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NATURAL SOURCE OF OPTIMISM

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Portes du Soleil



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UNTOUCHED PEAKS
AND NATURE
IN ALL HER GLORY

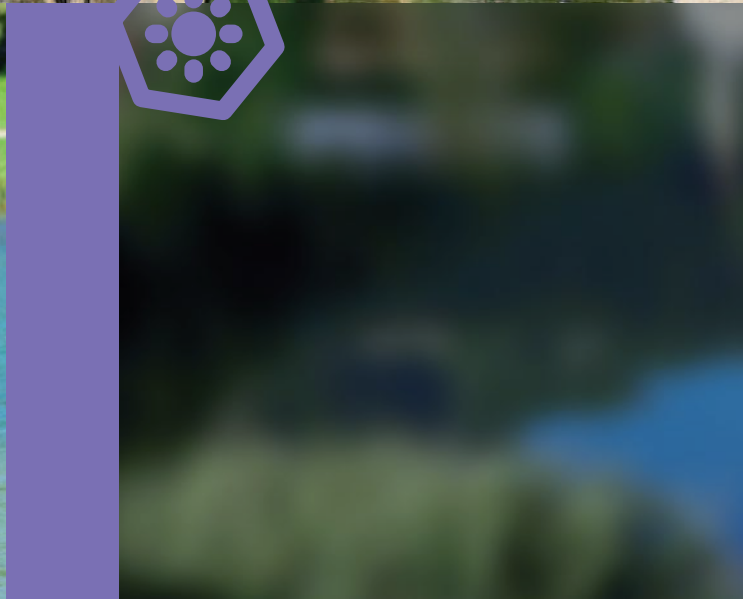
exploring



**Mountain meadows, forests,
chalets and mountain men:
a living landscape.**

Picture-postcard views don't tell the whole story. Because Châtel is not just full of wonderful vistas; it's one of those stunning places where you simply feel at home, alongside the local mountain people.







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THE GENTLE PACE
OF VILLAGE LIFE

precious



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TRUE TO OUR
TRADITION

authentic





It will rock your world

Let off steam and get ready for a full-on adrenaline experience. The mountains await for downhill adventures.

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

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A NEED FOR SPEED AND
AN ADRENALINE BUZZ

no limits



You like to rise to a challenge, attempt the impossible, push back the boundaries, explore undiscovered trails and tap in to your inner strength.

Châtel is a place where every adventure is possible, even the most unimaginable ones in your wildest dreams.

You'll love the bike park and long mountain biking descents through incredible countryside.

What goes up must come down: recce the subtle ins and outs of the run, then ride the chairlift again and treat yourself to pure pleasure, freeing yourself from all fear and thrilling to the adrenaline buzz.



PASS'PORTES du Soleil MTB

From 23 to 25 June

The summer season gets off to an explosive start with around 7000 mountain bikers gathering for this unique opportunity to enjoy the huge Franco-Swiss mountain bike area that is the Portes du Soleil! The atmosphere is fun, friendly and exciting and is the perfect opportunity to explore the enormous mountain-bike domain.

There are over 80 km of varied routes and tracks interspersed with refreshment stops serving local specialities to fuel participants over the three days.



Rambling, walking, hiking.

On the trail of the chamois, flit from footpath to meadow, alpine pasture to forest, surprise to surprise!

A rich fauna and flora are a big part of the mountains, as are the herds of Abondance cows that keep the age-old traditions alive.

Trail runners, these mountains are for you!

Châtel is the perfect playground for those who like the challenge of big climbs and running headlong through stunning scenery.

This summer, the Portes du Soleil boasts 32 trails waymarked specifically for trail running.



Why not soar with the eagles?

In a paraglider, you can. Ride the currents to gain altitude... From up there, the view goes on for ever and Châtel looks completely different. But looks like it belongs as much as ever!

Find inspiration in the exploits of the best and share them.

Watching top competitions, dealing with exposure on a rock face, soaking up the party atmosphere or flying like a bird suspended from a cable: these are all brand new, intense thrills you can experience in Châtel. Living all these amazing experiences makes you a player, spectator, witness and accomplice all in one.



sporting events

Sunday 18 June
Crêtes du Chablais Trail Run

Sunday 2 July
4x4 Trial Competition

22 and 23 July
Reboul Jam and Electric MTB Tour

Sunday 23 July
Grand Prix de Châtel

Sunday 27 August
Impossible Motorcycle Hill Climb

9 and 10 September
Vintage Vehicle Hill Climb





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PLAY TO THE CROWD
OR GO WITH THE FLOW

family fun



Châtel Aventures

Are you aged 2 to 99? Then you can surpass yourself and get an adrenaline buzz by heading for the heights. Experience the thrill of getting up high and put your sense of balance to the test on our aerial adventure trails.



Reveal your true talent, play to the gallery, let your imagination run wild and step into the spotlight.

For €2 a day, the Multi Pass gives you unlimited access to more than 30 activities around the Portes du Soleil!

Taste true freedom without worrying about your budget. Ski lifts, water sports, ice skating, mini-golf, the little sightseeing train, tennis, shuttle buses and more... Give your days out an extra buzz and get around as much as you like!

You also get reductions on activities run by our partners, for totally new thrills such as the Fantasticable and summer bobsled... And you can follow the Smugglers' Trail at the Old Customs House too!



FORME D'O 
Centre aquatique de Châtel

Dive into a world of thrilling pleasures!

Dedicated to well-being, health and fitness, it is laid out on several levels, offering 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. Totalling more than four thousand square metres, Forme d'O is totally dedicated to sports and recreation. Capable of accommodating seven hundred guests, it opens on to the nearby mountains and is generously lit by natural light.



Everything is possible.

Show off your aquatic skills in the swimming pool, whizz down the alpine slide at full speed, take all the gang on the chairlift to get up high... You can do anything!

Relax...

Play leapfrog on the Dranse riverside, where you'll find 16 km of easy walking for people of all ages itching to explore their surroundings. Even babies in a pushchair!

And how about making a kite or model aeroplane? Workshops run by specialist leaders will turn your dream into reality.



VIVRE ENSEMBLE
DE BELLES EXPÉRIENCES

A truly unique family holiday.

Châtel is a welcoming and happening mountain resort. It's the ultimate family holiday destination!

All of the resort's professionals and service providers work together to ensure that everything is organised to make parents and their children feel at home.

Check out the full range of activities and events in the Famille Plus guide, available from the Tourist Office.





Abundance by name and nature.

The Val d'Abondance is aptly named. Home to pretty villages and lush countryside with a feel of authenticity and mystery to the panoramic views and majestic mountain peaks.

From pasture to plate.

Explore this gourmet journey on your own or with the family.

To appreciate the riches of the land here, visit our mountain pastures and set out to meet the men and women who live high in the mountains throughout the summer. There's no better way to experience the way of life of these mountain farmers and learn the secrets of what makes a good cheese than by tasting the fresh farm produce!



what's on

Friday 14 July
Lumberjack Competition
and Bastille Day Celebrations

Sunday 6 August
St Lawrence's Day Fête

7 to 11 August
Châtel Back to Childhood Festival

Sunday 13 August
Lac de Vonnes Fête and DJ Night

Sunday 20 August
Belle Dimanche: shepherds' festival
at Plaine Dranse



A summer spent outdoors.

Out in the fresh air, you'll enjoy unforgettable experiences.

Your holiday is one long revelation, exciting your curiosity from one moment to the next! Taking part in an open-air show, watching the skilled hands of a craftsman, listening to the tinkling cowbells... Every discovery you make is precious.

A quest for authenticity and shared enjoyment.

The people of the mountains are proud of their traditions and values. Each occasion gives them the opportunity to reinvent their age-old crafts and customs. But what they love above all else is to share them with their visitors. To the delight of the holidaymakers who come here!

YOUR BASE CAMP FOR EXPLORING *around & about*



In the immediate area and in neighbouring Switzerland too there are host of unexpected and varied discoveries to be made

1 Abondance Abbey

At an altitude of 930 m this was the most important abbey in the diocese of Geneva in the 12th century.

2 Maison du Val d'Abondance

Learn all about Abondance cheese and our beautiful Abondance valley and the region.

3 Exhibition: Return of the Wildlife

The story of how the animal life here has adjusted to human activity, from the arrival of early man to the mountains of today. Maison des Sœurs Convent, La Chapelle d'Abondance.

4 Pont du Diable Gorge

This narrow gorge, part of which runs underground, eroded by the River Dranse in the Aulps Valley through very hard grey marble, is a striking example of the power of erosion.

5 Bex salt mine

A trail several kilometres long explaining the most widely used mining techniques.

6 Le Swiss Vapeur Parc

A miniature delight: 1,500 m of railway track in grounds of 16,000 m². Come and visit Europe's premier railway theme park in Le Bouveret. This attraction is entirely dedicated to the railway and its greatest conquests. A veritable journey through Lilliput, for Gullivers both big and small!

7 Les Aigles du Léman

In fun educational shows, Les Aigles du Léman explains all about the biggest predators ever found in the Alps: the eagle and the wolf.

8 Fondation Gianadda

Permanent and temporary exhibitions, concerts, museum, archaeology trail, etc. Art in context.

9 The shores of Lake Geneva

Evian - Thonon - Amphion - Yvoire: enjoy the sunshine on the shore of the landlocked sea of Lake Geneva.

10 Les Marécottes Zoo

Alpine zoo at an altitude of 1,100 metres. Covering 35,000 m², this zoo has examples of most of the animal species to be found in the Alps, plus an unusual alpine swimming pool dug out of the rock.

11 Le Châtelard VS amusement park

Historical funicular railway dating from 1920, the steepest two-car funicular in the world (max. 87 %), little scenic Decauville train, views on the move opposite Mont-Blanc, mini-funicular, slide show, museum and Emosson dam.

12 La Mer de Glace

In 20 minutes the cog railway takes you up to the site of the Mer de Glace, France's largest glacier, covering 40 km².



Châtel, an eco-responsible resort

Châtel is a green resort that has also been awarded the 'Flocon Vert' mark of excellence. This means that your holiday destination is second to none when it comes to looking after the mountains.



The keys to a successful holiday

For full details of accommodation, activities and events see our practical guide or go to:

www.chatel.com

Getting to Châtel

GPS

Latitude: 46.269966 | Longitude: 06.840753

BY ROAD

From France, follow the autoroute towards Geneva, take the Annemasse exit and follow signs for Thonon.

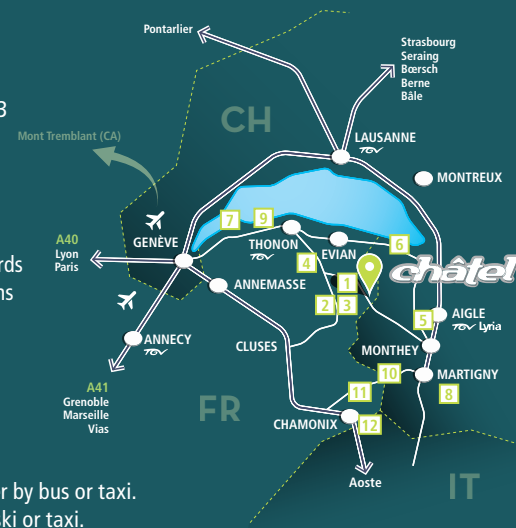
From Switzerland, follow the autoroute towards Monthey, take the Monthey exit and follow signs for Morgins.

BY AIR

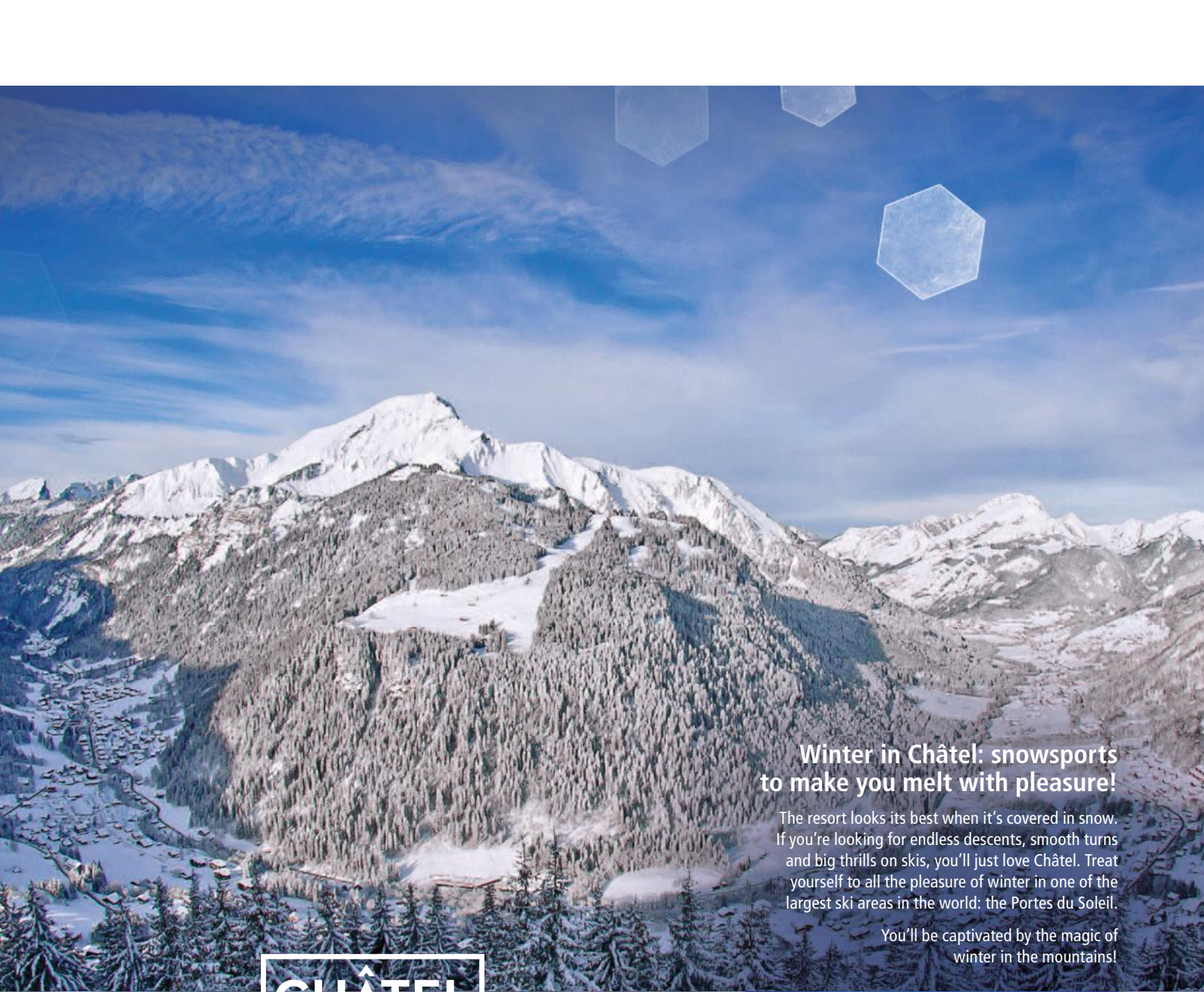
Geneva Cointrin airport, rail services to Aigle or Thonon, then transfer by bus or taxi.

BY RAIL

From France, to Thonon station, then transfer by bus or taxi.
From Switzerland, to Aigle station, then Buski or taxi.



The village of Châtel is twinned with: Boersch (France), Mont Tremblant (Canada), Seraing (Belgique), Vias (France).



Winter in Châtel: snowsports to make you melt with pleasure!

The resort looks its best when it's covered in snow. If you're looking for endless descents, smooth turns and big thrills on skis, you'll just love Châtel. Treat yourself to all the pleasure 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!

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GENEVA AND
MONT BLANC
legendary



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