy breathtaking views of the Embrun valley and the Serre-Ponçon lake.



# Accommodation

## LARGE PANEL

- Hotels
- B&B
- Gîtes
- Mountain refuges
- Holiday residences
- Furnished apartments
- Holiday villages
- Youth hostels
- Campsites
- Unusual accommodations



COUPS DE



### SMALL PRICE

#### Lovely weekend in the Champsaur region

A weekend to enjoy the slopes in Champsaur's ski resorts and savour the tranquillity of its charming mountain villages. Relaxation guaranteed, as a family or with friends, at low cost.

From

**80**€/pers.



### NATURE

#### Immerse yourself in nature in Montgenèvre

Stay in a treehouse and experience Montgenèvre from a whole new angle. Go for a guided snowshoeing excursion in the evening and stop at an authentic Mongolian yurt, immersed in nature, to discover an ecological way of life.

From

**635**€/pers.



### GRAND FORMAT

#### Ski week in Serre Chevalier

Hit the slopes of an outstanding ski area and enjoy unparalleled après-ski.  
7 nights in a rented chalet or apartment and 6-day ski pass.

From

**266**€/pers.



More offers:

[www.hautes-alpes.net](http://www.hautes-alpes.net)

# Diary

## [ NOVEMBER - DECEMBER ]

**From 18 to 21 November** | GAP  
Mountain Film Library Meeting

**4 and 5 December** | BRIANÇON  
Mountain guides gathering

**From 5 to 24 December** | GAP  
Christmas Market

**From 6 to 8 December**  
MONTGENÈVRE  
Sant'Ambrogio, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
the twinning of Montgenèvre and  
Sant'Ambrogio

**From 11 to 13 December** | DÉVOLUY  
Winter Car Rally

**12 December** | VARS  
Vars en scène

**From 12 December to 4 January**  
SERRES  
Path of the Christmas Crib

**19 and 20 December** | LA GRAVE  
Mountain Film Meeting

**From 19 December to 28 March**  
PAYS DES ÉCRINS  
Igloo Pelvoo Village Edition

**December** | LA GRAVE  
First snow at the Lautaret pass

## [ JANUARY ]

**3 January** | VARS  
Vars Winter Trail

**10 January** | DÉVOLUY  
Dévol'ice Trail

**10 January** | CLARÉE  
La Clarée White Trail

**From 13 to 17 January** | VARS  
Outdoormix Winter Festival

**16 January**  
ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850  
Trail étoilé d'Orcières

**16 and 17 January** | SERRE CHEVALIER  
Andros Trophy

**From 16 to 19 January**  
PAYS DES ÉCRINS  
Ice Climbing

**From 17 to 22 January** | RISOUL  
French song Festival

**From 18 to 24 January** | GAP  
Monte-Carlo Rally

**From 20 to 30 January**  
SERRE CHEVALIER  
Altitude Jazz Festival

**22 and 23 January**  
SERRE CHEVALIER  
Serre Che Snow Trail

**24 January** | QUEYRAS  
Traversée du Queyras cross-country  
skiing

**From 25 to 29 January**  
ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850  
European Ski Cup

**From 26 to 29 January** | VARS  
Speed Skiing World Cup

**30 and 31 January** | VARS  
Speed Skiing World Cup

**From 30 January to 05 February**  
LES ORRES  
Snowattack Ski Festival

**30 January** | NÉVACHE  
Biathlon race

**January 2021** | LES ORRES  
Les Orres Winter Trail

## [ FEBRUARY ]

**6 February**  
ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850  
Imagine Pop Song Live

**6 and 7 February** | GAP BAYARD  
Gap Bayard au féminin

**14 February** | DÉVOLUY  
Winter Grande Trace, Alpine ski  
French Cup and Alpine ski World  
Championship

**From 27 February to 06 March**  
LES ORRES  
Rirozor Festival

**Every Tuesdays during February  
holiday**  
LA CLARÉE  
Nordic Nocturnes

## [ MARCH ]

**6 March** | VARS  
Speed Skiing French Youth  
Championship

**6 March** | DÉVOLUY  
La Joue du Loup's 60 minutes  
(mountaineering race)

**7 March** | CRÉVOUX  
The Coraline Hugue  
(cross-country skiing)

**13 March** | RÉALLON  
Trail des neiges

**From 15 to 31 March** | VARS  
Speed masters

**20 March** | SERRE CHEVALIER  
Serre Chevalier Grand Prix

**20 and 21 March**  
ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850  
Ski Games Rossignol

**27 March**  
ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850  
Derby d'Orcières

**From 31 March to 2 April** | RISOUL  
Festival du rire (humour festival)

**From 31 March to 2 April**  
LA GRAVE  
Derby de la Meije

**March** | LES ORRES  
Red Bull Tout Schuss

**March** | DÉVOLUY  
Derby du Dévoluy

## [ APRIL ]

**3 and 4 April** | LES ORRES  
La Dévale des Orres

**From 9 to 11 April** | LA GRAVE  
Meidjo Télémart

**11 April** | ORCIÈRES MERLETTE 1850  
Color ski

**From 12 to 17 April** | VARS  
French Ski School Instructors  
Challenge

**April** | MONTGENÈVRE  
La 1,000 Pattes race





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