

# Hautes-Alpes

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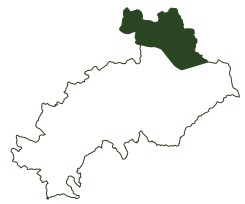


## BRIANÇONNAIS REFERENCE

There is a wealth of things to discover in the area. Briançon has the Town of Art and History label and the Vauban fortifications are listed as UNESCO World Heritage. The old town with its church and gutter is nothing short of remarkable, as is the Cottian Alps Geopark and the Lautaret Alpine Botanical Garden. The identity of the Briançonnais is also defined by its proximity to Italy, to major mountain passes including the Galibier, Lautaret and Izoard, and the high, untouched valleys such as La Clarée.

Renowned for its pure air and climate, the Briançon area is home to several wellness centres including Les Grands Bains du Monêtier with its naturally warm spring water, and Durancia in Montgenèvre close to two biotope lakes.

A wide range of sports activities can be enjoyed here, particularly in the area's three main winter sports resorts: Serre Chevalier is the most well-known, Montgenèvre is the oldest and La Grave-La Meije is legendary.



### SUMMER GAMES, WINTER GAMES

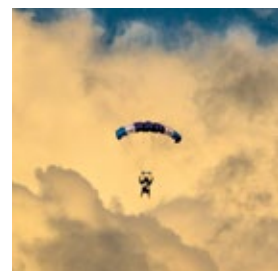
Snow became the major attraction following on from the initial appeal of the first health resorts and the summits conquered by mountaineering pioneers. We are at the advent of a new era with the current diversification of activities.



## GAPENÇAIS CAPITAL

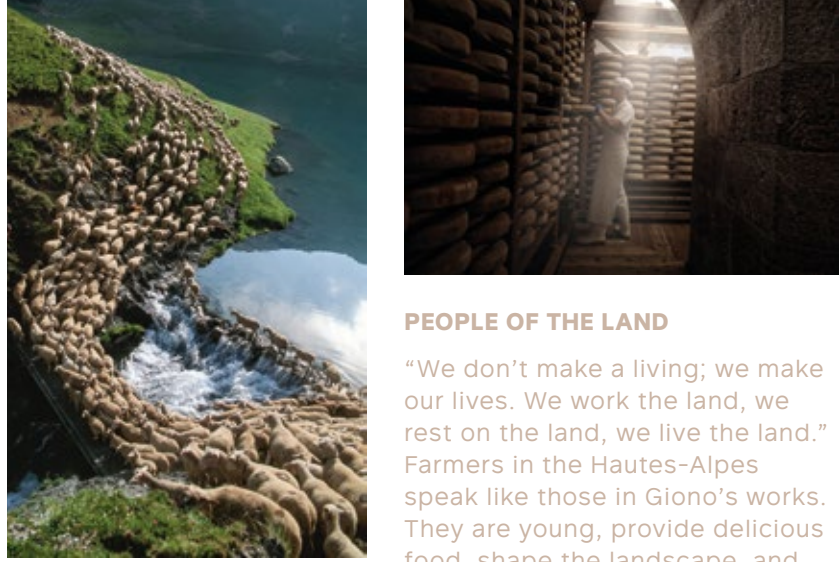
With its pastel-tinted façades, pedestrian, shopping streets, Gap, prefecture of the Hautes-Alpes is a combination of modernity and quality of life. Its geographical position is at the crossroads of major routes such as the Napoleon Road. Gap has some wonderful facilities for a night out including the Alp Arena ice rink, La Passerelle national stage, and the Quattro concert venue. Major events such as the Tour de France, the Monte-Carlo Rallye, and the Rapaces de Gap's ice hockey matches also honour the capital. Nature lovers will appreciate the National Alpine Botanical Conservatory or Gap-Bayard's 18-hole summer golf course that gives way to the cross-country skiing trails in winter.

Further south, under the benevolent eye of Cézize, a ski resort and world-renowned climbing site thanks to its 130 m high cliff, is Tallard with its medieval castle dating back to the 14th-16th centuries. Tallard is also known for its airstrip, which is home to Europe's leading centre for parachuting activities and combines leisure, industry, and aviation training. Here, as along the Avance Valley, between the orchards and vineyards along the Durance, all outdoor activities are possible. The Gap area is also home to Notre-Dame du Laus, a major place of pilgrimage.



### BEAR SOUTH!

Heritage roads. Napoleon Road, Great Alpine Route, Grande Traversée des Alpes, Via Alta: from the very start, tourism has played a role in their renown, and they have become a key element for the area and its image.



### PEOPLE OF THE LAND

"We don't make a living; we make our lives. We work the land, we rest on the land, we live the land." Farmers in the Hautes-Alpes speak like those in Giono's works. They are young, provide delicious food, shape the landscape, and hold their heads high in France's No.1 department for organic farming.

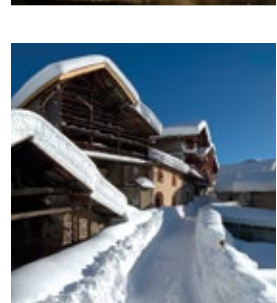


## GUILLESTROIS-QUEYRAS AUTHENTIC

In 1977, the Queyras became a Regional Natural Park. At an altitude of 2,040 m, Saint-Véran is among the Most Beautiful Villages of France and becomes a village resort in winter as do Abriès, Aiguilles, Arvieux, Ceillac, Château-Ville-Vielle, Molines and Ristolas.

Nearby are the international resorts of Vars and Risoul, two resorts that are known for their joint ski area: La Forêt Blanche. Down below, perched on a steep rock between the Gull and Durance rivers, the Vauban fortifications in Mont-Dauphin, which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage, overlook several remarkable sites such as the Fontaine Pétrifiante in Réotier a natural geological curiosity or the Plan de Phazy rotunda with its gushing, naturally warm waters.

This character-filled area offers hikes towards the altitude lakes and refuges or Mont Viso, point-to-point hiking on the Great Alpine Route via the impressive Gull gorges and the legendary Izoard and Agnel mountain passes, visits to the Maison de l'Artisanat (Craftwork Centre) where the wooden toys and sculpted objects reflect local traditions, astronomy at the observatory in Château-Renaud, the lively centre of Guillestre.



### ALPINE FACES

The high valleys and massifs reveal a land of rich and long-lasting culture that has never isolated itself. What unites the local population? The slope, the relief, the altitude and the climate. A character-building way of life.

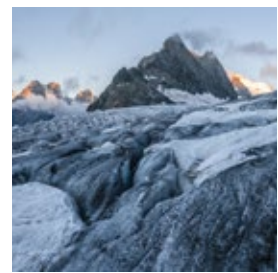
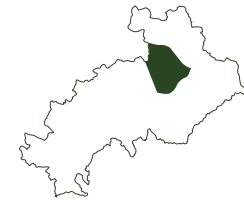


## PAYS DES ÉCRINS LEGENDARY

The Barre des Écrins, at an altitude of 4,102 m, is the highest peak in the Hautes-Alpes, and until 1860 was even the highest in France. Local history is awash with the feats of pioneering mountaineers. Vallouise, Pré de Madame Carle and Allefroide are all mountain hotspots in the Pays des Écrins, making it France's second mountaineering site just behind Chamonix.

A spectacular environment that quite naturally led to the creation, in 1973, of the Écrins National Park, France's largest National Park.

The Pays des Écrins has two ski resorts: Puy Saint-Vincent and Pelvoux-Vallouise where numerous activities are possible. With the melting snow comes the white water on the Durance where rafting and canoe-kayaking can be enjoyed. The water sports base in L'Argentière-La Bessée is one of the most popular in the world and is the stage for prestigious international competitions. A fabulous conversion for a valley with an industrial and mining history that you can learn about by visiting the Fournel silver mines, the hydroelectric museum in Les Claux, and the high valley villages.



### A GATEWAY LAND

The unsettled history of borders and migration has fashioned this coveted territory's multi-faceted identity.



### BRINGING NATURE AND ECONOMY TOGETHER

The limited human impact and reasonable, controlled development of this territory may well represent a model in the making: a new alliance between the environment and its inhabitants for an economy that is, to some extent, reconciled with nature.

## Nature et économie réconciliées

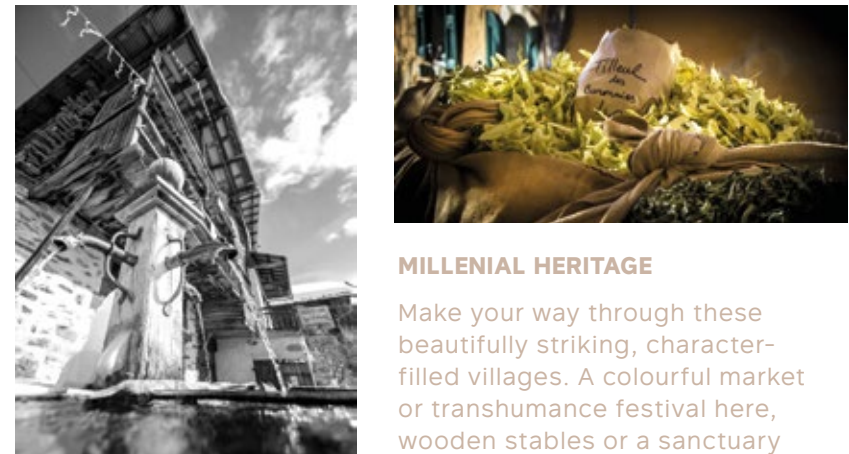


## SERRE-PONÇON REFRESHING

Amid wild creeks and turquoise waters, the Serre-Ponçon Lake is like a sea in the mountains. Who could have imagined that the hydraulic dam, built in the 1950s to regulate the Durance River, would lead to the advent of one of the top tourist destinations of the Hautes-Alpes? All kinds of sailing activities are possible here.

At the mouth of the lake, Embrun is well worth a visit! Nicknamed the Nice of the Alps due to its mild climate, Embrun is listed as Town of Art and History due to its remarkable cultural heritage that includes the Notre-Dame du Réal cathedral, one of the richest treasures of sacred art. For enthusiasts, the visit will be completed by a trip to Boscodon Abbey, a masterpiece of Romanesque art, or the church in Savines-le-Lac, which, like its bridge, has been classed as 20th Century Heritage.

Serre-Ponçon also boasts three ski resorts: Réallon, Crévoix and Les Orres. Les Orres, thanks to its vast ski area, has been able to diversify its summer and winter activities.



### MILLENNIAL HERITAGE

Make your way through these beautifully striking, character-filled villages. A colourful market or transhumance festival here, wooden stables or a sanctuary to visit there, a music festival yet elsewhere.

## Un patrimoine millénaire

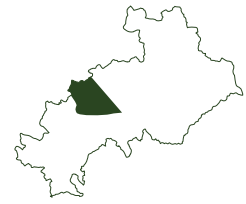


## DÉVOLUY BRIGHT

The light and beauty of this massif's landscape is impressive. Pic de Bure (one of IRAM's most important astronomy observatories operates here), Obiou, Grand Ferrand and Faraud overlook vast untouched areas and agricultural lands. In the Dévoluy, tourism and agriculture go hand-in-hand.

In winter, SuperDévoluy - the remarkably well-equipped resort town - and La Joue du Loup, with its many chalets and beautiful residences, over a 100 km ski area that peaks at an altitude of 2,500m, and many after-ski activities such as the recently inaugurated O'dycéa wellness centre.

The Dévoluy is also home to natural treasures. The most spectacular are no doubt the «chourums», natural cavities suited to speleology, and the Gillardes resurgences. Those who are curious will make the most of the visit to discover the unlikely Pellafol Canal carved out of the rock and will stop off at Saint-Disdiere where there is a jewel of Romanesque architecture: Mère-Église. Those who like point-to-point routes will follow the road leading to the Col du Noyer.

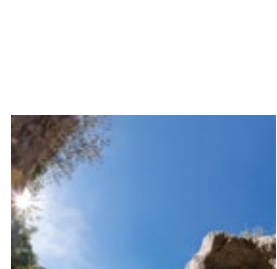
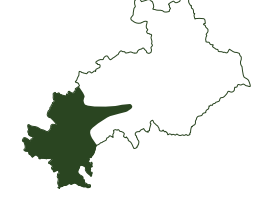


## BUËCH CHARACTER

To the south of the Hautes-Alpes, the gentle mountains of the Büch reveal their secrets. The Baronnies Provençales Regional Natural Park is the main asset. Here apple and pear orchards and lavender fields reign. The hilltop villages are full of character: Sisteron, Serres, Rosans, Gardes-Colombe and l'Épine have a distinctly Provençal feel.

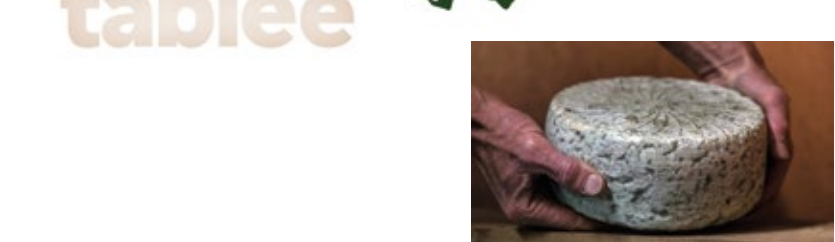
In summer, from the Méouge gorges to the Iscle Lake in Veynes or the Germanette Lake in Serres, refreshing sources of water abound. Many outdoor pursuits such as climbing on Orpierre's world-renowned cliffs, free flight over the Chabre Mountain, aviation at the Chevalet and Bâtie-Montsaléon airstrips, not forgetting mountain biking and hiking.

When the snow comes in winter, it is pleasant to go snowshoeing and make the most of the nearby Dévoluy ski resorts. Finally, the Büsch sky is incredibly pure: the Moydans astronomy observatory is proof of this.



### AT THE DINNER TABLE

A gourmet outing that jumps from one dish to another across the southern Alps. From one table to the next, the experience will lead you from cuisine using butter and lard to another preferring olive oil, cow's milk and goat's milk. A colourful range of flavours and aromas.



## Vivre plus haut
























### LIVING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

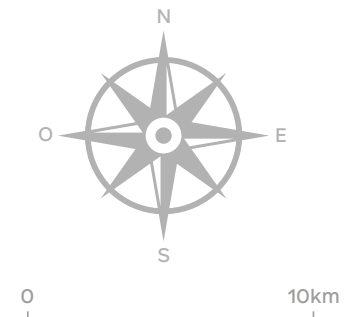
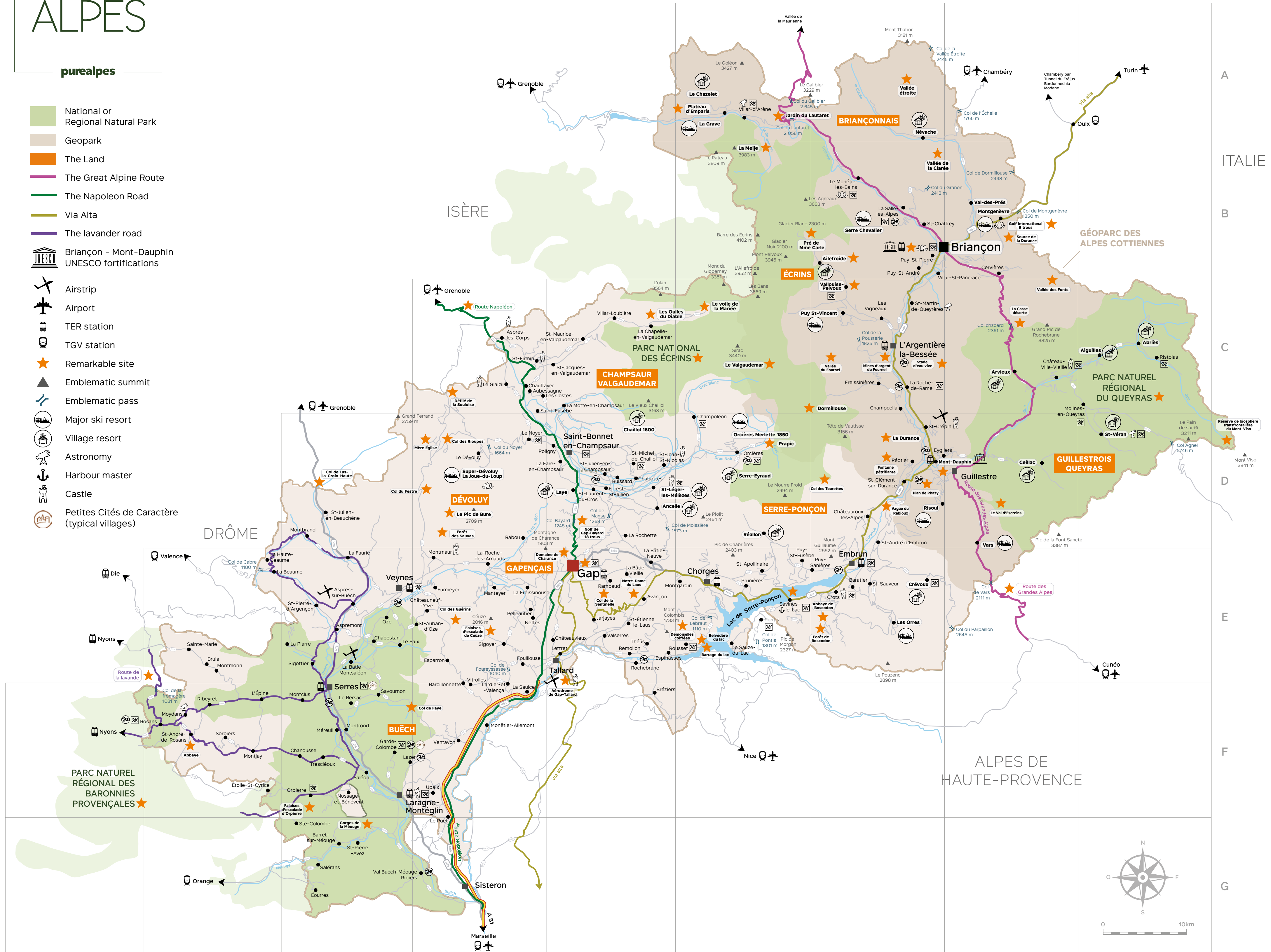
As the seasons go by, the Hautes-Alpes does not only appeal to tourists... A sign of the times, more and more young people are choosing to settle here to work and start a family. It must be said that there is no shortage of professional opportunities, whatever the profession, and life here is probably sweeter than elsewhere.



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-  National or Regional Natural Park
-  Geopark
-  The Land
-  The Great Alpine Route
-  The Napoleon Road
-  Via Alta
-  The lavender road
-  Briançon - Mont-Dauphin UNESCO fortifications
-  Airstrip
-  Airport
-  TER station
-  TGV station
-  Remarkable site
-  Emblematic summit
-  Emblematic pass
-  Major ski resort
-  Village resort
-  Astronomy
-  Harbour master
-  Castle
-  Petites Cités de Caractère (typical villages)



Abrès (Abrès-Ristolas) ... C9	Cervières ..... B8	Éourres ..... G3	La Bâtie-Vieille ..... E5	Laragne-Montéglin ..... F3	Lettret ..... D6	Névache ..... A7	Réallon ..... D6	Saint-Chaffrey ..... B7	Saint-Laurent-du-Cros ..... D5	Sigoyer ..... C9
Aiguilles ..... C9	Céüse ..... E4	Esparron ..... E4	La Beaume ..... E2	Lardier-et-Valença ..... F4	Manteyer ..... E4	Nossage-et-Bénévent ..... F3	Remollon ..... E5	Saint-Clément	Saint-Michel de Chaillol ..... D5	Sorbiers ..... C9
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