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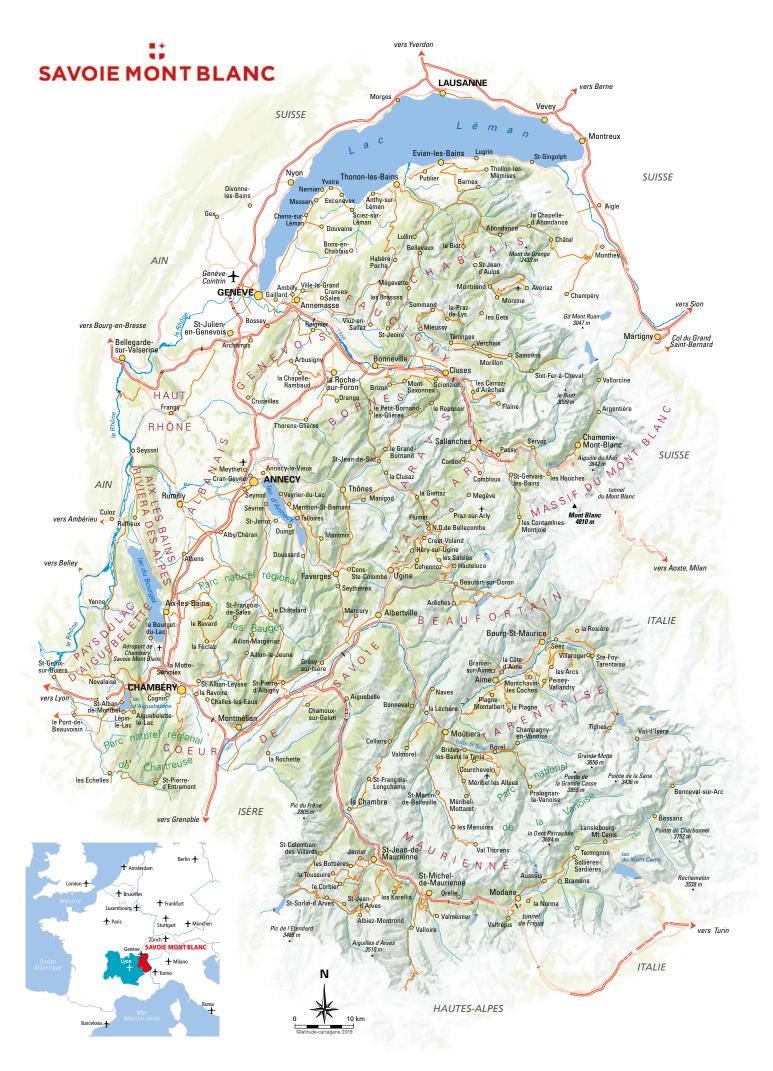
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Agency Savoie Mont Blanc (ASMB), the tourist board for the départements of Savoie and Haute-Savoie, operates under the auspices of Savoie Mont Blanc Council and has offices in Annecy, Chambéry and Paris. ASMB is committed to ensuring Savoie and Haute-Savoie's successful transition in the face of new challenges and to strengthening local business' identification with the region, via its Savoie Mont Blanc Excellence multisector certification programme. To this end, ASMB's original tourism-development role has been extended to include promoting and certifying local companies and products in all sectors, from agriculture to tourism and services. The former tourist board will pursue these missions under a new statute and a new name: Agency Savoie Mont Blanc

KEY



New this summer 2022



New & eco this summer



Eco



Special family



SAVOIE MONT Certification programme
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SMB Excellence



Buy local, find out more about the area and how to safeguard it for the future, leave the car behind, think about the impact your choices are having (even on holiday), remember that bit by bit, together, we can build a responsible future, take part in collective initiatives. Act now so that tomorrow can begin today, quite simply.



@Christine Haas

Tepee camp in the Bauges Mountains

Recognised as a UNESCO Global Geopark for its remarkable geological heritage, the Massif des Bauges Regional Nature Park is currently working on better ways to receive visitors and reconcile the area's economic and recreational activities. The Park works with local communities to organise immersive short stays. One example is this three-day tepee camp getaway on the Plateau de Revard, available all year round, which includes an unusual underground lunch with a caving guide.

destination-parcs.fr

NEW Protecting the Vanoise National Park

A safe haven for visitors drawn to the great outdoors, in recent years the Vanoise National Park has, at times, seen huge visitor numbers, putting sustained pressure on its sensitive nature areas. To reconcile the need to protect these natural spaces with keeping them open to the public, particularly countryside 'newbies' less aware of the country code, the Vanoise National Park is developing a tourism strategy designed to better manage visitor numbers and encourage responsible tourism.

vanoise-parcnational.fr

Passy, Alpine Town of the Year

Awarded the title 'Alpine Town of the Year 2022', Passy, in the Mont Blanc region, is the fifth French town to join this cross-border club of 21 members in the five Alpine countries that stretch from Monaco to Slovenia. This distinction means that Passy is committed to pursuing a sustainable urban development policy that maintains the area's cultural and natural heritage.

alpinetowns.org

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B Lakeland nature

The Étangs de Crosagny lakeland in the Albanais Valley is a European Natura 2000 sensitive nature area. From May to October, it hosts free nature walks for the general public run by volunteers. Events include a family-friendly dusk ramble to get up close to amphibians, owls, bats and other creatures of the night, including workshops and games.

rumilly-tourisme.com

AND ALSO...

- > The Massif des Bauges Regional Nature Park is recruiting eco-volunteers to raise awareness of environmental issues among summer visitors
- > Peisey-Nancroix local history museum has built a life-size replica bearded vulture nest to inform people of the need to protect this amazing but endangered species



Cocoa Valley, the 'Savoie Mont Blanc Excellence'-certified artisan chocolate company, grows its cocoa beans on eco-responsible farms in Cameroon and roasts them in Villaz, Haute-Savoie. The company uses biodegradable, recycled and recyclable materials in its packaging and even recycles the waste cocoa shells by grinding up the pod husks, which are then used by Annecy council to make biogas and by a local artisan brewer in one of its beers!

cocoavalley.fr



©Cocoa Valley



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NEW FLOCON VERT' RESORTS

The Flocon Vert scheme developed by the Mountain Riders association certifies the efforts made by mountain resorts in adopting a sustainable development policy (waste management, raising awareness among locals and tourists, etc.). After Châtel, Chamonix Valley-Mont Blanc, Megève and Les Arcs-Bourg Saint Maurice, Morzine-Avoriaz, Le Grand-Bornand and Val Cenis have recently been awarded Flocon Vert status, bringing the number of certified resorts to seven. Saint-François-Longchamp, Combloux, Les Saisies, Manigod, Saint-Gervais Mont-Blanc and Valloire having all applied too.

flocon-vert.org

Le Grand-Bornand: busy on every front

Committed to ensuring a sustainable future, Le Grand-Bornand is currently taking part in a mountain tourism greenhouse gases audit, setting up an environmental observatory to monitor local biodiversity and adopting around 50 economic, social and environmental criteria featured in the UN's 17 sustainable development goals.

legrandbornand.com

NEW Mont Blanc Tramway even better for the environment

Like the Musketeers, from this summer, the three Mont Blanc Tramway trams are set to become four, with brandnew drive units to boot! Like their predecessors, these trams are electric, but they feature a recharging system on the descent to optimise consumption. And the new trams, with a capacity of 120 passengers seated and 80 standing, will be faster too. The addition of a drive unit will also improve the passenger experience, providing a more frequent service between Saint-Gervais Mont-Blanc and the Bionnassay Glacier.

montblancnaturalresort.com/fr

NEW Getting heads together to show the way

The resort of Les Arcs Bourg Saint Maurice is getting set to build a more responsible future for the mountain tourism industry. This summer, it's inviting outdoor brands, businesses and tourist destinations that are particularly innovative and active in transitioning towards a more responsible approach to come together to swap notes, share their experiences and brainstorm ideas that will help make the mountains a more eco-responsible place. Known as "Le Tyrex des Arcs", this B2B event is taking place from 10 to 12 June.

lesarcs com

A further step towards ecomobility

Chamonix Valley-Mont Blanc is working hard to limit the use of private cars in the valley and championing low-carbon mobility. As early as 2005, it introduced an extensive free train and bus network, transporting more than three million passengers a year around this busy valley and actively encouraging ecomobility with electric shuttles, hybrid and gas-powered buses, improvements to the rail line, a long-distance cycle path, pedestrian routes and, coming soon, a project to introduce a fleet of electric vehicles for a car-sharing scheme.

chamonix.com



©OT Saint-Gervais - Bernard Tartinville

NEW Courchevel chooses renewable energy

A new hydroelectric power plant is opening this year, between Courchevel and Bozel. Powered by the Montgellaz and Gravelles Rivers, the Les Moulins power plant should generate enough electricity to supply 2,800 homes more than enough for Courchevel, which has 1,100 permanent households!

mairie-courchevel.com

AND ALSO...

- > The second E-Mobility trade fair for 100% electric vehicles is taking place in Saint-Sorlin-d'Arves in Maurienne
- > Village-centre pedestrianisation projects are under way at Le Grand-Bornand and Morzine-Avoriaz



New biotope pool

Combloux biotope pool, France's first eco-swimming pool, opened in 2002, has had a revamp. Set to re-open at the end of June, the new 1,750m² pool will have four 50-metre swimming lanes and a separate paddling pool for little ones. The entire site uses pure water with zero chemicals added since the water is treated biologically.

ete.combloux.com



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Hydrogen-powered milking

In Arêches-Beaufort, even milking is becoming carbon-free. A prototype hydrogen-powered mobile generator is being trialled in the mountain pastures of the Beaufortain, where Beaufort PDO cheese is made. Instead of the 9 litres of diesel that a conventional generator consumes every day, this machine uses 1.2 kg of hydrogen, preventing 4 tonnes of carbon emissions over the summer season.

areches-beaufort.com

Free guided tour of the Aiguille du Midi

This summer, holders of a 1-day Mont Blanc MultiPass or return tickets for the Aiguille du Midi cable car will be able to ride up with a mountain professional who will recount how the site was built, explain how to read the landscape and talk about climate change, while telling the story of Chamonix-Mont-Blanc's mountaineering tradition.

montblancnaturalresort.com

AND ALSO...

- > The Écotrivélo association collects biowaste from restaurant and catering companies in Chamonix Valley-Mont Blanc - by bicycle.
- > Megève has introduced a new scheme that owners can use to rent their properties directly to employers to provide accommodation for seasonal workers.



NO WASTE OPERATION

The Mountain Riders association works to spread the word about ecological transition, is behind the 'Montagne Zéro Déchet' scheme and has created the 'Flocon Vert' eco-certification initiative. It also provides support for fun clean-up operations.

- > The weekly educational discovery walks in Val d'Isère, inviting holidaymakers to take part in litter-picking rambles.
- > The **Stop Waste Tours** days held in the summer in Les Arcs, which people can join to collect and sort rubbish.
- > The clean-up day at Les Grand-Bornand, where volunteers collect rubbish from pistes, streams and rivers.
- > Super-Nettoyeurs day, held in La Rosière on 15 June, when local businesses, politicians, ski lift company staff and resort fans come together to clean up the entire resort and pistes.
- > The **rubbish collection day**, established on 22 May on the initiative of Praz de Lys Sommand Tourist Office, around the ski area and villages of Taninges and Mieussy, in partnership with the charity Gestes Propres.
- > The 'Flaine fait montagne nette' clean-up operation, on 1 October.

mountain-riders.org flaine.com





Find an eco-gite to have a sustainable holiday; try a new hotel; spend a night under the stars...the possibilities are endless in Savoie Mont Blanc, you just need to find your perfect place.



Les Bogs des Bauges are two ecofriendly chalets on stilts located in the hamlet of Arith, in the Bauges Natural Park. They have been built with respect for the environment: wood wool and cellulose insulation, larch exteriors, spruce interiors, low-consumption underfloor heating, wood stove, etc. Each chalet can sleep 4 people and has beautiful view of the Bauges Natural Park.

lesbogsdesbauges.fr



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Chalet Refuge de Beauregard

In the Bonnavaz valley, at the foot of the resort Praz de Lys Sommand and the Roc d'Enfer, an area listed Zone Natura 2000, Chalet Beauregard is an old farm from the 19th century renovated in an eco-friendly way. Made with natural materials, the chalet has 6 cosy ensuite bedrooms. The wifi automatically turns off at night and the chalet is self-sufficient in water thanks to a local natural spring and in electricity thanks to solar panels.

chaletrefugedebeauregard. ellohaweb.com



©Chalet de Beauregard

NEW Chalet Label Éco Logis

The Eco-Logis label offers training courses in eco-construction techniques, renewable energies and sustainable development in two new eco-lodges located in the Chartreuse mountain range.

label-eco-logis.blogspot.com



In a pretty orchard in Landry, near La Plagne, Canopy is a new campsite with bungalows, caravans, tents and even a food truck. And soon there will be treehouses as well.

canopee-camping.eu

BASE CAMPS CERTIFIED "EXCELLENCE"

10 outdoor accommodations approved by Savoie Mont Blanc Excellence are committed to a positive transition.

- > In Landry, Camping Eden de la Vanoise (3 stars) has installed 4 French-made premium wooden chalets and equipped the covered terrace of the swimming pool area with transparent photovoltaic panels that let light in.
- > In Neydens, Camping La
 Colombière (4 stars), located at the
 foot of the Salève mountain range,
 offers temporary base camps in
 partnership with Mulane Voyages.
 The Mulane Camps have a low
 impact on the environment and are
 respectful of the work of the local
 farmers.

In Thonon-les-Bains, the Saint Disdille Campsite (3 stars) has equipped each residential mobile home with an electricity meter in order to make residents aware of their consumption. In the children's club, plastic covers have been replaced by stone, wood and vegetation. The campsite also has a beehive with fun and informative signs to learn about the world of bees.

The other Savoie Mont Blanc Excellence campsites:

- Huttopia 2* campsite, in Bozel en Vanoise
- Lac du Carouge 3* campsite, in Saint-Pierre-d'Albigny
- Camping du Chatelet 3*, in Sciez
- L'Oustalet 4* campsite, in Châtel
- Camping Les Lanchettes 3*, in Peisey-Nancroix
- Campsite Old Church 3 *, in Evian-les-Bains
- Camping La Ferme 4*, in Lathuile, at the Sources of Lake Annecy





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Shana Hôtel & REsidence

Located in Chanaz, known as the little Savoyard Venice, near Aix-les-Bains, Le Shana Hotel & Residence has used local craftsmen and artists to create its 25 rooms, 11 apartments and a beautiful seminar area.

shanahotel.fr



©Damien Brottie



I.L.Y is a four-star hotel in La Rosière with 69 rooms and 22 suites committed to energy, agro-ecological and environmental transition. After a first successful winter, it will open this summer.

ily-hotels.com



©Studio Chevojon

area and a restaurant with a 100% homemade menu. lescedres-lessybelles.com

Résidence Club MMV Samoëns

Chalet-Hôtel

Chalet-Hôtel Les Cèdres in Saint-

Sorlin-d'Arves, at the foot of the legendary Croix de Fer mountain pass, has 8 extra bedrooms. It now has a total of 26 cosy bedrooms, a wellbeing

Samoëns, an authentic alpine town, has a new 4-star Résidence Club MMV. Located in the heart of the village, close to the Dames lake, it is an ideal place to stay for families. There is a kid's club for children aged 4 and more, activities for teenagers, an outdoor pool and a spa for the parents.

mmv.fr/residence-club-samoens-village

🕝 🖉 Le Bois Joli

The new owners of the Bois Joli hotel, in Saint-Paul-en-Chablais, have renovated it in an eco-friendly way. It has been transformed into a charming 3-star hotel with 21 rooms including 2 family suites, a wellness area, a swimming pool and a restaurant with a panoramic view of the Gavot plateau, in the Pays d'Evian Vallée d' Abondance.

hotel-bois-joli.fr

Auberge d'Ici et d'Ailleurs

Hotel Le Chamois, a beautiful building at the top of the resort Aillon-Le Jeune, in the Bauges Natural Park, has been transformed into a fourstar hotel called Auberge d'ici et d'ailleurs. It will have 14 bedrooms, a gastronomic restaurant and an ayurvedic spa. It will open in July.

chamberymontagnes.com

A new hotel in Chamonix Mont Blanc

Located in the heart of the old part of Chamonix, hotel du Louvres has been transformed into a new hotel called La Verticale, by the Core Hotel group who also owns Les Lanchers hotel in Praz de Chamonix.

La Verticale is a 3-star hotel with 24 bedrooms with a contemporary style.

hotelverticale.com



36 Michelin starred restaurants

Savoie Mont Blanc has 36 Michelin starred restaurants, including four 3-star restaurants.

New Michelin-starred restaurants:

- Anne-Sophie Pic La Dame de Pic in Megève (Hôtel Four Seasons)
- Sylvestre Wahid Les Grandes Alpes in Courchevel

Jean Sulpice has 2 stars for Auberge du Père Bise in Talloires-Montmin by lake Annecy. His other restaurant, Le Bistrot 1903 becomes Le 1903 and has a covered garden, a new terrace, as well as a new menu.

perebise.com/en/restaurant-le-1903

Vincent Favre Félix who has one star for his restaurant in Annecy will open a new bistro with a rooftop. Located inside the new department store Galeries Lafayette, it will be a mix between a tearoom and a street food café.

restaurant-vff.com

Eat local at Chez Pépé Nicolas

At 1,950m, between Les Menuires and Val Thorens, Chez Pépé Nicolas is always doing more to serve excellent food in the most sustainable way.

The vegetables come from the restaurant's permaculture garden, and they also now grow their own mushrooms. Chez Pépé Nicolas is committed to zero plastic, waste oil collection and composting. The aim is to become 100% locavore in the next year.

A reforestation project on the upper part of the pasture, to promote biodiversity.

chezpepenicolas.com

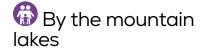


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Savoie wines

Discover the grape varieties of Savoie wines before a tasting in Cœur de Savoie during apéro'vignes (14, 21, 28 April and 5 May, then every Thursday from 7 July to 25 August).

vignobles.tourisme.coeurdesavoie.fr



In Courchevel, visitors can use free BBQs set in different parts of the resort: by the Praz lake, La Rosière lake, Plan du Vah, and also in the forest des Teppes in La Tania and in the rock climbing site Vallon de Praméruel.

courchevel.com



At sunset...

In Les Gets, 4-star hotel La Marmotte organises picnics at sunset. After a walk, enjoy a glass of Savoie wine with crackers made with a local cheese and a type of garlic called Ail des Ours, local charcuterie and cheeses. Relax and watch the sun going down on Mont Blanc.

les gets.com hotel-marmotte.com

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EVENTS

- > La Bataille du goût (The Battle of Taste) Arêches-Beaufort (8-9 October)
 Restaurants, food trucks and food shops compete to offer the best food. The public will decide!
- > Toques in Chablais Thonon-les-Bains (12-16 October)
 2nd Festival national de gastronomie: culinary shows, cooking workshops, gourmet competitions with local produce...
- > Toquicimes Megève (20-23 October)

 Mountain cuisine festival: competitions, markets, masterclass, conferences, shows...



©Restaurant Lamartine

The Marin & the Bouvier families

On the shores of Lac du Bourget, the Marin family share a passion for good local produce. Their restaurant, Lamartine, was opened in 1964 by Jean. It became a Michelin-starred restaurant in 1989, two years after the arrival of his son Pierre. It is now Valentin who continues the work of his grandfather and his father. His cousins Clément and Emma Bouvier have inherited the same family talent. With his father Jean-Michel, Clément

have inherited the same family talent. With his father Jean-Michel, Clément manages two starred restaurants: Ursus and Le Panoramic. Emma runs La Table de Jeanne with her husband, chef Hugo.

lamartine-marin.com les-suites-du-nevada.com



©OT vallee de Charnonio

La maison Bourdillat

The Bourdillat family loves bread.

Mickey Bourdillat is the chef of the
Matafan at the 5-star hotel Mont Blanc
in Chamonix – Mont Blanc.
To accompany his delicious dishes,
he serves bread made by his 19-yearold son Romain. Romain's exceptional
bread and pastries can also be enjoyed
in several places in Chamonix –
Mont Blanc: le Refuge Payot,
la Maison Fleurette, le Natif Café and



His croissant was voted best croissant in Haute-Savoie.

maisonbourdillat.com

of course Matafan.

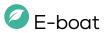


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Refuge de l'Orgère in the Vanoise National Park is the first mountain hut of the park to be listed in the Gault et Millau guide.

refuge-orgere.vanoise.com



Alpine Boat is an e-boat powered by solar energy on lake Bourget. It organises tours to discover France's largest natural lake while enjoying breakfast, lunch or an aperitif made with local produce.

alpine-boat.com

In mountain restaurants

In Val Cenis Vanoise, restaurant Chalet la Fema organises picnics and BBQ at altitude

chaletlafema.com/Ete



Chalet La Fema



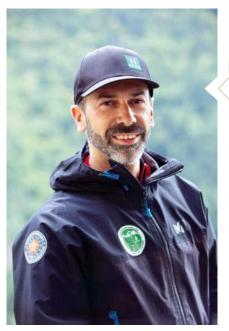
Come and meet our inspiring locals and chat to people passionate about protecting their environment and passing it on to future generations, learn to recognise Alpine animals and flowers, explore new horizons, listen to tales and legends of our mountain home, take to the saddle with a lover of the great outdoors...

Share the vision of this place held by those who make it what it is, quite simply.

Florian Letondeur Consultant

A mountain biking and ski instructor in Les Gets, Florian Letondeur is an accomplished sportsman. The former competitive MTB downhiller, World Cup team coach and forerunner for pro riders and major events in Les Gets has assembled his own team - P2V - to teach the sport he's passionate about. But what he loves more than anything is taking his clients out enduro biking or on an eMTB, exploring the Portes du Soleil domain out of season to show them another side to the mountains. Also president of the recently formed 'Générations Vélo' association, Florian advises Les Gets on developing mountain biking and its environmental impact. He is part of the team designing the men's downhill course for the World Champs (24-28 August). (more details on p.30)





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Guillaume Brun Mountain leader

A mountain infantry veteran and now a mountain leader in La Plagne, Guillaume Brun is a master of every survival technique. His thing is taking people outside their comfort zone and teaching them everything they need to know to get by in the wild: plant identification, bivvy construction, fire lighting, map reading and route finding, but also mountaineering techniques, the Alpine habitat and, last but not least, environmental awareness. Guillaume is about more than survival techniques, teaching people how to use nature's resources sparingly and to respect every side of the mountain world.

gb-montagne.com

Antoine Pin Campaigner

Director of Protect Our Winters
France, Antoine Pin is a man with a
mission: to get outdoor sports lovers to
commit to combating climate change.
Convinced that the outdoor leisure
industry can and must inspire a fair
and sustainable transition, his work
focuses on soft mobility and political
campaigning. He also works hard to
ensure that individual and collective
initiatives inspire and learn from
each other. POW France has formed
partnerships with several mountain
resorts, including Les Menuires.

protectourwinters.fr

Gilles et Christine Berlioz Community stalwarts

Gilles and Christine run the Domaine
Partagé vineyard near Chignin,
adopting first organic and more
recently biodynamic techniques. Selftaught wine growers, their approach is
firmly rooted in promoting and giving
expression to the local terroirs. The
couple draw their inspiration from the
people they spend time with and are
always ready to support youngsters
joining the profession, giving their time
to mentor and encourage them.
Two people who are an integral
part of their community, bringing
on the new generation.

domainepartagegillesberlioz.fr



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Julien, Olivier et Cyril Eco-warriors

Co-founders of Everide, the first app for used outdoor gear, launched last autumn, Julien, Olivier and Cyril are three friends out to save the great outdoors and the planet.

Their mission to change consumer habits is championed by big-name athletes like Xavier Thévenard and Liv Sansoz, who sell their second-hand gear through the app to raise money for nature charities. Conscious that the carbon impact of a used product is six times less that of a new one, more than 50,000 outdoor enthusiasts have downloaded the app so far...

everide.app/fr

Delphine Socquet Educator

Delphine loves welcoming visitors to Les Montagnards farm in Combloux, which she runs with her parents and her brother. She takes them round the farm to see the calves, cows and pigs and how their Reblochon PDO cheese is made, then visitors can tuck in to a hearty 'reblochonnade' at the nextdoor restaurant. Friendly and approachable, Delphine has an infectious love of her mountain home and a talent for explaining what farm life is like.

ferme-les-montagnards.jimdosite.com



©Marine Martin OT Combloux



©UTMB

Catherine et Michel Poletti Event promoters

Entrepreneurs through and through and passionate about sport and the Mont Blanc Valley, these two former IT engineers have turned their hobby into their vocation. Catherine and Michel met in Grenoble but soon moved to Michel's home town of Chamonix, where he had developed his love for long-distance nordic skiing (and trail running in summer). Their shared ambition was to create an event instilling the values of togetherness, communion with nature and pushing oneself to the limit to conquer the mountains, and so the UTMB was born! The Ultra Trail Mont Blanc has since become the Holy Grail for thousands of athletes and a worldwide brand that flies the flag for Chamonix Valley Mont Blanc. (more details on p 31)

utmbmontblanc.com



NEW A new scenic trail

From the Aigles restaurant, which has one of the most beautiful views of Lake Bourget, the largest natural lake in France, a wooden staircase leads to a new scenic trail. This family-friendly circuit (children from 3 to 12 years old must be accompanied) is on a 500m long footbridge and offers an immersion in nature. Visitors can stop to read information about the fauna and flora, the landscapes, and the environment.

restaurantdesaigles.fr



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NEW Adventure games

The team of Cluses Arve & montagnes has created 11 adventure games to discover the local villages and the nature: Explor Games®, treasure hunts, educational games...

cluses-montagnes-tourisme.com



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Bivouac in the Vanoise National Park

Bivouacking in the mountains is regulated. To teach good practices and respect for the environment to youngsters, the Vanoise National Park invites campers to spend a night in the great outdoors.

It can be tested on the shores of Lac du Lou, in the Belleville valley.

vanoise-parcnational.fr



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Mini-adventure



Climb from tree to tree, launch yourself on zip lines, test your balance on rope bridges... Accessible from 3 years old for the children zone, the 9 courses of the new Bozel Aventure park are eco-friendly. Located in the heart of the Chevelu forest, next to the Huttopia Savoie Mont Blanc Excellence campsite, the access paths have been marked to avoid trampling and keep the area in its most natural state.



A bungee jumping

valleedebozel.com

Try a zip line

In Arc 1800, le jardin d'aventure has new zip lines for children from 3 years old.

lesarcs.com

NEW Acro-caving

A clever mix of caving, climbing and tree climbing, the acro-caving course in the caves of Saint-Christophe is unique in Savoie. You can access the zip lines and other rope bridges, from the age of 12 accompanied by an adult, after abseiling down a 40m well.

chartreuse-tourisme.com



©Christine Haas



A night in a portaledge

In Avoriaz, spend a night in a portaledge hanging on the cliff at a height of 150m! Adrenaline seekers can also spend a night in a portaledge in Le Haut-Giffre, Les Arcs - Bourg Saint Maurice and the Haute-Maurienne Vanoise. In the Haute-Maurienne, it is also possible to have an aperitif in a portaledge.

avoriaz.com haut-giffre.fr guidesdesarcs.com haute-maurienne-vanoise.com



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Spend an evening in a museum

La Maison du Patrimoine du Grand-Bornand brings together a collection of furniture and objects of yesteryear as left by its former owners. It can also be visited at night, with a flashlight, every Wednesday evenings, in July and August. Children from 6 years old can do the visit.

legrandbornand.com



New zipwires

A new zipwire opened last winter in Arc 2000 that flies over the Olympic speed run at 130km per hour. It will be open this summer and children from 10 years old can do it! Valloire also has a zipwire that cross over a small lake called Lac de la Vieille. In Val Thorens, try La Bee, a double zipline with a length of 1,800 metres and a maximum height of 65 metres. La Bee is accessible to children from 14 years old.

> en.lesarcs.com valloire.com valthorens.com



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Eco-friendly boards

An Izyfoil is an eco-friendly board; it is a mix between a surfboard and a wakeboard with an electric engine that allows users to surf or fly just above the water. Speed and direction are controlled by a wireless remote control. Try it on Lake Annecy with Izyfoil. On Lake Bourget, Wildcoast E-Foil offers outing on a surf equipped with an electric hydrofoil.

izyfoil.fr wildcoastefoil.com



Tubing

The activity area the Loyers, located in the heart of Les Contamines-Montjoie has a new tubing toboggan run. It consists of hurtling down a track with banked turns seated on a large round buoy. Children from 12 years old can

lescontamines.com



🕝 Try canorafting

Discover the wild Chéran river in the Bauges mountain range in a canoraft, an inflatable boat propelled by paddles. The canoraft is more stable than a traditional kayak and is made for two people. Children from 12 years old can do this fun activity.

rumilly-tourisme.com



Riding

L'Agence Savoie Mont Blanc wants to attract youngsters who are into all kind of riding sports.

L'Agence Savoie Mont Blanc is involved in 4 events this summer:

- FISE (Festival International des Sports Extrêmes) in Montpellier, from 25 to 29 May.
- The Savoie Mont Blanc Freestyle Tour by FISE in Évian-les-Bains, Avoriaz, Tignes and La Clusaz.
- A stage of the FISE Xperience in Thonon-les-Bains, from 13 to 15 August.
- The High Five Festival in Annecy which is attended by more than 30,000 riders every year. It will take place from 30 September to 2nd October.

savoie-mont-blanc.com



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In Peisey-Vallandry

The family-friendly resort has a new mountain biking track dedicated to beginners. The Country Kids is an easy track crossing magnificent landscapes that can be enjoy by children and their parents.

peisey-vallandry.com

In the Maurienne Valley

Saint-François-Longchamp will open 2 new fun mountain bike trails: the Black Horse for beginners and the Starlight for intermediate to expert levels.

saintfrancoislongchamp.com



Road cycling camps

From 19 to 26 June, the Fédération française de cyclisme (FFC) organises cycling camps in the Haute Maurienne Vanoise. The programme includes cycling, teaching by experts, massages and outdoor activities.

cycling-french-alps.com



With an exceptional bike park covering 138km, Les Gets is renown around the world for mountain biking. From 24 to 28 August, the resort will organise the Mountain Bike UCI World Championships.

worldcuplesgets.com



©Les Gets Vincent Romain

© Cycle path around Annecy Lake

After several years of work, the cycle path around Lake Annecy is completed. It will now be possible to cycle all around the lake, on a 36km long path, which is mainly flat except for the climb to Talloires. It will take between 1h and 2h30 to do the tour.

lac-annecy.com

Critérium du Dauphiné

(5 to 12 June).

Partner of the white jersey for the best young rider, Savoie Mont Blanc will follow the final of the 74th edition of the Critérium du Dauphiné. During the last stage, at the end of a 139.2km long race the riders will have to conquer plateau of Solaison, in Haute-Savoie and its 11.3km climb at 9.2%.

The Tour de France stops in Savoie Mont Blanc

(10 to 13 July).

On July 10, the riders will arrive in Châtel and after a rest day in Morzine-Avoriaz in Les Portes du Soleil, they will start the 10th stage, a 148km race towards Megève. The next day, they will cycle the legendary Lacets of Montvernier, in the Maurienne valley, before climbing the Telegraph and Galibier passes. The mountain stages are watched by more than 45 million people around the world..

criterium-du-dauphine.fr letour.fr



NEW E-biking in Valloire

Valloire has a new 10km long circuit to try e-mountain biking. It is accessible by the gondola la Brive.

valloire.net

AND ALSO...

> The Cycling Event in Courchevel: 3 days dedicated to mountain biking, from 19 to 21 August.

MTB Festival in Samoëns

From the 3rd to the 5th of June, Samoëns will host the Vélo Vert Festival. Thousands of mountain bikers get together to celebrate the beginning of the season and test over 2000 bikes and accessories from 300 brands. Contests and tours for all level and ages are organised such during this fun festival.

velovertfestival.com

A new tool designed by Savoie Mont Blanc to choose a mountain walk

To help hikers choose a walk suiting their level and mood, Savoie Mont Blanc has created a new classification of its offer. Summits and viewpoints, Discovery of nature, Terroirs and mountain pastures, Around the lakes, Refreshing hikes, Towards a refuge or a mountain chalet, Fun and unusual walks and History and heritage... Each includes a selection of itineraries different levels.

The description of the hikes will soon be available in English.

savoiemontblanc.com

A NEW TOUR IN VAL D'ISÈRE

Val d'Isère has created a mountain bike ride on the circuit of the 7 chapels, a loop between the forest and the edge of the Isère which takes you to the gates of the Vanoise National Park. This tour is organized every week, supervised by a guide and includes visits to the chapels.

valdisere.com

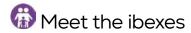


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Trail running in Aiguebelette

There are new trail running circuits by lake Aiguebelette, for all levels. Trail runners can enjoy a large loop around the beautiful lake, circuits in the surrounding villages and mountains, and also take part in training workshops.

onpiste.com



Accessible to all, including families with pushchairs and people with disabilities, the botanical path of the Grande Sassière Nature Reserve leads to a magnificent valley, in the heart of the Vanoise National Park where it's possible to observe the ibexes.

vanoise-parcnational.fr



Somewhere between road biking and mountain biking, gravel biking allows you to ride on unpaved roads and trails. It is the ideal way for exploring the Pays des Aiguilles d'Arves which has listed 10 itineraries for all levels.

It can also be tested from Arêches-Beaufort on its new Gravel circuit across mountain pastures or in the Maurienne. The Maurienne Gravel Experience has 2 trails climbing to the Col du Télégraphe and Valmeinier, on Saturday 4 June.

montagnicimes.com areches-beaufort.com galibier-challenge.com



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Savoie Mont Blanc partner of the UTMB®

The UTMB® Mont-Blanc is a legendary race for trail runners. Every year, trail runners from all over the world come to Savoie Mont Blanc to take part in the event. This year, Savoie Mont Blanc and the UTMB Mont-Blanc offers a unique and rich territory for the practice of trail running and is a leading destination for this sport.

utmbmontblanc.com

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Visitors can discover Savoie Mont Blanc via different types of tours that can be done by bike or feet. Take your time and enjoy the landscape as well as the cultural and historical heritage.



Linking Chanaz and Annecy to Valence over 360 km, the V62/63 cycle routes are part of the 6 priority routes selected by the Auvergne-Rhône Alpes Region and of which the Agence Savoie Mont Blanc is a partner. The circuit can be done by bike or e-bike. Cyclists can stop on the way in accommodation which have the Accueil Vélo label.

velo-territoires.org



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Lake Geneva Costal Trail

Stretching over 93 km, crossing 19 towns, and offering superb panoramas, the Lake Geneva Coastal Hiking Trail has 7 stages of around 13 km and 300 m of D+ per day.

destination-leman.com



©Destination Léman Christine Haas

NEW Tour of the Bauges by bike

The Tour des Bauges covers 130km between lakes and mountains. It takes cyclists from Aix-les-Bains Riviera des Alpes to Annecy via Chambéry, the vineyards of Cœur de Savoie, the Pays d'Albertville, Les Sources du Lac d'Annecy and the Albanais .

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The circuit is accessible via the train stations of Chambéry,
Montmélian or Albertville as well as Annecy and Aix-les-Bains
Riviera des Alpes.

savoie-mont-blanc.com

The Route des Grandes Alpes® (RGA)

Inaugurated in 1937, the Route des Grandes Alpes°, is a beautiful mountain circuit going from Lake Geneva to the Mediterranean Sea. It has around thirty mountain passes, including Col de l'Iseran, the highest mountain pass at 2,770m.

The 85th anniversary of the Col de l'Iseran and the RGA.

routedesgrandesalpes.com



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GOURMET ITINERARIES

Saint-Gervais Mont-Blanc Tourist Office has developed three gourmet itineraries - Miage, Dré dans l'Pentu and Monchu. Between 7 and 9.5 km long, these walks are accessible to families and offer exceptional panoramic views of the Mont Blanc mountain range. On the way meet cheese producers in the mountain pastures and stop in mountain restaurants to taste delicious local specialties



A map and an app

saintgervais.com



With 6 new sites, the Route des Fromages de Savoie® now has 78 stops. Visitors can discover the authentic know-how and the secret of the making of the 8 AOP and IGP cheeses of Savoie.

fromagesdesavoie.fr

The Alpine vineyards route

From Aix-les-Bains Riviera des Alpes, via Cœur de Savoie to Turin in Italy, the Route des vignobles alpins can be done by bike. There is now an app with all the useful information needed to enjoy this route.

> thealpinevineyardsroad.com vinsavoie.chez.com



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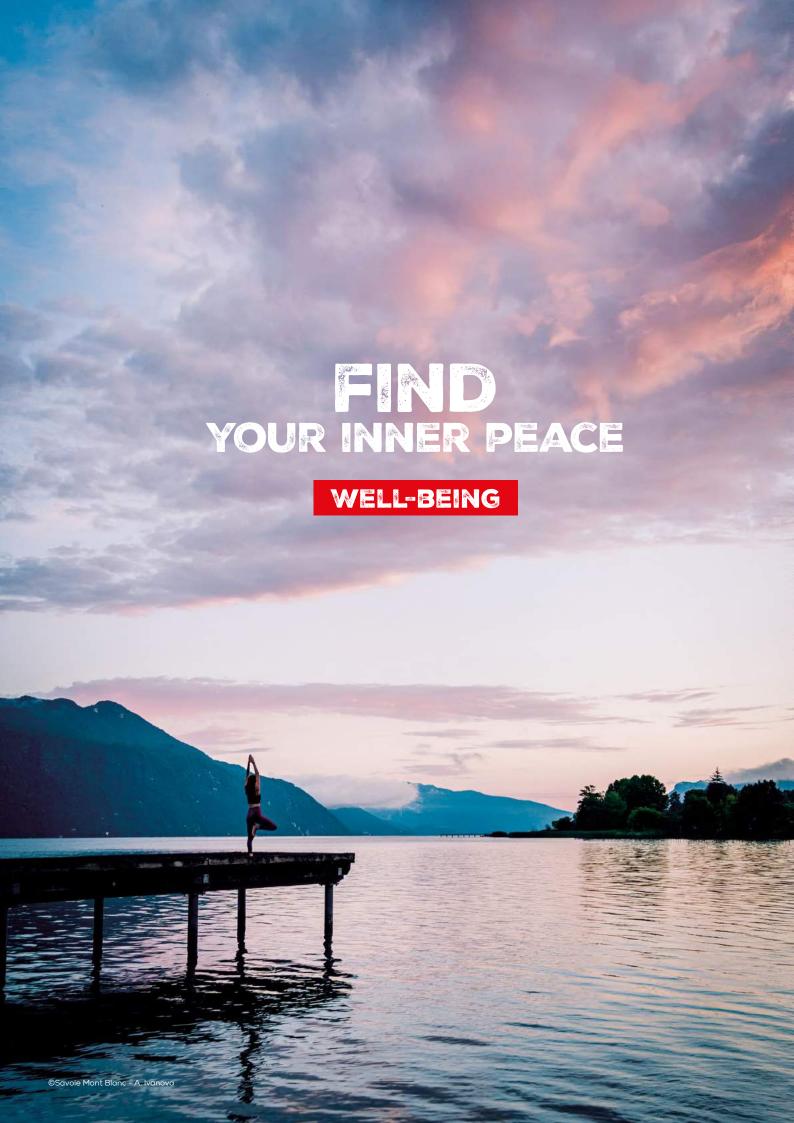
BAROQUE WALKS

The Facim Foundation organises a 3-day and 2-night guided tour in Haute-Tarentaise, to discover the Baroque heritage of the area.

Linking Cordon and Contamines-Montjoie over 20km, the Baroque Trail includes remarkable churches, chapels and oratories in the beautiful setting of the Pays du Mont-Blanc.

In the Belleville valley, the Escapade bellevilloise en refuge is a tour accompanied by a mountain guide.

And, in Val d'Isère, visit the Saint Bernard de Menthon church with its bell tower from 1664. Listed in the inventory of Historic Monuments, it bears witness to several centuries of construction.





Try yoga paddle on Lake Bourget with Soren et Anaïs. This activity can be done with children from 6 years old.

facebook.com/sorenmisse

Fast and hike

Several places offer fast and hike camps. East around 250 calories a day via fruit and vegetable juices, drink herbal teas and hike in the mountains for a full detox.

Try it in Challes-les-Eaux natural spa or in Praz de Lys Sommand.

chainethermale.fr/challes-les-eaux prazdelys-sommand.com



©Dauphiné Libéré - Aix-les-Bains Riviera des Alpes

Face yoga

In Samoëns, Muriel offer 'face yoga' sessions. It has the same benefits than a facial but is done by moving one's face in different ways.

faceyogahautesavoie.fr

Yoga festivals

Semaine du mieux-être - Better-living week Peisey-Vallandry (28 June to 3 July) Yoga Festival La Clusaz (7 to 10 July)

Festival Yoga - Avoriaz (TBC)

Yoga Festival - Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval (late August)



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POST COVID CURE

Boost your immunity after Covid at La Léchère natural spa in Valmorel.

The have designed a new program that is both preventive and curative. Assessment, educational workshops, thermal treatments, gentle gym, meditation, nutrition, music therapy, physical activities... in 3 weeks, stress and anxiety disappear.

Saint-Gervais Mont-Blanc natural spa also offer a 5-day mini-cure: Post-lockdown thermal fitness.

thermes-la-lechere.fr thermes-saint-gervais.com



NEW Cruise on Lake Geneva

Spring is an ideal time to discover the beauty of Lake Geneva. Get on board the Odina, a hybrid boat, departing from the village of Yvoire, classified among the Most Beautiful Villages of France, and enjoy a guided tour. The Odina has 49 seats.

helionaute.com



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Spend a night in a vineyard

Located near the Bourget Lake, Domaine Xavier-Jacqueline has a guest house, Maison Vigneronne, with two spacious bedrooms. Autumn is a perfect time to stay to enjoy the colors of the vineyards, watch the manual harvest, visit the cellar, taste the organic wines of the estate, and take a yoga class in the garden facing the vineyard.

xavierjacqueline.com

©travel.eaters



Take your time to discover the beautiful landscapes of Savoie Mont Blanc. Aurore and Ulrich from Camp-Car Location, rent equipped vehicles and suggest itineraries tested and approved by themselves.

campcar-location.com

E-scooting around Aiguebelette Lake

Aiguebelette is the smallest of Savoie Mont Blanc's four great lakes, and it is also the most peaceful one as motor boats are banned. Discover this preserved area and its magnificent colours by doing a guided tour around the lake on an electric scooter.

trott-experience.com



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Savoie wines

From 13 to 16 October, for the 9th Fascinant weekend, the winegrowers of Savoie Mont Blanc open their vineyards to the public. Wine buffs can enjoy entertainment, meetings with winemakers and tours of steepmountain vineyards on the territory of Aix-les-Bains Riviera des Alpes, Cœur de Savoie and Chambéry.

fascinant-weekend fr

Celebrate Spring and Autumn

In Annecy, on the 8th of October, watch the herds return to the valley after spending the summer in the mountain pastures. The city celebrates it with live music, local produce tasting, art crafts, etc.

The descent of the mountain pastures is also celebrated in the Haut-Giffre valley, in Haute-Savoie. Mid-June in the Belleville valley, Chez Pépé Nicolas celebrates the arrival of the herds in the mountain pastures.

Transhumance is now recognized as a Cultural Heritage in France, which is the first step to become listed by UNESCO.

lac-annecy.com haut-giffre.fr chezpepenicolas.com



©Gilles Piel

LISTEN TO THE CALL OF THE DEERS

During the autumn, the tourist office of Cœur de Tarentaise organises outing at night to observe deers thanks to night vision binoculars. The tour takes place on full moon evenings from 20 September to 10 October in small groups to not disturb the deers. Outings are also organised in the Haut-Giffre valley.

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