

 Winter 2024-25

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guide
in the  of the mountain*



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"Tout schuss" to Samoëns

♥ SAMOËNS, ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES IN THE FRENCH ALPS

♥ KEY FIGURES

♥ DESTINATION MAP



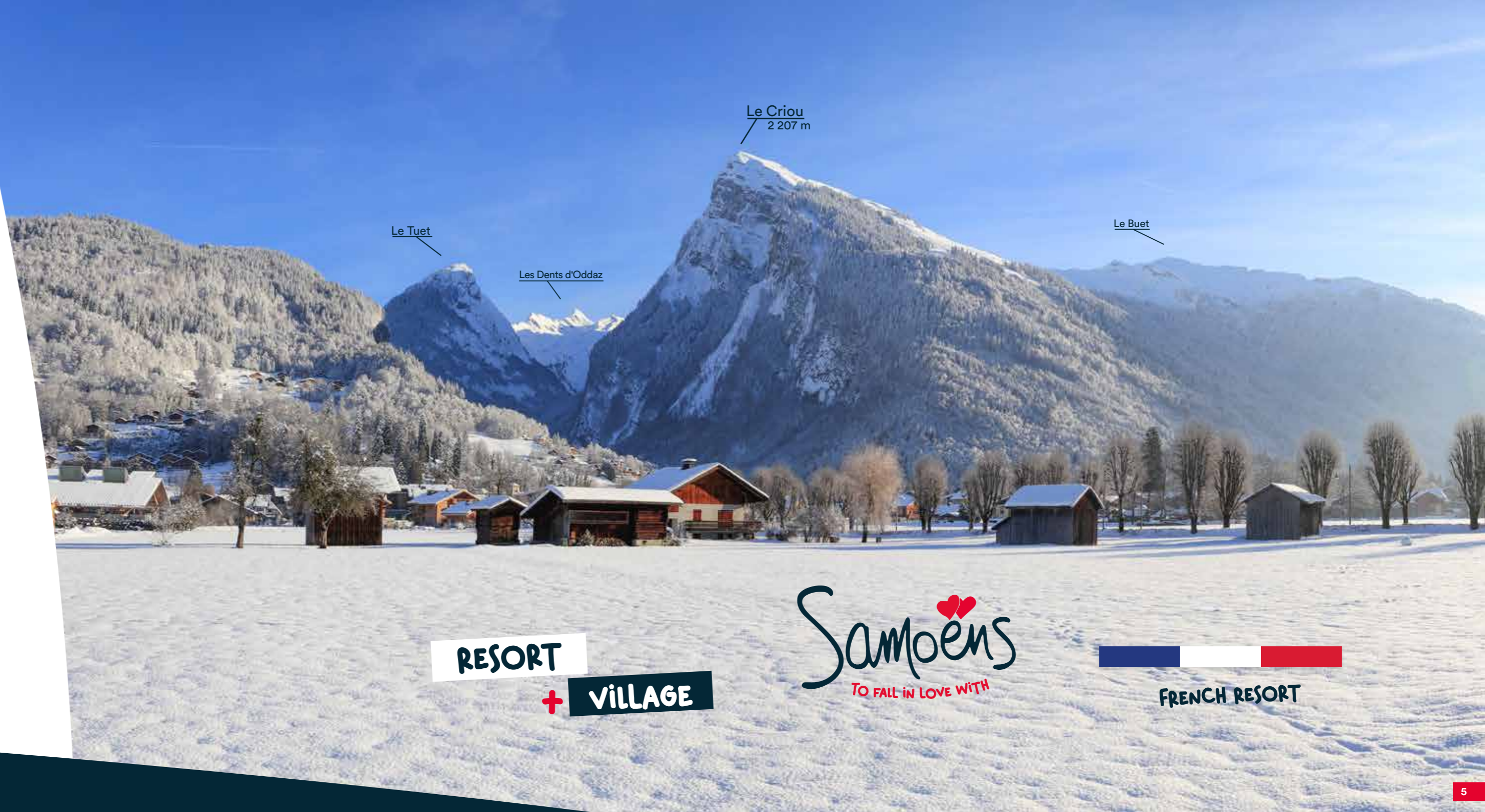
Samoëns, one of the most beautiful villages in the French Alps

Nestled in the heart of the Alps and its mountains, Samoëns is much more than a ski resort. With fun and musical events, cultural and sporting activities, and gourmet delights, it's a true living destination that caters to every desire. Between the magic of the landscapes and a change of scenery, Samoëns delights both young and old each winter!

With its own history and unique identity, the strength of Samoëns lies in the richness of its heritage and its reputation, making it a unique resort, far from the hustle and bustle of larger stations. To truly appreciate this, nothing beats a morning stroll through the key sites of the old village: the former town and the current village center, the church square, the large lime tree, and the eternal market hall, among other treasures, testify to the richness of Samoëns. As you wander through the snowy streets, you might imagine what the village looked like in the days of the Frahans (the name given to the stone masons from the region and its eight old limestone quarries). This legacy is still visible on the village walls and in the old farms scattered around, standing as immutable witnesses to Samoëns' past.

Perched in a wide, flat-bottomed valley, Samoëns is shaped at the foot of the famous Criou mountain, always present in the backdrop. Its rich environment and geographical location allow it to offer visitors a multitude of possibilities: thrilling experiences for the bold, fun activities for the whole family, winter sports events, and many other activities in this charming mountain village! The residents of Samoëns wouldn't trade this place for anything in the world!

In a week, you can vary activities according to your desires. Through this travel journal, we have captured the essence of a stay in Samoëns to preserve the memories gathered and share them with loved ones and fellow travelers. Full speed ahead to a magical winter in 7 days in Samoëns!



RESORT



VILLAGE

Samoëns
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FRENCH RESORT

"Toutschuss" to Samoëns !



Key figures

♥ HISTORY

7 Mountains:

the peaks surrounding the village, which are the origin of the village's name and the name given to its residents, the Septimontains.

♥ LOCAL LIFE

2,400 residents year-round

♥ TOURISM

21,000 tourist beds

♥ SITUATION

9,729 hectares

720 meters to 2,500 meters in altitude

♥ ACCOMMODATIONS

8 hotels

8 tourist residences

3 holiday villages including one Club

Med 4-Trident resort

2 guesthouses

2 lodges

5 mountain huts

1 holiday center

1 camping rated 3*

♥ TRANSPORTS

1h from Geneva, 2h30 from Lyon

♥ SKI

265 km of skiing!

One of the largest slopes in France **14 km long, linking the Grand Massif resorts**

62 ski lifts

139 slopes

16 fun zones

6 zones free ride

1 of the largest beginner areas

in the Alps

16 cross-country ski trails: 69 km

♥ SNOWSHOEING TRAILS

15 snowshoeing routes: 60 km

♥ MEMORIES

Pioneer in skiing:

1912: International Ski Competitions

1951: First ski lifts in Samoëns

♥ LOISIRS

1 patinoire olympique semi-extérieure

♥ SERVICE

1 network of free winter shuttles

servicing Samoëns and the Haut-Giffre valley

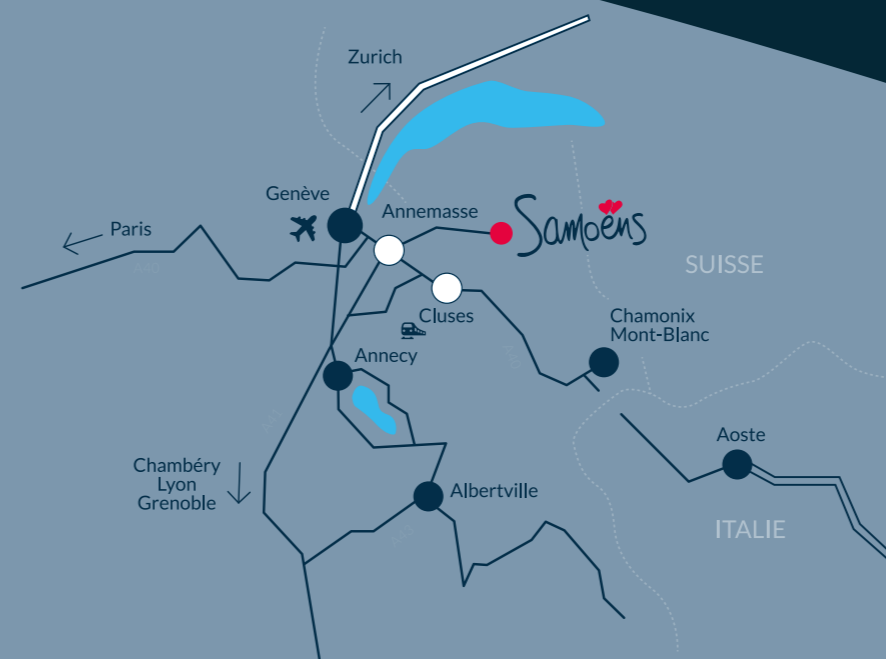
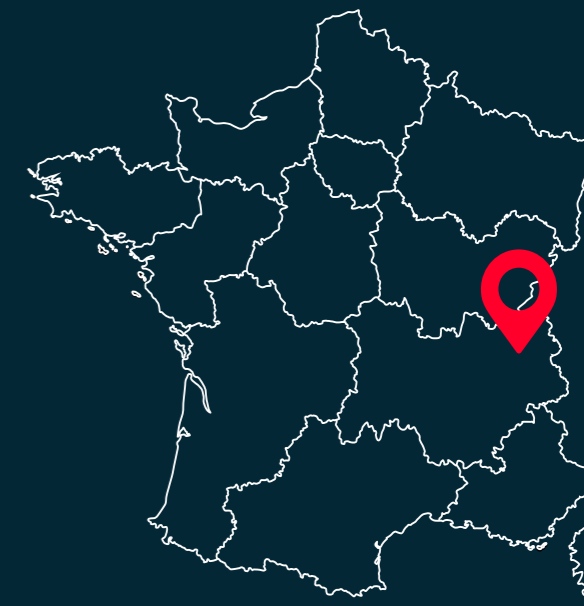
♥ HERITAGE

9 chapels

34 sculptures by the Frahans

Destination map

Lyon: 200 km
Paris: 600 km
London: 934 km
Geneva: 57 km
Berlin: 1,198 km
Rome: 873 km
Brussels: 847 km



Decimal longitude: 6.72380447

Decimal latitude: 46.08278662

"Tout schuss" to Samoëns !

DAY 1

On the slopes of the ski area

- ♥ MORNING: SKI TOWARDS THE GRAND MASSIF
- ♥ LUNCH AT LA LUGE IN TÉRAN
- ♥ AFTERNOON: OFF-PISTE SKIING
- ♥ ACCOMMODATION: THE LAC DE GERS REFUGE

THE SLIDE
pure adrenaline



OPENING

From Saturday December 21st 2024,
to Sunday April 21st 2025

SAMOËNS + FLAINE :
opening on Saturday
December 14th 2024



Morning: ski towards the Grand Massif !

To get started, nothing beats a day of skiing to kick off your stay at the 4th largest ski area in France! Ideal for both children and adults who are new to skiing, Samoëns 1600's beginner area is a reassuring spot to progress without stress.

As soon as you arrive via the Grand Massif Express, which connects the village to the slopes in 10 minutes, you'll find yourself in the beginner area without needing to climb any stairs. Served by 7 ski lifts and equipped with restaurants and snack bars, you can enjoy relaxing in the sun while keeping an eye on your children. The fun zone features the "Septi Snake" on a green slope—a gentle slalom for learning and having fun, with three freestyle modules alongside the piste to try out some tricks! A conveyor belt has also been installed for students using the ski lifts—ideal for avoiding the anxiety of the first drag lifts and easing into skiing smoothly.

The Grand Massif is one of the largest ski areas in the French Alps. With a wide variety of slopes, everyone can enjoy the thrills of skiing, snowboarding, para, snoc, and more, regardless of their skill level.

+ **INFOS** : [Alpine Skiing](#) 

IN NUMBERS

4th largest connected ski area in France, covering 7,600 hectares

265 km of skiing

1,800 m of vertical drop

139 slopes: 23 green, 61 blue, 44 red and 11 black

700 to 2,500 m in altitude and 67 ski lifts

Nearly 16 fun zones spread across the 5 resorts, suitable for all levels

1 infinity of exceptional panoramas



RATES* access to the entire area

GRAND MASSIF PASS PRICES	Standard 15 to 74 years old	Reduced 8 to 14 years old
6 days	354,00 €	283,20 €
Day Pass	59 €	47,20 €

Offers available exclusively online, to be booked at least 7 days before the first day of skiing



THE SKI PASS IS FREE FOR UNDER 8S!

Whether it's for a day, a weekend, or an entire week, whether you're a beginner or an experienced skier, Samoëns offers ski passes tailored to every need and budget! The alpine ski pass is free for children under 8 years old! With 5 resorts, 139 marked trails, and 62 ski lifts, the Grand Massif has everything to attract all types of visitors. It's a domain that can be explored with the family, using only the blue slopes if desired.



Lunch at La Luge à Ténan

A restaurant in the heart of the Samoëns ski area, housed in an authentic chalet where you can enjoy traditional dishes and Savoyard specialties! Easily accessible by ski in winter. On the menu: salads, hot dishes, and soups!

+ INFOS : La Luge à Ténan 



Afternoon: off-piste skiing

You're an experienced skier and want to venture beyond the groomed trails? Several areas await you on the ski domain, such as the black run marked in the new Cou-louvrier basin! To allow off-piste enthusiasts to practice avalanche victim search, a DVA park has also been set up in the Coulouvrier basin.

+ INFOS : Zone freeride 

Accommodation: Lac de Gers Hut

Perched at 1,533 meters altitude, the refuge overlooks the Lac de Gers. Surrounded by mountains, this green haven is an

ideal spot to fully enjoy nature. To meet everyone's needs, the refuge offers both lodging and dining. Whether you're stopping by for lunch or an aperitif, looking for mountain evenings, or resting during your hikes, don't hesitate to visit the refuge!

+ INFOS : Lac de Gers hut 



Day 1. On the slopes of the ski area

DAY 2

Family adventures

- ♥ MORNING: PONY SLEDDING FOR KIDS & BIATHLON FOR ADULTS
- ♥ LUNCH AT FABIO'S
- ♥ AFTERNOON: E-FAT SCOOT FOR THE ADVENTUROUS OR YOGA FOR KIDS
- ♥ NIGHT AT THE "LES COUADZOUS" CHALET NEW

PRECIOUS MOMENTS
to share with family



Morning: pony sledding for children

How to combine ponies and the thrill of sliding for the youngest? Just a touch of slope and a sled: the perfect mix for family fun! In Samoëns, little ones experience their first sliding sensations being pulled by a pony and have a blast! Guaranteed laughter!

Pony ride or pony sledding for about 15/20 minutes (for children from one year old): €15.

+ INFOS : Pony sledding 

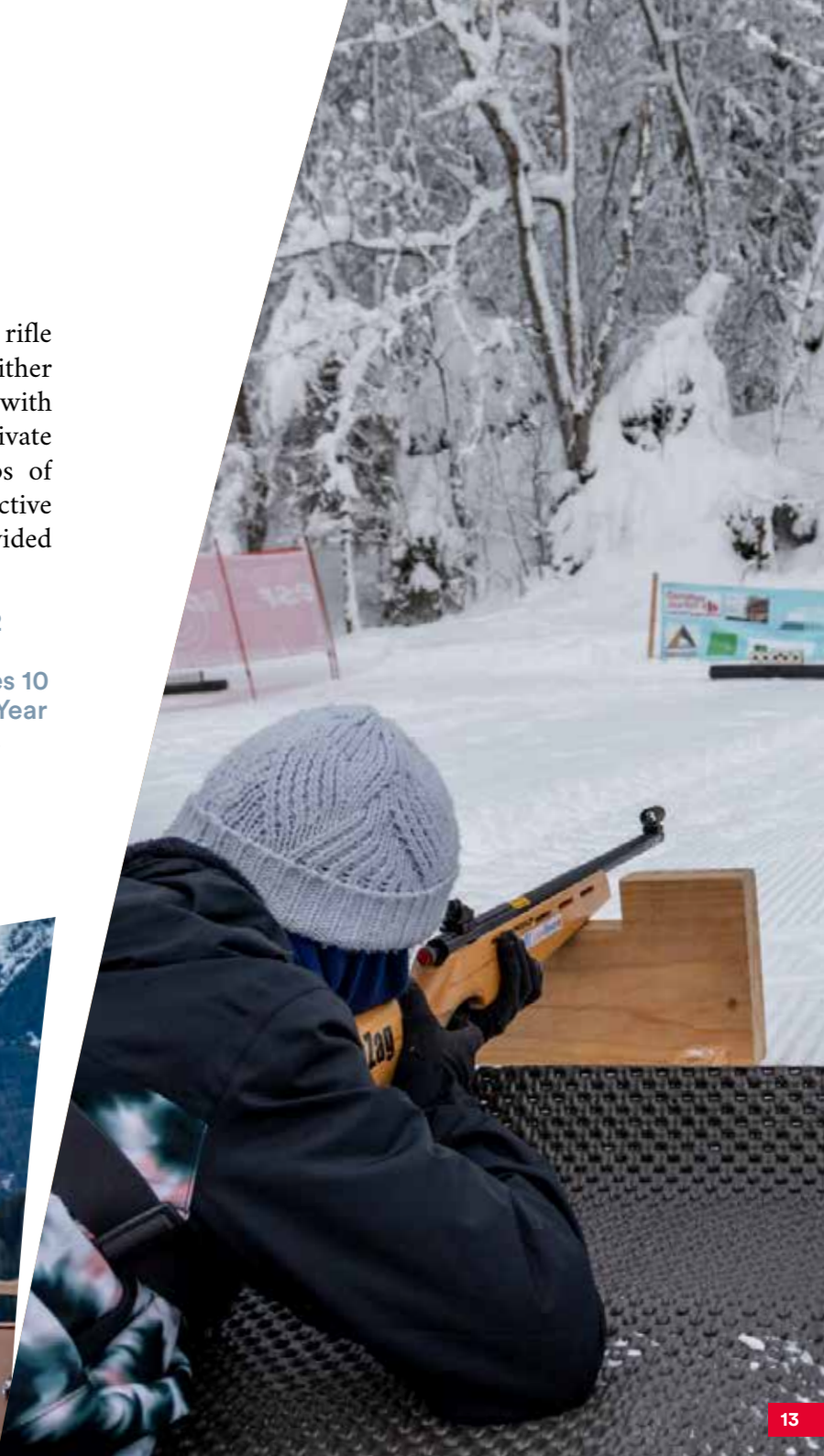
& biathlon for adults

Discover biathlon: this modern laser rifle shooting on an electronic target, in either standing or prone position, combined with cross-country skiing. ESF Samoëns offers private lessons for individuals, families, or groups of friends of similar skill levels to ensure effective instruction for everyone. Lessons are provided for a minimum of 2 consecutive hours.

Private lesson for 1 to 2 people: €160 for 2 hours.

Group biathlon lessons for beginners (ages 10 and up) available during Christmas/New Year holidays and in February: €45 for 2 hours.

+ INFOS : Biathlon 



Lunch at Fabio's



At Fabio's, there are many options to suit all tastes! Enjoy tapas, wine tastings, local beers, gourmet baskets, panettones, pandoros, chocolates, and a variety of savory and sweet products. Discover a range of delicious treats at Fabio's!

+ **INFOS** : Fabio

FABIO
ÉPICERIE
& CAFÉ



Day 2. Family adventures

Afternoon: e-fat scoot for the adventurous

These all-terrain electric scooters let you explore rugged paths and enjoy a truly unique experience! Don't miss the chance to try them out. Various options are available, including discovery rides, lake tours, gourmet excursions, and more, with different durations and small group options.

Available year-round by reservation.

Prices range from €39 to €69 depending on the duration.

+ **INFOS** : E-fat scoot

on yoga for kids

Accompanied by Quintessence, children learn the basics of yoga and develop their self-confidence while building their personality. This new practice helps them better manage their emotions, gain a deeper understanding of their bodies, and how they function.

Minimum age: 4 years.

Price: starting from €60 for 1 hour.

+ **INFOS** : Quintessence



NEW



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Night at the "Les Couadzous" chalet

"Les Couadzous" is a spacious, warm, and modern chalet ideally located in the heart of historic Samoëns. It features 6 beautiful, comfortable rooms, each with its own private bathroom, and can accommodate up to 17 guests in excellent comfort. The wellness area includes a hot tub and sauna, perfect for relaxing after a day full of mountain activities. The chalet also has a ski room with a boot dryer for added convenience.

+ **INFOS** : "Les Couadzous" Chalet

Wellness *break*

DAY 3

- ♥ MORNING: AFGHAN WALKING
- ♥ LUNCH AT L'ESTANCO
- ♥ AFTERNOON: HEAD TO O FIL DE L'O AND Ô DES CÎMES, THE WELLNESS TEMPLE
- ♥ ACCOMMODATION: HÔTEL-RÉSIDENCE & SPA ALEXANE*****



BREATHE HERE
it's Samoëns

Morning: *Afghan walking*

Synchronizing your breath with the rhythm of your steps allows for a regenerating walk, offering a relaxing and almost meditative experience. Known as "active meditation," Afghan walking, initially practiced by nomads in the high plateaus, combines relaxation, stress relief, and better management of physical effort in the mountains. With a few breathing exercises, you'll be guided to walk faster and farther without getting tired.

Adult price: from €25.

+ **INFOS** : [Afghan walking](#) 

L'ESTANCO



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Lunch at L'Estanco

Located in the heart of the village, this restaurant delights the taste buds with modern, homemade dishes made from fresh ingredients. With its sleek, contemporary decor and a warm team, it offers a welcoming experience that vacationers will truly enjoy!

Afternoon: head to O fil de l'O and O des Cimes, the wellness temple

In the heart of the village, the "O fil de l'O" space provides a place for practice and sharing focused on well-being, a magical interlude where relaxation and calm gently converge.

On offer: Ortho-bionomy, Hatha yoga, sophrology, acupuncture, magnetism, kinesiology, Pilates, yogapilates, stretching, Ayurvedic massages, lymphatic drainage, etiomedicine, yin yoga, and more.

Price: from €5.

+ **INFOS** : O fil de l'O and O des Cimes 



Accommodation: Hotel-Residence & Spa Alexane*****

Benefiting from a south-facing exposure and an ideal location—both close to the slopes and in the heart of the resort—the Alexane hotel and residence immerse visitors in the Grand Massif and its pristine nature. The 1000 square meters of the wellness area, including the MGM-designed "Montagnes du monde" spa, are a true ode to relaxation and rejuvenation. In this unique setting, guests enjoy the benefits and virtues of natural elements and the expertise of spa rituals, including relaxing massages with Alpine fir oils, mineral-rich alpine mud wraps, and balancing Himalayan salt scrubs. Note that the spa is open to everyone for any massage reservation.

+ **INFOS** : Alexane Hotel**** 



DAY 4

White water and icy waters

- ♥ MORNING: FROZEN RIVER
- ♥ LUNCH AT THE BRASSERIE LE SAVOIE
- ♥ AFTERNOON: ICE SWIMMING AT LAKE DES DAMES
- ♥ DON'T MISS: THE MOBILE SAUNA WITH ASA
- ♥ DINNER AT L'ACCORDÉON
- ♥ NIGHT AT THE GRAND CERF

DIVE INTO
the heart of sensations



Morning: Frozen River

Practicing rafting in the middle of winter, surrounded by snow-covered pine trees, is the goal Nunayak set for itself by launching the very first winter river descent product in France! By adapting the equipment to the weather conditions (raft, canoe, kayak, etc.), the "frozen river" outing has transformed an activity that has been practiced for over 30 years only in the summer into a year-round activity: rafting!

"Frozen River" Outing: Simple descent on the Giffre River with all necessary equipment and transportation, starting at €55/person (4 people min. - 6 max.).

Exclusive: "Adventure" Outing with meal and sauna before the descent in Samoëns. Price: €185/person (4 people min. - 6 max.).

+ INFOS : Frozen River 

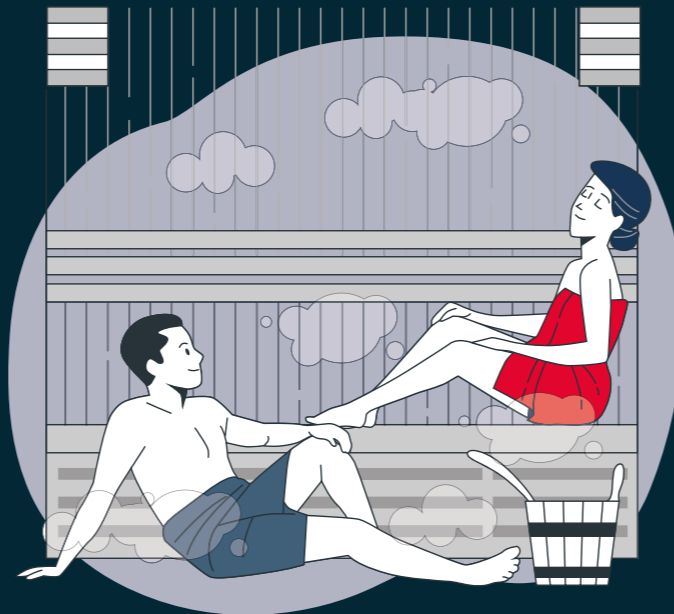
Lunch at the Brasserie Le Savoie

If you're looking for a friendly place to enjoy a pleasant time, look no further! Brasserie Le Savoie is the perfect spot. Located in the heart of Samoëns, on the central square, this establishment welcomes you every day in an exceptional setting. From its terrace, you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the Criou, the majestic emblem of the valley!

+ INFOS : Le Savoie 



LE SAVOIE
SAMOËNS



Don't miss: The mobile sauna with Asa

"Bastu74" is a mobile sauna crafted in the valley from exquisite red cedar wood. Powered by a wood stove, the sauna operates entirely independently. Fully mobile, it travels throughout the Giffre Valley. Available in private or shared versions, don't forget to book it, especially after a cold-water swim!

+ **INFOS** : [Mobile sauna](#) 🗨️



Night at the Grand Cerf

This luxurious chalet boasts 9 suites, each with a terrace facing south and offering exceptional mountain views. For your well-being, the relaxation area includes a jacuzzi, hammam, salt cave, sauna, fitness room, and an Abbé Kneipp foot bath. A heated pool rounds out the high-end amenities, ensuring a relaxing family stay.

+ **INFOS** : [Le Grand Cerf](#) 🗨️

Afternoon: Ice swimming at Lake des Dames

Diving into the icy waters of Lac aux Dames in Samoëns is what Florian Milesi, a sports coach and cold-water swimmer, offers. In the heart of winter, the water temperature in the mountains ranges between -5 and 0°C, creating ideal conditions for ice swimming. The positive effects of a cold-water swim on physical and mental health are numerous: improved blood circulation, boosted immune system, reduced stress, intense feelings of well-being, and more. A frosty dip that leaves no one indifferent!

It's worth noting that the resort has hosted the Ice Swimming World Championships on multiple occasions.

Price: from €75.

+ **INFOS** : [Ice swimming](#) 🗨️



Dinner at L'Accordéon

A popular spot in Samoëns, L'Accordéon has become a must-visit all year round, attracting many visitors! Located in the heart of the village, the establishment offers a selection of wines, local beers, fruit juices, and other beverages, perfect for unique aperitifs that lift your spirits after a day on the slopes. On the menu: savory or sweet gourmet snacks to enjoy and share with friends or family. Guests are charmed by Marie-Paule's cooking and the warm atmosphere, with regulars returning in even greater numbers each time. It's the perfect place to relax and unwind!

+ **INFOS** : [L'Accordéon](#) 🗨️

Ventiginous expeditions

- ♥ MORNING: ICE CLIMBING
- ♥ LUNCH AT RELAIS SEPTIMONTAIN
- ♥ AFTERNOON: INTRODUCTION TO WHITE TRAIL RUNNING
- ♥ AFTER-SKI AT BIG BEAR
- ♥ NIGHT AT BOSTAN REFUGE MOUNTAIN

DAY 5



IN THE PARADISE
of sensations

Morning: icefall climbing

A well-known ice climbing spot in France, the Giffre Valley is filled with opportunities for both beginner and experienced climbers, all set in a magical landscape with optimal climbing conditions! Equipped with ice axes and crampons, aspiring climbers explore the discipline and various ice climbing techniques. Excitement guaranteed!

Minimum age: from 12 years old.

Price: from €235.

+ **INFOS** : Icefall climbing 



Lunch at Relais Septimontain

With its new contemporary décor of wood and stone, Relais Septimontain has won over many visitors year after year! This season, it remains a must-visit spot for vacationers looking to enjoy a pleasant moment. Relais Septimontain stands out for its originality with 100% homemade recipes and dishes. Guests can choose from a wide selection on the menu: medieval "Land & Sea" skewers (beef with country bacon and prawns cooked on a saber), Revard cake, three-cheese fondue, prosecco, and Bohemian Verpes... a delight for the taste buds!

+ **INFOS** :
Au Relais
Septimontain



Afternoon: introduction to white trail running

Rather sporty? Discover white trail running: this snow running race will test your endurance and technical skills, creating unforgettable memories! Guided by a certified mountain instructor, you'll explore safely while discovering the geology, wildlife, and flora of the Valley.

Tuesday morning: white trail running for regular runners (10 to 15 km, 200 to 400m of elevation gain).

Thursday morning: white trail running for occasional runners (5 to 10 km, max 200m of elevation gain).


Routes may be adjusted at any time by the organizer based on weather conditions and participants' physical condition.

+ **INFOS** : **White trail running** 



After-ski at Big Bear

Big Bear: a ski shop in Samoëns that transforms into a bar at night! Located in the heart of the charming village of Samoëns, this shop offers a wide range of ski rental and sales options for vacationers. In the evening, the shop turns into a tapas bar and features various concerts and DJ nights, making it the ideal spot for after-ski!

+ **INFOS** : **Big Bear** 


BIG
BEAR



Night at Bostan mountain refuge

Whether on snowshoes or touring skis, you can reach the Refuge de Bostan for an overnight stay. Located at an altitude of 1,763 meters above the village, this refuge welcomes all hikers. With a capacity of 72 beds and a lovely sun-drenched terrace, the refuge and its team offer accommodation and dining throughout the winter. Fully renovated in 2016, Refuge de Bostan is now energy self-sufficient thanks to its hybrid solar panels, which provide hot water and electricity independently.

The refuge is easily accessible (2 hours) and the path is marked. It's an easy hike on snowshoes or touring skis.

Price: Half board €55 - Overnight stay from €10 (unattended cabin).

+ **INFOS** : **Bostan mountain refuge** 





DAY 6

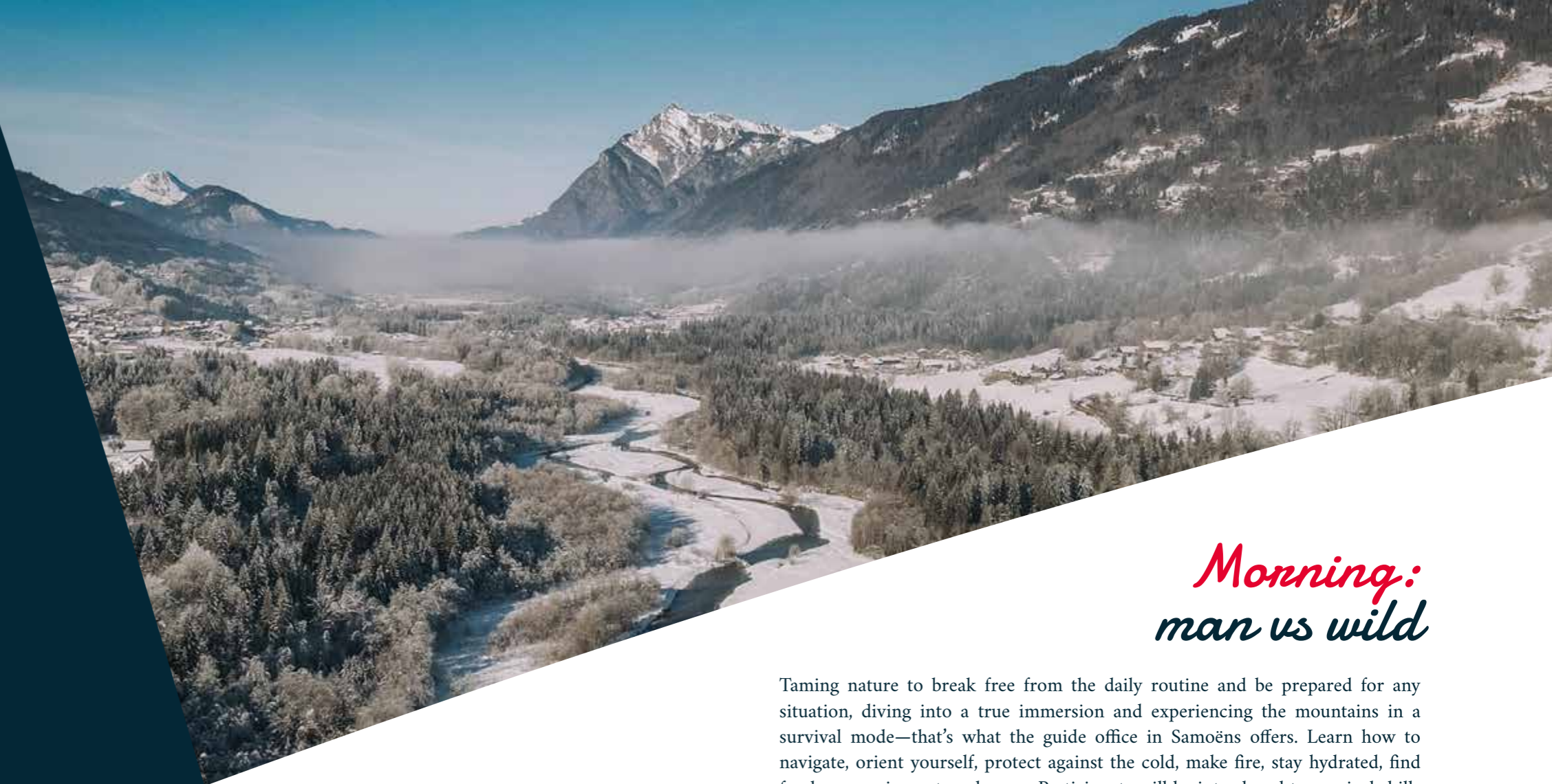
Nature's wonders

- ♥ MORNING: MAN VS WILD
- ♥ LUNCH AT DUNOYER FARM
- ♥ AFTERNOON: PARAGLIDING
- ♥ ACCOMMODATION: GOLÈSE MOUNTAIN REFUGE



THE GRAND MASSIF IS COMMITTED

TO A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH



Morning: man vs wild

Taming nature to break free from the daily routine and be prepared for any situation, diving into a true immersion and experiencing the mountains in a survival mode—that's what the guide office in Samoëns offers. Learn how to navigate, orient yourself, protect against the cold, make fire, stay hydrated, find food, use equipment, and more. Participants will be introduced to survival skills and discover the mountains in a new way!

The guide office also offers a hike open to everyone to explore the mountains and its secrets, as well as ways to preserve this unique nature.

Bonus: the possibility of an overnight stay in an igloo!

Minimum age: 10 years old.

+ **INFOS** : Man vs wild

A BREATH OF NATURE in the heart of the mountains



Lunch at Dunoyer farm

Nestled in the heights of Samoëns, Dunoyer farm welcomes many groups each evening in a warm and friendly atmosphere! Guests gather around a large communal table and enjoy the day's menu: fondue, tartiflette, raclette, Savoyard stew, polenta with

sausages... all in a room with a view of the barn and cows! It's a place of sharing where a gentle, typical Haute-Savoie ambiance prevails.

Price: from €30 per person.

+ INFOS : [Dunoyer farm](#)

Afternoon: paragliding

For thrill-seekers and those who love aerial acrobatics, an introductory paragliding experience in Samoëns is truly unmatched! With your harness securely fastened, the rigging adjusted, and a smile firmly in place, you'll be ready for 15 to 60 minutes of pure enjoyment with a certified instructor. The instructor may even let adventurous vacationers take control of the glider, adding to the excitement of the flight!

Minimum age: 4 years old.

Price:: from €80.



Accommodation: Golèse mountain refuge



The Refuge de la Golèse is located at the col of the same name, right in the heart of a snowy alpine pasture in winter. It offers an exceptional panoramic view of the Giffre Valley. Accommodation options include either dormitories or private rooms. The rooms can accommodate between 2 to 6 people, while the two dormitories have capacities of 16 and 20 people, respectively.

All beds are equipped with duvets. Please bring sleeping bags. The refuge is easily accessible to everyone, including adults and children from 5 years old. Expect a 1.5 to 2-hour walk on snowshoes or touring skis (600 meters of elevation gain).

+ INFOS : [Golèse Mountain refuge](#)



The Grand Massif is committed to a sustainable approach

Our ambition for 2030!

The Grand Massif is committed to sustainability and is implementing a strategy to minimize its environmental impact by 2030.



This approach is broken down into 3 objectives:

- ♥ 1. Net Zero Carbon.
- ♥ 2. Positive Biodiversity.
- ♥ 3. Water Resource Management and Zero Waste.

For each objective, concrete actions are being implemented to avoid and reduce our environmental impact. To offset the impacts related to our projects, compensation measures are also put in place. Discover some of our actions to achieve these goals.

NATURE

DESTINATION



3 concrete actions to achieve our goals:

What is the energy sobriety plan?

The energy sobriety plan aims to reduce energy consumption within the Grand Massif area. It is designed to be a long-term strategy to meet climate goals. For instance, some ski lifts are stopped outside of peak times to conserve energy.

+ INFOS : Environmental approach

+ INFOS : Energy sobriety plan



Zero waste on the ski area!

The mountains are the source of the water cycle. The precipitation they receive feeds rivers that flow to our seas and oceans.

80 to 90% of the waste found in the seas originates from land.

Please keep and sort your waste at the base of the resort where bins are provided.

+ INFOS : Wild waste in the mountains



What are these birds?

The Black Grouse and the Ptarmigan live year-round on the ski area. In winter, these species find refuge in powder snow areas, which are also popular with skiers and snowshoers.

These species are known as umbrella species: "species whose habitat is broad enough to ensure the protection of other species in the same community."

Protection measures are in place and must be respected by everyone.

+ INFOS : Mountain wildlife



A final gourmet day

ALL TASTE BUDS
are awakened

- ♥ MORNING: EXPLORING THE PRODUCERS OF SAMOËNS
- ♥ LUNCH AT L'ÉTABLE
- ♥ AFTERNOON: PASTRY CLASS WITH ANA DE LA FUENTE!
- ♥ DINNER AT FABIO RESTAURANT
- ♥ NIGHT AT NEIGE ET ROC HOTEL****



DAY 7

Morning:
exploring the
producers of
Samoëns

THE FARM "LE CRIOU" :

FRESH FARM PRODUCTS

The family-run mountain cattle farm produces milk and makes its fresh cheeses exclusively from its own herd. This herd is fed with forage and grass from the farm's meadows. With two partners, the farm has a herd of 50 Abondance dairy cows and the necessary replacements (50 calves and heifers).

"The milk produced is largely delivered to the fruitière (dairy cooperative) in Samoëns to be processed into AOP Reblochon cheese. The rest is processed on the farm throughout the year into white cheese, fresh cheeses, and aged cheeses," explain the operators. The cheeses are sold directly at the farm and are also available in some local shops or featured on the menus of certain restaurants in Samoëns and the surrounding area.

+ INFOS : GAEC le Criou 



THE FARM "CROËS CANAILLES" :

PRODUCTION AND SALE OF FRESH CHEESES

This family-run farm produces and sells cheeses from its Hérens cattle, a breed typical of the mountain region. "We make Tommes, Tommettes, Croestin, Mountain Cheese (similar to raclette), as well as milk, butter, cream, and occasionally sérac," the operators explain. They also offer eggs from their hens, charcuterie, sausages, and dried Hérens meat. A rich selection to delight the palates of fans of farm products.

+ **INFOS** : [GAEC des Croës canailles](#) 

THE FARM "FERME DES CIMES" :

PRODUCTION AND SALE OF CHEESE ON THE FARM

Another family-run farm to explore is where cheeses made from cow and goat milk are produced and sold. Here, you can find tomme, raclette cheese, sérac, fresh cheeses, and yogurts. La Ferme des Cimes is open for visits year-round by appointment, and the operators will explain their working methods and share their passion with you. These tours conclude with a delightful tasting of products accompanied by accordion music. You can also visit the farm after a stroll, enjoying homemade hot chocolates, coffees, and juices from local producers, as well as cakes, toasts, and other farm products.

+ **INFOS** : [La Ferme des Cimes](#) 

LABEL ORIGINE GRAND MASSIF

Origine Grand Massif, driven by a passion for the region and a commitment to uphold its values, allows local producers to earn the Origine Grand Massif (OGM) label as a mark of quality.



The Origine Grand Massif label focuses on creating meaningful encounters and shared experiences between visitors and local producers. Its goal is to provide visitors with authentic experiences through interactions with key players in the region.

Discover all the producers with the Origine Grand Massif label in the fields of agriculture, craftsmanship, culture, and gastronomy.

The Grand Massif: a region of talent!

Froissard pastry - MOF



À LA JAÏSINIA

Production and sale of fresh cheeses



GAEC LE CRIOU

Stone Sculpture



PIERRE BIANCO

Pottery



L'ATELIER DE PUCE

Lunch at l'Étable

Enjoy a refined potée, a flavorful beef bourguignon, or a genuine Savoyard fondue... Each dish is a journey into the past. Nestled in the heights of Samoëns, "L'Étable" is a culinary gem that takes you on a gastronomic voyage through time. It's a true ode to traditional cooking from our grandmothers.

+ **INFOS** : [l'Étable Restaurant](#) 📍



Afternoon: pastry class with Ana De la Fuente!

A professional and renowned pastry chef, Ana is passionate about sharing her culinary creations! Her pastries, which are both indulgent and surprising, were crafted after stints in some of Paris's most prestigious establishments, such as Hôtel de Crillon, Hôtel Lutetia, and alongside Chef Yann Couvreur. Through her private classes, Ana aims to fulfill her desire for sharing and learning. But that's not all! Ana also offers a selection of homemade biscuits. Each batch is prepared with love using high-quality ingredients, ranging from classic flavors to unique combinations, and including healthy options: gluten-free, reduced sugar upon request, and more.

3-hour cooking class - 4 to 6 people max - at Ana De la Fuente's place or at your accommodation.

Price: €40 per person.

+ **INFOS** : [Pastry classes](#) 📍

FABIO RESTAURANT



Dinner at Fabio Restaurant

Fabio Restaurant offers French and Savoyard cuisine. The menu highlights local products and seasonal flavors, featuring a diverse selection that caters to all tastes. Enjoy exquisite dishes, whether à la carte or through our special menus. A children's menu is also available. Book now for a unique dining experience in a warm and elegant setting.

+ **INFOS** : [Fabio restaurant](#) 📍

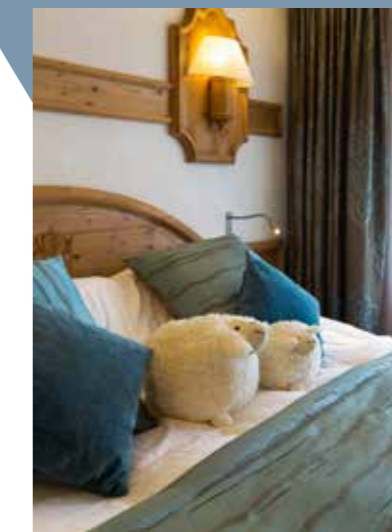
Neige et Roc



Night at Neige et Roc Hotel****

Hôtel Neige et Roc is a must-visit in Samoëns, led by Olivier and Françoise Deffaugt, who have continued the hotelier tradition started by their parents, Clément and Denise, over five decades ago. This chalet, steeped in Savoyard tradition, blends charm and attention to detail with a tasteful combination of wood and warm-toned fabrics. Merging authentic style with excellent amenities, the hotel offers everything needed for a pleasant and relaxing stay, including refined traditional Savoyard cuisine.

+ **INFOS** : [Neige et Roc Hotel](#) 📍



Day 7. A final gourmet day

The highlights of the season



DECEMBER 7TH
2024 TO
JANUARY 3RD
2025

JANUARY
10TH TO 12TH
2025

OCTOBER
21ST TO 31ST
2024

Autumn of the Little Monsters: Halloween in the mountains

Enjoy the All Saints' holiday by celebrating Halloween in a unique mountain setting! For 10 festive days, "Autumn of the Little Monsters" invites you to embrace the season with a series of captivating and fun activities.

On the agenda: enchanting shows, creative workshops, playful activities, and, of course, the grand Halloween party on October 31st. The little monsters will also have the chance to join the traditional candy hunt, an essential event for all children.

Join us for a memorable Halloween celebration in the mountains, where the magic of autumn meets the festive spirit of Halloween!

+ **INFOS** : samoens.com 🌟

The Christmas and New Year village

Immerse yourself in the magical Christmas atmosphere in Samoëns with the Christmas Village, running from December 7 to January 3. Experience a festive market featuring local producers and artisans, strolls, a merchant raffle, and the famous Santa Claus parade.

The celebrations include shows, a Christmas-themed running race called "La Corrida de Noël," a living nativity scene, pony rides, and meet-and-greets with Santa Claus and his elves. Family-friendly activities such as decoration workshops and wooden games are also on offer. The market highlights local producers and artisans, with a refreshment stand managed by Samoëns associations.

+ **INFOS** : [The Christmas village](#) 🌟

The Winemakers go skiing: tasting and festivities after skiing

Experience a unique event, "The Winemakers Go Skiing," where the joy of skiing concludes with a wine tasting. After a day on the slopes, enjoy a tasting of carefully selected wines while mingling with the winemakers present. It's the perfect opportunity to savor fine wines and enjoy a festive moment in a friendly atmosphere.

+ **INFOS** : [The Winemakers go skiing](#) 🌟



**JANUARY
25TH & 26TH
2025**

Nordic activity day

Experience an unforgettable family adventure at the Cirque du Fer-à-Cheval. Discover a range of local Nordic activities in this majestic setting. The Hivernales du Haut-Giffre offer two fun-filled and festive days for free, where you can try cross-country skiing, biathlon, snowshoeing, introduction to paret (sled), electric scooters, dog sledding, and a children's garden.

Enjoy numerous activities, including educational programs about the local fauna and flora in partnership with the Nature Reserve, obstacle courses, human curling, ice sculptures, ARVA search practice, climbing wall (weather permitting), batucada, and much more. Access to the Nordic circuit is free, with shuttle services available from the Tourist Offices.

Refreshments and dining options are available on-site.

+ **INFOS** : Nordic activity day 🌸



**FROM
FEBRUARY
6TH
2025**

Nordic ski night events

Come glide and explore exceptionally open trails during these nighttime events at the fabulous Col de Joux-Plane or in the Giffre Valley. Enjoy a healthy and sporty after-work experience in nature, whether you're alone or with friends.

Program Includes:

Departure from the Joux-Plane parking area (headlamps required; note: headlamps not provided). Free access to the trails. On-site rental of skating and classic ski equipment. Free introduction to paret (sled) Optional nighttime introduction to cross-country skiing and biathlon Dates:

February 6 (outside school holidays): Morillon - Samoëns

February 13: Morillon

February 20: Samoëns

February 27: Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval

March 6: Joux-Plane

Refreshments and light meals available from a local association.

+ **INFOS** : Nordic ski night events 🌸



**22TH
MARCH
2025**

"Ça Joux plage pour moi"

To celebrate the end of the season, on March 22nd from 10 AM to 5 PM, the Haut-Giffre Nordic area invites you to a weekend of sharing at the beautiful Joux Plane site.

Get ready to welcome spring in style! Enjoy the sunshine, snowy landscapes, and friendly atmosphere with a full program of activities: barbecue, Nordic skiing, snowshoe hikes, sledding, costumes... and of course, plenty of good cheer!

+ **INFOS** : "Ça Joux plage pour moi" 🌸



**MARCH
29TH
2025**

Pop In at the mountain

Pop In at the mountain is a unique tourist raid exclusively for women. In the morning, 600 participants gather to explore the city using a roadbook filled with puzzles and challenges. The event encourages participants to discover the various facets of the city while experiencing authentic moments and sharing memorable times with friends or family. The goal is to go from being a spectator to an active participant, solving riddles and facing unusual challenges to step out of one's comfort zone.



**4TH TO 6TH
APRIL
2025**

Paragliding Test'ival

The Paragliding Test'ival, a key event in Haute-Savoie, typically takes place at the end of winter in Samoëns, nestled in the Haut Giffre valley. This festival offers an exceptional opportunity to experience and test the latest advancements in paragliding gear at no cost. Both seasoned paragliders and newcomers can explore and try out equipment from around twenty international brands, including wings, harnesses, GPS devices, and reserve parachutes. It's an essential event for anyone passionate about outdoor adventures!

+ **INFOS** : Paragliding Test'ival 🌸

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