

EVENTS WINTER SEASON 2011-12

NOVEMBER

Thursday 24th November 2011

Season opening

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November 2011

Rock On Snowboard Tour

Free test of the latest snowboards for 2012, with 30 brands present, including Burton, K2, Roxy, Nidecker, Rossignol, and many more. More than 1000 snowboards to try.

Saturday 26th November to Friday 2nd December 2011

Dutch Kick Off Week

The official kick-off week of the Dutch wintersport season, with ski and board tests, contests, and Djs and rock music.

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th November 2011

FIS races (young racers)

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December 2011

FIS B Ladies race

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th December 2011

Trophée Andros

Automobile racing on the ice circuit.

Saturday 3rd to Saturday 10th December 2011

Varsity week

Oxford and Cambridge Universities bring several thousand students to Val Thorens, for a ski trip, and the Varsity ski competition.

Saturday 10th to Saturday 17th December 2011

Ski and boarderweek

This festival week brings lots of German skiers and boarders to town. There's the Easy Fun park on the Voie Lactée, jumps on the Air Bag, ski and board tests, demos, and concerts.

Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th December 2011

SFR Freeskiing tour

Freestyle competitions. 2 wild cards available for the X Games Europe.

Wednesday 21st December 2011

Ski for Life torchlit descent

Torchlit descent open to everyone, organised by a Belgian radio station and the Red Cross, with proceeds going to a charity combatting infant mortality.

Saturday 17th to Saturday 24th December 2011

The Magic of Christmas

The main Christmas show will be on Thursday 22nd December, with a children's show, a torchlit descent by the French ski school, a choral performance (not by the French ski school), fireworks,

and the appearance of Father Christmas.

Saturday 31st December 2011

New Year's Eve festivities

A musical show on the place de Caron, to celebrate New Year's Eve, and to mark the 40th anniversary of the creation of Val Thorens.

JANUARY

Tuesday 3rd January 2012

Concert at the church

The first of the regular Tuesday concerts, which have been a fixture in Val Thorens for the last 15 years. A classical piano concert by Karine Vartanian, at 6.30pm, at the church. (Free, but contributions welcome).

Friday 6th January 2012

Orthodox Christmas

To celebrate Orthodox Christmas, there's a torchlit descent by the French ski school, traditional Russian songs, sung by a choir on the place de Caron. 7pm. Free mulled wine at the place de Caron.

Tuesday 10th January 2012

Concert at the church

Jazz concert, with the Sebastien Félix trio. 6.30pm at the church.

Tuesday 17th January 2012

Concert at the church

Not that much goes in January – mainly concerts at the church. This one features a Canadian soprano, singing French Baroque music.

Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th January 2012

Super G competition (Ecureuil d' Or)

Ecureuil d' Or (golden squirrel) is a series of races for the best 14 and 15 year olds, boys and girls. This Super G will be contested by these future ski champions.

Tuesday 24th January 2012

Concert at the church

Jazz concert, with the Phillippe de Pressac trio, playing 40s and 50s swing. 6.30pm at the church.

Tuesday 31st January 2012

Concert at the church

Classical piano concert, with Alex Lénarduzzi. 6.30pm at the church.

FEBRUARY

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th February 2012

French Cup boarder cross

A prestigious event on the top-class skier/boarder cross course.

Tuesday 7th February 2012

Concert at the church

Jazz concert by the trio 'Un nerf de swing'. 6.30pm at the church.

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February 2012

European Cup skier cross

On the skier/boarder cross course.

Saturday 11th February 2012

French Cup skier cross

Tuesday 14th February 2012

Concert at the church

Classical piano concert with Hugues Leclerc. 6.30pm at the church.

Thursday 16th February 2012

Children's show

A show produced by the Green Arts Company, for children. 5.30pm, Forum Joseph Fontanet. Free.

Saturday 18th to Saturday 25th February 2012

Carnival madness

Music and parades.

Tuesday 28th February 2012

Concert at the church

Classical piano concert with Guillaume Vincent. 6.30pm at the church.

MARCH

Thursday 1st March 2012

Children's show

The Sorcerer's Apprentice. Children's show at the Forum Joseph Fontanet. 5.30pm, free.

Tuesday 6th March 2012

Concert at the church

Jazz concert with the Lionel Grivet trio, playing 1930s boogie-woogie. 6.30pm at the church.

Thursday 8th March 2012

Children's show

Children's show 'la marmaille' (rabble of kids). 5.30pm at the Forum Joseph Fontanet. Free.

Tuesday 13th March 2012

Concert at the church

Classical piano concert by Geoffroy Couteau. 6.30pm at the church.

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th March 2012

European Cup Snowboard Slopestyle

Tuesday 20th March 2012

Concert at the church

Jazz concert with the Brazilian Maria Marcia quartet. 6.30pm at the church.

Tuesday 27th March 2012

Concert at the church

Classical organ and trumpet concert with Anne Mentrrier and Jean-Francois Raymond. 6.30pm at the church.

Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th March 2012

Festivaltho

Details to be announced. It usually includes freestyle skiing on a kicker by the Chalet de Thorens, and DJs and concerts.

APRIL

Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April 2012

FIS Citadines

A FIS race for city dwellers, on the Stade de slalom.

Tuesday 3rd April 2012

Concert at the church

The return of the jazz trio 'Un nerf de swing'. 6.30pm at the church.

Saturday 7th to Saturday 14th April 2012

Easter in the mountains

Giant Easter chicks (people in costumes) will give out Easter eggs, and there'll be entertainment and surprises for the children.

Monday 9th April 2012

Enduro 3 Vallées

A Three Valleys event, with various 'specials' set up around the different resorts, including a slalom, a schuss, derbys, and many more. Good fun.

Tuesday 17th April 2012

Concert at the church, and snow sculpt

Jazz concert with the Laurent Courtois trio. 6.30pm at the church.

Snow sculpt: from 5pm, place de Caron. Teams of 5 can sign up at the tourist office to sculpt blocs of snow, on a theme that will be given, in an hour. Prizes for the best works.

Thursday 19th April 2012

Children's show

A show by the Compagnie Turbulence. 5.30pm at the Forum Joseph Fontanet. Free.

Tuesday 24th April 2012

Concert at the church

Classical piano concert with Jean Pascal Meyer. 6.30pm at the church.

Thursday 26th April 2012

Children's show

Show by the Compagnie l' Escargot de Nuit, 'Un Jardin sans Nuage' (a garden without clouds).

End of April 2012 (date to follow)

Spring clean

Starting at 2pm at the tourist office, help pick up litter in and around the resort. At 6pm, there's a free barbecue for all participants, at the Stade.

Saturday 28th April to Saturday 5th May 2012

Dutch week

Val Thorens turns orange, as the Dutch come to Val Thorens to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

MAY

Tuesday 1st May 2012

Concert at the church

Jazz concert with the Hot Swingers. New Orleans jazz. 6.30pm at the church.

Wednesday 2nd May 2012

Children's show

Children's show with Willy Traon. 5.30pm at the Forum Joseph Fontanet. Free.

Tuesday 8th May 2012

Last day of the season

Last chance to ski in Val Thorens before November.