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4 Seasons in the Sun

Full year 2017-2018



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Portes du **Soleil**

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Editorial



Welcome to a world of freedom, adventure and discovery.

For 70 years, we have been delighted to welcome holidaymakers and share our mountain village atmosphere and values with you.

Here, respect for nature, preserving our heritage and our sense of hospitality go hand in hand with tourism.

Whatever time of year you come here, in Châtel you'll discover hidden treasures and enjoy our fun, unspoilt and anything-goes destination to the full.

Jean-François Vuarand
Director of Châtel Tourisme



One of the resort founders: Pierre Béteille,
with the ski champions Gérard Pasquier
and François Bonlieu.
Coll. E. Dresco "Sur les pas des pionniers"

“ I learned to ski at
Châtel last year.
This year, I'm back
with a vengeance! ”

Théo Davier - New skier

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Ski *Sunday*

Take to the slopes and melt with pleasure!

Under a blanket of snow, the resort is all dressed up in its Sunday best. If you're looking for fabulous descents, smooth turns and big thrills, you'll find them all in Châtel.

Treat yourself to all the fun and frolics of winter in one of the largest ski areas in the world: the Portes du Soleil.

You'll be captivated by the magic of winter in the mountains!



Châtel, XXL skiing

Breathtaking panoramas everywhere you look. Stunning views of Lake Geneva and Mont Blanc in the distance. Take time out to admire the snowy peaks among the 12 ski resorts that make up the Portes du Soleil.

And you ski from France to Switzerland and back again without even realising. But don't be surprised if you bump into a customs official around the next corner!

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Full metal *riders*

Châtel: bring it on!

Here, you'll find as much powder as you can eat, and the conditions are just perfect for freeriding.

Fun, freedom and thrills in out-of-the-ordinary surroundings: that's what every snowsports adventurer will find here in Châtel.



In Châtel, anything can happen...
Expect the unexpected!
Like concerts dotted around the ski area, in the open air and the middle of nowhere!
A kaleidoscope of sounds, trends and buzzing rhythms, with the snow below and the sun above.



Rock The Pistes Festival Portes du Soleil
Boogie to the beat, with pop-up stages!

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Game of *snow*

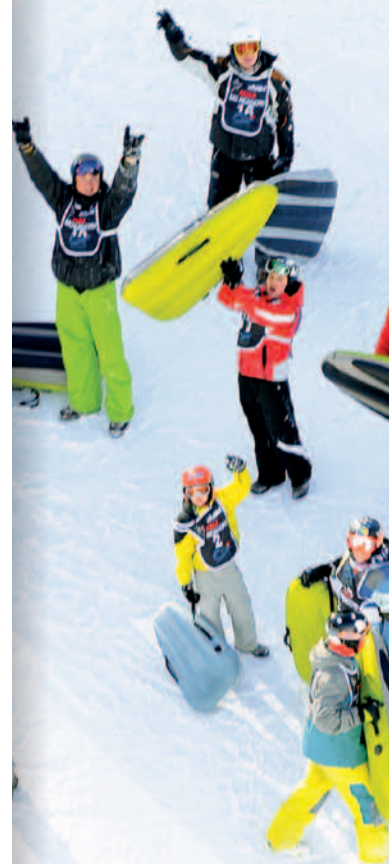
Even in your wildest dreams, you've never imagined a sight like this.

You're in one of the biggest ski areas in the world, with 293 pistes running through wild, unspoilt countryside. Space, spectacle, freedom, and fun!

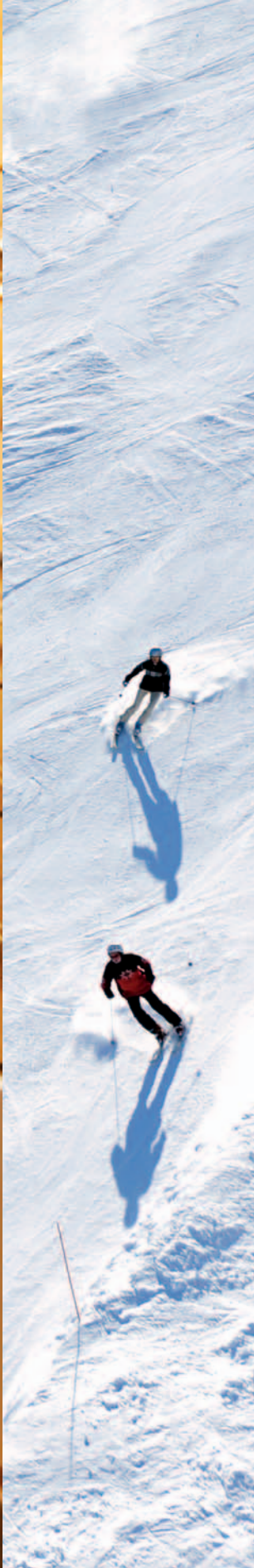
A hymn to snowsport in all its forms: airboard, yooner, snake gliss, and more...

If you're looking for that adrenaline buzz, we have lots of new ways to get you there.

And with our RazorSnowbike MTB-on-snow event, you're guaranteed an eyeful!



Cosy nights in warm,
snug surroundings.





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In a galaxy spa, *spa away...*

Lie back, **relax** and
switch to the pace
of life in the mountains.

Pamper yourself in Châtel: after a great day's skiing, head for 4,000 m² of swimming, sauna and wellbeing pleasures at Forme d'O. After that, perhaps a little shopping in the village, and then you're done!

Chalet *paradiso*

How about an evening by the fireside in a traditional Abondance Valley chalet? Or a few nights in a cosy hotel room?

Or maybe a big breakfast to set you up for the day in your chambre d'hôtes? Or fun and games with all the gang in a big furnished apartment? In Châtel, there is accommodation that suits you to a T.

And you can be sure of one thing: we've gone that extra mile to offer you space, light, elegance and sophisticated surroundings. That's because our tradition of mountain hospitality goes hand in hand with comfort, style and all mod cons.

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Mountain surroundings,
retro style.



Châtel by night

Some people like to sleep at night. Others have better things to do, like floodlit skiing night-club-style at Linga Stadium. And party animals stay out until the small hours...

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Come and join us in celebrating our birthday!

Throughout the season, we've got plenty of surprises and fun and games in store to help you celebrate our 70th birthday with us.





Happy *days*

Down through the ages, our village has always been a great place to live.

Firmly rooted in tradition, the resort of Châtel is also home to a winter sports and mountain culture.

For 70 years, we have been a part of local life, sharing our mountain values and welcoming our visitors with open arms. What makes us tick? Respect for nature, preserving our heritage, and our sense of hospitality.

Come and join in the birthday celebrations!

Take the time to experience things close to your heart, such as admiring the skill of a wood carver, padding along on snowshoes at your own pace, and coming across an old chalet deep in the woods.

Fill your day with whatever takes your fancy!



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“ Cruising the pistes
in the spring
sunshine is a great
way to round
off the season! ”

Sophie Cottin - Spring skier

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House of *spring*

Get out of the shade and into the **light**, enjoy the longer days and soak up the sun that lingers longer on the pistes and café terraces.

Swapping your ski jacket for a T-shirt, cruising the pistes and chilling out on a café terrace are de rigueur... And the outdoor concerts are back too!

When **Spring Skiing** comes to Châtel, we live life to the full.



Châtel, where green means go

In the space of a few weeks, from April to May, Châtel acquires a whole new look. Nature takes over, painting the landscape with fresh new colour and filling the air with the sweet scent of pine and bracken. Sit down, take a deep breath and admire the view.



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Little House *on the Alpine Meadow*

On the trail of the chamois, flit from footpath to meadow, alpine pasture to forest, [surprise to surprise!](#)

The rich fauna and flora here are as much a part of the mountains as the herds of Abondance cows that keep our age-old traditions alive.

Everyone has their own way of [enjoying](#) the countryside.

From a gentle ramble with a long, lazy picnic to a 70km trail run with a 5,200-metre climb. Between the two extremes, take your pick from the 32 waymarked footpaths.





Escape *to the Country*

Action, adrenaline and excitement: Châtel is your very own adventure playground.

Hit the bike park and long MTB descents through incredible countryside and feel the adrenaline rush flying high on the Fantasticable or scaling the heights on a via ferrata...



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“ Great scenery,
lots of fun
and plenty
to challenge
me: Châtel
has it all! ”

Léa Chaume - Fearless holidaymaker

*A holiday in
Châtel* is your
promise of new
experiences
and a chance
to recharge
your batteries.

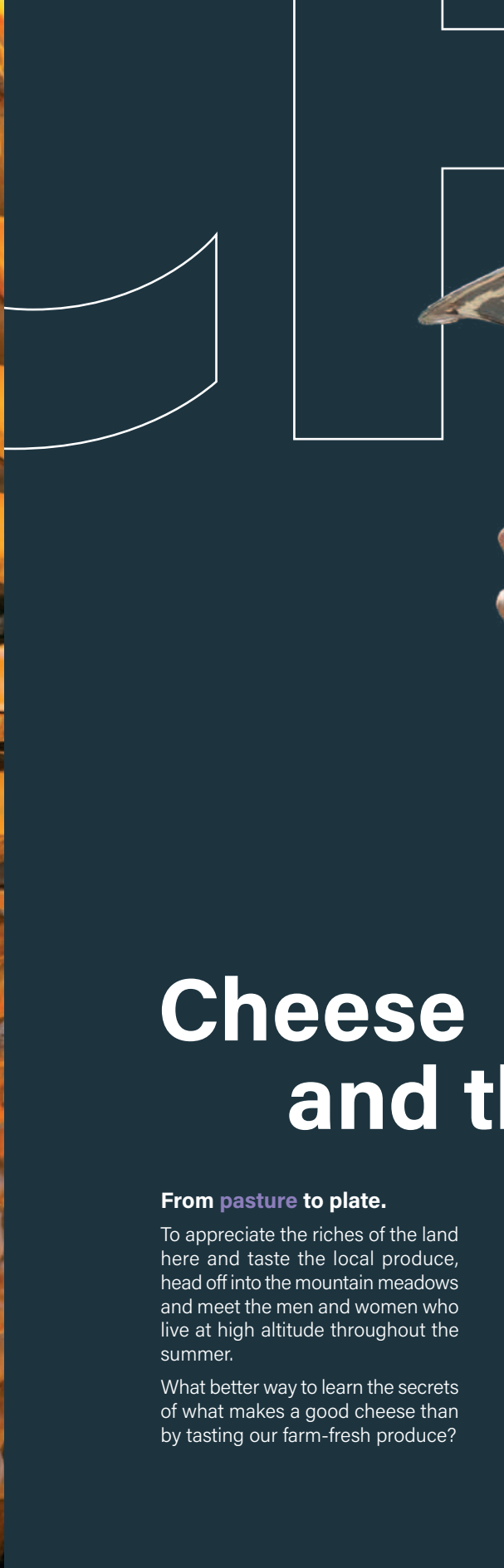


Châtel is one of the few Alpine ski resorts that have remained completely unspoilt. It's a working farming community in a village of authentic mountain chalets.



*'Summit meeting'
with the local
Abondance cattle
breed: 'La Belle
Dimanche';
Châtel's heritage
festival in late
August.*





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Cheese and the *city*

From **pasture** to plate.

To appreciate the riches of the land here and taste the local produce, head off into the mountain meadows and meet the men and women who live at high altitude throughout the summer.

What better way to learn the secrets of what makes a good cheese than by tasting our farm-fresh produce?

Six Days, *Seven Nights*

If you're the type who wants to get out there and do stuff on **holiday**, Châtel's for you!

Here, you can do it all with family or friends, swim, bike, hike (even with a pushchair), climb, test your balance, and more...

Hit the slopes a different way each day: go kart, mountain bike, summer sled and rollerblades.





*Officially certified
a 'Famille Plus'
resort.* Châtel is the
ultimate family holiday
destination!

The Multi Pass:
true freedom without
worrying about
your budget.



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“ A leisure complex
with a view
of the mountains:
what better way
to unwind? ”

Corinne Légrand - Relaxed bather

4,000 m²
dedicated to
recreation, leisure
and sports,
*surrounded
by mountains.*

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Little big *moments*

Forme d'O: dive into a world of soothing pleasures!

Dedicated to wellbeing, health and fitness, this multi-storey leisure complex offers both indoor and outdoor pools, a beach, a terrace, three saunas, two steam baths, massage-jet showers, a treatment room, a tea parlour, a relaxation area and a separate cardio workout room.



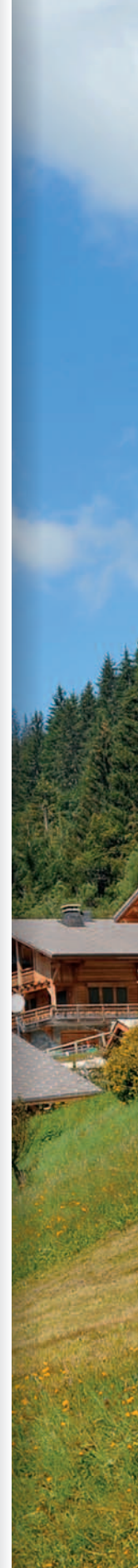
Back *to nature*

Yellow! Amber! Red...

In the autumn, Châtel explodes in a riot of colour. This is the best time for forest walks and picking mushrooms, feeling at one with nature and bringing every sense to life.

Follow your nose through the living landscape, unique surroundings in our little corner of [paradise](#).

Walk your heart out and soak up the tranquil charms of the off-season here.



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