

CHÂTEL

NATURAL SOURCE OF OPTIMISM

châtel
Portes du Soleil



Dents du Midi
3,257 m

Aiguille Verte
4,122 m

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BETWEEN LAKE GENEVA
AND MONT BLANC

legendary

Mont Blanc
4,810 m

Tête du Linga
2,127 m

Les Hauts Forts
2,466 m

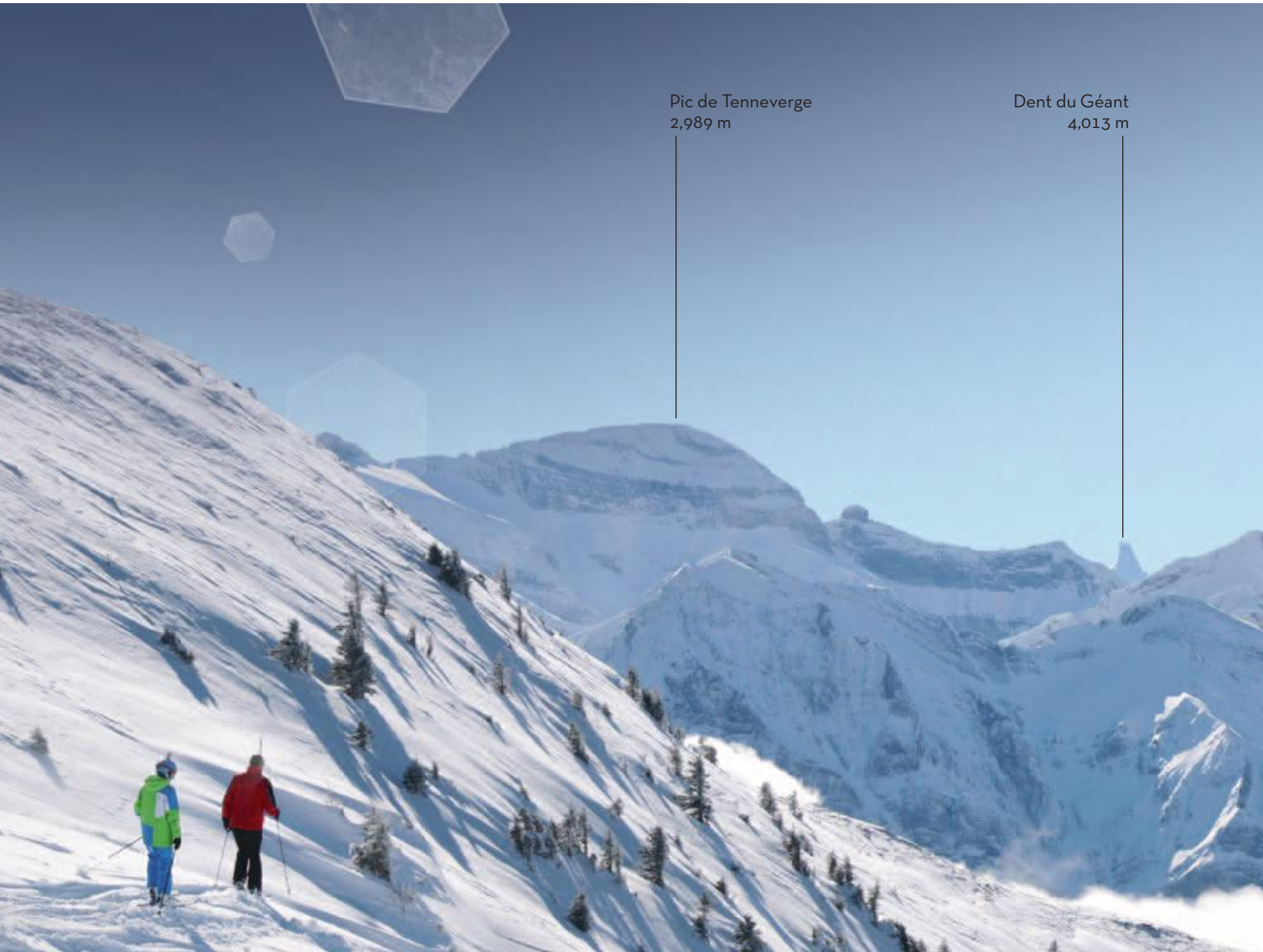
**Winter's on its way!
The snow's sparkling
and the trees are glittering!**

Whether you prefer a roaring fire or a steep powder slope, in Châtel there's something for everyone, from the most energetic to the most relaxed. In the pages of this brochure, you'll discover or rediscover the many different faces of a resort that is really worth the trip. Whether you're with the family or your gang of friends, in Châtel all the pleasures of winter are within easy reach.



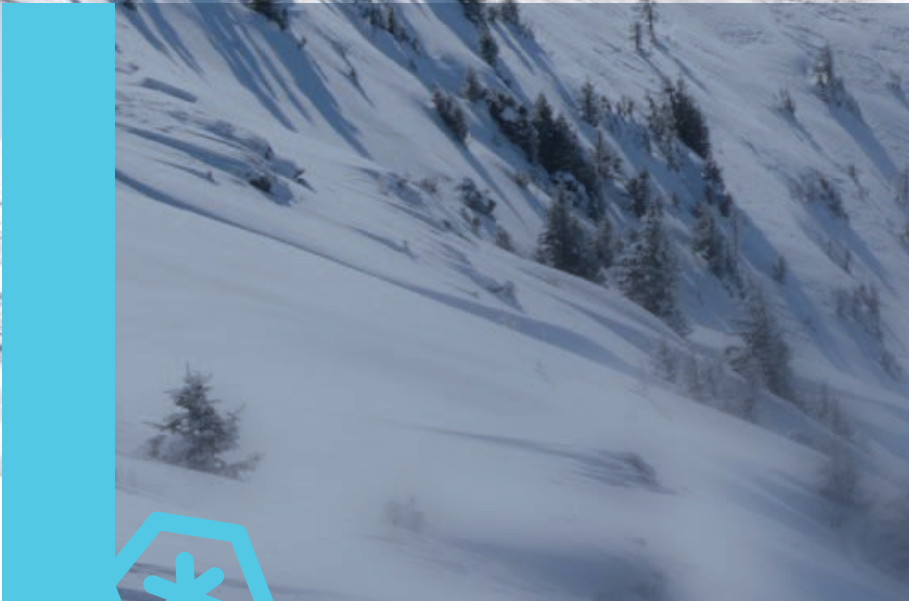
Montreux and Lake Geneva





Pic de Tenneverge
2,989 m

Dent du Géant
4,013 m



Mont Sageroux
2,676 m

Dent de Barme
2,759 m

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A BORDER OF PISTES
AND MOUNTAIN RIDGES

magnificent



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THE JOYS OF LIVING
IN THE MOUNTAINS

magical

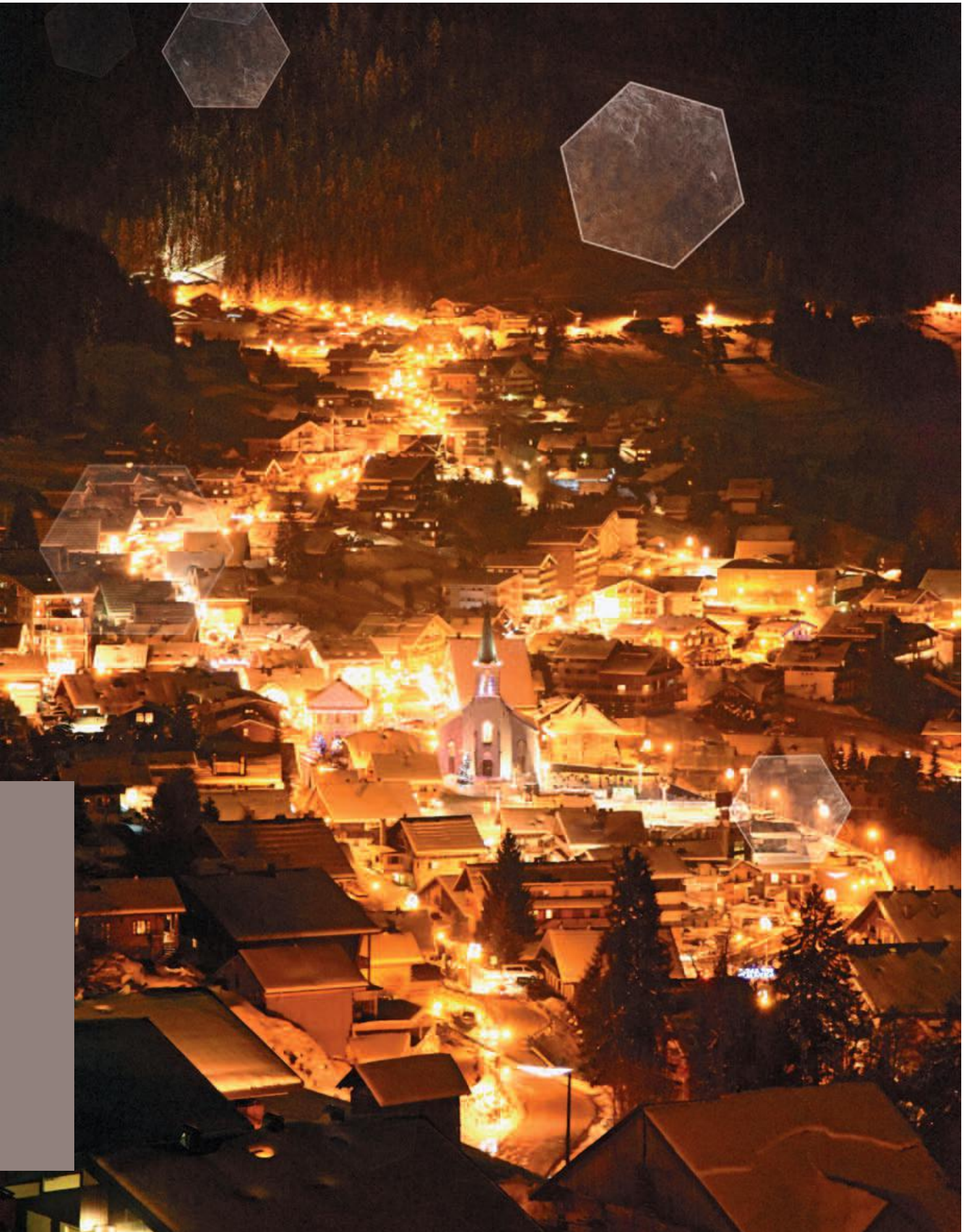




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ENJOYING
THE LOCAL
TRADITIONS
cosy







Free yourself!

Even in your wildest dreams, you've never imagined a sight like this. Snow is all around, soft and deep. An invitation that's impossible to resist. So let go and indulge yourself! You're in one of the biggest ski areas in the world, with 293 pistes running through wild, unspoilt countryside.

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SPACE,
COMMITMENT
AND FREEDOM
with friends



You like to shrug off the humdrum, rise to a challenge, push back the boundaries and excel yourself in all you do. In short, you've got bottle.

You love seeking out secret spots and awesome scenery, so get ready for an eyeeful...

You're in the Portes du Soleil, in the heart of the Great White Paradise. The dizzying mountain peaks give your surroundings a magical feel.

The breathtaking panoramas and endlessly varied scenery all make you want to hit the piste to explore an area accessible only to true snow adventurers.

With helmet on and goggles firmly in place, the pioneer inside you can't resist the calling of the untouched spaces and their promise of adrenaline-fuelled fun.



What kind of skier are you? Do you like to cruise immaculately groomed pistes or venture into virgin territory?

The workshop at the DVA park is for you. Get advice from snow professionals, learn to identify natural hazards and understand how avalanches happen. Experienced and skilled members of the piste patrol will teach you how to use an avalanche transceiver. The DVA (as we call it) is more than an accessory - it's an essential piece of kit that can save lives.

The workshop is first and foremost about having fun, but provides real avalanche training.





The Portes du Soleil: a model of international cooperation

The twelve ski resorts in France and Switzerland that make up this ski area are of one mind. Here, crossing the mountains on skis is an effortless, hassle-free experience. The pistes and ski lifts connect the different resorts, leaving you completely free to follow your nose.

Ski France in the morning and Switzerland in the afternoon, or the other way around. Amazing, isn't it?

The Portes du Soleil: in Châtel, La Chapelle d'Abondance, Abondance, Avoriaz, Morzine, Les Gets, Saint Jean d'Aulps and Montriond you are on French snow. At Morgins, Torgon, Champoussin-Les Crosets and Champéry, you ski in the Swiss region of Valais.



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Portes du Soleil

Super-Châtel/Linga link

Two detachable chairlifts (a 4-seater and a 6-seater) now connect the Super-Châtel sector with Le Linga. They both start from Vonnès, near Morgins on the Swiss border, taking pressure off the shuttle service and reducing car usage.

And the icing on the cake: the lifts serve brand new pistes that are really worth checking out!

This faster and more practical link enables skiers to get even more out of the fabulous Portes du Soleil ski area, whatever their level.



*A variety
of pleasures...*

Riding high in a paraglider, you'll be in your element. And to recover from your exertions – and big-time adrenaline buzz – treat yourself to a moment's relaxation.

Après-ski in Châtel: every day... and night

Still not had your fill, despite the vast ski area and variety of pistes? Why not treat yourself and unwind in one of our spa centres? And there's a great party atmosphere in the evening!





RazorSnowbike: it's bonkers!

This mountain biking event on snow consists of two parts: the Derby which takes place on the Chanterelle piste down to the resort centre, and the Eight Cross.

These two events open to both amateurs and professionals are sure to create a spectacle!

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THIS PLACE
IS AWESOME!

with your mates



**You like to live life on a whim.
You love music, rhythm and partying.
You're overflowing with vitality,
grabbing life with both hands.
And you like to enjoy the intense
moments in life in good company.**

**Your motto is: Châtel is for kicks, hang out
in the snow park and party.**

You hate being on your own and you crave space, light and freedom. You like to keep busy during the day and have plenty going on at night. But what you love best is to hang out with your mates at the snow park, head off on a whim, enjoy good times in good company and have unexpected encounters.

You live life with a passion, an open mind and the ability to adapt... In Châtel you can express the real you!



Le printemps **DU SKI!**

Spring skiing

No more snow squalls, minus temperatures and having to huddle up in a down jacket.

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. Season after season, with open-air concerts, partying around every corner and relaxation a way of life, spring skiing is fast becoming a firm favourite. That's why Châtel is taking part in Le Printemps du Ski, France Montagnes' late-season deals offer.





In the Portes du Soleil, open your ears... and wiggle your toes

Are your muscles screaming after a day on the pistes? Are you stiff all over and ready to drop? There's only one remedy, one thing to do: let the rhythm take you, move on the packed dance floor, clap your hands together (it warms them up), raise your arms (it loosens you up) and join in with the singing. There's nothing like music to round off the day on the right note. Snow and music: pure alchemy!

Anything can happen... even the unexpected! Like concerts all over the ski area, in the open air in the middle of nowhere! A kaleidoscope of sounds, influences and buzzing rhythms, with the snow below and the sun above.




**7th Portes du Soleil Rock
The Pistes Festival,
19 to 25 March 2017**

Take to the air

In winter, the view is even better from up high. And when you combine the thrills of snowsports and weightlessness, the mountains become the place for flights of fancy.

Get yourself an adrenaline buzz on the Fantasticable. On your own or with a friend, this 'flight' over the hamlet of Plaine Dranse takes you more than 200 metres above the ground at speeds of nearly 100 km/h.

And if that's not enough for you, head for the Snow Park and combine a backflip, indy and 360° for a panoramic view of life!

Taking to the air will take you slowly but surely closer to the great white paradise...



A variety of pleasures...

Trying new snowsports like yoonering and the snakegliss, and why not snowscooting or joining in fun rides with your mates, where everyone contributes their own craziness.

You're out for thrills, sensations and a host of great experiences

Staring wide-eyed at the street entertainment, ski demo shows and fireworks lighting up the winter sky or huddling in the bar with your grinning mates, swapping stories about your exploits and wipe-outs!



Take a fresh look at our
mountain-style places

Prolong the magic of winter by treating yourself to the pleasures of our original, high-quality accommodation.

The resort of Châtel is packed with examples of our remarkable move upmarket, and we've pulled out all the stops to offer you space, light, elegance and sophisticated surroundings.

Character and luxury are waiting for you on your next holiday...

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APPRECIATING
ALL THE GREAT
MOMENTS IN LIFE!

just the two of you



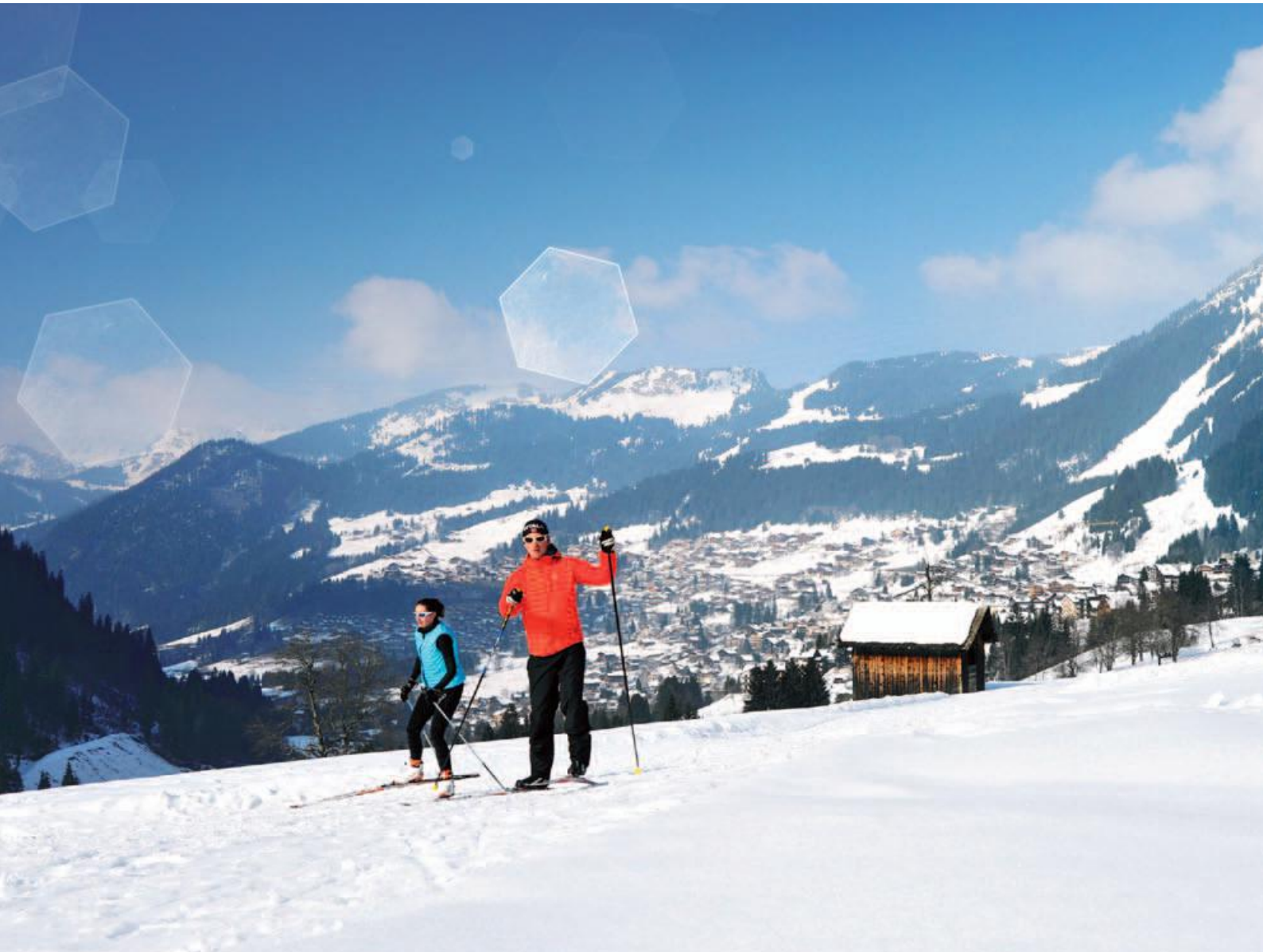
On holiday, every day is a special day. Your free time is there for relaxing, exploring and enjoying life to the full.

A winter ramble in the morning, a cultural encounter in the afternoon and a restaurant dinner in the evening: you're in for the best time ever!

You don't need a compass to find your way; happiness is just around the corner. All you have to do is follow your nose, then grab it.

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 traditional chalets.

Fill your day with whatever takes your fancy!



OXFAM WINTERTRAIL

60KM | EQUIPES DE 4 | 30H



Oxfam Wintertrail: a full-on event

In Châtel and the Abondance Valley on 4 and 5 March 2017, experience an event you'll find nowhere else in the world: a charity walk on snowshoes!

This event, organised in partnership with the Abondance Valley Community of Communes, is to raise funds for Oxfam, a charity that works to alleviate poverty all over the world.

Around 400 people are expected to take part, on the mountainside above the valley.





A variety of pleasures...

Whether you're a discerning gourmet or just love your food, you can't leave Châtel without trying some Abondance (a Protected Designation of Origin cheese). Historically made only the valley of the same name, Abondance sums up all of our mountain traditions in a single cheese.

Authentic produce from an unspoilt village

While you're here be sure to take a look around at the pretty farmhouses with their carved balconies: no two are the same!

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.



Give in to pleasure

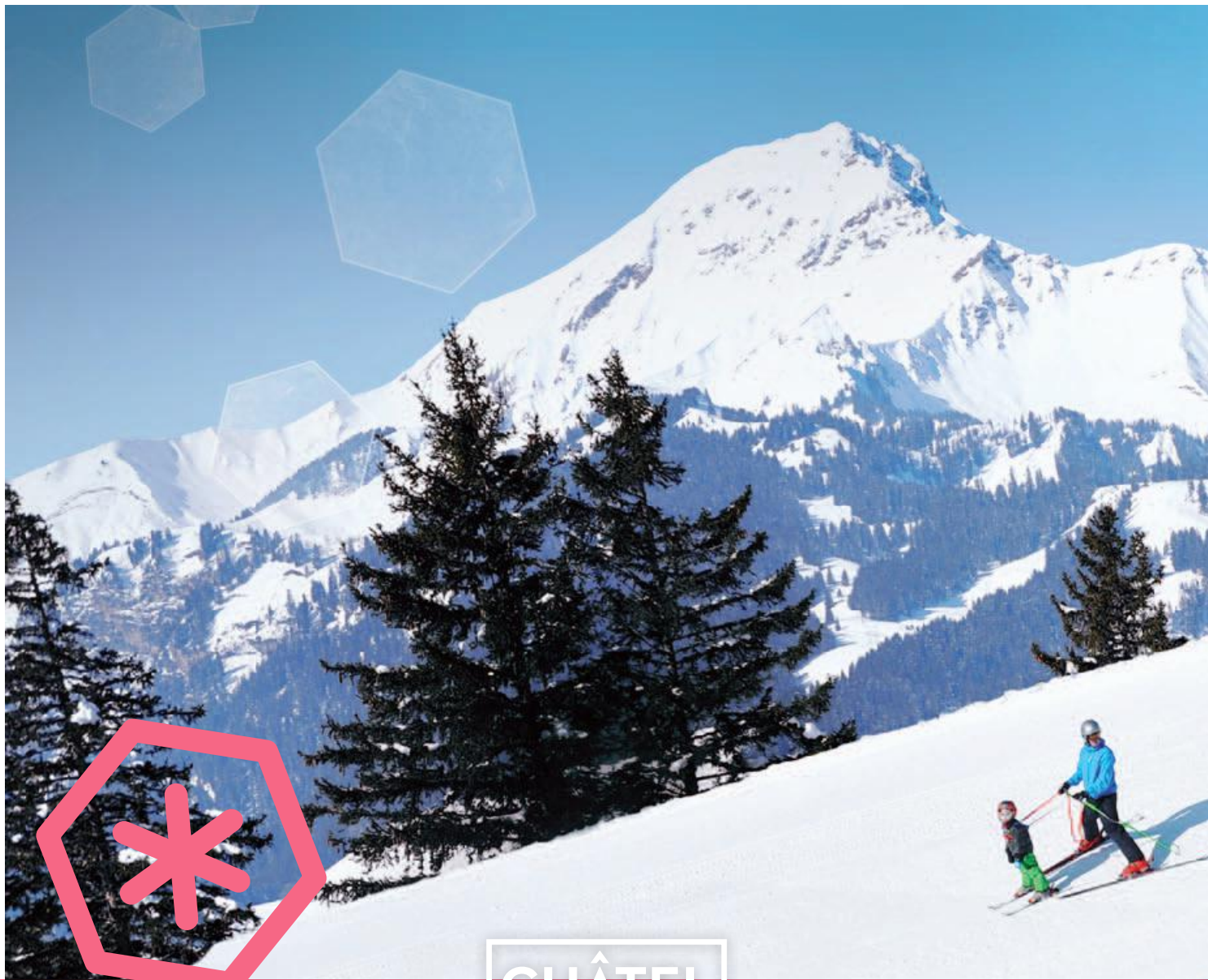
Switch to the pace of life in the mountains in winter.

There's no pressure: ski with your friends or family, choose the easy runs, take the time to stop for a moment to gaze at the panorama, and save the moment for ever. Share an unforgettable experience with others and free yourself from the everyday. Take your holiday to new heights and new depths.

A different way to discover the other side of the mountains

There's something fun, exciting and fascinating for everyone... Fishing in mid-winter, walking in the crisp snow, nordic skiing, paragliding and even skiing for the disabled.

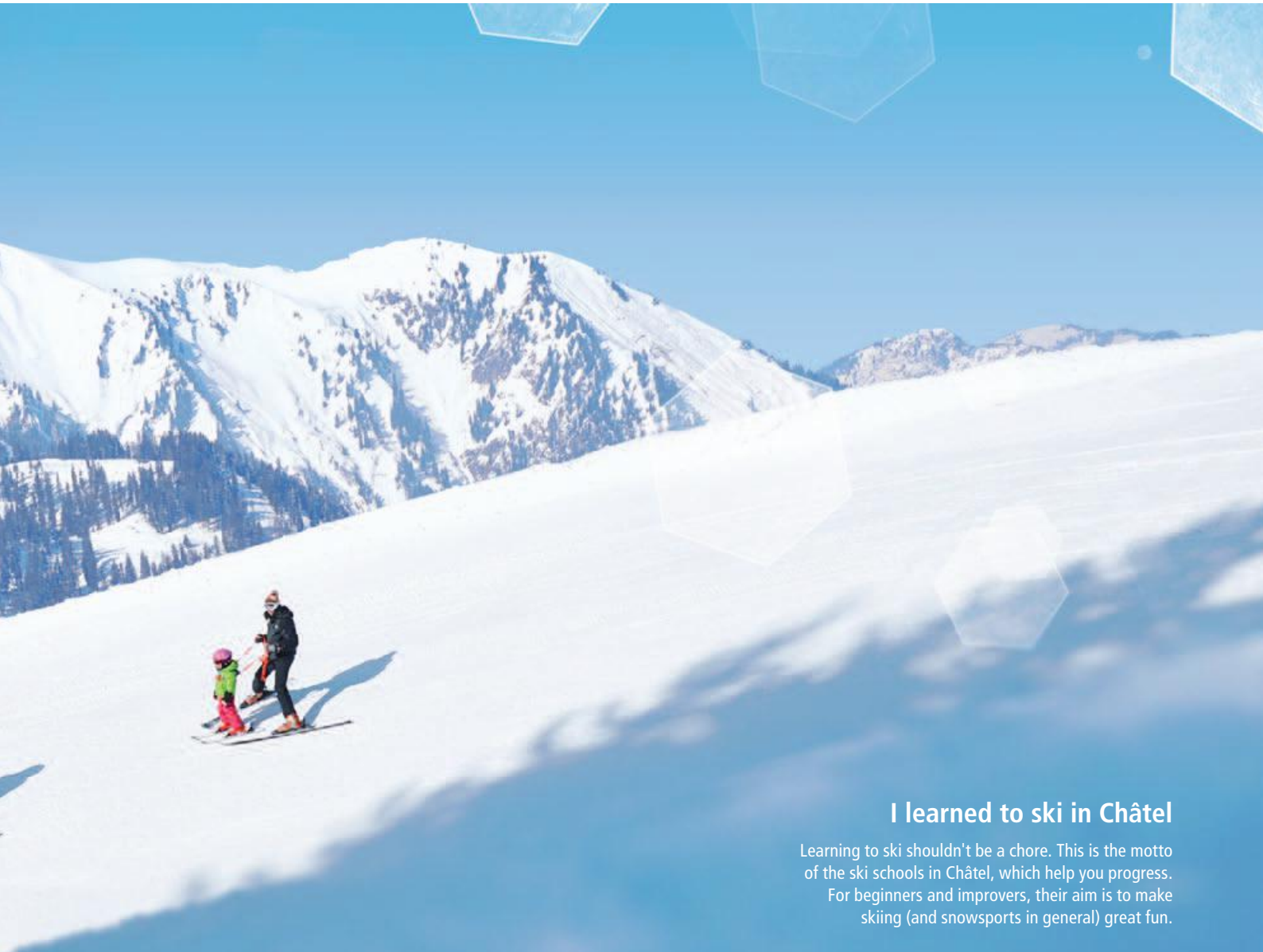




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BLUE RUN, SNOWBALL
FIGHT OR FARM VISIT

for all the family



I learned to ski in Châtel

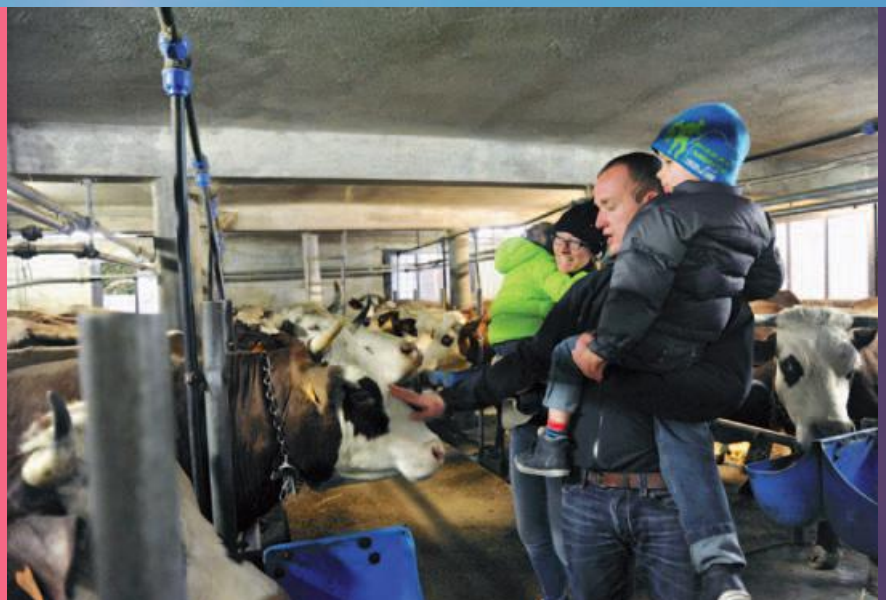
Learning to ski shouldn't be a chore. This is the motto of the ski schools in Châtel, which help you progress. For beginners and improvers, their aim is to make skiing (and snowsports in general) great fun.

You like to share all the pleasures of winter with your family, taking full advantage of your holiday in the mountains.

Here, we pull out all the stops to make sure parents and children can be together to share some intense and unforgettable moments.

Ah! Their first hesitant steps in the snow, their giggles as they career down in a sledge, and what about their first day on skis? We all have to start somewhere.

In Châtel, discovering the mountains in winter together makes it a better experience.







A variety of pleasures...

You've earned it, so enjoy it!

Mmm! The lovely smell of hot chocolate after a day's skiing! Fun and laughter at the skating rink.

In Châtel, winter is a real treat!

After that, a spot of shopping or perhaps take the kids for a ride on the village merry-go-round, its bright lights twinkling in the darkness. Then it's back for a cosy night in your warm, snug apartment.



VIVRE ENSEMBLE
DE BELLES EXPÉRIENCES

Châtel is a very welcoming (and experienced) ski resort when it comes to families.

Put your faith in us and bring your family to stay in Châtel. The 'Famille Plus' label, which we are honoured to hold and which marks us out from the crowd, is irrefutable proof that we are totally committed to looking after you. Families, you are welcome in Châtel!



A mountain of activities... for all to choose

After being brave enough to try the three-person sledge – it takes your breath away! – and joining a big group having a go on the snakegliss – watch out for the turns! –, you'll be only too glad to give the kids a hand – with or without gloves on – building a lovely snowman.

Winter is about partying too!

Fireworks bursting over the frozen lake, street shows, the carnival... Your ski holiday is about a lot more than skiing!

Every Monday evening there is a welcome drink on the village square, and if you still have the energy you can join in the late session at the ice rink, torchlight descents, night skiing at Linga stadium, and more...



FLOCON VERT

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.

CHÂTEL'S CHAMPIONS *ambassadors*



Virginie Faivre
Ski Freestyle
/Half-Pipe



Valentin Favre
Ski Mountaineering



Ben Cavet
Freestyle Skiing/Moguls

We salute all the members of the local ski clubs who help ensure Châtel is a lively, fun place throughout the winter season. Each of them flies the flag for Châtel, in their preferred discipline.



The keys to a successful holiday

For full details (ski area, accommodation, activities and ski school) see the practical guide or go to:

> www.chatel.com

Getting to Châtel

GPS

Latitude: 46.269966 | Longitude: 06.840753

BY ROAD

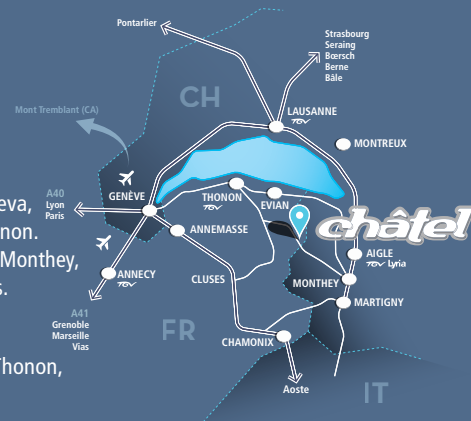
From France, follow the autoroute towards Geneva, take the Annemasse exit and follow signs for Thonon.
From Switzerland, follow the autoroute towards Monthey, take the Monthey exit and follow signs for Morgins.

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).



What will you be doing in Châtel this summer?

Enjoying a quiet ramble with the family, pedalling like crazy, lazing by the poolside, having a go at being a botanist, kicking a ball about, hanging from a wire, trying out the bob luge or learning to fish? You've got time to make up your mind. In the meantime, feel free to be inspired by our suggestions and the host of other options on offer. Come to Châtel and enjoy a unique and invigorating summer holiday!

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AN XXL SUMMER
WITH THE MULTI
PASS, FOR JUST
2 euros a day



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