

Watch out, we're going on a trip down memory lane...

Do you remember the precise moment to open the bar on a chair lift? Do you still know which pocket to put your lift pass in? Can you remember your go-to meal in your favourite high-altitude restaurant? And what about your skis? Do you even recall how to put them on?

After so much travel lockdown and disruption, not to mention limited skiing, you'll be able to remind vourself about all this in Val Thorens from November 20, 2021 onwards!

Skiers will be able\* to put on their gear, jump on a ski lift, enjoy the views on the surrounding peaks and savour the feeling of being the first people out on the slopes.

This year will be all about finding each other again on the slopes and in the resort. Val Thorens has only one wish: to see holidaymakers again and have them experience staying in the mountains. It's that simple.

The teams working at Val Thorens all have the same "Live United" vision, with only one credo for this winter - and it's been the same for almost 50 years come with a big smile when you arrive and go with an ever bigger one when you leave.

#### **VOTE FOR VAL THORENS**

Having won it seven times already, Val Thorens is again in the running for 'Best Ski Resort in the World' this year at the World Ski Awards. Vote for us at: wantto.ski/awards-vt



\*Unless advised differently by the French government



## new The quick ascent



## A NEW CABLE CAR CONNECTION ORELLE - VAL THORENS VIA CIME CARON

The "3 Vallées Express" cable car has been replaced by the new "Orelle" cable car and another new lift to the top of Cime Caron has been built called "TC Orelle-Caron". This allows a direct link between Orelle and Val Thorens by cable car on skis or by foot.

The new connection, made possible thanks to the support and investment by Région Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, will allow visitors to arrive in resort via the Maurienne Valley and come up to Val Thorens passing by the mythical Cime Caron peak and its 360 degree views of the Alps.

It will be accessible to both skiers or pedestrians who wish to access Val Thorens without using the slopes or roads. Pedestrians can then take the Cime Caron cable car to descend to the centre of Val Thorens which means they can keep their feet dry, with luggage allowed, too. The whole trip takes less than 45 minutes.

The new cable car connection undoubtedly adds significant value to the client experience in place both in winter and summer.

#### **OPENING OF A NEW CONNECTION**

By opening up Cime Caron to pedestrians coming from Orelle, and creating a link to Val Thorens, even for people with luggage, both resorts are establishing a new way to access the 3 Vallées.

Holidaymakers coming from Italy or the rest of Europe will be able to avoid the traffic in the Tarentaise Valley – the normal road route to Val Thorens. Drivers can now continue on the Maurienne Valley motorway - the A43 - exit at Orelle, park in the free car park and then take the new ski lifts.

Thanks to a specific pedestrian pass, non-ski visitors can also have an immediate "high altitude" experience by enjoying the panoramic views from the top of Cime Caron at 3,200m. They will be able to go literally straight from the motorway to Val Thorens and enjoy non-skiing activities such as the Cosmojet toboggan run, the Bee zipline, shopping and so on.

## The cable cars in numbers

#### **FLOW RATE DOUBLED**

to a maximum of 2,500 people per hour

#### **20 MINUTES**

from Orelle to Cime Caron

#### 7 METRES PER SECOND

the cable cars are amongst the fastest in France

#### **45 MINUTES**

between Orelle and Val Thorens

## 1ST SECTION "ORELLE" GOES FROM ORELLE TO PLAN BOUCHET:

#### **REDUCED TIME**

13 minutes instead of 15

**4,997 M** in length **1,462 M** height gain

87
CABLE CARS

## 2ND SECTION "ORELLE-CIME CARON" WHICH LINKS PLAN BOUCHET TO CIME CARON:

#### **6 MINUTES 50 SECONDS**

to reach Cime Caron

**2,235 M** in length **820 M** height gain

44 CABLE CARS





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# A new free ski touring zone

Starting this winter, there will be a new secure and marked zone in the Borgne sector dedicated to ski touring.

Without any ski lifts around and a departure from the "Plein Sud" sector, this ski touring zone is made up of one ascent slope, groomed and prepared, and two slopes to descend, one of which is unpisted. This new area is a place to discover or practice ski touring safely, in a natural but marked zone, far from the crowds.

This natural space, accessible by the "Pionniers" or "Plein Sud" ski lifts, is perfect for groups to practice avalanche prevention and mountain safety training where they can learn how to use equipment such as avalanche detectors, probes and shovels.

The zone will also be linked to the "Camille" slope, an existing ski touring route for those who want to extend and prolong their ascent.

## Val Tho Lab

Innovation is in Val Thorens' DNA and the teams work hard to put their knowledge and passion to use to develop and use new technologies to improve the safety, comfort and well-being of their clients.

The resort can also be called a "smart ski resort" and Val Thorens is a true pioneer in the ski industry thanks to the innovations introduced.

### SNOWSAT TECHNOLOGY - A TECHNOLOGY TO HELP MANAGE SNOW EFFICIENTLY

A GPS device onboard a Pisten Bully piste machine is linked to a map of the ski area which then gives information about the depth of snow and where snow reserves are so it can be used more effectively. This means snow grooming and snow making can be better managed.

#### Some numbers

- 12 grooming machines are now equipped with Snowsat technology
- -8% less fuel consumption
- -15% less snow production



#### **CARTOGRAPHY SYSTEM**



This system is linked to Val Thorens' snow guns and allows them to function automatically and intelligently to produce snow in a very targeted way. Clearly, this leads to important water savings to create snow, but also less fuel consumption to distribute it on the slopes.

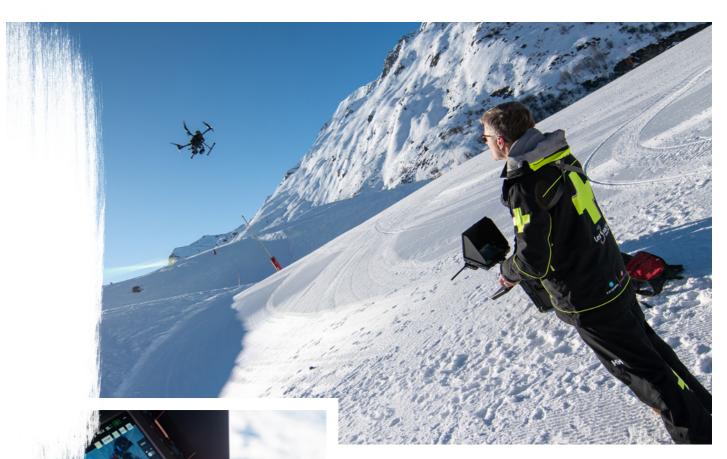
#### **INTEGRATED GPS BEACONS**

Every ski patroller has an integrated GPS beacon in his equipment, allowing the mountain operations team to send the closest patroller to an incident really quickly. This improves speed of response and enhances safety.





The Gendloc system makes it possible to geolocate skiers who call for help without knowing where they are. The skier is found thanks to his /her smartphone - when a call is made - or when a picture is taken of their surroundings. Help arrives faster thanks to this real-time imaging solution.



#### A DRONE TO MONITOR THE SKI AREA

Equipped with two embedded cameras, one with thermal imaging and the other a zoom (up to 180x), Val Thorens is continuing to use a DJI drone to allow mountain operations staff to identify possible avalanche risks or other dangers very quickly in order to evaluate situations and put in place an appropriate safety response strategy.

In the unlikely event that something serious occurs, ski patrol can use the drone to help locate people. They can monitor risky areas (avalanches, landslide threats, flooding, avalanche triggers etc.) and follow in real-time how this might impact the ski area in order to prevent potential dangers. This throughout the whole year, 24/7 if flying conditions allow.





Given it is the highest ski resort in Europe, Val Thorens is the ideal meeting point for 'snow pros', with no less than 150km of ski runs in resort and a total of 600km in the whole 3 Vallées area. It's just impossible to be disappointed with the number of runs available.

Val Thorens' ski schools continually evolve each year, for example, by offering families the opportunity to follow their kids' ski lessons via the ESI Ski Family app or by introducing new adrenaline activities like Pow Surf...

#### **NEW LIFT PASSES**

SETAM, the local lift company in Val Thorens together with other operators in Les 3 Vallées, is expanding the range of season lift passes to present perfectly suited options for every type of skier. This means locals and regular clients alike will find a pass ideal for their needs with some super deals to be had.

- Season pass for the under 30s. With a 30% discount now on offer, the "3 Vallées" or the "Val Thorens" season pass for people under 30 is now available (an identify card or passport needs to be presented at time of purchase).
- 2/7 season pass\*. This provides access to the entire "3 Vallées" ski area at the attractive price of €665 for any two days per week. And they don't have to be consecutive days either. It's ideal for people who live close by and want to ski every weekend or as soon as they have a day off.
- **Ski Flex season pass.** Again for €665, this pass provides 20 entries to the "3 Vallées" lift system per week allowing departure from any resort in the 3 Vallées. It's the perfect lift pass for those who want to enjoy the whole season, but only a little bit at a time.

<sup>\*</sup>Packages only available online at ski.valthorens.com

## SPEND THE WEEKEND WITH THE 'BUREAU DES GUIDES'

This winter, the Bureau des Guides des Belleville is launching "White Evasion" weekends, offering an off-piste ski touring experience right in the heart of the mountains on the most beautiful tracks in Les 3 Vallées.

For two days, skiers looking for a little extra will be able to discover the incredible off-piste descents in the most rugged of valleys. Accommodation is at the warm and cosy Lac du Lou refuge where delicious Savoyard dishes are served.

The trip takes in the grand tracks of Les 3 Vallées meaning varied paths, ranging from soft and wide, beautiful hillsides to more technical runs, along with glacier skiing, but also slow ascents with skins on.

Required level: good skier on all types of snow

**Prices:** Guide: €180 for the weekend/person for a group of 6 people (includes the loan of safety equipment such as avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe)

Half board at Refuge du Lac du Lou : €80 per person (includes dinner, bed and breakfast)

Info and contact: contact@guides-belleville.com or +33 6 35 76 81 45





# Photo Spots TAKE THE BEST PICTURES IN VAL THORENS

Discover this winter the Art & Memories Tour in the 3 Vallées ski area, created by the Savoyard illustrator, Lauriane Miara.

6 large photo frames are spread out all over the 3 Vallées with an illustration per ski resort, all the while keeping a mountain theme and the unique style of the illustrator.

In Val Thorens, it's a Cosmos theme at the summit of the "Funitel des 3 Vallées". And a little extra - Mont Blanc is in the background making it the perfect holiday photo-opp souvenir!



#### **POW SURF**

Innovative, versatile and motivated instructors at Ski Cool are bringing back old ski styles such as monoski or telemark with fun courses on offer. But that's not all! This season they've added a new activity to their programme: "Pow Surf".

Don't know what this is? It's snowboarding without bindings where riders move and glide on the snow just as if they were surfing on water! Technique and balance is everything!

#### Info and contact:

ski-cool.com or +33 4 79 00 04 92





#### **SNOW PARK**

The Val Thorens' snow park is internationally recognized and rated by experts such as Antoine Diet, a local freeski champion. Located at 2,600m it boasts exceptional snow, both in quality and quantity. The varied components of the park allow both beginners and professionals to improve and have fun on freestyle features adapted to their level. The operations team - so-called 'shapers' - also create different jumps every year to give everyone new ways to get aerial!

#### How to get there?

Take the "Moutière" chairlift at the base of the ski resort and then the "Plateau" draglift next to the snow park.

### CHAT WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR WITH ESI SKI FAMILY APP

Parents dreamed of it, ESI did it - the first app where you can interact as parents with ski instructors in real-time.

Designed by ESI, the application, called ESI Ski Family, creates a really close link between parents and ski instructors for the organisation and follow-up of ski lessons. This way parents know in advance the biography of their instructor, can see pictures of their kids during lessons, and – most importantly – can communicate "live" with the instructor. The application also "gamifies" the experience for children to make the ski learning experience more fun. Download for free.

Info and contact: ski-family.fr/fr/val-thorens or +33 6 76 55 76 58





#### **FAMILY SNOW PARK**

Normally, this snow park is situated in the Grand Fond sector, close to the professional snow park, but this winter it's been moved to a place that is more accessible for beginner skiers and boarders. This family slope will join the Junior Space and Funslope in between the Chalets du Thorens and the slope crossing. This fun zone offers an exciting place to play for even the smallest of skiers!!



## HÔTEL MARIELLE\*\*\*\* THE EMBODIMENT OF VAL THORENS' DNA



This winter, a new 4-star hotel will welcome holidaymakers seeking a change of scenery and relaxation in an elegant sporting chic setting.

The hotel's name "Marielle" refers to Marielle Goitschel, a French champion skier with numerous international medals to her name – including Olympic titles – and a famous face associated with the resort. It was Marielle who built the original building in the 1970s intended to accommodate families and children so they could experience the joys of snow sports.

Skiing, energy, joie de vivre - the establishment's essence has remained intact. The hotel boasts the best location in the resort, with the ESF (French ski school) meeting point located opposite on the piste.

Now fully renovated and extended, this characterful hotel is a must for anyone wanting to enjoy a break from the everyday. Interior architect, Leslie Gauthier, has incorporated a new blend of timeless classic decor contrasted with surprising design items to create a unique experience.

It's a hotel that you can enjoy at any time of the day to come together, relax and recharge!

Rooms of 18 to 42m<sup>2</sup>

Price: Starting from €180 per night
Info and contact:
reservation@hotelmarielle.com
hotelmarielle.com







### Discover

- · Two sun-drenched decks
- · Chic bistro restaurant called "M" or a snack bar for those who want a quick meal
- · A Nuxe wellness center featuring a sauna, steam room and massage rooms
- · Cocktail bar with intimate style and chilled-out atmosphere
- · Dedicated kids' space with games, table soccer, arcade games and more
- · For dinner, a stylish and fun concept combining large delicatessen-like counters with delicious buffets that change every night
- · Large wine selection and sommeliers who give friendly advice



### LE VAL THORENS\*\*\*\* TIME FOR A CHANGE

New

Last summer was the ideal time to renovate the historic hotel Le Val Thorens\*\*\*\*. The 83 rooms have been completely remodeled, as have the communal spaces, the reception area and atrium.

But the biggest change to this hotel is the bar area. It has been entirely redesigned as an IN/OUT concept, with bars inside and out allowing holidaymakers to savour their cocktails cozying up to the fireplace inside when it's snowing or outside on the terrace when the weather is sunny.

#### Info and contact:

levalthorens@beaumier.com or +33 4 69 66 53 84



### LE FITZ ROY\*\*\*\* GETS A MAKE-OVER



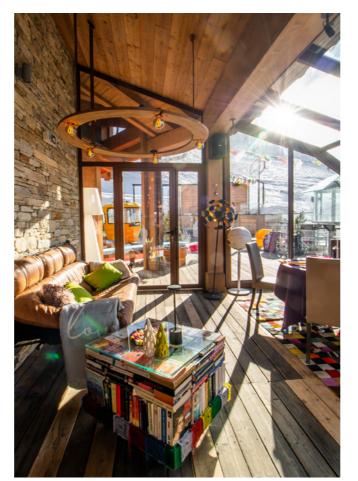
One of the flagship 5-star hotels in the resort has also taken the time last summer to undertake a make-over. A large part of the building has been rebuilt: the reception area, ski room, fitness area, wine cellar and underground levels.

There are now two restaurants and a new living room that gives access directly to the slopes.

And the biggest new development : 3 new suites will open on the fourth floor!

If you thought you knew the Fitz Roy? Think again! You will need to come back to discover what's new ... Info and contact:

lefitzroy@beaumier.com or +33 4 69 66 54 84





### HÔTEL-REFUGE LE PASHMINA\*\*\*\* A NEW SELF-HEATING GLASS TERRACE

The Coronavirus crisis inspired the Gorini family - founders and owners of the hotel - to think of new ways to enlarge the main living space so it's more comfortable and respects social distancing rules.

Thanks to European glass experts - Grolla Verre and Serrurerie Tissot - they have used glass with integrated nanotechnology to create a new 70m² retractable veranda on the terrace with bay windows offering clear views of the surrounding mountains and slopes of Val Thorens.

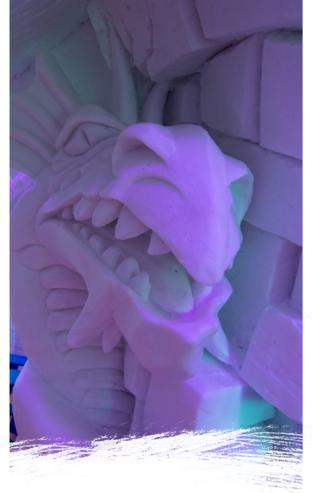
The new retractable glass veranda is heated using self-heating glass and power from electricity generated locally from dams in the region. The whole space requires just 14,000 Watts compared to so-called "heated curtains" which typically use 10,000 Watts for just one panel. The system allows a comfortable temperature for lunch or dinner to be maintained and can be set up in two minutes in case of bad weather or cold temperatures.

#### Info and contact:

www.hotelpashmina.com or +33 4 79 00 09 99









#### RENT AN ANTARCTICA IGLOO FOR A MEETING WITH A DIFFERENCE

This icy spot can be rented for meetings or an afterwork get-to-gether in the centre of the slopes. A themed igloo of  $80m^2$  will be built behind Chalets du Thorens, close to the "2 Combes" piste. It will consist of two spaces and can host around 15-20 people for a cozy moment in a totally original setting. It's an ideal spot for an "aperitif" with colleagues or friends!

Info and contact: www.leschaletsduthorens.com or +33 4 79 00 02 80

#### **LE CHALET 360**

If you come across exotic décor and hear crazy beats on the slopes, then more likely than not you'll be close to Le Chalet 360, next to the Chalets du Thorens. Offering a packed programme throughout the season– including the JBL Snow Party and Afrojack concerts and more – you'll want to boogie non stop between the mountain peaks.

New this year: the lay-out of the terrace has been rethought and is now flexible based on weather conditions and occupancy. This means the space can be adapted throughout the day – with the vibe changing from morning to night-but it's also easy to change in case of poor weather.

Info and contact: 360-bar.com or +33 4 79 00 02 80

#### **LA FOLIE DOUCE**

For those party people who want to dance to the thumping rhythm of DJs and sax players, then La Folie Douce is a must. The format? A south-facing sunny terrace near the Plein Sud lift, a hip team serving drinks and a bunch of skiers with more or less a sense of rhythm. It creates just the right cocktail for clubbing on the slopes of Val Thorens.

Info and contact: lafoliedouce.com ou + 33 4 79 00 04 27

#### THE IGLOO VILLAGE

The Igloo Village is back this winter! It's the perfect opportunity to discover the large ice sculptures decorating the interior walls. For a unique experience, you can book to sleep in one of the two bedrooms for a night actually on an ice bed protected from the cold by thick blankets and an arctic sleeping bag!

The Igloo also has a bar which serves skiers all day long for those who want a "chill out" moment. And because of its position next to a green run and close to a path, new skiers as well as pedestrians can easily access it.

New this season: an ice cave of 150m<sup>2</sup> has been added, it contains about 20 ice sculptures which have a pirate theme. €2 for access.

**Price:** A night for 2 people starts from €350 per room, including snowshoe walk accompanied by a guide, dinner, nightcap, night in the igloo and breakfast.

Info and contact:

village-igloo-valthorens.fr or +33 7 77 99 45 77



#### **TANGO**

DJ set, happy hour and incredible views of the sun setting – that's what makes the bar at the Langley Hotel Tango so unique. Located right in the heart of the resort, it's the perfect mix between refreshment in a lounge atmosphere with sofas and a place to dance in as well. It's the favourite drinking spot for most ski instructors, too, so a great way to tap them for tips over a beer on the best slopes to discover on your holiday.

Info and contact:

langleyhotels.eu or +33 4 79 00 0 27

#### **FAHRENHEIT 7**

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, F7's Zinc bar is transformed into a dancefloor with live acoustic music, DJs and performers. It's THE ideal place to show off your best dance moves.

Info and contact: fahrenheitseven.com or +33 4 79 00 04 04









**ESF / OFFICE DE LA MONTAGNE** 

As it gets closer to the resort's 50th birthday, the ESF of Val Thorens is constantly evolving and offering lots of new activities, thanks to the expertise of its dedicated instructors. The program on offer is a ideal new way to discover the mountains, accompanied by experts.

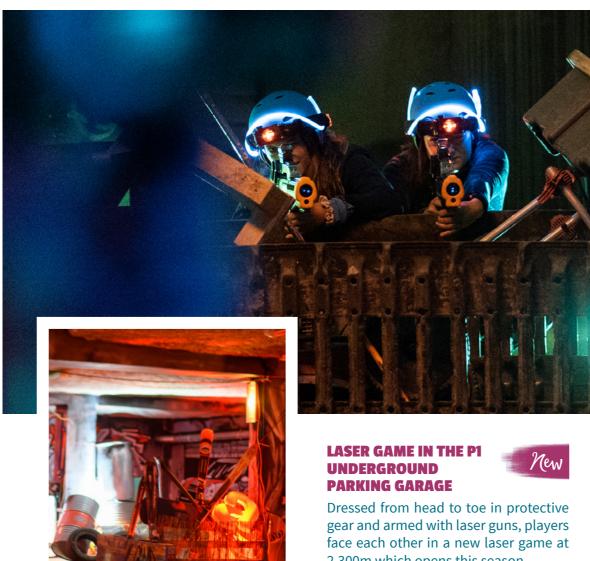
• Ice climbing: a 4h course to teach people how to climb the ice walls of a natural waterfall located in the heart of the ski resort.

€100 per person, equipment and tuition included. From Monday to Sunday 9h-13h or 13-17h.

- Outdoor escape game: located on the slopes, the escape game is the perfect opportunity to challenge your friends and solve the enigma of the so-called "White Challenge". The goal: become special mountain agents, solve riddles, show off your knowledge and take on various mountain challenges.
- Fat Bike: a special bike made for snow, with large tyres for better stability and traction. And with electrical assistance you don't even need to slave away up hill - anyone can do it! €65 per person, accompanied by an instructor. From Monday to Friday 15h-17h or 17h-19h.
- Fat Bike & Fondue evening: a 4h trip with a guide for a sporty and tasty experience at nightfall. €100 per person, Thursday night 17h30-21h30.
- First tracks: a hike up in ski touring gear to watch the sun rise and have breakfast higher up. As the French saying goes: the mountain belongs to he who gets up early! From €35 per person.

Info and contact: www.esf-valthorens.com or +33 4 79 00 02 86





2,300m which opens this season.

In the darkness of an underground parking garage, two teams will face each other in a "real war" in a themed apocalyptic setting.

Since the planet has become unhospitable and 97% of life on earth is lost, the goal is simple: shoot the other team as many times as possible, eliminate them and guarantee your spot in one of the last refuges on earth: the Val Tho Base Camp!

Info and contact: www.naturegames73.com Price: 2 games of 10 minutes, €15

#### THE FIRST ICE SKATING RINK IN THE RESORT

The staff at La Patinoire welcome young and old in Place Péclet to discover the joy of skating on the 400m<sup>2</sup> ice ring made from completely natural ice. There's also a music and a light show. In order to provide guests the best possible experience, La Patinoire also has a small chalet – a cozy spot to enjoy pancakes and hot chocolate with family or friends.

#### Practical info:

- Open for the entire season, from 15h to 21h, subject to weather conditions
- During school holidays: 10h-12h / 15h-21h
- Private bookings possible for larger groups or for corporate customers
- Ice skating courses, group courses, hockey games to watch at night...
- Price for entry + rental skates: -16 years old: €7 / +16: €8

Info and contact: www.patinoire-valthorens.com



#### **PARAMOTORING**

Let expert pilot, Timothy Green, usher you into his world and discover Val Thorens from above for a high adrenaline paramotoring flight.

**Price:** €120 per flight

**Info and contact:** paramoteur-valthorens.com



#### **PARAPENTE**

For your first flight, we definitely suggest taking a tandem flight accompanied by an instructor.

Once safety checks are done, you'll glide on your skis for a few metres before feeling your feet leave solid ground and then – whoosh – you'll be free as a bird soaring in the sky. A tandem flight is an ideal way to discover the sport which is tailored for both adults and children.

You'll leave with amazing memories with souvenir pictures and videos of your flight available for €20 – a dead cert way to impress your friends!

Price: €80 per person
Info and contact: flyandslide@gmail.com
or + 33 6 07 12 25 34

#### **'LA BEE' ZIPLINE**

Double zipline: depart two by two!

**Length:** 1,800m

**Maximum height:** 65m above the ski slopes Depart at the top of La Moutière chairlift at 2,500m

Arrival: at the heart of Val Thorens village in the Place

Caron at 2,300m Price: €35 per person

Accessible using skis/snowboard or on foot



#### **BOUCHET ZIPLINE**

A Maurienne and Tarentaise valley link between Orelle and Val Thorens – but by air - which imitates the flight of an eagle.

**Length:** 1,300m

Maximum height: 250m

Departure altitude: 3,230m (the highest

point of 3 Vallées)

Arrival altitude: 3,000m

**Price:** €55 per person

Only accessible on skis or a snowboard





hotels featuring excellent facilities for companies to host conferences, business seminars, stage team building events or to incentivise sales partners.

The resort offers the perfect mix of work and leisure facilities to share fun moments among colleagues: obvsiously there's the skiiing, but there's multiple other activities available on and off the slopes, along with properties that are all ski-in/ski-out.

Val Thorens and its lodging partners can develop bespoke and interesting packages for companies of all sizes looking for both festive and cozy venues – something that is just a little bit different.

From November 20, 2021 to May 8, 2022, we're open for business given the height of the resort. Come and (re)boot team morale in Val Thorens. It is THE place to be to reconnect and create wonderful memories with your colleagues.



#### **FAHRENHEIT SEVEN\*\*\***

- 107 rooms and suites
- Total capacity: 300 people
- Seminar room: 70m², maximum 65 people
- Optic fibre broadband
- Ski room
- 2 restaurants, 1 bar
- 300m<sup>2</sup> terrace



#### HÔTEL REFUGE LE PASHMINA\*\*\*\*\*

- 43 rooms & suites up to 82m<sup>2</sup>
- 8 'Cosy Home' concepts from 60 to 155m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 apartment chalets of 130m<sup>2</sup> and the possibility to experience a unique night close to the stars in one of two igloo pods, placed on the roof (one of which has a Nordic bath)
- Total capacity: 150 people
- Meeting room for 30 people
- Lounge bar and terrace bordering the slope
- Spa by L'Occitane en Provence
- Concierge service
- Ski room



#### **KOH-I NOR\*\*\*\***

- 63 rooms and suites
- 35 individual apartments for 2 to 8 people
- Total capacity: 169 people
- Spa of 800m², treatments by Valmont and Phytomer
- Business centre
- Banquet room of 180m² with AV equipment
- Catered meals upon demand
- Ski room





#### **HÔTEL MARIELLE\*\*\*\***

- 83 rooms and suites
- Total capacity: 230 people
- Restaurant with sunny terrace
- Cocktail bar
- Wellness area by Nuxe
- 85m² of equipped seminar space with a capacity of hosting 80 people (modular meeting rooms that can be split up in two separate rooms)
- Ski Room



#### 20-21 NOV - LA GRANDE PREMIÈRE

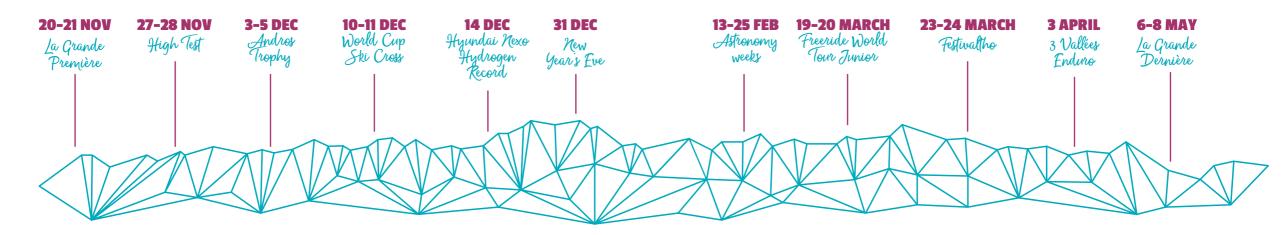
Put your skis on for "La Grande Première" in Val Thorens on November 20 and 21. Whether it's the freshly groomed pistes or mulled wine on the side of the slopes, the first skiers will be

First to open and last to close, Val Thorens invites all snow lovers for a packed program focused around ski, ski and more ski.

Back again is the test village with more than 50 big winter sports brands encompassing ski, snowboard, accessories, ski touring, freeride ski and more. And thanks to resident DJs, the party atmosphere around the slopes is guaranteed.

Price: Pack starting from €129 per person full occupancy, including 2 nights accommodation + 2 day lift pass Orelle-Val Thorens.

Info and contact: chaussez-dechaussez.com reservation.valthorens.com or +33 4 79 00 01 06



#### 10-11 DEC - WORLD CUP SKI CROSS

The World Cup Ski Cross championship will again be held in Val Thorens. This year, athletes can still qualify for the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing 2022 so expect the competition to be fierce!

This winter, all athletes from the resort will have until 15 January to qualify in their discipline. That includes stars





#### 6-8 MAY - LA GRANDE DERNIÈRE

After "La Grande Première" launch event, Val Thorens has now created "La Grande Dernière" which officially closes off the ski fun in Europe's highest resort.

Starting on Friday May 6 and then throughout the whole weekend, the entire resort awaits the last skiers of the season for an entertaining, sporty and festival-like way to end the season in the best way possible - spring conditions, good snow, events, races and prizes. It's the last chance to put on skis and enjoy the final turns, along with the amazing views of the snowy mountain tops.

The programme has been designed to lift the spirits: hopefully skiers will remember the closing weekend for a long time and will only have one thing in mind when leaving; coming back in November 2022 for the next opening! There will be concerts with a DJ, waterslide 'beach party at 2,300m', Big Air Bag Go Pro and two sports events to challenge friends or family on the slopes.

Price: 2 days – Pack starting from €149 per person full occupancy, including 2 nights accommodation + 2-day lift pass Orelle-Val Thorens + starting bib BIG DER

3 days – Pack starting from €199 per person full occupancy, including 3 nights accommodation + 3-day lift pass Orelle-Val Thorens + starting bib BIG DER

Info and contact: chaussez-dechaussez.com reservation, valthorens.com or +33 4 79 00 01 06

## 'SKI PERFECTION' LESSON BY SKI COOL FOR FUTURE SKI PATROLLERS

Local ski school, Ski Cool, is running a specialist programme to train future ski patrollers, thanks to a two and half day course run by its experieced instructors. It's all about perfecting their skills.

This initiative allows them to be coached, their ski technique improved and candidates prepared to pass the patroller's exam. It's essential for the school and the resort to develop patrollers in the best possible way and to enable their recruitment afterwards in the ski area.





#### KEVIN BERTHON: NEW DIRECTOR OF ESF VAL THORENS

Newly appointed director of ESF Val Thorens, Kevin Berthon was born and raised in Val Thorens and is using his local knowledge and passion for the area to develop new mountain experiences under the brand 'Mountain Experience by ESF Val Thorens'. He's already introduced new activities like Fat Biking, snowshoeing and an escape game which opens this season. Long term he also wishes to diversify and broaden summer activities.

"The idea to present myself in the next director elections grew slowly. I want to give a breath of fresh air to the organisation. My objective is simple: to welcome our clients again and offer them a superior and quality service fitting to a resort as famous as Val Thorens.

We have a dynamic resort, full of potential, and the same goes for ESF. That's why starting this season, we will launch new activities to satisfy our clients all the while protecting the core of our company which is teaching ski and snowboard."



## DORIAN FIQUEMONT: "DEVELOPING SKIING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES"

Born and raised in Val Thorens, Dorian discovered adaptive snow sports in different ski resorts - initiatives organized by the British army. He then qualified as a specialist instructor and decided to develop programmes in Les 3 Vallées and Val Thorens, thanks to the creation of the "Handi-gliss 3 Vallées" association.

The association, created with a former client with a disability, is made possible because of the instructors that teach adaptive skiing. They offer adults and children with a disability the possibility to discover the pleasure of gliding on the snow.

This means it's possible to cater for clients with a variety of impairments - such as vision, hearing and speech - and to train instructors to accompany them.

The association will partner with ESF Val Thorens this winter to train more instructors, buy new adapted equipment so as to welcome more people with disabilities.

These courses will also allow (temporarily) injured or elderly people to continue to enjoy the snow.

The association's goal is to help anyone to get out on the slopes - people who no longer have or who never had independent access to the mountains. Simply put, skiing for everyone!



## By plane

- Geneva (GVA) 199 km 2h35
- Lyon (LYS) 198 km 2h20
- Chambéry (CMF) 112 km 1h40

## By train

- TGV station Moûtiers Salins Brides-les-Bains 37km - 45 min
- Shuttles link the resort and the bus station in Moûtiers

## By bus

Altibus runs regular buses between Moûtiers and the airports of Geneva, Lyon and Chambéry.

Further information and reservations: altibus.com

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