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**FRENCH ALPS
2030**



OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS WINTER GAMES 2030: THE FRENCH ALPS REACH NEW HEIGHTS



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On the occasion of the 142th session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), on Monday 22 July 2024, in Paris, the IOC attributed the staging of the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games 2030 to the French Alps. The IOC members' vote in favour of the French Alps crowns a major piece of team work; it can be viewed as a collective success and a mark of confidence honouring France. The Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games 2030 will be sober, sustainable, inclusive... and largely delivered by the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Southern French regions. They will contribute to defining the model for future Winter Olympics and Paralympics. France has hosted three editions of the Winter Olympics, the very first one, in Chamonix in 1924, then those in Grenoble in 1968 and Albertville in 1992, as well as hosting the summer Olympics three times, including in Paris in 2024!

The Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games 2030 will be organized around four geographical clusters:

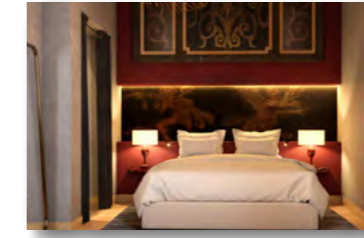
- Haute-Savoie Cluster: biathlon (Olympic and Paralympic); and cross-country skiing (Olympic and Paralympic);
- Savoie Cluster: downhill skiing (Olympic and Paralympic); ski-jumping; Nordic combined; bobsleigh; skeleton; and luge;
- Briançonnais Cluster: freestyle skiing (Olympic and Paralympic); snow-board cross (Olympic), para banked slalom;
- Nice-Côte d'Azur Cluster: ice hockey (Olympic and Paralympic), figure skating, short track speed skating, curling (Olympic and Paralympic); and ski and snowboard cross (Olympic).

Of note: 95% of the sites planned for use in the Winter Olympics 2030 already exist, many from the Albertville 92 Games – a major asset to ensure environmentally friendly Olympics!

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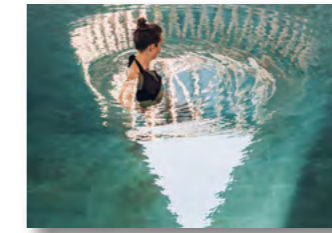
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DREAMY ACCOMMODATION!

Cabanes suspendues - Ardèche

ACCOMMODATION FOR A ROMANTIC BREAK



CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAPELLE VILLARS



Here, it's now possible to stay the night in a listed historic monument, reserving one of the seven rooms in the Château's outbuildings. Also book a bistronomic meal at L'Oliveraie, the hotel's restaurant. Finish off in a hot tub, melting away everyday strains. From April, five high-quality lodges will also be ready, widening the accommodation offer. (42) <https://chateauchapellevillars.com>

FUSTE SAPIN



Discover La Fuste Sapin, a 4-star gîte holiday rental built from logs in Scandi style, boasting panoramic views of the Mont Mézenc. This retreat is ideal for a romantic break, with a relaxation area including hot tub and sauna. (43) www.fustesdumezenc.fr

BULLES D'Auvergne

Relish an exceptional experience under starry skies at Les Bulles d'Auvergne in the Sioule Valley area, offering original accommodation in a high-quality pod, Le Repère du Bûcheron, promising memorable times in a magical green setting. Here, nature and comfort combine! (03) www.bullesauvergne.com

CABANES SUSPENDUES



This luxury cocoon provides exceptional treehouses beside a river in the heart of the Ardèche Verte area. Enjoy the unique atmosphere at this getaway in the midst of nature for a weekend, a short break, or more. There's a sauna and spa too. (07) www.cabanessuspendues.fr

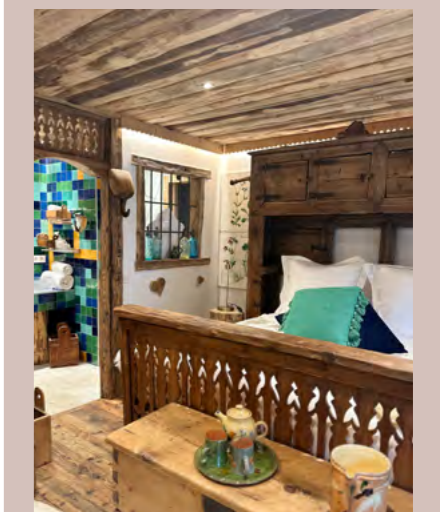
VILLAGE DES CABANES PERCHÉES

A unique place to get away from it all, proposing ten treehouses at the Lac des Sapins in the Beaujolais Vert area. Choose to be close to the ground or 9m up in the trees, as the cabins are perched at different heights! (69) www.beaujolaisvert.com



EXCEPTIONAL LODGINGS WITH MARC VEYRAT

Located below Megève, on Chemin des Ânes, this exceptional new chalet enables guests of Marc Veyrat to prolong their stay at his place. As well as experiencing his culinary genius, you may be greeted by the famed chef, now providing four cocooning guest rooms, Les Logis des Amoureux, des Amis, done up in mountain style, wood featuring large. Each room is decorated in a unique style that fits perfectly with the natural surrounds. (74) www.marcveyrat.fr



ACCOMMODATION COUNTRY AND RURAL OPTIONS



Domaine des Feuilles

DOMAINE DE LA PLANCHE DE MELUSSAC

Spread across 50 unspoilt hectares, this unusual historic estate now combines farming activities with tourism. The owners have put into practice their own truly sustainable, eco-friendly plan focused on self-sufficiency, simplicity and a return to traditional ways. As well as two ecolodges, there's a restaurant, plus a simpler outdoor waterside eatery, or guinguette, on the banks of the Loire, all 13km from Le Puy-en-Velay. (43) www.bienvenue-a-la-ferme.com



MAISON MAGDA

At Ambierle, these two gîtes stand close to the family home of Claire Dolmaire, an architect and photographer. Each will delight visitors, their style reflecting traditional, rural, pared-down living, but with architectural, vintage and designer touches too. Thanks to the use of stone, wood, limewash, recuperated materials and tailormade as well as vintage decorations, each has a unique atmosphere. (42) www.maisonmagda.fr

DOMAINE DES FEUILLES



This very cute little cabin may look a bit crooked, like something out of a fairytale, but it's extremely well laid-out inside. You'll feel transformed into little forest people staying here! Located at Bage-Dommartin, beside a lovely lake, the place is great for relaxing. (01) www.domainedesfeuilles.com

LE BESSOU DE L'AUBRAC

At Saint-Urcize, in the midst of the Parc Naturel Régional de l'Aubrac, close to the counties of Aveyron and Lozère, the farming couple here love sharing their daily country life, including providing cosy B&B rooms or gîtes in traditional Cantal farm buildings, or burons. (15) <https://lebessoudelaubrac.fr/>

MA BELLE CAMPAGNE SIMONE

In the village of St-Geney-près-St-Paulien, Ma Belle Campagne is a magnificent property located opposite the Château du Maréchal Fayolle and proposing two gîtes, Amélie and Simone, in Belle Époque style. For relaxation, try out the sensory trail and facilities on offer, with indoor and outdoor options including a spa and pool for water therapy. (43) <https://mabellecampagne.fr>

LES MAISONS DE L'HEURE VIDE

This former silk-worm farm stands in the beautiful, peaceful historic village of Berrias-et-Casteljau, in Southern Ardèche, offering two very beautiful houses in which to stay. The place is located at the start of a magnificent hiking trail leading to the extraordinary Bois de Païolive woods and Corniche des Gorges de Chassezac, and is close to famed sites such as the Grotte Chauvet and Aven Orgnac. (07) <https://lheurevide.com>

DE VERT ET D'O

Visitors will be enchanted by this former wine estate in the parish of Vinsobres, set amidst vineyards and lavender fields. It now offers a choice of five B&B rooms. Guests can stay cool under towering linden trees by the fountain, or plunge into the cooling water of a former farm pool. (26) www.devertetdo.fr

DOMAINE DE CHABANNE



Set in the midst of 25 hectares of countryside, the Domaine de Chabanne at Crupies has five B&B rooms for a break in a picturesque region on the border with Provence, offering a fine mix of natural beauty and southern lifestyle. Whether staying a couple of days, a week or more, this peaceful place will create memorable moments for guests. (26) www.domainedechabanne.fr

GÎTES DU PRÉ CHEVAL



The Gîtes du Pré Cheval offer guests truly unique architecture in Ouches, in the midst of the horse and cattle farm run by Marion Troisgros and Jérémy Beroud. The couple launched their unusual accommodation along with their livestock farm. Two gîtes plus a separate room have been laid out in former large-scale stabling, to create a really surprising experience. Architect Pierre Janin has blended pared-back Nordic style with the charm of a Spanish hacienda here. The materials are noble and simple, the atmosphere evoking the equestrian world. (42) www.troisgros.fr/le-pre-cheval

AU PRESSOIR DE BOISY



A former farm in the countryside 10 minutes from the town of Roanne, this renovated home now provides elegant, refined B&B rooms. (42) www.aupressoirdeboisy.com

LA FÉE CAPUCINE

This relaxing B&B at Saint-Galmier boasts spa facilities. Stays, treatments and workshops are all organized by Gaëlle, a creative chef focused on natural products, who aims to offer visitors revitalizing experiences and enchanting breaks in this green corner. (42) www.lafeecapucine.com

CHÂTEAU DE COURS

The Château de Cours in Sénezergues, a B&B located 30km from Aurillac, is the perfect spot to relax after a day's exploring the county of Cantal. A stay at this château should prove both peaceful and convivial. (15) www.booking.com

LE CLOS ZÉLIE

Behind Le Clos Zélie's gates in Pouilly-le-Monial, enjoy a timeless property offering five traditional, charming guest rooms, set in the glorious Pierres Dorées area, with its golden-coloured stone. Stone walls separating it from the vineyards, this centuries-old home with pool makes an enchanting Beaujolais bolthole. (69) www.lecloszelie.com

MAISON DE PAGNEUX



In the midst of the Beaujolais, this former farm built in the area's golden-coloured stones offers three B&B rooms that blend old-fashioned charm with modern comforts. The various terraces and garden with pool provide delicious tranquility. (69) www.maisondepagneux.com

LA MAISON DE BRUNO

This old wine estate in the heart of the Beaujolais des crus fine-wine-making area emanates serenity, its rooms providing wonderful views over the vineyards. (69) www.gites-de-france.com

LE BOIS D'ALICE

Le Bois d'Alice, a guest house at Chanoz-Châtenay in the county of Ain, is a great hideaway created by a couple devoted to the art of living. It's named in honour of Alice, the remarkable hotelier and chef of a grandmother of the woman who owns the place. Today, with her partner, she cultivates the art of hosting. This contemporary retreat in the Bresse countryside, close to the culinary village of Vonnas, is an idyllic home and oasis, filled with light and with state-of-the-art pool. (01) <https://leboisdalice.com>

L'ESPALIÈRE

Nestled beside the Mars glacial valley 12km from Salers, L'Espalière B&B is set in the heart of the countryside, with fantastic views to the volcanic mountain of Le Puy Mary. Rooms are cosy, decorated in light colours and using natural materials. (15) <https://lespalier.wixsite.com>

LES LODGES ARVERNE



This three-star residential park offers luxury lodges in the county of Puy-de-Dôme in the Auvergne, between the Corent Plateau and the Puy Saint Romain Volcano. Experience a unique, full adventure in the midst of nature here, enjoying the comfortable, eco-friendly facilities. It makes a perfect place to stay for nature lovers, trekkers and those who enjoy cultural discoveries. (63) www.lodges-auvergne.com

The Nattitude accreditation scheme highlights accommodation that reflects unspoilt, natural, unusual, authentic areas. These are unique places providing friendly atmospheres that encourage guests to relax and share their experiences, making for unforgettable holidays. www.esprit-nattitude.fr



THE LODGE BY FJORDSMALFOURNIER

Get away from it all at this log-built four-star gîte, The Lodge by Fjordsmalfournie, set on a horse-rearing farm specialized in the Fjord breed – even observe them from the jacuzzi! This traditional stop has rustic charm and will leave guests with unforgettable memories. (63) <https://thelodgebyfjordsmalfournier.com/>



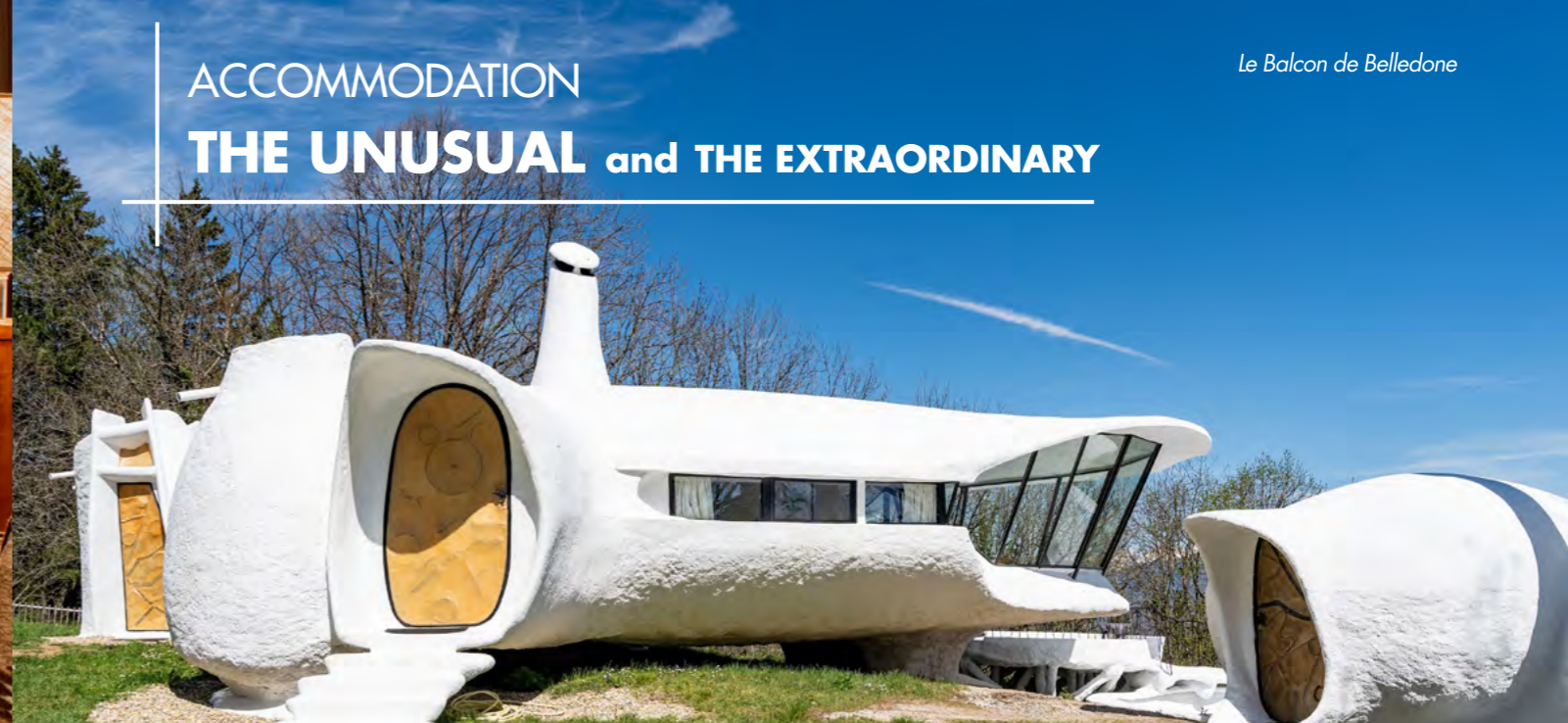
ACCOMMODATION

IN OUR MOUNTAINS



Le Lodge Park

ACCOMMODATION
THE UNUSUAL and THE EXTRAORDINARY



MICRO PALACES

These Micro Palaces between Annecy and Aix-les-Bains are two unique lodges on stilts, designed as observatories, conceived by Méлина, in association with Les Jardins Secrets. Each refined refuge offers 20m2 of accommodation and immerses you in nature, plus there's free entrance to the gardens, Les Jardins Secrets. (74) www.micro-palaces.com

L'EXPERIMENTAL CHALET

L'Experimental Chalet**** stands in the heart of the old village at Val d'Isère, a few steps from the snowline, benefiting from splendid views of the Vanoise Range. Interior design is by Dorothee Meilichzon, the rooms, suites and loft apartments unique. Skiing themes are combined with oatmeal textiles, snow-white marble and sumptuous details in wood, all with a nod to Savoie culture and inspired by Alpine forests. (73) <https://fr.experimentalchaletvaldisere.com>



LE BURON DU CHAUSSEDIER

Track down this high-altitude Auvergne buron at 1,300m, a perfect getaway under the stars at the Col d'Aulac pass. A typical former summer barn, it's been renovated to house four rooms beside the established ferme auberge, a traditional inn. Starry nights here are stunning. (15) www.buronduchausseidier.fr

LA BRINDILLE

Discover this warm and welcoming B&B at Villard-Notre-Dame opposite the Oisans Range. In the three rooms, wood reigns. Try out the adjoining inn where everything is home-made... including the house! (38) www.auberge-labrinville.fr

HOSTELLERIE DU PETIT SAINT-BERNARD

Closed in 2016 after over 80 years as a hotel, this establishment in Bourg-Saint-Maurice has now been beautifully redone, its style blending Savoyard tradition and the contemporary, featuring old timbers provided by a local company. (73) <https://hostelleriedupetitsaintbernard.com>

L'HÔTEL LYRET



Set beside the Arve River in the heart of Chamonix, the Hôtel Lyret is now the epitome of Alpine style, both welcoming and elegant, a place where art and hospitality blend to create an exceptional experience. (74) www.hotel-lyret.com

L'ÉCLAT DES VÉRIAZ

Terrésens is creating its first mountain-resort in Megève, combining a traditional Alpine feel with contemporary atmosphere, all with views of Mont Blanc. It will comprise a hotel, a tourist residence and chalets, forming its own hamlet, with concierge facilities and a well-being area featuring pools, wave pool, sauna, hammam and salt grotto. This winter, 90 lodgings will be ready; the chalets should be by mid-2025. (74) www.terresens-hr.com

LODGE PARK

The Sibuet family has been awarded a fifth star for its Lodge Park, thanks to a thorough renovation. The fully remodelled suites feature tartan fabrics, leather and precious woods, plus the mountain views. This Haute-Savoie haven also boasts a well-being area covering over 800m². At the restaurant, enjoy the refined, cosy setting, a trappers' log cabin updated! (74) <https://www.lodgepark.com>

PLANB



PlanB Living St-Gervais, Mont-Blanc Collection's second establishment, is opening its doors in a fully renovated historic building from 1901. Set so close to both train station and Valléen Lift in Saint-Gervais-Le-Fayet, PlanB is set to become a veritable hub. Guests can benefit from amazing further facilities nearby, such as the Tramway du Mont-Blanc and the celebrated thermal spa centre. (74) www.planb-livingsaintgervais.com

L'ESPRIT TK

Discover L'Esprit TK, a modern warehouse shed done up inside like industrial loft apartments, with one part a gîte, another providing B&B rooms. This unusual place is in the Dombes area, close to Lyon, but removed from the city. The interiors have the added appeal of serving as an art gallery, works on show promoting new creators. (01) www.hebergement-civrieux.com

LA GALICIÈRE

La Galicière is a former 18th-century silk-making factory, now converted into a unique guest house. Enter a listed industrial monument that has kept its traditional atmosphere, including some historic machines. For today's guests, there are two very appealing suites. Explore this extraordinary setting, plus the beautiful surrounding Dauphinois countryside. (38) www.alagaliciere.fr

DOMAINE DE L'ART2LIER



First, it's a 40-min walk along a forest track to reach this unique place. Options to stay include domes under the skies and a freshly renovated chapel, Le Cocon d'Iris. Guests can truly get away from it all here, in the midst of the French Alps, on the edge of a forest. Leave all your troubles behind in this gentle, cosy spot! (73) <https://art2lier.systeme.io>

BLEU MINUIT



Part of a new concept in chic, eco-friendly accommodation, these ecolodges on the banks of Geneva Lake in the heart of the Jura Range offer an exceptional experience. Enjoy a really unusual stay here, in a magnificent green mountain setting, beside Thézillieu Forest. (01) <https://bleu-minuit.com>

LES RENARDIÈRES

Nestling in the Haut-Forez area, Les Renardières invites guests to stay in unusual accommodation in the countryside. Choose from the fisher's hut, the shepherd's tent, the railway carriage, the treehut or the hideaway, enjoying getting away from it all. The inn offers generous, local cooking. So, really relax and unwind! (42) <https://lesrenardieres.fr>

MANOIR DES RÊVES SAUVAGES BY PARC ANIMALIER D'Auvergne

This manor-hotel combines a traditional 19th-century fine home with 11 contemporary rooms decorated by the artist Sandrot, who has depicted an endangered species in each. As well as visiting the Parc Animalier d'Auvergne just 20 minutes away, back at this hotel, guests will be surprised to find themselves so immersed in the animal world. (63) www.reves-sauvages.fr

LE BALCON DE BELLEDONNE

This architectural gem with its designer furniture is an extraordinary cocoon, its organic, flowing forms perched at 1,100m. It's been recognized as both Architecture Contemporaine Remarquable and Patrimoine en Isère. This fully-restored private pod is now a sensational place to stay in the mountains, with stunning views of the Chartreuse Range and Alps. (38) <https://balcondelbelledonne.com>

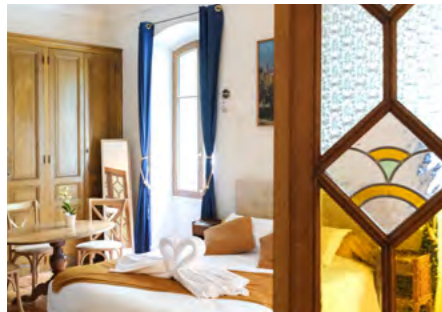


CITY BREAK ACCOMMODATION



Cour des Loges - Lyon

LES SUITES DE L'OPÉRA



Les Suites de l'Opéra is THE new address at which to stay in central Vichy. Set in a fine 18th-century townhouse designed by architect Antoine Percilly, it's been renovated to offer splendid guest rooms combining exceptional refinement and comfort. An unforgettable place to stay, in a spot set between iconic city sights and the green banks of the Allier River. (03) <https://lessuitesdelopera.com>

MADAME LES VANS

Madame Les Vans is a 19th-century building hidden away in the historic centre of the little town of Les Vans, located in the sublime Southern Ardèche and a gateway to the Cévennes Mountains. Completely renovated, Madame Les Vans offers five wonderful guest rooms, each decorated in unique style. There's also a magnificent garden with heated pool to enjoy. (07) www.madamelesvans.com

HÔTEL LE RÉGINA

The classic Hôtel Régina in the heart of Le Puy-en-Velay has had a makeover! The redesign combines boldness and simplicity to create a unique atmosphere. Discover interiors that mix charm and modernity, each detail designed to delight guests. Touches of terracotta and green add freshness to the place, while marble and gilded accents impart an elegant note. (43) <https://hotelregina.com>

HÔTEL FORT ST LAURENT

On the slopes of Lyon's Croix Rousse Hill, this 16th-century fort overlooking the city's rooftops has been totally transformed into an elegant four-star hotel that opened in August 2024. While preserving the characterful architecture, the building's renovation has achieved elegance. The old stone, exposed beams and high ceilings are complemented by a warm, contemporary, clean-lined design. There's also a spa, plus a bar open to the general public and much sought after for its magnificent views. (69) www.hotelfortsaintlaurent.com

L'ORANGERIE PAR STAY&COOK



L'Orangerie is a fine late-19th-century townhouse that has been painstakingly renovated, respecting the place's authenticity. As to its terrace and hanging gardens, they offer privacy in the heart of the town of Annonay, in the verdant Northern Ardèche. Discover this special place for a night, a weekend, a workshop, an event, perhaps even a gastronomic break... Your warmly welcoming hosts demonstrate the best in French hospitality and culinary delights, as well as respecting the environment. (07) www.stayncook.com

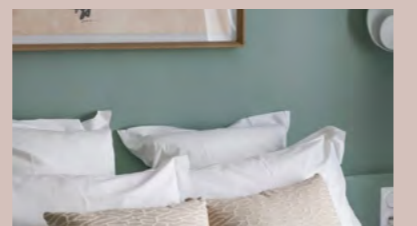
LA COUR DES LOGES



The renovated Cour des Loges Lyon, the leading hotel of the Radisson Collection in France, is reopening. Located in the Vieux-Lyon historic quarter renowned for its warm atmosphere and interconnecting little passageways called traboules, this charming 5-star hotel can also provide memorable culinary experiences, with three contrasting eateries: the gastronomic restaurant, Les Loges; the epicurean restaurant, Comptoir; and the Bar Lounge. (69) <https://www.radissonhotels.com>

HÔTEL GLOBE & CECIL

Over 150 years old, this hotel has been rejuvenated with the help of interior architects Charlotte Bocoç and Emilie Roz. Set in the heart of Lyon, Le Globe et Cecil boasts a distinctive spirit, its strong identity reflected in its unique style, making it a charming place to stay. Its elegance, the personalized welcome and its pampering services help ensure an elegant stay in this 4-star establishment. (69) <https://globeetcecilhotel.com/>



GRAND MESS

This XXL complex in Clermont-Ferrand is chic and festive, as well as on a grand scale! With its 96 rooms, this brand-new 4-star is a hotel and some, a destination offering a whole variety of spaces and experiences across the day. Plus, two rooftop areas allow you to make the very most of the views of the Chaîne des Puys volcanic range. (63) www.grandmess.com

ACADÉMIE HÔTEL

This new establishment has opened in a 15th-century building in the Vieux Lyon quarter, close to the Gare Saint-Paul station. It's charming in every sense, its rooms all boasting individual character. Plus, the place has an overarching theme, hence its name, the Académie. In fact, each of the five floors is dedicated to a different Academy, so the Académie Française on the ground floor, the Académie des Belles-Lettres on the 1st floor, the Académie des Beaux-Arts on the 2nd, etc. (69) www.academie-hotel.com

HILTON À L'AÉROPORT DE LYON

In the very heart of Lyon Saint-Exupéry Airport, offices that were no longer serving are going to be given a new lease of life, developing and diversifying the hotel accommodation available on site. The building's structure will be kept, but the façade will be completely redone, giving it a more contemporary look and improving both insulation and sound insulation. The interiors will be totally redesigned to provide 120 comfortable rooms, a restaurant and a business centre. The place will be placed under the Hampton by Hilton brand, an international benchmark in the hotel business. (Opening 2nd quarter of 2025) (69) www.vinci-immobilier.com/actualites

ACCOMMODATION

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

HUTTOPIA VANOISE CHAMPAGNY



These eight Montana chalets are easily recognizable thanks to their characteristic timber architecture, fitting in well with the Parc National de la Vanoise, where mountain refuges were historically built in this style. They blend in well too at the Champagny-en-Vanoise campsite, now staying open through winter. (73) <https://europe.huttopia.com>

BASE CAMP LODGE

In central Albertville, a town at the junction of four valleys, this hotel is perfect both for staying close to the summits and for a city break. The original accommodation, catering to all budgets, and the gourmet restaurant, have a lot of appeal. This base camp with its mountain-themed design proves original and warm. (73) www.basecamp-albertville.com

LA GAZELLE PERCHÉE

Discover La Gazelle Perchée, a unique place where a charming mini-caravan awaits! Fully kitted-out, it can accompany you along on your local adventures! It's part of a new holiday trend, getting away from modern life. Deep in the countryside, explore more of the area. (15) <https://lagazelleperchee.com>

CASA CHAMPGIL



This urban gîte is a hideaway in the very centre of Clermont-Ferrand, providing a unique, cosy selection of city accommodation. Catering to different requirements, choose from individual rooms or various-sized dormitories, all set around a tree-shaded patio courtyard. (63) www.casachampgil.com

SÉRENDIPITÉ CAMPING

Live at nature's pace at this campsite providing sublime views over the Truyère Valley and the traditional little town of Neuvéglise, plus warm, cosy pods to stay in, making the most of the natural setting. (15) www.camping-serendipite.fr



HOB ORELLE

HOB Orelle is a new establishment in Francoz, a hamlet in the parish of Orelle en Maurienne. The contemporary youth hostel concept here combines accommodation and restaurant, all close to the ski runs of Val Thorens and Les 3 Vallées. This new venue seeks to bring vitality to the hamlet and its rural zone, broadening the accommodation on offer in Orelle, helping develop sustainable local tourism. The aim is also to offer a unique type of accommodation experience. (73) www.evihob.com

AN ART DE VIVRE TO SAVOUR!



PRESS TRIP IDEA

Explore La Vallée de la Gastronomie - France® travelling along the Saône and Rhône Valleys. Savour a memorable gastronomic trip, discovering culinary traditions and enjoying exclusive encounters.



A CAPTIVATING CULINARY ODYSSEY

Current travel trends put to the fore the authentic, craft skills and enriching exchanges, all around a warmly shared gastronomic heritage. Such trips encourage conviviality; learning about local savoir-faire and conversations between producers and consumers are key. La Vallée de la Gastronomie - France® was created to meet such aspirations, proposing a cultural culinary trail to savour whatever the season. Tailormade circuits have been designed to appeal to every kind of culinary traveller!

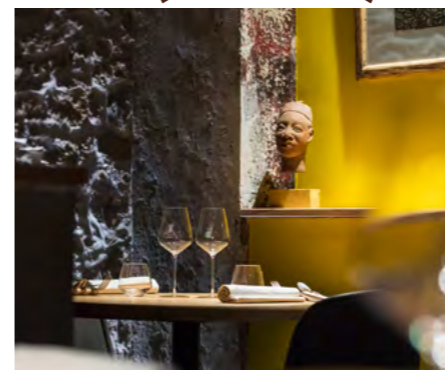
La Vallée de la Gastronomie-France® covers several regions and many areas, brought together to present one common culinary destination. The regions of Bourgogne Franche-Comté, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur have united their exceptionally rich and diverse terroirs to create a unique tourist destination blending gastronomy with that famed French art de vivre.

NEW TOURIST IDEAS TO SAMPLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

CHÂTEAUX EN BEAUJOLAIS

Châteaux en Beaujolais covers ten of the Beaujolais's most sensational castles (of which nine are accredited Vallée de la Gastronomie sites), so explore its châteaux trail, these fine buildings reflecting this territory's architectural and viticultural heritage. This world-famous area straddling two French counties, the Rhône and Saône-et-Loire, is an ideal destination for fans of wine, history and cultural tourism. (69) <https://chateauxenbeaujolais.fr>

L'ATELIER DES AUGUSTINS IN LYON (1* MICHELIN)



Recently awarded a Michelin star, this restaurant focuses on local, organic produce and has received Green Food certification. Chefs Nicolas Guilloton and Thomas Belval conjure up dishes here, in Lyon's old silk-workers' (or canuts') quarter, inspired by their instincts and the instant, rooted in the region but adding personal touches. At L'Atelier des Augustins, these well-travelled cooks combine their experience with fresh produce from their garden and the very fertile lands within a 200km radius of Lyon. (69) www.valleedelagastronomie.com

CHÂTEAU DES RAVATYS

Enjoy a tour of this wine estate followed by a tasting of grands crus, plus a sharing platter with a glass of wine, all served up in an idyllic setting. (69) www.valleedelagastronomie.com



L'ÉCRIN DU ROURE

Nestling in the Manoir Le Roure (also home to a hotel with spa), the restaurant L'Écrin du Roure serves lunch and dinner throughout the week. On the menu: tasty creations; culinary discoveries; and high-quality produce... a joy for the tastebuds. (26) www.valleedelagastronomie.com

CHÂTEAU DE CHAMP-RENARD



Discover château life at Champ-Renard on a tour where the owners share their passion for their vineyard and wines. The tasting matching four vintage wines to aged cheeses provided by cheesemonger Blacé proves a delight. (69) www.valleedelagastronomie.com

TRUFFIÈRE LA BAUME SAINT-ANTOINE



Black truffles (melanosporum, or "black diamonds") from the Tricastin (the leading truffle-producing area in France), the Drôme Valley and the Drôme des Collines are renowned for their exceptionally strong, earthy flavour. Learn all about them from local truffle farmers proposing related activities and events, December to March (and occasionally in summer too). (26) www.valleedelagastronomie.com

MAISON DE LA TRUFFE ET DU TRICASTIN

Set in the heart of the Tricastin area, the Maison de la Truffe, along with the Caveau des Vignerons, enables visitors to learn all about both Tricastin truffles and AOP Grignan-les-Adhémar wines. (26) www.valleedelagastronomie.com

SOME FIGURES ON LA VALLÉE DE LA GASTRONOMIE

- 470 tourist offers now available along the whole Vallée de la Gastronomie (from Dijon to Marseille).
- 294 of these offers are in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, so 62% of the whole range.
- 43 AOPs and 18 PGIs across Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes
- Types of tourist offers: Restaurants = 36% / Activities, sites, events = 29% / Wine estates = 23% / Producers, including craft producers = 12%
- 93 Michelin-starred chefs
- Over 800 wineries committed to a quality welcome

GASTRONOMIC NEWS



Restaurant La Boria

CARON 3200 WINE BAR: THE HIGHEST BAR IN THE WORLD!



At an altitude of 3,200m, this place offers you an unrivalled experience at Val Thorens's iconic summit. Here, you'll find a mix of leisure options and gastronomy, plus a selection of regional wines to savour with the 360° views! (73) www.caron3200.com

GRILL AND CHILL

For a unique experience, rent an electric barbecue boat for a culinary tour on Lac du Bourget. (73) www.aixlesbains-rivieradesalpes.com



NOUGAT DE MONTÉLIMAR AWARDED PGI STATUS

This famed nougat, made with so many fine local ingredients, has been awarded Protected Geographical Indication (IGP) status, making it the 60th such product in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.

WHAT'S NEW IN VICHY

Brasserie Bocuse at la Rotonde (03) www.ville-vichy.fr

L'Ecrin de Marlène in le Fer à Cheval (03) www.marlene-vichy.com

Pastille Vichy (a traditional local sweet), 200th anniversary
A new visitor trail through the Pastillerie de Vichy factory is planned for 2025. (03) www.vichy-economie.com



LA MAISON ROZIER REVIVED

La Maison Rozier, a listed 1920s building in the Auvergne spa town of La Bourboule, was a tea room and confectionery palace at the outset. Its extravagant architecture recently restored, the displays inside now focus on the Auvergne's five PDO cheeses: Fourme d'Ambert; Bleu d'Auvergne; Saint-Nectaire laitier and fermier; Cantal; and Salers.. (63) www.sancy.com/fr

L'ATELIER SOUBRIER



L'Atelier Soubrier at Lascelles is no ordinary hotel-restaurant. Here, the family's 18th-century barn has been transformed into a festive country venue, the restaurant in relaxed guinguette style. Along with the accommodation, there's a sauna and natural swimming pool. (15) <https://lateliersoubrier.fr/>

THEMED STAYS AT THE CHÂTEAU DE LEMPS

(Vignoble & Découverte address at Hermitage en St-Joseph) Partly 9th century, this historic family property now offers guest rooms. Why not sign up for one of the gastronomic workshops in the professional kitchen, or a tree therapy course making the most of the extensive grounds? (07) <https://chateaudelemps.com/>

DOMAINE DU CHLO D'AUZIT

Chloé settled in Molompize, planted some of her own vines and took over existing plots in Massiac to follow her passion, producing quality red, white and rosé local wines (15) www.hautesterrestourisme.fr

DOMAINE CARREL & SENGER

(Vignoble de Savoie Aix-les-Bains Riviera des Alpes)



In the midst of Jongieux's vineyards, this winery welcomes visitors. Managed by Thomas Senger, the estate covers 30 hectares, offering a unique array of Savoie wines to taste. Plus, there are four B&B rooms here, inspired by the seasons in the vines, prolonging the vineyard experience. (73) <https://domainecarreltsenger.com/>

BELVÈDÈRE DE TUPIN-ET-SEMONS, A NEW VIEWING PLATFORM ON THE RHÔNE VALLEY



From this original viewing platform at Tupin-et-Semons, visitors can appreciate to the full the mighty Rhône and the exceptionally steep vine slopes of Côte-Rôtie. This belvedere not only provides breathtaking panoramas, but also an educational exploration of this amazing wine-producing area. Certain metal panels in the playful design make use of the sun to project wine-related words onto the ground that recall the vineyard workers' season. (69) www.vienne-condrieu.com

MICHELIN GREEN STARS

are now being awarded to restaurants committed to producing eco-friendly, sustainable cuisine. Already, some 17 establishments across Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes have been awarded one. <https://guide.michelin.com>

LA BORIA, A NEW GREEN STAR ADDRESS!

Nestling in the Ardèche hills at Veyras, La Boria is a unique address, from its roofs to its cutlery! Here, chef Florian Descours extracts exceptional flavours from the local produce, such as Privas beef, Beaulieu pork and Labatie-d'Andaure trout, paying homage to the local terroir. (07) www.la-boria.com



HERITAGE AND CULTURE



From prehistory to the contemporary, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes is a region bursting with areas and monuments that bear witness to the great periods in French history. From Chauvet's painted caves, amazing prehistoric treasures, to vestiges of Gaulish leader Vercingetorix's resistance to Caesar, not forgetting the Gallo-Roman Temple to Mercury perched on the volcanic top of the Puy de Dôme, our region is packed with marvels. Moving forwards in time, there are jewel-like Romanesque churches and medieval villages to discover, as well as French Renaissance magnificence, best exemplified in Vieux Lyon. Brou's Flamboyant Gothic flourishes and our Alpine Baroque chapels add touches of elegance to the historical picture. From Vizille, cradle of the French Revolution, via Laffrey, where troops rallied on Napoleon's return from exile on Elba, on to contemporary cultural treasures in the form of museums, exhibitions and urban excitement, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes offers visitors an awesome journey through history! Here, every stone tells a story, and each place provides discoveries.

Champeix, Petite Cité de Caractère - (63)

26 PLUS BEAUX VILLAGES TO DISCOVER.

Classic stops to seek out, these exceptional villages have kept their beauty down the centuries. Their bucolic atmospheres, fine buildings, historical vestiges and local produce provide so many reasons to explore these gems, dotted around our region. The latest regional member is Marcolès, set in the Cantal's chestnut woods, its efforts to join the exclusive national association rewarded in 2024, when it officially became a Plus Beau Village de France... having already won recognition as a Petite Cité de Caractère. Some 20km south of Aurillac, on the Cantal-Aveyron border, it has preserved its medieval character and its role as a craft and commercial centre

(15) www.les-plus-beaux-villages-de-france.org



LA ROUTE HISTORIQUE DES CHÂTEAUX D'Auvergne

This route covers 46 of the Auvergne's most iconic châteaux, along with private properties that open their doors to visitors. In total, 100 châteaux and historic houses offer a host of wonderful places to discover. You can use any of them as a start point for a hike or a variety of activities. Find all the information via the app wivisites.

<https://route-chateaux-auvergne.org/>



PRESS TRIP IDEA

How about a tailormade adventure, exploring our amazing cultural treasures?

PETITES CITÉS DE CARACTÈRE

The idea behind the Petites Cités de Caractère is to highlight exceptional communes (parishes) that have a marked rural side due to their location, with only a small population, but also an urban side, due to their trading history. These characterful little towns make heritage central to their development. Year-round, they put on events, tours and varied gatherings.

To date, this network covers 239 French communes, 43 Petites Cités de Caractère in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.

www.petitescitesdecaractere.com





Driving forces in attracting visitors to our region, our Iconic Tourist Sites (Sites Touristiques Emblématiques) were selected after the region called for candidates to put themselves forward as part of the regional tourist plan for the period 2022-2028. This initiative will help further enhance these major sites, recognized nationally and internationally, and vehicles capable of increasing the attractiveness of the region as a whole, with attendant economic benefits.

The selected sites benefit from regional support, including increased publicity campaigns, with the backing of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Tourisme. Particular attention is given to developing more environmentally-friendly projects, as part of the regional council's aim to transform Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes into Europe's leading destination for sustainable tourism.

www.auvergnerrhonealpes.fr

OUR ICONIC TOURIST SITES



SAFARI DE PEUGRES

A unique night close to cheetahs

The Wow Safari Peaugres, 15 mins from the town of Annonay, is offering a unique new experience thanks to three cabins it's built right beside the cheetahs' enclosure. Nestling in nature, each hut enables a couple of guests the opportunity to savour unforgettable moments close to these majestic big cats. The cabins blend into the background, so you can go to sleep alongside the cheetahs, experiencing their world close up.

(07) www.safari-peaugres.com

WALIBI

A new attraction generating unique sensations in Europe, 40 mins from Chambéry. With MAHUKA (meaning "to escape" in Hawaiian), visitors enter into the midst of the remains of an abandoned temple... but beware, don't provoke the God of Fire, or you risk being imprisoned in his temple! (38) www.walibi.fr

PARC DES OISEAUX

Nuits au Parc, nightfall sound and light shows, 28 Nov 2024 to 10 Mar 2025. In winter, the Parc des Oiseaux in the county of Ain puts on a luminous experience to enjoy as a family. Embark on a dynamic, entertaining walk along the bird park's paths. Inspired by the close connection between the Dombes wetlands and the Parc des Oiseaux, this night trail features imaginary birds and fish, yet creatures associated with the area, via ten sound and light shows taking place through the evening. Plus, don't miss the impressive projections across the large (17,000m²) central lake area (emptied in winter). (01) www.parcdesoiseaux.com



GRAND PARC D'ANDILLY

Brand-new Realm of the Nutcrackers!

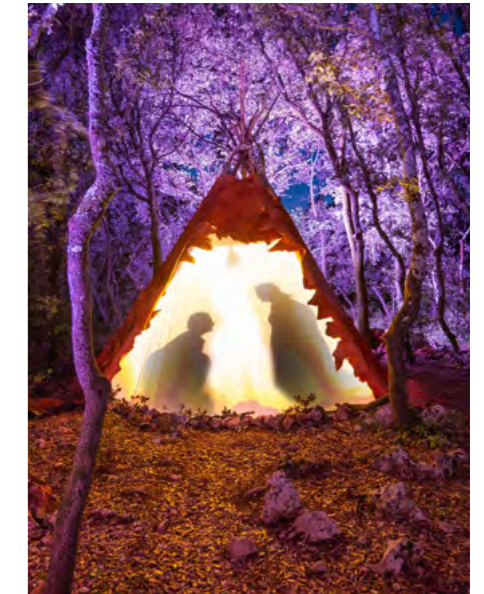
Learn much more about these enigmatic doll-like figures. Welcome to the Royaume des Casse-Noisettes, at this park set between Annecy and Geneva. The Nutcracker figures are shown looking after Father Christmas's everyday world!

(74) www.grandparc-andilly.com

MINI WORLD

Mini World Lyon is opening a new miniature display dedicated to France's famed Côte d'Azur. This new attraction features a unique technological innovation – a lively sea, recreated thanks to high-definition screens in front of which real miniature vessels sail about! Plus, the very popular exhibition, Japan Mania, is being extended into 2025, immersing visitors in Japanese culture, the world of mangas and cult Japanese figures.

(69) www.miniworldlyon.com



GROTTE CHAUVET 2, LES NOCTURNES DE CHAUVET

The trail Les Nocturnes de Chauvet leads you back in time to experience prehistory in a novel manner. Come nightfall, an illuminated path, with sounds, brings new dimensions to the site, focusing your mind on the big question: Why, in prehistoric times, did people head deep into caves to draw? As you follow the paths round, playful, poetic and musical installations add enchantment to the evening. You'll feel like you're being transported back into humanity's deepest past, when origin myths were forming, this trail inspired by the work of anthropologist and prehistory expert, Jean-Loïc Le Quellec. Les Nocturnes de Chauvet near Vallon-Pont-d'Arc focus on the emergence myth, imagining that humans and animals evolved in a subterranean world from which they then emerged...

(07) www.grottechauvet2ardeche.com

- L'Aven d'Ornac (07)
- L'Aventure Michelin (63)
- Les Caves de la Chartreuse (38)
- Le château de Grignan (26)
- La Ferme aux Crocodiles (26)
- Le Grand Parc d'Andilly (74)
- La Grotte Chauvet 2 (07)
- La Grotte de Choranche (38)
- L'Hôtel des Lumières (43)
- Mini World Lyon (Métropole de Lyon)

- Le Pal (03)
- Le Panoramique des Dômes (63)
- Le Parc animalier d'Auvergne (63)
- Le Parc des Oiseaux (01)
- Le Safari de Peaugres (07)
- Le Site Le Corbusier de Firminy (42)
- Le Téléphérique Grenoble-Bastille (38)
- Le Train de l'Ardèche (07)
- Le Volcan de Lemptégy (63)
- Vulcania (63)
- Walibi (38)

CRAFT TOURISM



Entreprise et Découverte and the Agence Régionale du Tourisme (our regional tourist board) are jointly committed to developing tourism focusing on traditional craft skills and know-how across Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes. The goals of our regional branch of Entreprise et Découverte include helping to develop, promote and add to the professionalism of factory or company tours, adding to the impetus created at national level. Tours of companies around Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes already total 1.7 million visitors a year across 400 sites. www.entrepriseetdecouverte.fr

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IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES



Fossilea

ARDELAINÉ



Ardelaine, in the Parc Naturel des Monts d'Ardèche, enables visitors to learn all about the varied uses of wool. Discover these workshops where mattresses, duvets and pillows are made. This cooperative focuses on human-scale production and is helping revitalize the local economy. (07) www.ardelaine.fr

LA BOULE OBUT

World leader in manufacturing pétanque boules, since its creation in Saint-Bonnet-le-Château in 1955, the company has developed, transforming into l'Aventure OBUT, its boutique selling its products made in France, its trail retelling its history. There are seven pétanque pitches, a restaurant and three meeting rooms here too. From 2025, workshop tours will teach you even more about this quintessentially French know-how! (42) www.laventureobut.com

BIGALLET



The Bigallet company in Val de Virieu makes squashes and liqueurs based on fruit and plants. In 1872, its founder, Félix Bigallet, invented Citronade (with just one n). Enjoy a tour of this family enterprise. (38) www.bigallet.fr

LA BELLE NOIX



La Belle Noix in Saint Hilaire du Rosier presents the stages in producing walnuts, from the demands of growing PDO walnuts to how to press traditional walnut oil. A culinary discovery to enjoy, with tasting. (38) www.labellenoix.fr

MAISON FONTENILLE PATAUD



Declared a Living Heritage Company (Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant), the Maison Fontenille Pataud, in Thiers, has specialized in producing top-of-the-range knives since 1929. First, visitors are put in the picture about this skill via displays before learning more from Mme Dissay and Yann Delarboulas, passionate about their craft. (63) www.fontenille-pataud.com

LA ROUTE DES SAVOIR-FAIRE DE HAUTE-LOIRE

Put in place by the Maison du Tourisme, the Département de la Haute-Loire and the local Chambres de commerce et d'industrie, d'agriculture, des métiers et de l'artisanat, this tourist trail links up over 70 companies involved in four sectors: agriculture; food; craft; and industry. (43) www.myhauteloire.fr/savoir-faire Also follow the similar Chemin des Savoir-faire du Pays de Gex in the Jura Range. (01) www.paysdegex-montsjura.com

SCIENCE EXPÉRIENCE

Science Expériences has come to Lyon! More than a museum, it makes you delve into the major forces that surround and shape us (oceans, volcanoes, space, the mind...) to increase your understanding of them. The founders speak of 'a unique, innovative, fun concept to engender wonder and curiosity' via scientific experiments and 'journeys into the impossible!' (69) <https://science-experiences.com/lyon/>

FOSSILEA, OR BEAUJOALAI'S GEOLOGICAL ODYSSEY

This museum will enable visitors to discover the geological history and resources of the Beaujolais area via 500m² of collections focusing on minerals, quarrying, and displays of palaeolithic and neolithic silex tools. This immersive museum will provide a window on researchers' workings and a 3D space transporting visitors into the marine world here... 280 million years ago. (69) www.beaujolais-tourisme.com



L'ESPACE CÉZALLIER ALLANCHE

The Cézallier plateaux, high summer pastures where splendid Salers cows go to graze, deserve their own dedicated museum. Here, heritage and poetry combine. The displays are in what was the laundry of the former Hôtel Bonnal, built in 1930s Art Deco style. The illustrations and texts, on table clothes hung up as if to dry, prove moving. The interactive elements stimulate four senses: sight; hearing; smell; and touch. The summer pastures, the traditional burons (or barns), local cheeses, traditional cloth sellers, the peatbogs and wetlands are all covered. (15) www.hautesterrestourisme.fr

A year of celebrations exploring the heritage around the saintly priest of Ars-sur-Formans

The holy complex at Ars-sur-Formans is celebrating the centenary of the canonization of Saint Jean-Marie Vianney, renowned in the Catholic world simply as the Curé d'Ars. This jubilee year commemorates his canonization by Pope Pius XI on 31 May 1925, when he was declared the "patron saint of all parish priests in the universe". Among highlights will be the opening of the jubilee, the celebrations around the anniversary of his canonization and the exploration of the village of Ars's architectural heritage, notably St Sixtus Basilica. (01) <https://ars-trevoux.com>

THE FONDATION POUR L'ACTION CULTURELLE INTERNATIONALE EN MONTAGNE

The FACIM spreads the word on Savoie Mont Blanc's heritage and culture. It promotes dialogue between the region and contemporary creatives. On its website, it presents themed discovery trails around 200 special sites: Les Chemins du Baroque (on Baroque churches); Archipels d'altitude (on 20th-century ski resorts); Pierres fortes de Savoie (on forts); Terres des Alpes (on traditional Alpine living); Voyages autour de la table (on the culinary); and Les Chemins de l'hydroélectricité.



A SELECTION OF EXCITING EXHIBITIONS IN 2025



Berlin wall comes down. November 1989
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CHÂTEAU VOLTAIRE «Amies de cour, amies de cœur» 5 October 2024 - March 2025



This exhibition at Ferney reveals a little-known side to great 18th-century philosopher Voltaire, acting as confidant or even lover. An exhibition put together by the Société Voltaire, curator François Jacob and exhibition designer Jean-Louis Janin-Daviet. (01) www.chateau-ferney-voltaire.fr

THE CHÂTEAU D'AUBENAS is now home to a Centre d'Art Contemporain et du Patrimoine. Perched on its rocky outcrop, the medieval castle is reopening after seven years of restoration works. An architectural gem, it's been rejuvenated and boasts a contemporary arts centre with over 2,000m² devoted to contemporary art exhibitions. (07) www.lechateauaubenas.com

MUSÉE DE VALENCE JAUME PLENSA «ÊTRE LÀ» Until April 2025

Thirty years after its first invitation to Jaume Plensa, the Rhône-side city of Valence once again honours this artist, commissioning a permanent piece from him, a 4m work in stainless steel based on world alphabets, and putting on a special exhibition, Jaume Plensa. Être là, at the Musée de Valence - art et archéologie, featuring some 60 works by this internationally renowned sculptor and illustrator. (26) www.museeavalence.fr

REOPENING OF THE MUSÉE DAUPHINOIS GARDENS

The gardens of the Musée Dauphinois, listed as a French national monument and boasting unbeatable views of Grenoble and the Belledune Range, have been renovated for the first time since 1968. (38) <http://musees.isere.fr>

LE CORBUSIER NOS PIEDS D'ARGILE From 18 April to 25 January 2026 At the Site le Corbusier Église Saint-Pierre in Firminy.

Internationally renowned contemporary French designer Matali Crasset will explore various "life scripts" centred around questions of resilience and reparation, creating spaces for both generosity and thriftiness. (42) [https://sitelecorbusier.com](http://sitelecorbusier.com)

MUSÉE DE GRENOBLE MIRÓ'S LES TROIS BLEU STAYING ON AT THE MUSEUM Until 30 May 2025



This magnificent triptych by Miró came to the Musée de Grenoble last April, in the exhibition, Miró, Un Brasier de signes. La collection du Centre Pompidou. (38) www.museedegrenoble.fr

TERRE DE GÉANTS 2, MISSION MARMOTTE AT LA CHAPELLE NUMÉRIQUE

In this new virtual adventure at the Chapelle Numérique (or Digital Chapel) in Le Puy-en-Velay, a marmot in distress bursts in asking for help; you're then teleported on a mission to the four corners of the county of Haute-Loire! (43) www.chapelle-numerique.fr

13TH EDITION OF THE BIENNALE INTERNATIONALE DESIGN SAINT-ÉTIENNE

From 22 May to 6 July
Faced with the production challenges of the 21st century, how should designers prepare for the future? The 13th Biennale Internationale Design Saint-Étienne proposes answers. Focusing on this edition's theme, Ressource(s), présager demain, it'll present visitors with fascinating new objects created via exploratory design. With eight major exhibitions and the presentation of 135 projects, new generations of designers will take pride of place. (42) www.biennale-design.com

REOPENING OF THE MUSÉE D'ART MODERNE ET CONTEMPORAIN DE SAINT-ÉTIENNE MÉTROPOLE :

Responding to environmental considerations, 3,000m² of exhibition spaces have been carefully renovated at this major museum, to host an array of temporary exhibitions featuring international artists, focusing on socio-cultural, anthropological and narrative themes reflecting major concerns in contemporary artistic creativity. (42) [https://manc.saint-etienne.fr/fr](http://manc.saint-etienne.fr/fr)

LE MAUSA

The Musée d'Art Urbain et du Street Art is settling in Saint-Chamond from May 2025, in the converted Halle 07 of the Novaciéries eco-industrial site, promising a unique experience around urban and street art, displayed in this extraordinary former factory setting, covering 8,000m². Some 2,000m² will be dedicated to free temporary exhibitions; the remaining 6,000m² will welcome major (paying) exhibitions by internationally renowned artists. (42) [https://mausa.fr/](http://mausa.fr/)

VULCANIA



This major volcanology visitor centre at Saint-Ours-les-Roches is preparing Terre de Volcans, a space to immerse yourself in the world's volcanoes, while the new attraction Terre en Colère focuses on extreme natural events, in an immersive presentation... (63) www.vulcania.com

SENTIER JACQUEMARD

The Sentier Jacquemard trail features eight educational boards enabling visitors to explore Taninges, a little crossroads town in the Giffre Valley with enchanting historic centre and remarkable old houses. (74) [https://taninges.fr](http://taninges.fr)

EXHIBITION AT EVIAN'S PALAIS LUMIÈRE:

«PARIS - BRUXELLES, 1880-1914
L'EFFERVESCENCE DES VISIONS
ARTISTIQUES»
From 18 April to 4 January 2026.
This exhibition focuses on the major artistic movements that so marked Europe during the Belle Époque. (74) [https://ville-evian.fr/palais-lumiere/](http://ville-evian.fr/palais-lumiere/)

AN ALPINE ADVENTURE AROUND MEGÈVE

This mini expedition organized by Evolution 2 Megève starts with a climb in snowshoes via forests and crests to L'Alpette's summit, where huskies await. Once introduced to the dogs, embark on a husky trail. One hour's hiking later, an Alpine dinner is served at Le Pré Rosset. Lastly, spend the night in the high summer pastures on this fully immersive Alpine getaway! (74) [https://evolution2.com/megeve](http://evolution2.com/megeve)

CENTRE NATIONAL DU COSTUME DE SCÈNE «CHRISTIAN LACROIX ET LA SCÈNE» From 5 April to 4 January 2026



This exhibition in Moulins celebrates 40 years of Christian Lacroix's glittering career, presenting costumes designed by the couturier for clients across Europe, as well as drawings and archival material. Christian Lacroix's many contributions to the theatre world will be remembered via testimonials by collaborators, directors, set designers and workshops, for example that of the Comédie-Française and the Atelier Caraco. (03) [https://cnscs.fr/](http://cnscs.fr/)

LYON'S MUSÉE DES CONFLUENCES CELEBRATES ITS 10TH BIRTHDAY

Until 24 August 2025
To mark this anniversary, exceptional exhibitions will be put on in this extraordinary contemporary building. Lyon's Musée des Confluences will, for example, host the exhibition Le Temps d'un rêve, exploring the fascinating world of dreams through history and cultures, taking you on a journey between reality and the imaginary. (69) www.museedesconfluences.fr

RAYMOND DEPARDON, LE BONHEUR EST DANS L'IMAGE

From 1 May to 21 September 2025
Celebrating 60 years as a photographer
A major figure in French photography, Raymond Depardon has transmitted his sensitive artistic gaze via the lens over the past 60 years. From photo-reportage to portraits of rural people, from black and white images to colour, Raymond Depardon and his agency, Magnum Photos, will present a selection of works at La Chaise-Dieu Abbey. (43) www.chaisedieu.fr

THE TEMPLE TO MERCURY AT THE SUMMIT OF THE PUY DE DÔME

Unearthed at the end of the 19th century, this temple was the largest mountain shrine built in Roman Gaul. Up until now, its vestiges were hard to decipher, but both the French State and the county of Puy-de-Dôme have supported major restoration work to reveal more of the temple. On guided tours, you now enter the sanctuary to Mercury via a new trail, following in the footsteps of pilgrims climbing this volcano summit as early as the 2nd century AD. (63) www.clermontauvergnevolcans.com

GERGOVIE Just south of Clermont-Ferrand

Gaulish gastronomy honoured on 5 April!

This exhibition will provide insights into the culinary world of the Gaulish Arvernes tribe via archaeological, historical and sensory means. The event will cover the preparation of period food and the serving of typical meals, from the everyday to grand feasts, illustrating the social, cultural, economic and political significance of food. Also explained, the scientific methods used to reconstitute the culinary world of antiquity.

Travelling back through time

The Musée de Gergovie offers a visitor experience combining a guided tour with virtual reality on the site of Corent. This enables you to see more closely what life was like in this Gaulish town some 2,000 years ago. From spring 2025, a similar tour will be available at the famed site of Gergovie. Donning a VR headset, visitors will relive the battle between Vercingetorix and Caesar, even testing out Gaulish and Roman weapons. (63) [https://musee-gergovie.fr/](http://musee-gergovie.fr/)

OUR MOUNTAINS MOVING WITH THE TIMES



OUR MAJOR VALLEY LIFTS

Our major valley lifts offer efficient alternatives to the tricky roads up to our ski resorts. Rather like aerial metro lines, they connect villages rapidly, bringing them closer together, allowing easy access from the valley bottoms to the ski resorts above. They provide a great solution to the problems caused by too many vehicles coming up to our ski resorts, as well as encouraging people to arrive by train. They offer a comfortable, safe way to access our mountains while helping tackle environmental issues.

Among our best-known major ski lifts are: L'Eau d'Olle Express, its gondola linking Allemond to Oz-en-Oisans to then access L'Alpe d'Huez's ski area; L'Alpe Express, connecting the village of Huez to L'Alpe d'Huez; the Venosc gondola to Les Deux-Alpes; the cable car linking Bourg-Saint-Maurice to Les Arcs; the connection between Orelle and Val Thorens; and the line between Brides-les-Bains and Méribel.

NEW, HIGHLY UNUSUAL TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS AT SAINT-GERVAIS-MONT-BLANC!



Saint-Gervais Mont-Blanc has recently inaugurated two major new facilities that will greatly improve transport via public transport in the area, respecting the environment: L'Ascenseur des Thermes; and Le Valléen.

L'Ascenseur des Thermes is a ground-breaking project, unique in France. It operates on energy generated from waste water. It enables users to be transported from Le Fayet's thermal spa gardens up to the centre of Saint-Gervais in sustainable fashion, for free and fast! It can carry a maximum of 16 people at a time. This lift reflects the town's commitment to sustainable transport. (74) www.saintgervais.com

Le Valléen

This is a new gondola linking Le Fayet train station to the centre of Saint-Gervais, making access to Le Bettex ski resort so much easier (via the further L'Alpin facility). It's part of a series of initiatives aiming to improve sustainable transport. Le Valléen can carry up to 1,600 people an hour. Such new infrastructure is proof of Saint-Gervais's ambition to encourage environmentally friendly tourism, answering the needs of both locals and visitors. (74) www.saintgervais.com



FLOCON VERT, AN ACCREDITATION SCHEME FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SKI RESORTS

The Flocon Vert scheme has been developed by the association Mountain Riders both to support ski areas in increasing sustainable development initiatives and to enable those who care about the mountains to see clearly which destinations are acting responsibly. Now, 29 mountain destinations in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes have received accreditation for their positive actions. The Flocon Vert scheme represents a new way of considering tourism and local life in the mountains, focusing on sustainable values.



A HIGHLY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY: ARCHI SKI

Where architecture meets skiing, as you head out to explore Les Arcs. Enjoy a mix of skiing and culture, guided around by an accredited tour guide and a ski instructor. These archi ski tours enable the curious-minded to live an adventure that goes far beyond an ordinary descent of the slopes. Every bend produces surprises, providing fleeting glimpses of extraordinary facades in unique settings. This all makes for a fun way to learn about the architectural principles employed in the creation of Les Arcs, the buildings so carefully inserted into the steep slopes. (73) www.lesarcs.com

PROMOTING while PROTECTING



OUR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL NATURAL PARKS



PRESS TRIP IDEA:

Rendez-vous in the midst of the Parc Naturel Régional des Bauges... also recognized by UNESCO as the Massif des Bauges World Geopark. Explore the range's unspoilt facets and visit cheese-making farms, the Lac du Bourget and the Îles du Chéran outdoor leisure base, plus much more besides.

Our mountains provide a great sense of freedom and places that encourage well-being, in summer as in winter.

Explore them to the max, from the summit of Mont Blanc crowning the northern French Alps to the Auvergne's five ranges, with, in between, the likes of the Ain's ranges, the Cévennes, the high Ardèche plateaux, and the Diois and Baronnies in the southern Drôme.

Our mountains are living spaces that, as well as delighting visitors, are also areas where agricultural and local business activities continue day-to-day and where fragile natural zones need protecting. Many initiatives have been put in place and need promoting, as they underpin the transformations our partners in the mountains are bringing about.

Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes counts 10 Parcs Naturels Régionaux that preserve exceptional heritage as well as protecting traditional ways of life. Created around environmentally friendly projects, they put to the fore natural assets and local know-how. These exceptional tourist destinations are renowned for their landscapes, biodiversity and tourist attractiveness. Our region also boasts two national parks, covering the Vanoise and Écrins Ranges, dedicated to protecting and promoting both their natural and cultural heritage. These areas encourage visitors to explore and to get away from busy daily life, contributing greatly to our region's image and identity.

PASTO KEZAKO. WHAT'S THAT ?

The website to help you better understand pastoralism's role in our mountains and the activities it involves, in order to adopt good practices, so that everyone can make the most of our mountains harmoniously. It features presentations by farmers and shepherds, plus specific information, e.g. how to act when encountering sheepdogs protecting mountain herds. www.pasto-kezako.fr

MAP PATOU

- an interactive map to locate herds protected by specialist guard dogs. As wolves have once again become predators (among others) in our mountains, today, guard dogs provide one of the most efficient ways to protect the herds. More and more of these dogs are being used, an estimated 7,000 to 8,000 now dotted around the Alps. Their presence raises a number of questions and apprehensions from visitors practising outdoor activities in our ranges. The aim of Map Patou is to inform users of the location of protected herds, at the same time making people aware of how to act if they encounter a guard dog. www.pasto-kezako.fr



ON YOUR E-BIKE TO EXPLORE HERITAGE AND CRAFT WITH CARTUSIANA

Concocting trails easily adapted according to weather conditions, even snow, Cartusiana guides visitors keen to enjoy the great outdoors to explore the Chartreuse Range by e-bike from St Pierre de Chartreuse to St Pierre d'Entremont, combining cultural discoveries with culinary ones. En route, enjoy views of such splendid local sites as the ruined Montbel Castle. You take breaks to stop at a farm or maybe a craft brewery, so enjoying a tasty pause or two along the way! (38 / 73) www.cartusiana.com

COUNTRY HIKING AS A FAMILY, WITH A NIGHT ON A FARM

Enjoy a two-day trek with the family, taking in the fine country air in the Monts du Pilat Range. Stay on a farm, seeing the cows being milked and more. Day 1: From Bourg-Argental, hike 9km to the village of Burdignes, on the border of three French counties, the Loire, Ardèche and Haute-Loire. Arriving at the Ferme-Auberge Linossier, watch the evening milking. Enjoy dinner at the inn, and accommodation on a B&B basis here. Day 2: Set off on an 11km hike taking you back to the little town of Bourg-Argental. (42) www.pilat-tourisme.fr

DISCOVER TRACES OF A LONG-FORGOTTEN SEA!

The Parc Naturel Régional des Baronnies Provençales is recognized for its unique geological heritage. Its territories bear witness to the sedimentary layers laid down during the Jurassic and Cretaceous Periods, telling a geological story over 150 million years old! Today, the area attracts many geologists as an excellent site for research. In fact, two out of nine world-rated geological references in France are located here. A third, close to Montbrun-les-Bains, is in the process of being recognized. In 2024, the first two were officially celebrated by the laying of a clou d'or (or golden nail). Now, explanations at Le Serre de l'Ane at La Charce and at the Col de Pré Guitard, a pass at Arnanon, help explain various chapters in our planet's history! (26) www.baronnies-provencales.fr

IN SEARCH OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Our region is an El Dorado for those seeking exhilarating experiences! Our mountains, valleys and wider countryside can be explored on foot or by bike, or then by trekking through them... in a gentle, respectful way, treasuring the landscapes. Whether a seasoned sportsperson looking to take on Alpine passes or a holidaymaker simply considering a nice walk beside water, you can find what you're looking for.



- Across the year, **49%** of stays in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes involve outdoor activities.
- **2,6 million** cyclists used the ViaRhôna cycle route in 2022, generating almost €43 million euros.
- **No. 1 French region** by number of sports instructors.
- Producing **24%** of high-level French athletes.
- The average tourist in the region tries out **at least three** outdoor activities, including cycling...

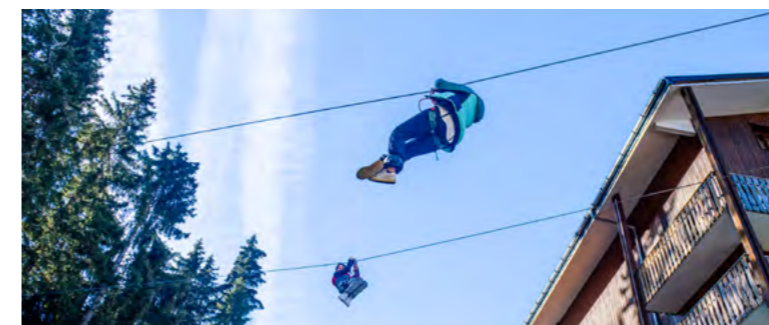
REOPENING OF THE GORGES DE CHOUVIGNY ROCK-CLIMBING SITE

The roads leading to these gorges' three rock-climbing areas have been laid out afresh and made safer. Plus, visitor areas have been set up, with parking spots, an information point, a picnic area and a place to launch canoes, all encouraging outdoor activities in the midst of this listed natural conservation area. (03) <https://fme03.fr/2024/>

O'RENTEES

The company O'rentees is stamping its new identity by aiming to provide premium, sustainable rental experiences for all manner of outdoor adventures. This marks a key stage in its development. Now, it's able to rent out top-quality, durable ski clothing, camping material, tents and cycling equipment, delivering it all across France, catering to all manner of outdoor trekking adventures. (74) www.orentees.com

GIANT ZIPWIRES FOR TWO!



Get your adrenaline fix in Valfréjus in the Haute Maurienne Vanoise, embarking on a unique experience in Europe! Two of you launch yourselves along a series of six giant parallel zipwires, 100m in the air and 200m long. Try out this jaw-dropping adventure above the Charmaix Gorge, flying through snow-covered pines. Get your thrills in Savoie's very cool outdoors! (73) <https://hiver.parcdesanges.fr/>

RANDO GOURMANDE

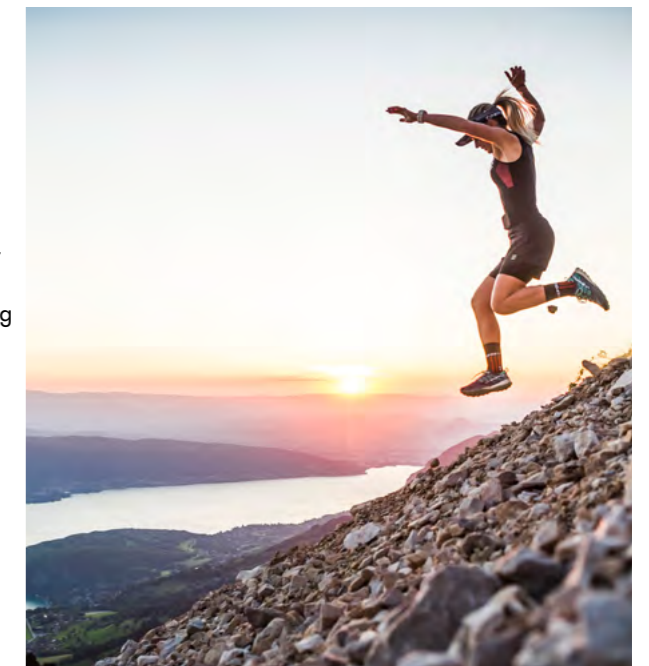
GR® de Pays La Fourme des Hautes Chaumes. This spectacular hiking trail through the Monts du Forez offers unbeatable views. To the west, spot the Cantal and Sancy Mountains, while out east, the Alps and even Mont Blanc are visible on clear days. On a four-day circuit, starting from the Col de la Loge pass, cross the picturesque villages of Chalmazel, Sauvain, Saint-Bonnet-le-Coureau, Lérygneux and Roche, as well as the extensive plateaux of the Hautes-Chaumes du Forez. Learn about living heritage in these parts, in the form of the production of Fourme de Montbrison, a local, cylindrical cow's milk cheese with an orange rind and unique blue-cheese flavour. (42) www.loiretourisme.com

TRAIL RUNNING, A PHENOMENON GAINING PLENTY OF FANS

The trail-running market has become one of the biggest sporting trends of the last few years. Combining personal challenges, the quest for a healthier lifestyle and getting closer to nature, trail running has been gaining more and more fans. At European level, the ultimate reference is the Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc (UTMB) starting from Chamonix and celebrating its 22nd edition in 2025. Let's not forget La Saintélyon either, France's longest-established trail run, which celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2024.

Our region boasts some 30+ areas dedicated to trail running.

- 867 trail runs organized in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes in 2023
 - 20% of the trail runs in France are in Auvergne- Rhône-Alpes (7,268 in total across France)
 - 31 dedicated trail-running areas, resorts offering trail-on piste® or permanent trail-running circuits dotted around Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.
- (Source : Fédération Française d'Athlétisme – 2023)



PRESS TRIP TRAIL RUNNING IDEA

Looking for a new experience? Test out the Trail des Baronnies en Drôme Provençale area, tackling a selection of the 21 safe, signposted circuits. An added attraction – the stimulating training workshops held in the midst of the Parc Naturel Régional des Baronnies Provençales, an area hosting many competitions. <https://espacestrail.run/fr>

AUVERGNE-RHÔNE-ALPES CYCLING TERRITORY PAR EXCELLENCE



DEDICATED PRESS PACKS

Cycling: www.inauvergnerrhonealpes.com

Voie Bleue : www.inauvergnerrhonealpes.com

ViaRhôna : www.inauvergnerrhonealpes.com

PRESS TRIP IDEA

Combine a couple of sensational cycle routes, using the link between ViaRhôna and La Belle Via for a bike trek leading you beside lakes, vineyards, orchards and mountains. The breathtaking summits of the Jura, the Bauges, the Mont-Blanc Range, the Belledonne, the Chartreuse and the Vercors serve as backdrop! Start from Chanaz (74), finish at Valence (26).

France is the second-most-popular cycling tourism destination in the world, just after Germany. By 2030, it aims to reach No.1 spot.

Some 22 million French people go cycling during their holidays, making cycling tourism the biggest type of trekking in the country, ahead of hiking.

Cycling tourism generates some €4.2 billion a year in economic activity - a cycling tourist is estimated to spend €68 per day, as against €55 for a classic tourist.

The Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region lends itself so well to cycling adventures, from the Auvergne's volcanoes out west to the highest Alps in the east, so get on your bike, with family, among friends, on your own, or as part of a team!

A REGION FOR CYCLING COMPETITIONS

Ours is a great region to explore by bike, what with the many cycle routes crisscrossing it, but it's also a major region for cycling competitions, for example hosting the Tour de l'Ain and the Critérium du Dauphiné, as well as many stages on the Tour de France, not to mention further cycle races. New talent is nurtured in the region, with great cyclists developing here, such as Romain Bardet from Brioude, Rémi Cavagna from Clermont-Ferrand, or the famed Julian Alaphilippe.

FRANCE'S LEADING REGION FOR MANUFACTURING BIKES

the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region encourages technological innovation. It's home to the MAD-CARA Active Cluster, gathering together parties involved in active mobility, aiming to bring home cycling manufacturing and to create a bicycle made 100 % in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes. www.laregionduvelo.fr



WWW.LAREGIONDUVELO.FR AN UNMISSABLE WEBSITE

FIND THE BEST CYCLE ROUTES IN AUVERGNE-RHÔNE-ALPES

Road bikes, mountain bikes, gravel bikes, electric bikes... bike trips, major cycling treks, mountain passes by bike... find out about all the cycle routes and cycling circuits through our region's 12 counties, or départements. More than a simple website, this is a treasure trove of cycling ideas and includes GPS tracks, descriptions, tourist resources and practical information of all kinds. For each cycle trail featured, using this website, you'll find it so much easier to set off by bike.

The website is geared towards regular or occasional users looking for ideas for cycling outings within a close radius of where they're staying, but also towards seasoned cyclists, with information covering the most iconic cycle routes crossing Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes. So, you can find out all about tackling our mythical mountain passes that feature large in the Tour de France, or then major bike trekking routes such as ViaRhôna or the Grande Traversée du Massif Central à VTT (on mountain bike).

To date, some 700 cycle trails are covered. For each, find details on points of interest on or near the cycle path: bike rental companies; sites to visit; places to swim; cultural and natural heritage; local producers... With a mobile, cyclists can access each trail without wifi if they've already downloaded the GPS tracks or the descriptive PDF files.

www.laregionduvelo.fr



GRAVEL BIKES, ON TREND!

Midway between a classic road bike and a mountain bike, gravel bikes have so many features to appeal to cyclists setting out on cycling adventures.

THE GTMC À VTT

The gravel bike version avoids this route's most technically demanding stretches, providing a well-adapted option. So, set out confidently on this discovery tour of the Massif Central by gravel bike, taking in the Morvan's mountains and lakes, and the Auvergne's volcanoes. It takes you along trails, paths and quiet country roads with little motorized traffic. www.la-gtmc.com

DES P'TITES ROUTES DU SOLEIL®

There's the Route des Grandes Alpes Gravel linking Thonon-les-Bains to Nice via 850km through our highest Alps, then there's the parallel P'tites Routes du Soleil®, sticking to the lower Alpine foothills, the Chablais, Chartreuse, Vercors, Diois and Baronnies Ranges, great for gravel bikes. www.francevelotourisme.com

ESPACE CYCLOSPORT GRAVEL

The Fédération Française de Cyclisme has set up this accreditation scheme to highlight areas that offer high-quality, varied, safe gravel bike routes. <https://territoires.ffc.fr>

GOOD GRAVEL BIKE AREAS DOTTED AROUND THE REGION:

- Around our section of the Loire River, featuring easy, accessible bike trails through the Forez, beside the banks of the Loire, and from the Roannais's plains to its mountains;
- In the Ardèche, around the Pays de Saint-Félicien area;
- In the Vercors, around Villard de Lans and Corrençon.

<https://cyclospportgravel.ffc.fr/>

LA GRAVE GRAVEL

in the county of Cantal, on 28 and 29 June: a gravel bike trek starting from Allanche, getting cyclists to explore the steppes of the Plateau du Cézallier. Tackle the 140km over one or two days. www.lagravegravel.com



OUR GREENWAYS (VOIES VERTES)

In Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, the Region is backing cycling!

Covering local as well as large-scale projects such as ViaRhôna or the Via Allier, our Region has, since 2016, invested €45 million to support the creation of greenways. Now, almost 500km of these véloroutes are up and running, for the benefit of tourists and locals alike. From now up to 2028, the Region is continuing to develop further stretches, with the aim of creating some 1,000km of such cycling infrastructure, for a dedicated budget of €130 million. Several new greenways have already been identified for development, notably the Via 5 Lacs. (Source Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)

www.auvergnerhonealpes-tourisme.com

LA BELLE VIA

Meandering across the counties, or départements, of Haute-Savoie, Savoie, Isère and Drôme on its 280km journey, La Belle Via offers an alternative to ViaRhôna. This cycle route is accessible to all levels, crossing Alpine Valleys with scarcely any shifts in altitude and running beside major lakes such as Lac du Bourget and Lac d'Annecy. La Belle Via is great for a cycling trek mixing nature, culture and the culinary. Mont Blanc features large, but the smaller ranges of the Jura, the Bauges, the Chartreuse, the Belledonne and the Vercors also provide magnificent backdrops.

www.francevelotourisme.com

LA DOLCE VIA

This gentle cycle route leads you along 90km, through some of the Ardèche's finest unspoiled natural areas. Tranquillity reigns along La Dolce Via. With its connection to ViaRhôna, from there, you can even cycle down as far as the Med. You can tackle La Dolce Via by gravel bike as well as by mountain bike and most of the way, you're separated from motorized traffic, plus shifts in altitude never exceed 3%. Fans of cycling tourism will be in their element!

www.dolce-via.com

Along La Dolce Via: the Lodges de Praly at Les Ollières stand just 50m from the cycle route! They make a perfect starting point for exploring the Eyrieux Valley, by bike, or then hiking. Choose from four lodges: an unusual Chalet at the top of the grounds; l'Escale, in the midst of the garden; le Pavillon, shaded by an umbrella pine; and l'Appart, in the main house. This is a welcoming address in the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional des Monts d'Ardèche. www.leslodesdepraly.fr

HAUTE-LOIRE, BOASTING NEW CYCLING TRAILS

For keen cyclists, the county of Haute-Loire is packed with beautiful winding roads and passes through the Velay area's volcanoes. There are cycle paths suitable for families, or ones involving major shifts in altitude. Now, 43 new cycling circuits are available to try out via the app Rando(s) Haute-Loire, helping the département gain recognition as an Espace Cyclospor, an accreditation awarded by the Fédération Française de Cyclisme. www.myhauteloire.fr

ESCAPADES NATURE&SENS

For organized cycling trips combining nature and heritage Tackle the southern part of the Via Allier, the Auvergne's main cycle route, on electric bike. Starting from the town of Brioude, explore character-filled villages: Auzon; Lavoûte-Chilhac; Chilhac; Chanteuges... Make the most of this route beside the Allier River, known as one of the last rivers for wild salmon in Europe, full of landscapes that will fill you with wonder. (43) www.lautre-chemin.com

RIDING BACK IN TIME!

Getting on your bike, step back in time, cycling through the Sioule Valley in the county of Allier. Enjoy exploring this warm, welcoming country area. (03) www.valdesioule.com

ADOpte UN COL

29 June and 27 July 2025

Starting from Mieussy in Haute-Savoie, this cycling event involves two popular climbs to the Col de la Ramaz, up roads temporarily closed to traffic. The pass, at 1,600m in altitude, is renowned for its role in the Tour de France. The event is sociable and relatively relaxing, without the pressure of a race. It's a joy for amateur cyclists, roller-skiers and others on unidentified rolling objects! (74) www.prazdelys-sommand.com



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA TRAILS

Several Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage routes cross the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region.

Among exceptional treks through our region, the Compostela routes are great to tackle, allowing walkers to follow iconic pilgrimage paths used since the Middle Ages. Whether embarking on the journey of a lifetime, enjoying the simple pleasure of walking, or for a sporting challenge, these routes take you through exhilarating landscapes dotted with UNESCO World Heritage Site monuments. The nodal point, Le Puy-en-Velay, is European capital of the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage routes; you might use it for the start or end of your hike.



PRESS TRIP IDEA

For a taste of pilgrimage

Tackle a portion of the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage trail along the GR®65 national hiking path west of Le Puy-en-Velay, starting from Saint-Jeures. This 21km-long stage leads you through typical volcanic tops (sucs) in the Haute-Loire, taking in iconic sites, artistic creations and splendid views.

A gentler, 19km stage takes you on to Le Puy-en-Velay, European capital of Santiago de Compostela trails, several meeting here.

<https://geneve-lepuy.chemindesaintjacques.com>

ZOOMING IN ON THE VIA GEBENNENSIS

(Voie de Genève or Geneva Way)

From Lake Geneva, the route follows the Rhône's course, crossing a part of Haute-Savoie with great views over Geneva and the Jura Mountains. After Yenne, the trail enters the county of Isère, where historic villages abound. The Rhône allows itself its last meanders as the mountains of the Parc Naturel Régional du Pilat come into view. Then the vineyards and orchards give way to the plateaux and pastures of the Vivarais region. Volcanic tops and forests mark your entrance into the Velay area, before you reach the European capital of the Santiago de Compostela trails. (GR® 65: Genève, Le Puy-en-Velay)

CLUNY AND LYON ROUTES TO LE PUY-EN-VELAY

Starting from Cluny in Burgundy, the trail guides you over the Beaujolais hills and meanders through the Côtes Roannaises vineyards before reaching the Monts du Forez. Or, starting from the foot of Fourvière Basilica in Lyon, the alternative trail leads you across the Monts du Lyonnais, then those of the Forez. At Montbrison, these two alternative routes meet. That's because the GR®765 proposes a choice to hikers: Cluny to Le Puy-en-Velay via a more westerly route; or Lyon to Le Puy-en-Velay via a more easterly one.

L'OREILLE DU PÈLERIN

This gîte d'étape is a hikers' hostel in the county of Rhône, at Saint-Jacques-des-Arrêts, a village perfectly located at the point where the Santiago de Compostela trail and the St Francis of Assisi trail intersect. Pilgrims and other hikers sleep in charming wooden chalets. (69) www.oreillepelerin.fr

FENÊTRES SUR LE PAYSAGE

This is an artistic trail along the Santiago de Compostela routes, begun back in 2016. The project continues to evolve, with the creation of a series of art works that double as refuges, featuring temporary artistic events and pieces that add to the landscapes you cross.

Along the Geneva Way, two such art-refuges have been set up.

The one at Queyrières in Haute-Loire is by artist Constance Guisset.



The art-refuge entitled Suchaillou welcomes hikers for a night, providing them with an exceptional artistic experience in the middle of nature. It consists of a troglodytic shelter exploiting local geology in a landscape of rounded volcanic tops (sucs). (43) www.derrierelehublot.fr

At Andilly in Haute-Savoie, Paul-Emmanuel Loiret's art-refuge is a shelter for pilgrims and hikers perched on Mont Sion. As to artist Alberto Ruce, he's created a diptych on the village walls, its story focusing on what's passed down the generations and what the Santiago trail evokes for him. (74)

In the Parc Naturel Régional du Pilat, two artists, Eric Tabuchi & Nelly Monnier, have designed a triptych of works in the Miracle ! collection along the GR®65 hiking trail, in the parishes of Malleval, Bourg-Argental and Saint-Sauveur-en-Rue. Their creations incite hikers to stop to discover the Pilat's landscapes.

At Saint-Julien-Chapteuil in Haute-Loire, with Le Gratte-Cieux, entry phone buzzers for a 30-storey block set off recordings about the Maisons d'Assemblées (village religious schools) in the Velay, connecting past, present and future. (43) www.derrierelehublot.fr



Partir-ici.fr
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

YOUR ONLINE GUIDE TO LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE ADVENTURES

Featuring over 4,500 activities and 300 accommodation providers, [Partir-ici.fr](https://partir-ici.fr) is an online platform guiding you to environmentally-friendly tourist options that support traditional communities across Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes. Community-minded, this guide highlights sustainable initiatives, in terms of activities, events, restaurants and accommodation providers, also posting unique diaries by local guides. Promoting environmental respect, support for the local economy and the creation of links between locals and visitors, [Partir-ici.fr](https://partir-ici.fr) encourages a different style of travel, as well as a better spread of tourism across the year.
www.partir-ici.fr



GOLD-PANNING AND MINERALOGY OUTING WITH TOULABA OUTDOOR



TOUT UN FROMAGE WORKSHOP

What could be more natural, even ancestral, in our mountain regions than the wish to transform goat's milk into cheese? That means of course learning the necessary know-how, a skill that l'Irmande likes to teach even to young children. On a workshop for families organized at the Grange de l'Irmande, enjoy learning about mountain agriculture and the traditions passed down the generations.

(74) <https://partir-ici.fr>

Venture out on an entertaining mission, in the shoes of a gold prospector, feet in the water, armed with a sieve, seeking out your first specks of gold! The task proves relaxing, spending time beside a refreshing river, learning about this unusual activity.
(63) <https://partir-ici.fr>

LA GRANGE AUX MILLE SAVEURS

With B&B rooms set around a renovated farm in a calm, rustic setting. In the adjoining botanical garden, a profusion of plants and small and berry fruit thrive.
(42) <https://partir-ici.fr>

DISCOVERY WORKSHOP: BLOW AND SCULPT YOUR OWN GLASS OBJECT



In their workshop cum boutique, Anne and Vincent will teach you about their craft as artistic glassmakers and encourage you to blow your own Christmas bauble or to sculpt a flower. Learn all about the skills involved in glassmaking.
(01) <https://partir-ici.fr>

LA CADOLE DU VIGNERON

Surrounded by vines, with unbeatable views across the Beaujolais area and, on very clear days, as far as the Mont Blanc Range, this modern cabin in the vines (or cadole) immerses you in the Beaujolais wine world for a night or more, recalling the old-fashioned cadoles dotted around the vineyards, offering shelter to workers in times gone by.
(69) <https://partir-ici.fr>

AND MUCH MORE BESIDES!
<https://partir-ici.fr>

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More information:
www.auvergnerrhonealpes-tourisme.com/ensemble-en-vacances-en-auvergne-rhone-alpes/



GUIDE TO ACCESSIBLE HOLIDAYS IN AUVERGNE-RHÔNE-ALPES

Following the publication of a guide to accessible holidays in France in 2024, Editions Michelin are joining forces with Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Tourisme to publish a guide to accessible holidays specifically in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region. This practical, inclusive guide will feature the best sites and activities for people with reduced mobility, offering reliable information on levels of accessibility and promoting the greatest degree of autonomy. Publication due June 2025.

TACKLING MOUNTAIN CYCLE ROUTES IN THE HAUTE TARENTEISE VALLEY ON A TANDEM

The Communauté de Communes de Haute Tarentaise provides an electric tandem for free for a select few. It's reserved for people with impaired vision or mobility problems, to be used along with another person. For starters, such pairs of cyclists can tackle the 20km of safe greenway linking Bourg-Saint-Maurice (at an altitude of 813m) to Aime (altitude 670m), riding beside the Isère River. (73) www.hautetarentaise.fr

THE TRAMWAY DU MONT-BLANC ACCESSIBLE FROM SAINT-GERVAIS'S BRAND-NEW TRAIN STATION

France's highest rack railway provides a nostalgic, timeless train journey up high to discover the splendid Alpine landscapes around Mont Blanc. It can now take wheelchair users on board all its trains. Access to this service has been made much easier for people with reduced mobility using the Gare de Saint-Gervais; this station has undergone works to improve accessibility, in terms of parking, toilets, snack bar and trained staff. The company is committed to making the journey accessible to as many handicapped people as possible. The Gare de Saint-Gervais is the first station on this exceptional line to have been upgraded, but the rest are set to be renovated. (74) www.montblancnaturalresort.com

CHROMOSOME

For a lunch creating links between communities

The restaurant Chromosome in Saint-Etienne provides guests with a warm atmosphere. And it integrates people with Down's Syndrome into the workplace. Table service is ensured by Down's adults supervised by volunteers. In the kitchen, chef Patricia, plus one handicapped helper and a volunteer together create a single menu every weekday. Enjoy this wonderful restaurant for a lunch between Mondays and Fridays.

(42) <https://chromosome-saint-etienne.fr>

NEW ACCOMMODATION AWARDED TOURISME & HANDICAP ACCREDITATION



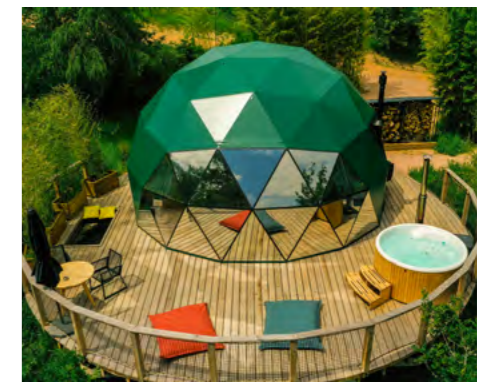
LE GITE DE L'ESPINASSE



Adrien, a sheep farmer, along with his partner Fanny, has tastefully renovated a typical Bourbonnais house in the parish of Bourbon-l'Archambault, a few kilometres from town. Those keen on nature and tranquillity will be delighted by this charming place. It has one room accessible for the four main types of disability, accordingly awarded accreditation. (03) www.gites-de-france.com

LE DÔME ORION IN THE AUVERGNE

Le Dôme Orion in the village of Cunhat has been conceived to provide a unique experience. With one side made of glass, from your bed, you can take in the starry skies above the wooded landscape. Enjoy a night with all the comforts provided in this dome awarded Tourisme & Handicap accreditation for the four main types of disability. The handicapped can drive right up to the dome, a parking spot provided in front of this ecolodge. A protective film placed on the windows protect against UV rays and, for the light-sensitive, against excessive luminosity. (63) www.boisdeluna.fr



INITIATIVES FOR YOUNGSTERS



OUR MOUNTAINS MADE AFFORDABLE FOR ALL

Encouraging young people to discover skiing and other winter sports in the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region: partnerships, financing and innovative initiatives.

This initiative enables young people to discover winter sports in our region via:

- help from the ANCV to finance up to 80% of the price of a break (up to a top limit of €250 per person per calendar year);
- accommodation deals;
- advice on how to choose a ski resort, activities, etc, wisely...

<https://depart1825.com/nos-sejours/>

Adding an extra €50 by way of support (same criteria, via the Essentiem endowment fund), our Agency continues to spur on young people to try winter sports in our mountains by helping them take the plunge, financially, on average covering 87% of the cost of a break. Plus, Domaines Skiables de France offers the first group ski lesson for free. Some six French ski schools (ESF) as well as partner ski areas support these incentives to try out winter sports, meaning that a great many elements have been put in place to make a break in a ski resort affordable for a great many youngsters.

www.essentiem.org

more informations:

www.auvergnerhonealpes-tourisme.com/
auvergne-rhone-alpes-destination-juniors

AUVERGNE-SIDE EDUCATIONAL TOURS

designed to enrich youngsters' experiences of the Auvergne via history, culture and nature. Each tour is carefully planned to offer a unique, fascinating, educational discovery.

A trip to the top of the highest volcano in the Chaîne des Puys

The Puy de Dôme, a high point for green tourism, provides stunning views of the volcanoes that make up the Chaîne des Puys Range and down on the Faille de Limagne. Among the 80 volcanoes here that form part of one UNESCO World Heritage Site, only the Puy de Dôme is accessible to all thanks to an electric rack train, the Panoramique des Dômes, whisking you up to the summit, at 1,465m, in 15 mins, affording remarkable views on a geological ensemble that's one of a kind on the planet. (63) www.panoramiquedesdomes.fr

The Lemptégy Volcano

Located right in the midst of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Chaîne des Puys - Faille de Limagne, the Lemptégy Volcano provides youngsters with startling volcanic and geological discoveries. Various types of tour are possible, depending on age. (63) www.auvergne-volcan.com

Le Château de Muroi

Perched on a rocky promontory in the heart of the Sancy Range, the Château de Muroi is an exceptional building, both for its setting and its architecture. Here, young and old alike can learn about the daily life of 15th-century lord, Guillaume de Muroi. What with figures in costume, spaces with evocative displays, parts where period living is brought back to life and many educational workshops, youngsters will be transported back to medieval times. (63) www.muroichateau.com



SCHOOL OUTINGS

FARMING, NATURE, ECOLOGY & COOPERATION

Enjoy a unique experience, getting close to the animals on this organic farm, and seeing professionals putting into practice and transmitting the values of ecological living, contented sobriety and cooperation. Participants learn to cooperate with others, with nature, with themselves... to try and create a better future. These educational, participatory events are inclusive and encourage participants to discover all about the cycle of life and its complexity. (38) www.iseredrome-juniors.fr

THE CHARTREUSE FOREST AND ITS DIFFERENT LIVELIHOODS

Combining a naturalist's approach to the forest to better understand its ecosystem with encounters with stakeholders in the area, such as craftspeople, hunters, foresters and farmers, this stay will get children to think about how everyone should use the forest in the best possible ways. (38) www.iseredrome-juniors.fr

PREHISTORY TRIP

Spending six days at Vassieux-en-Vercors, pupils will be exposed to both history and prehistory as they take part in activities linked to the local heritage. A trip that's suitable for children from ages 6 to 15. This educational stay will captivate young minds, notably thanks to the cultural activities focusing on prehistory.

(38) www.iseredrome-juniors.fr

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING CLASSES

This trip to the Haute Maurienne will immerse pupils fully in the wintery Alpine world. On the programme, cross-country skiing classes, snowshoe activities and orienteering sessions, with briefings in the classroom followed by outdoor trails. Pupils can also try out a biathlon, shooting using laser guns. 5 days / 4 nights for primary school and early secondary school pupils.

(73) www.savoie-haute-savoie-juniors.com

MOUNTAINS AND SENSATIONS

This holiday based around outdoor sports and the discovery of the mountain environment takes place in the heart of the county of Haute-Savoie, a perfect learning ground. Participants can try rock-climbing and mountain biking, as well as spending a magical night in a mountain refuge, helping develop their independence, their team spirit and an ability to rise to a challenge, all in breathtaking natural surroundings.

6 days/5 nights, for secondary school pupils (74) www.savoie-haute-savoie-juniors.com

NATURE'S MUSIC

Silence? Well, not really! Being taught to listen to and observe the natural world, participants will pick up on a whole variety of sounds and ambiances. On this break, children can explore sound in a fun, moving, conscious way, learning to interpret what they can hear. 2 days/1 night, from primary to early secondary school.

(73) www.savoie-haute-savoie-juniors.com

HOLIDAY CAMPS

SNOW RIDER



Snowboarding every day. What could be better? Participants are accompanied down the slopes by qualified instructors and divided into groups according to level. Teenagers will see improvements every day, having fun crisscrossing Le Grand-Bornand's ski area, with its magnificent views over the Aravis Range.

8 days / 7 nights in 74 (Haute-Savoie), for 13/17 year olds

(74) www.savoie-haute-savoie-juniors.com

P'TIT PÂTISSIER



Cooking is child's play! It's a joy for the little ones to taste and hand out their own culinary creations. First, making their cakes, they can enjoy mixing, kneading, buttering the dish, putting it in the oven, keeping an eye on the cooking time... This Patouille summer camp will bring out the talent of budding little chefs! 8 days / 7 nights, for 4/6 year olds.

(73) www.savoie-haute-savoie-juniors.com

TRAPPERS IN THE ALPS

Budding trappers can learn all about living in the mountains, building huts for a forest camp, cooking over a camp fire and sleeping in a tent. Also on the programme: llama walks; zipwire descents; an introduction to walking with huskies; an orienteering run; feeding the animals at an educational farm; and sociable evenings chatting around the fire at the end of action-packed days. 7 days/6 nights, for 7/12 year-olds.

(74) www.savoie-haute-savoie-juniors.com



PRESS TRIP IDEA

Tempted by a little well-being and relaxation break in one of our thermal spa resorts?

THERMAL SPA RESORTS AND THE QUEST FOR FULL HEALTH

THE CONCEPT BEHIND STATIONS THERMALES DE PLEINE SANTÉ

In their unspoiled settings, our region's 23 thermal spa stations have major helpful elements to contribute to the societal benefits of preventive medicine and revitalizing breaks. Their main focus is on a preventive approach for a clientele in good health.

From the Alps to the Auvergne, via Drôme and Ardèche, certain of these destinations, namely Aix-les-Bains, Brides-les-Bains, Châtelguyon, Le Mont-Dore, Vals-les-Bains and Vichy, have committed to an initiative aiming at pleine santé, full health. These thermal spa resorts offer experiences combining thermal treatments, physical activities and workshops.

Discover a range of full health stays combining enjoyment, relaxation and preventive health measures, as well as learning to adopt a healthier lifestyle over the longer term, taking care of yourself in order to enjoy life to the full.

THERMES DE LA BOURBOULE, THE RENOVATED VERSION!



After three years of renovation works, Les Grands Thermes de La Bourboule will be showing off, in 2025, year of their 150th anniversary, their rejuvenated grand architectural spaces, marked by light, respecting the original, but with new premium services now on offer for guests to enjoy a unique experience here. Les Grands Thermes will provide a wonderful setting for relishing multi-sensory thermal spa treatments. From July on, a special spa package will be available catering to parents, grandparents and grandchildren at the same time. (63) www.grandsthermes-bourboule.com

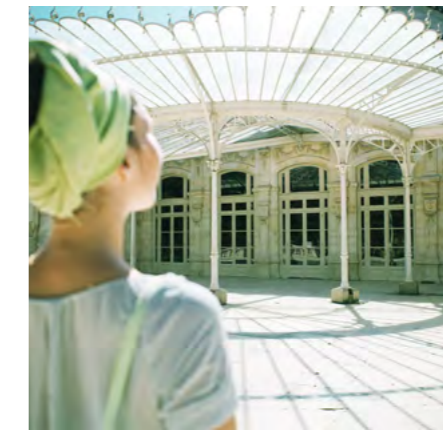
THE CENTRE THERMO- LUDIQUE AT THE THERMES DE CHAUDES-AIGUES GETS A MAKEOVER

Work has started up again here, for a reopening planned for this year, featuring the embellishment of all the pools, new jacuzzis and an ice bath, plus games for children. Called the Thermes de Caleden, they'll cater to a clientele in search of an authentic stay and relaxation away from the crowds. (15) www.caleden.com

A NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR THE DOMAINE DE MARLIOZ !

This Nuxe spa has been entirely renovated and will open in July, with a large pool for entertaining activities, some 30 in total, plus a sauna, a hammam, and an outdoor pool providing water at 36°C, along with unbeatable views! In addition, there'll be 17 hydrotherapy treatment cabins, along with five new Nuxe treatment cabins, decorated with features inspired by nature's four elements, earth, wind, fire... and water! (73) www.domainedemarlioz.com

A MAKEOVER FOR VICHY, QUEEN OF FRENCH SPA TOWNS!



Since being awarded UNESCO World Heritage Site status as one of Europe's leading spa towns, Vichy is aiming to become a European leader in the sphere of thermal spa breaks and tourism. Hence its grand plan: Renaissance du cœur thermal. The transformation of Vichy's urban heart has already begun, with the renovation of the Parc des Sources spa gardens. At the same time, the renovation of the Thermes Callou, dedicated to hydrotherapy and thermal mud treatments, as well as tending to patients referred on medical grounds, has been designed both to respect the modern architecture and to integrate contemporary elements. <https://vichymonamour.fr/>

OVER AT THE THERMES DES DÔMES IN VICHY...

The facilities here are being given a full makeover, to reopen in September 2025. There will be three zones, one dedicated to premium treatment packages, the second to sporting activities, the third to well-being. Like this, the Thermes des Dômes will meet contemporary expectations, based around health and prevention, wellness and sporting activities. <https://vichymonamour.fr>

AN EXTENDED THERMAL SPA AT URIAGE-LES-BAINS

To meet demand from people booking at the Grand Hôtel & Spa d'Uriage for stays combining the comforts of a 4-star hotel in the heart of the French Alps with the benefits of the local Uriage thermal spa waters, this thermal spa will reopen in 2025, boasting an outdoor sauna, a jacuzzi and a larger solarium. (38) www.grand-hotel-uriage.com

AQUARELAX – ROYATONIC

Aquarelax is a 45min session (plus 1hr of access to the baths) to encourage complete relaxation, involving gentle movements in the water, breathing exercises and stretches to get rid of tensions. (63) www.royatonic.com



SPA SÉQUOIA REDWOOD

Le soin La Jarrigue Terre Secrète

This anti-ageing facial treatment combines the use of natural products and a form of massage inspired by the Japanese practice of kobido. La Jarrigue, Terre Secrète is a local dermo-cosmetic brand created using organic, natural products in association with Germandré Cosmetic, a laboratory at Vals-les-Bains, working in line with socially fair, responsible principles. (07) www.thermesdevals.com

BRIDES-LES-BAINS

Pleine Santé Break



Lasting six days, this thermal spa break combines all the ingredients to instil feelings of profound well-being! It covers 32 activities, nutrition and stress management, using the thermal spa treatments on offers – all elements for being a Station Thermale de Pleine Santé, or full health. (73) www.thermes-brideslesbains.fr

THERMES CHEVALLEY AIX-LES-BAINS

Mini five-day thermal spa break, Sérénité Ménopause

This break offers a well-balanced mix of spa treatments aimed at alleviating some of the discomfort linked to the menopause and coming to terms with the hormonal upheaval it entails. (73) www.valvital.fr



Château de Chignat

BUSINESS TOURISM

Business tourism is a major pillar in our regional strategy, representing 5% of overnight stays in 2023. It generates c.€1.15bn in expenditure in our region every year, with the average professional stay lasting three days, accommodation generally provided in hotels. This sector plays a crucial role in spreading tourist activity across the year, with peak bookings in March, June and October.

Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes can offer a wide variety of options for professional events, from urban destinations such as Lyon, Grenoble or Annecy to the famed ski resorts of the northern French Alps, or then Clermont-Ferrand at the foot of the Chaîne des Puy volcanic range.

Plus, our thermal spa resorts and lake-side resorts, such as Vichy or Evian-les-Bains, as well as prestigious locations, including châteaux or golf clubs with hotels, along with unique attractions, for example Vulcania or Walibi, can all provide original settings for corporate gatherings or seminars.

Across Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, there are also many more unusual or traditional places to choose from, for example in the midst of vineyards, in the lavender fields bordering Provence, or in the summer pastures of the Auvergne, such venues offering peaceful, inspiring surrounds, encouraging reflection and creativity.

L'HOSTELLERIE LA FERME DU POULET BECOMES L'ABBAYE CALADOISE

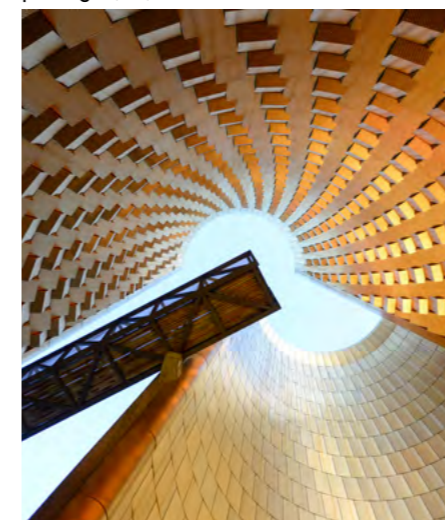
In Villefranche-sur-Saône, Catherine and Olivier Degand's renovations have included enlarging a meeting room to offer 200m² of space, creating a covered patio and smartening up the garden. The aim, to cater to business gatherings. It makes sense, as during the week, some 80% of clients at this 4-star hotel are on business, while at weekends some 80% are tourists. The place is set within a 15th-century monastery and classed AVAP (Aide de mise en Valeur du Patrimoine). In 2024, its restaurant featured among the Tables Distinguées (stand-out restaurants part of the Groupe Logis Hôtels) and received a Michelin Bib gourmand. Chef Olivier Degand is a member of a chef's association, Les Toques Blanches Lyonnaises. This beautiful place is also a recommended address along La Vallée de la Gastronomie. (69) www.labbayecaladoise.com

D'AILLON ET D'AILLEURS

From a cosy studio for two to apartments for four, or even up to eight people, d'Aillon et d'Ailleurs in the heart of the Bauges in Savoie also provides high-quality facilities for small seminars or remote working. The place is decorated in cosy style, providing a warm atmosphere. (73) <https://gites-aillon-ailleurs.com/>

VULCANIA, AN EXTRAORDINARY OPTION FOR YOUR EVENTS

Share an exhilarating getaway in a unique setting in the midst of the Parc Naturel Régional des Volcans d'Auvergne, benefiting from splendid views of the Chaîne des Puys – Faille de Limagne, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, combine working, socializing and relaxation, making the most too of a personalized tour of the volcanology park or even an incentive package. (63) www.vulcania.com/seminaire/



LE BOIS DES LUTINS BUSINESS, LE GRAND CONSEIL



Le Bois des Lutins, at Diémoz, is an extraordinary place that can put on nature events catering for anything from 50 to 1,000 people. And it's broadening its attractiveness for business gatherings by creating a dedicated building, Le Grand Conseil. Made from wood, decorated in warm colours, it's welcoming and authentic. The place is ideal for smaller or larger corporate gatherings where bonding is encouraged in part through outdoor activities. The new eco-friendly building, covering 500m², can welcome 300 people in plenary session. As to the terrace, it provides a lovely view over the 10 hectares of grounds with their three lakes. The food available is 100% homemade, using local craft producers. (38) www.lieuxdeparenthese.fr

DOMAINE DE MONTCLAIR

A family home set in five hectares of green grounds, inside, you'll find a blend of historic dwelling and modern comforts. Guests arriving at this property in the Pierres Dorées part of Beaujolais are welcomed into a joyous family house where time seems to stand still. In the midst of the garden, a recently renovated Dutch greenhouse is just one space to choose from for an original seminar. (69) www.domainedemontclair.fr

CHÂTEAU DE MONTMELAS

The Château de Montmelas, a listed historic monument, stands out on its promontory in the midst of the Beaujolais area. Famed in France for starring in Kaamelot, a French medieval fantasy TV series, it boasts unbeatable views over the Beaujolais vineyards and Saône Valley and has 20 hectares of grounds, featuring a French formal garden, plus a chapel. The owners descend from Count Henri d'Harcourt. The château offers 12 rooms with views, while the keep, or Tour de Karl, has five rooms, one of which is a dormitory. The interior decoration and facilities are elegant and well-maintained. The château can host up to 50 people for a seminar or business gathering. (69) www.chateaudemontmelas.fr

LE CHÂTEAU DE CHIGNAT



The Château de Chignat has reception rooms and accommodation suitable either for family events or professional ones, just 15 minutes east of Clermont-Ferrand. The place provides a family atmosphere and has been done up with elegant, trendy materials blending modern and rustic touches, with a touch of vintage, mixing antiques and contemporary pieces. (63) www.chateau-chignat.fr

LE PAL, AN EXCITING PLACE TO WORK AND PLAY



See how you can mix work, creativity and entertainment in an exceptional environment. After a day spent in fruitful meetings in the Allier, what a joy to be able to make the most of the amusement park attached. The PAL combines exciting attractions with preserving wildlife. Watch amazing animals, take rides on roller-coasters, and enjoy unforgettable moments as a team. In 2025, try the updated monorail trip, Voyage au-dessus du monde. (03) www.lepal.com/espace-seminaires

MAJOR EVENTS FOR THE DIARY IN 2025



Coupe Icare

LE CARNAVAL VÉNITIEN



Anancy's Venetian-style carnival, from 7 to 9 March, takes over the canals cutting through the historic heart of this city known as the Venice of the Alps. The nickname bears up well on this carnival weekend, with hundreds of masked participants wandering the streets of old Anancy. (74) www.lac-anancy.com

FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU FILM AVENTURE & DÉCOUVERTE

From 14 to 17 April, at an altitude of 1,850m, Val d'Isère organizes its Festival International du Film Aventure et de Découverte. The event is aimed at the general public and includes the projection of 11 selected films over four nights, presented by leading French travel writer Sylvain Tesson. (73) www.festival-aventure-et-decouverte.com

ANNECY ANIMATION FILM FESTIVAL

Well established after 60 years, this Anancy festival has become a reference worldwide as THE event dedicated to cinema animation, bringing together leading professionals in the field, celebrating creativity and animation techniques. It takes place 4 April to 27 June. (74) www.anancyfestival.com

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF L'EXPOSITION INTERNATIONALE DE LA HOUILLE BLANCHE ET DU TOURISME

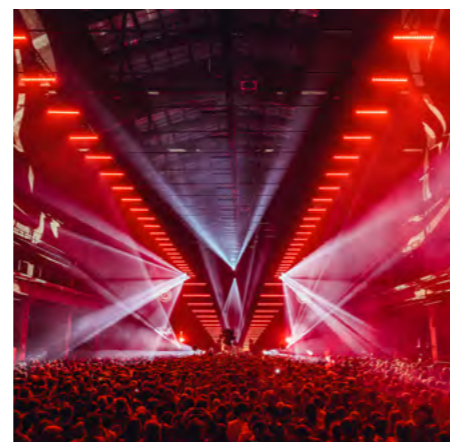
In 1925, Grenoble presented itself to the world as capital of Houille blanche, or White Coal, a term proposed for a new form of energy, hydroelectricity, by one of its major late-19th-century developers, Aristide Bergès. In 2025, several cultural, economic and municipal players are organizing centenary commemorations of this exhibition. From 21 May to 25 October, learn much more about hydroelectricity and how it continues to play a major role in energy production. (38) www.grenoble-tourisme.com

FESTIVAL LUMIÈRE

Lyon's October Festival Lumière draws cinema fans from around the world to this vibrant, nostalgic celebration of classic cinema, in the birthplace of the famed, pioneering Lumière brothers' Cinématographe. (69) www.festival-lumiere.org

FESTIVAL DES NUITS SONORES

Leading exponents of electronic music at city, national and international levels gather in Lyon. On the programme, music, artistic projects and unique experiences. From 28 May to 1 June around Lyon. (69) www.nuits-sonores.com



EUROPAVOX

A large number of French and international musicians put on concerts in Clermont-Ferrand, 27 to 29 June, including Matthieu Chedid, Zaho De Sagazan, Feu ! Chatterton, Fatoumata Diawara and many others. (63) www.europavoxfestivals.com

JAZZ À VIENNE



Drawing jazz greats from around the world to perform in the magnificent setting of Vienne's Rhône-side Roman theatre, 26 June to 11 July. Plus, concerts across town for the off festival. (38) www.jazzavienne.com

FESTIVAL D'AMBRONAY

From mid-September to mid-October, Ambronay Abbey hosts one of Europe's most reputed festivals of early music. Also featured are world music, improvised music and musical shows for families. (01) <http://festival.ambronay.org>

HORIZONS ARTS NATURE EN SANCY



An open-air gallery, each summer Horizons Arts-Nature puts to the fore 10 contemporary art works set up in the splendid landscapes of the county of Puy-de-Dôme. Discover these works on country walks, 14 June to 14 September. (63) www.horizons-sancy.com

FESTIVAL DE THÉÂTRE DE RUE D'AURILLAC



Created in 1986, Aurillac Festival of Street Theatre in the county of Cantal has become renowned at European level for its live shows. The 2025 edition takes place 20 to 23 August. (15) www.aurillac.net

COUPE ICARE

A great gathering of flying machines, from hang gliders to hot-air balloons, held at Saint-Hilaire du Touvet since 1972 and including related films, competitions and concerts, 16 to 21 September. (38) www.coupe-icare.org

L'OPÉRA ITINÉRANT



L'Opéra itinérant is an initiative launched by the Opéra de Lyon, in partnership with the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, to help make this lyrical art accessible to many more. An opera-lorry will crisscross the region to present a brand-new opera, Le Sang du glacier, in half-a-dozen venues. Shows take place January to March. www.opera-lyon.com

FÊTE RENAISSANCE DU ROI DE L'OISEAU



40th edition in 2025. Le Puy-en-Velay dons its finest French Renaissance robes to bring the 16th century back to life in all its glory, via theatre, music and dance, 17 to 21 September. (43) www.roideloiseau.com

FESTIVAL DE LA CHAISE-DIEU










The Festival de Musique de La Chaise-Dieu puts to the fore sacred classical music, most of the concerts taking place in the magnificent La Chaise-Dieu Abbey, from 20 to 30 August. (43) www.chaise-dieu.com

LES ARCS FILM FESTIVAL

A major cultural event in the ski resort of Les Arcs, this festival aims to highlight the diversity of European cinema, putting new talent to the fore. The event, in December, also marks the opening of the resort for the winter season. (73) <https://lesarcs-filmfest.com/fr>

AUVERGNE-RHÔNE-ALPES



-  Winter and summer sports resorts
-  Spa town
-  UNESCO World Heritage site
-  Plus Beaux villages de France
-  Vineyard
-  Main train station
-  Airport

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