

Samoëns

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THE RESORT'S KEY NUMBERS

7 peaks: the peaks that surround the village, giving the village its name as well as the name given to its inhabitants, the Septimontains.
21,000 tourist beds including 2,400 inhabitants all year round

62 ski lifts, 19 fun zones, 6 free ride zones & 139 slopes
265 km of slopes

1 of the largest beginner areas in the Alps

A pioneer in skiing: 1912 - international ski jousts / 1951: first ski lift
16 cross-country ski trails - 69 km of trails

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15 snowshoe trails - 60 km

27 hotels and residences, 2 holiday villages and 6 B&B's

1 semi-outdoor Olympic ice rink

9 chapels

À 1h from Geneva, 2h30 from Lyon

720m to 2500m altitude

VILLAGE presentation

Samoëns is a veritable treasure nestled in a wonderful setting. Imagine a mountain lake in the heart of a wide valley, surrounded by peaks reaching 3,000 metres, with access to the fourth largest ski area in France! Located only a few kilometres from the Swiss border, Samoëns is much more than a ski resort: it is above all an authentic mountain village, full of charm and history. Spending your mountain holidays here is definitely not a synonym of just winter skiing holidays !

Samoëns has been elected by the readers of the Dauphiné Libéré as the «most beautiful village» in Haute Savoie in 2021.



How to get to Samoëns



Just 20 minutes from the A40 motorway exit, Samoëns is 6 hours from Paris, 2.5 hours from Lyon and only 1 hour from Geneva.

TGV from major French cities and TGV Lyria to Geneva (50km).

Railway station in Cluses (20km), Bellegarde (70km) or Annecy (75km).

Geneva International Airport is less than an hour away (50km) and Lyon Saint Exupéry is 2 hours away (190km).

Léman Express lines (Geneva - Annemasse - Cluses) then bus to Samoëns.



FILL UP ON new products

Vercland gondola

A new 10-pass gondola is the highlight this winter!

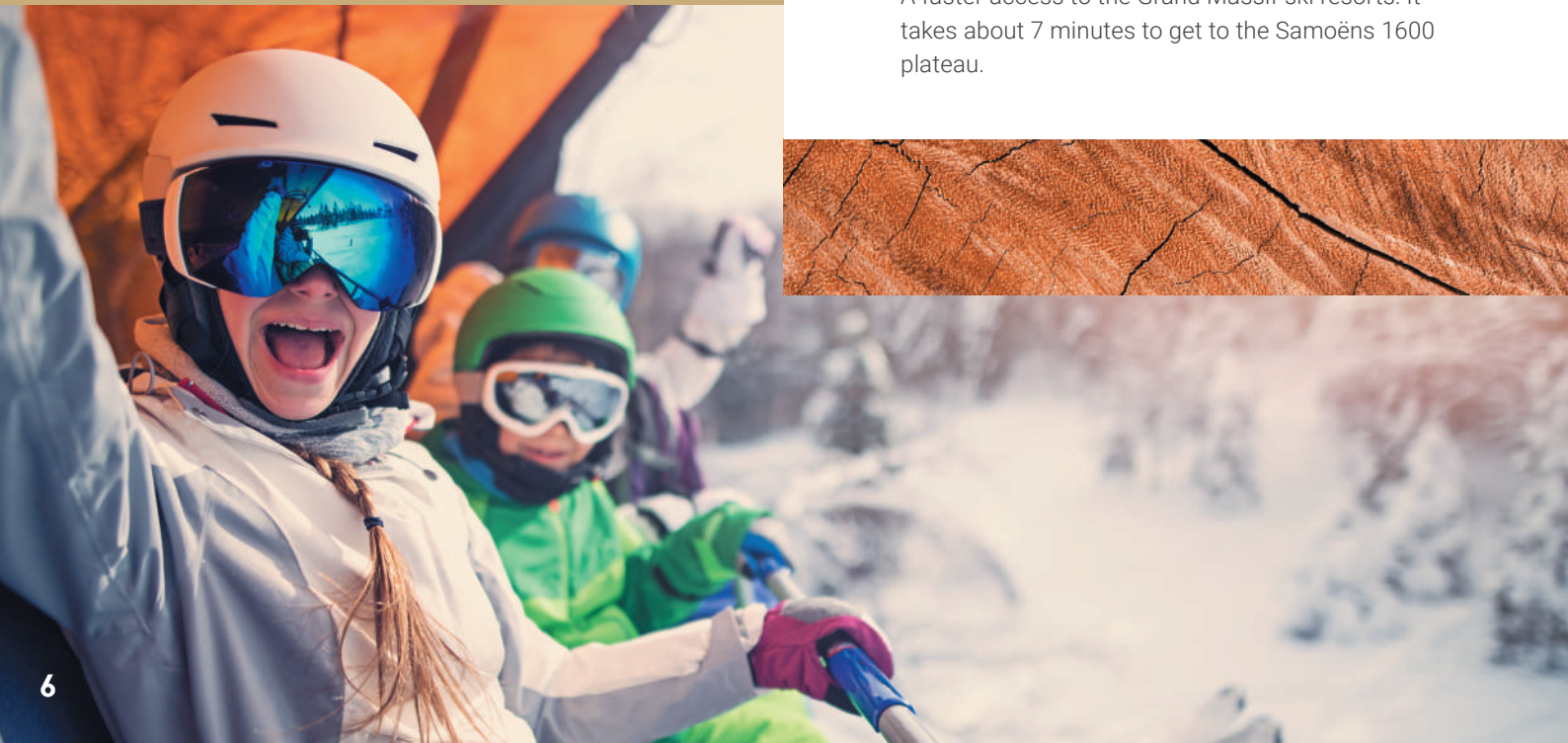
The Vercland 4-seater gondola was replaced by a new 10-seater gondola from the D-Line range from the manufacturer DoppelMayr last winter, but this winter is the first time it will be used! The investment is estimated between 8 and 10 million euros and it will allow a better flow of skiers on the Grand Massif Express gondola.



A few figures :

- Distance from the line: 2200 m
- Height: 802 m
- Number of pylons: 14
- Throughput: 2000 people/hour
- Cabins: 10 seats
- Number of vehicles: 45 cabins
- Speed: 6m/s

A faster access to the Grand Massif ski resorts: It takes about 7 minutes to get to the Samoëns 1600 plateau.



The Frozen Day trip: a guaranteed icy adventure!

What is the «Frozen Day» trip?

It's an adventure with a departure from Samoëns that starts with an off-piste ski or a tour of the Grand Massif ski area and an arrival at Sixt Fer à Cheval. The return to Samoëns is by river on any type of watercraft: raft, canoe or hydrospeed! Try out this unique and incredible experience throughout an activity that is usually enjoyed in summer !

Price: 145€/pers, including: guidance, ski safety equipment, river equipment and transport.



Private Hatha Yoga Classes with Yoga Jaw

What is Hatha yoga?

Learning to know oneself better by putting together gestures (postures) on an adapted breathing rhythm. At the end of the session, the body is at the same time rested and toned, relaxation is assured. Stretching, breathing, relaxation, yoga brings a better knowledge of oneself. Isabelle offers to come to your holiday destination and give you a private session at your own pace and even more attentive to your needs.

Price: 36 euros for 1 to 4 people.



Fill up on new products - 7

New ski touring itineraries

After the success of ski touring last winter, the Grand Massif is now proposing 6 new signposted itineraries. From 60 to 800 metres height difference, there are routes for all preferences and all levels! These itineraries allow you to go up without using the ski lifts and slopes and to come down on the open, safe and groomed downhill slopes.



The stone circuits

Working with stone is an old habit for the inhabitants of Samoëns and stone sculpting is an important part of the local heritage of the village. The Samoëns Masons' Society, a cultural association, inheriting the tradition of the stone masons, started in 2002, a residency dedicated to sculpture. Each two years, a symposium is organised and allows French or international artists to discover the local stone and to work on it in public on a given theme. At each edition, there is energy, ardour and often surprises! The new pieces are added to the beautiful communal collection that can be admired in the four corners of the village and at the leisure centre. A special booklet has been created to help visitors locate the works and enjoy an original tour full of discoveries.

Book your activities online

Samoens is now equipped with an online booking facility to answer the needs of our customers and associates (for information, 75% of all bookings are made online), but less than 2% of leisure activity providers have a booking solution on their website.

With Regiondo's solution, our holidaymakers seeking a simple way to book activities once they arrive in Samoens, will be able to purchase guided tours, outdoor activities and event tickets online.

Accommodation

The Hameau de Chantemerle Chalet

Welcome to this three house property (the farmhouse construction dates back to the 19th century - you will appreciate the handmade stairs without a single nail!) spread over 10,000 m² of land located in Chantemerle, one of the most beautiful hamlets in Samoëns, classified as a remarkable place, and home of one of the seven chapels of Samoëns, also listed as a historical monument.

The location is superb, with a view of the Mont Blanc chain as far as the Léman lake and an exceptional sunlight, especially in winter when the valley remains in the fog.

Facilities: a farmhouse sleeping 6 to 14 people, a small house sleeping 6 people, a shed sleeping 5 people - a total of 27 sleeping places. Suitable for lovers of privacy, nature, peace and beauty. An ideal place to welcome groups of friends and families (up to 27 beds).

<https://chalets-samoens.fr/>



Restaurants

La Rosière « Chez Sylvie »

Simple, natural, authentic and local. These are the 4 key words to define this new restaurant. Located in the magnificent hamlet of La Rosière surrounded by nature, Sylvie welcomes you to this old farmhouse that has been carefully renovated. The surroundings are majestic, with the white snowy fields overlooking the impressive wild cliffs of the north face of the Criou. On the menu, home-made Savoyard specialties with quality and local products are served by the stove.

Le Grand Crêt 17

After skiing down the Grand Crêt slope, stop to enjoy a meal in this alpine chalet built in 1699. Completely renovated with great style, you will appreciate this restaurant decorated in a very cosy mountain style, with a large wood stove in the centre where you can warm up. Stéphane and his team offer a varied and quality menu and in the evening, after a nice snowshoe hike, Savoyard specialties. If the sun is shining, you can enjoy the terrace with a magnificent view of the Criou.

GRAND MASSIF

ski area



To hit the slopes of the 4th largest ski area in France

Located in the heart of the Haute-Savoie (74) between Geneva and Chamonix, the Grand Massif is the 4th biggest connected ski area in France. It extends over 7,600 hectares and offers 139 runs and 265km of slides. Connecting the resorts of Flaine, Les Carroz, Morillon, Samoëns and Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval, the Grand Massif offers you the unique opportunity to ski facing the Mont-Blanc in magnificent landscapes and a 360° panorama on the Alps.



The ski area in figures

- 4th largest connected ski area in France, with a surface area of 7,600 hectares
- 265 km de glisse (175 km règlementés)
- 1,800 metres of vertical drops
- 139 slopes: 23 green, 61 blue, 44 red and 11 black
- 700 to 2,500 metres of altitude and 67 ski lifts
- Nearly 14 fun zones spread over the 5 ski resorts and for all levels 1 infinity of exceptional panoramas



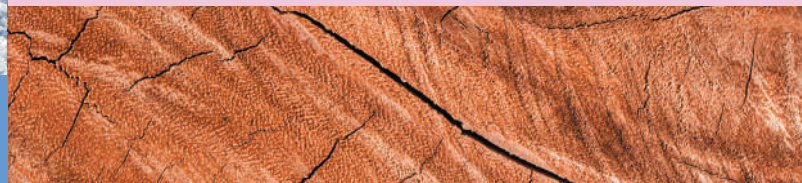
Unchanged rates for this winter

open from 11/12/2021 to 18/04/2022.

Grand Massif day pass: Adult (from 16 to 64 years old): 50,90€ - Child (from 5 to 16 years old) 38,20€ - Senior (from 65 to 74 years old): 48,40€.

Family Pack: 2 adults + 2 children: 6 days: 843,60€.

6 days Grand Massif: Adult (from 16 to 64 years old): 267,60€ - Child (from 5 to 16 years old): 201,00€ - Senior (from 65 to 74 years old): 254,40€.



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Piste des cascades ^{mt} Gers see in unusual experiences

Samoëns 1600

one of the biggest beginners' areas in France

Many people have made their first attempts at skiing in Samoëns. With its gentle and reassuring relief, the Septimontain ski area offers apprentice skiers one of the largest beginner areas in Haute-Savoie.

Its assets?

- 1 gondola access, ideal to avoid the apprehension of the first downhill run on the chairlift or the ascent on the ski lift.
- No stairs, the fear of apprentice skiers with helmets and goggles on their eyes, ski boots on their feet, poles in one hand and skis on the other.
- 1 family-oriented area: with children's garden, leisure area and sledging slope.
- 7 easy ski lifts
- 1 covered carpet to go up the slopes
- 1 Septsnake and ZiZiPanPan's Myzterious Forest for beginners' fun
- 1 special beginner's ski pass





NATURE ACTIVITIES in wide open spaces

Outstanding snowshoeing hikes in the middle of preserved nature

Are you dreaming of evasion and a change of environment? Wait no longer, put on your snowshoes on and discover the preserved nature of the mountains in winter through the many possible itineraries. Discover the many themed hikes, available to anyone wanting to experience snowshoeing according to his or her wishes and abilities:

- A half-day hike to discover the mountain fauna, or a wellness hike with a «yoga» activity, or the opportunity to enjoy the first sun rays rising over the snow-covered mountains...
- The more athletic can also try snowshoeing on the frozen streams of the Haut-Giffre massif, or in an even more athletic «freeride» version to enjoy the powdery snow!
- For night lovers, snowshoeing can also be done at night! Experience a hike under a starry sky before enjoying a fondue in a mountain chalet or an aperitif in a real igloo! And for the great adventurers who wish to escape for several days, a snowshoeing weekend is proposed with an overnight stay in a cottage or a real snowshoeing adventure at 3000m to reach the summits and contemplate a breathtaking panorama of the Mont-Blanc



Try out new ways of skiing

with Ski Joëring

Discover the Giffre valley through a new form of sliding, the ski joëring: let yourself be pulled by a horse while being on your skis. Whether you are at pace, trotting or galloping, this activity does not require any particular level of experience, just let yourself be guided by the horse...

Prices: from 38€.



cross country skiing : nordic pleasures blossom in Samoëns' unspoilt nature

Two sites marked out in skating and alternating to satisfy your desires!

For those who love heritage and measured differences in altitude: trails on the plain, along the Giffre, near the villages of the valley, in the snow-covered forests of pine trees and around the lakes. In the valley 670 to 900 m: along the Giffre, 5 green trails - 5 blue trails - 2 red connecting trails - 42.5 km.

For cross-country skiing lovers

At 1700 metres altitude, in the very heart of an exceptional site, the Joux Plane col offers the possibility of sliding while enjoying a «premium» panorama of the Giffre valley and the Mont-Blanc massif. At Joux Plane 1 700 m : 3 green trails - 2 blue trails - 2 red trails - 15 km - A nordic park, a sledging run, picnic tables, near the welcome chalet.

Rates: Full day adult: 8.60€ - Child: 4.30€ / Week adult: 36€ - Child: 18€ / Free for children under 6 and those over 75.

Welcoming the Disabled

a logical extension of Samoëns' hospitality

In order to allow everyone to experience its beauty, Samoëns has developed its tourist offer for people living with a disability. This offer is gathered in «Samoëns pour tous», a dedicated brochure, available at the tourist office and on a specific area of our website **www.samoens.com**.

Adapted seats at the Grand Massif Express gondola, 22 accessible ski lifts at the Grand Massif ski area, a chalet for storing equipment at Samoëns 1600, discounts on ski passes and volunteer support for skiing by the Samoëns Handi Glisse association (**www.samoens-handiglisse.com**) are just a few of the initiatives proposed.



Michel Veisy's portrait

High altitude mountain guide, ski instructor, farmer and founder of the Samoëns Handi-glisse association, 69 years old, with blue sky eyes, a weathered face and a generous beard, Michel Veisy can be considered as an emblematic personality of the ski resort. Originally from Samoëns, and more precisely from Chantermerle hamlet, it is during a few years' break in the Pyrenees that he obtains his instructor and high mountain guide diplomas. Back in the village, he created the Samoëns Guides Office.

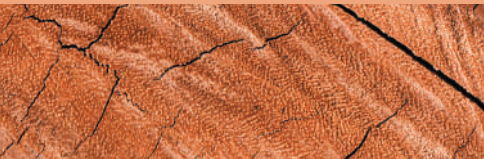
In his spare time, the instructor also became a farmer. Willing to make outdoor activities accessible to as many people as possible, he founded the Samoëns Handi-glisse association in 2006 with the aim of providing people with disabilities the equipment they need to ski and hike. Michel Veisy has also organised several treks to offer people with disabilities the opportunity to realise the dream of every mountain lover: trekking in the high mountains of Nepal. The expeditions took place in 2013, 2015 and again in 2018.



THE GENTLE art of living

Take time for yourself

Holidays in the mountains are also an opportunity to recharge your batteries, take time for yourself and above all to take care of yourself. Samoëns has thought of you and offers solutions to relieve your mind and recharge your batteries: Afghan walking, Ayurvedic massages, childrens' yoga, skin care... everything is gathered to live moments of absolute well-being.



Regain confidence on your ski habilities by trying mindful skiing

If you've just had an accident or are afraid of the skiers around you, mindfulness skiing is perfect for you! Learning to refocus your body and mind in harmony with the present moment and the environment around you can do miracles to your skiing or snowboarding skills! Concentration and breathing will be the key words of these delicious moments to enjoy skiing differently.

Price: Adults: from 120 €. Day rate per person which includes a fondue lunch and a glass of wine in the mountains.

«Terres de bien-être»

The association «Terres de bien-être» is a network of twenty or so wellness practitioners. The aim is to bring well-being to life in the Giffre valley. We offer wellness massages, vinyasa yoga, etiomedicine, sophrology, mindfulness relaxation, reikology, naturopathy, Hatha Yoga, chair yoga, discovery of wild and culinary plants, reflexology, tuina massage, afghani and sensory walking, yoga hiking, body listening...

The Afghan walk

a relaxing experience in the middle of nature

Synchronising your breathing with the pace of your steps for a regenerative walk is a relaxing and almost meditative experience. Afghan walking originally comes from Afghanistan where it was practiced by nomads in the high plains. Considered as an «active meditation», the Afghan walk allows you to combine relaxation and better effort control in the mountains. By synchronising your breathing with the pace of your steps, you will «rediscover» your internal sensations, stimulate your senses, and better breathe as you walk, developing a different perception of your external environment. As a result, you will walk faster and further without getting tired!

Prices: from 24€.



Good deal: Wellness cocktail

Yoga, pilates, foot reflexology, but also a circuit training to improve strength and endurance or the «source/relaxation gestures» method which consists in repeating gestures in a lying position to achieve a deep relaxation of the body... A time of wellness which will do good to everybody!

Price: 150€ for a 3-hour cocktail with activities chosen by the client.



Ô des Cimes high altitude spas

The chalets of Laÿssia & La reine des prés residenc

The Ô des Cimes Spas are spaces dedicated to serenity and wellness. Bubbling baths, hammams and saunas will allow you to enjoy a unique moment to recharge your batteries at any time of the day. Dive into the enchanting nature scents of Altitude after the storm, listen to the unique stories of each treatment ritual, live the unique sensory experience of our mountains... Massages and complementary skin care treatments (scrubs, wraps, etc.) complete the range of wellness services.

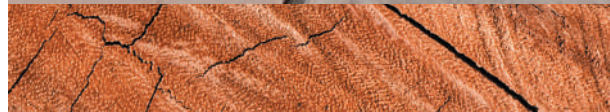
**Prices: Scrubs and massages from 40€.
Accessible to all.**



The « Montagnes du Monde » Spa

At the heart of Samoëns village, let yourself be tempted by the 1,000 m2 Spa at the Alexane Hotel ****, a space entirely dedicated to relaxation and wellness. An aqualudic area ideal for having fun in the water, with a heated indoor pool, children's pool, sauna, hammam, bubbling baths, sensory shower, Nordic bath and treatment area for a moment of absolute relaxation during a unique sensory journey. The Spa is open to all. The Spa is also composed of a high-end space entirely created for your wellness, a refined and intimate atmosphere to enjoy soothing treatments based on natural products; an enchanting sensory shower that offers 3 different programmes to awaken the senses and bring the body and mind to a level of full consciousness; an enveloping water bed; and a Himalayan salt wall to relax.

Prices & information on request. Open to all.

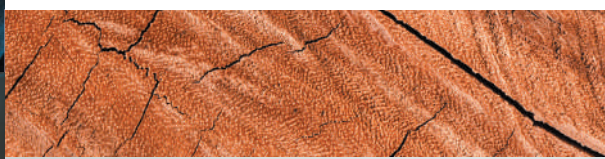




A la Jaÿsinia tea room with Thierry Froissard, MOF «Meilleur Ouvrier de France»

Meilleur ouvrier de France in 1994 and world pastry champion in 1989, it was in Samoëns in 1998 that Thierry Froissard settled down to open A la Jaÿsinia, a tea room founded in 1880. Located in the heart of the village, facing the Botanical garden of La Jaÿsinia, enter the refined universe of this exceptional chocolate maker.

On top of that, all the products used are homemade and made with local products. From butter to eggs and seasonal fruits, Thierry Froissard respects the local farmers and producers as well as your taste buds. The ideal place to have a snack! Our advice and his speciality: the Septimontaine cake!



HAVE FUN

For those looking for a thrilling experience!

Fly over the mountains in a paraglider

Live the magical dream of flying over the mountains! With the assistance of a professional, state-qualified instructor, discover Samoëns' sky, its thermals and the Criou, Samoëns' emblematic mountain. Paragliding schools offer several formulas: a discovery flight of 15 to 20 minutes for the very first times or a beginner flight for the more experienced, in which the instructor let you take the controls until the landing! And finally a panoramic flight at 1500m altitude, which lasts from 45 to 60 minutes.

Price: from 85€.

Defy the laws of gravity

on an iced waterfall

If you don't want to start climbing the summits right away, you can still experience the first thrill of climbing iced waterfalls with our experienced guides.

With the frost, the waterfalls become ephemeral ice paths that must be mastered. Once you have perfected the technical aspect, ice climbing is above all an amazing and timeless experience for a winter day in the middle of an unreal world...

Prices: Adults: from 205 to 345€ (205€ 1/2 day 345€ the day).

Speleology

Going underground to better understand the origins of our earth is both a physical and an educational activity. In addition, Samoëns is one of the most famous speleological destinations in France with the Jean Bernard chasm which is one of the deepest chasms in the world (-1 600m).

Price for a half day in a group: Adults: from 40 € - Children: from 39 €.

The Frozen River: an icy adventure on the Giffre! See the Latest News section



A FAMILY friendly way of life

Samoëns has many assets that make it an ideal place for a family holiday: accessibility, beginners' area, special activities, family packages... everything is brought together to ensure the comfort and convenience of holidaymakers. The resort is part of the Grand Massif, a ski area suitable for all levels, which has one of the largest beginners' areas in France, allowing you to fully enjoy the pleasures of skiing before exploring the countless other possibilities offered by the ski resort.

Ice garden

dedicated to the youngest and the beginners

Since there is no age limit to try ice skating, the Samoëns ice rink offers the opportunity for the youngest to take their first steps on ice at the ice garden, thanks to the fun and educational equipment on loan (skates, chairs, cones, penguins...). The area is reserved for beginners and toddlers every morning during school holidays.

Price: Admission + skate rental: 7.30€.

Entertainment in the village

Every day during the winter season, the tourist office offers a very rich and dense entertainment programme to satisfy families after their day's skiing, in the centre of the village, in the sheltered area of the Grenette. A must during your stay in Samoëns.

Special family snowshoe hike

For those who wish to run away, immerse into the heart of nature with a snowshoe hike specially designed for families... On the agenda: nature discoveries (animal tracks, botany...), a bit of pedagogy (learning about snow, geology...), safety lessons with avalanche prevention and a touch of fun to make your walk unforgettable!

Price: Adults: from 22 to 32€ (half day and full day). Children: from 19€.



First gliding sensations

in a pony sled

The little ones can discover their first sliding sensations sitting quietly in a sledge pulled by a pony... Simple and fun, this activity will delight children! From 1 year old: 20-30min.

Price: 15€ per child.

SHARING with friends



Snowshoeing Ruisseling

Wild snowshoeing on the frozen streams of the Haut-Giffre massif. In a sumptuous and totally wild setting, you will leave your footprints on unusual routes. Silence prevails in the surroundings, the snow cracks under your feet, the water trickles under your snowshoes. A captivating atmosphere for this original snowshoe hike. Led by mountain professionals, you will progress in complete safety in a quiet and preserved area... Dare to be adventurous! Unforgettable memories for your stay in the mountains...

Price : From 21€.

Experience the mountains in survival mode

Discover the mountain in a different way: in a survival mode, by living a real immersion. A hike available for all to enjoy and discover the mountain and its secrets, but also to learn how to preserve this very special nature. Participants will learn the techniques for surviving in the mountains: locating themselves, orientating themselves, protecting themselves from the cold, starting a fire, hydrating themselves correctly, feeding themselves, and using their own equipment, etc... An adventure as close to nature as possible to discover the mountains as you have never seen them before!

Price: ½ day = 130€ / day = 200€.



A different way to go around on an E fatscoot

Discover a brand new, unusual and totally ecological activity: the E-Fat Scoot, an electric all-terrain scooter for a different kind of ride! Get off the road and try an original and environmentally friendly experience. Fun, playful and easy to handle, follow the guide and discover the beauty of the Samoëns landscapes thanks to the all-terrain electric scooter.

Price: from 32€ to 52€.



E Fat Bike by day and by night!

Try out this unique electric Fat Bike experience under the guidance of an instructor. Many possibilities are offered to discover this transportation mode at your own pace:

- a hike on the river side of the Giffre for the contemplative and freedom-loving ones.
- the Bostan hills for the more athletic. This 1,100 metre ascent will take you to a high altitude refuge. Once you have had your meal, you can take the road in the opposite direction and ski down the slope like a skier! Thrills guaranteed!
- bucolic hikes at nightfall for those who want more peace and quiet. Meeting at the restaurant for a traditional dinner before getting on your bikes. Equipped with your Fat Bike and your powerful lamps, you will then set off for a ride under the stars!

Prices: E-Fat Bike on the river side of the Giffre: 45€ including electric Fat Bike rental, helmet, overshoes and coffee / E-Fat Bike at Bostan: 99€ including electric Fat Bike rental, helmet, overshoes and meal at the Bostan refuge / The Fat Bike & night: 39€ including electric Fat Bike rental, helmet, powerful light kit, overshoes, hot wine and local products



Key events 2021/2022



OCTOBER 22ND TO 24TH **WELL-BEING MEETINGS**

Workshops on the theme of well-being and relaxation with many professionals



DECEMBER 12TH & 13TH & 17TH TO 31ST **CHRISTMAS VILLAGE**

Celebrate Christmas in a magical setting: stalls from local merchants and associations, entertainment, shows...



JANUARY 9TH & 11TH **GREAT ODYSSEY SAVOIE MONT BLANC**

international long distance sled dog race



JANUARY 13TH TO 15TH **TELEMARK WORLD CUP**

Meet the world's best athletes during the classical, sprint and parallel competitions



JANUARY 23RD **HAUT GIFFRE WINTER FESTIVAL**

Discover the valley's Nordic activities: cross-country skiing, biathlon, rifle shooting, pony sledging, fat biking, snowshoeing, paret...



JANUARY 28TH TO 30TH **ICE WATER SWIMMING OPEN**

Swimming competition practiced in icy water. Come and cheer on the athletes at the lake



MARCH 31ST TO APRIL 1ST **CRIOU FESTIVAL BLUES & ROCK**

Music festival: French and international blues concerts



APRIL 8TH TO 10TH **PARAGLIDING FESTIVAL**

Paragliding enthusiasts are invited to test equipment from around twenty brands and to fly over the valley



MAY 6TH TO 8TH **BOOKS... AND ME!**

Youth Literature Festival: activities, readings and workshops with illustrators and authors



JUNE 3RD TO 5TH **VELO VERT FESTIVAL**

The big mountain bike festival: test show, events, activities...

EVENTS

The Christmas village

From December 12th to the 13th and from the 17th to the 31st

Celebrate Christmas in a magical setting where craftsmen, associations, and artists will be pleased to welcome you. Come and enjoy the strolls made by artists from various backgrounds, offering magic tricks, juggling, and humor. To spend beautiful Christmas holidays, note that the arrival of Santa Claus will be on the 24th and the fireworks on the 24th and 31st of December to spend the last day of the year in a festive atmosphere!

This year, you will be able to enjoy the tales of the Gros Tilleul, a moment of animated history to share with your family, in which you will meet the Giants of the 7 mounts through the legend of the disappearance of the Giant of the Criou. Giants and the various characters of this legend will appear on the place of the Gros Tilleul and the streets of the village...





The Great Odyssey Savoie Mont Blanc

Departure and opening ceremony in Samoëns – 9th & 11th of January

La Grande Odyssee Savoie Mont Blanc is the most difficult international sled dog race in the world. For the past 10 years, it has gathered every year 20 of the best mushers in the world. The sled dogs and their mushers run 1 000 km through 9 stages both in Savoie and Haute Savoie. They climb more than 30 000 meters of altitude difference with 300 exceptional dogs (Alaskan and Siberian huskies), that are real high-level athletes. This event allows you to see dogsled teams among the best in the world, in a magical polar atmosphere.

Samoëns welcomes the Telemark World Cup

From the 13th to the 15th of January

The resort welcomes a stage of the Telemark World Cup, which brings together the best athletes in the world! 4 days of classic, sprint, and dual events will take place in Samoëns.

Samoëns is a real breeding ground for telemark skiers: Julien Annequin, a young, retired athlete from Septimont, has long coached the French Telemark teams; Argeline Tan-Bouquet won the world champion title in 2015, while Noë Claye has already won several senior world cup stages after having been double world junior champion.





2nd edition of the French Championship of swimming in ice water

From the 27th to the 30th of January

For the second year in a row, the resort of Samoëns will host a completely unusual competition, from February 28th to March 1st: the French winter swimming championship, which will take place in the Lac aux Dames, a lake located in a magnificent setting at an altitude of 700m, facing the Criou summit. It will be necessary to be warmed up and above all determined: the 150 participants will start in a water of 10 degrees at the most, simply in a swimsuit...

Summer key events

Vélo vert festival, mountain bike party

From June 3rd to Sunday 5th

The Vélo Vert Festival is a reference in terms of outdoor shows and is recognised as the largest mountain bike test centre in the world. It will also offer a rich and specific sports programme for all types of riders (pros, amateurs and families).



Mölkeky World Championship

From August 17th to 19th 2022

This game of skill from Finland has more and more followers and Samoëns will host this championship for the 2nd time. In a dream setting, on the Bois aux Dames leisure park, teams from all over the world will compete! This competition is open to everyone.

UNUSUAL experiences

The Dunoyer farm : From the stable to the table

At the Dunoyer's, on the Joux-Plane pass, cows and guests share the stable. Under the gentle gaze of Abondance cows that ruminate peacefully once milking is over, traditional Savoyard dishes will await you. Savoyard potée, diots-polenta, fondue, raclette, or tartiflette find their place on the checkered tablecloths, for a dinner at the farm as warm and generous as Michel Dunoyer, its owner.

Rates: Adult menu from 28 € (Drinks included).



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«Cascades» ski slope

a blue trail of 14 km

The waterfall trail or the pleasure of skiing down 14 kilometers in the heart of a nature reserve, without the constraint of ski lifts... This blue trail of 14 kilometers ensures the link between Flaine and Sixt Fer à Cheval on a total difference in altitude of 1,700 meters. The originality and the fundamental asset of this track reside in the fact that the skier can ski down the «piste des Cascade» without needing to take a ski lift. In addition to the pleasure of skiing without any constraints, this trail is above all a real breath of fresh air and nature. In one stroke of the spatula, you descend from the summit of the Grandes Platières to the banks of the Giffre, admiring, in turn, its Majesty the Mont Blanc, the Désert de Platé, the Gers Lake, the Tenneverge, the Ruan, and a multitude of frozen waterfalls. And keep your eyes open... The place, located in the heart of the natural reserve, is full of varied fauna: chamois, eagles, lammergeiers, and other ibexes are watching you from afar, it's up to you to spot them! At the bottom of the waterfall trail, a bus will take you back to Samoëns.



Lac de Gers lodge

a stop on the waterfall trail

Lost in the middle of the mountain, this small high-altitude chalet and its owners are waiting for you for an ultimate moment of softness. On a simple call from a telephone terminal at the edge of the waterfall trail, Caroline will pick you up on a snow scooter and tow you on skis behind her machine to her little corner of paradise. There, she will offer you, at the corner of the fireplace, refined meals, and Savoyard specialties. Possibility to sleep in 4 cozy rooms (4 to 6 persons).

**Rates: per room: from 80€ - ½ pension
from 70€ / pax - dinner: 30€ / pax**

STAYS
throughout
the winter



Your holiday at Chalet Club Med

Chalet Club Med – Samoëns 1600

Come and spend a week in the Club Med chalets. Take advantage of the services included in the package (ski pass and group ski lessons), room service, priority booking at the Club Med Spa or restaurant, free lunch if you arrive before 3pm. Continental breakfast room service included, private bar and snack service at the concierge desk, minibar (non-alcoholic beverages) - stocked daily, shuttle service to the resort centre, champagne served by the flute in the private lounge (6pm-11pm), room service at the time of your convenience, private transfer for the G.M® with the stay and transport package, spa bathtub...

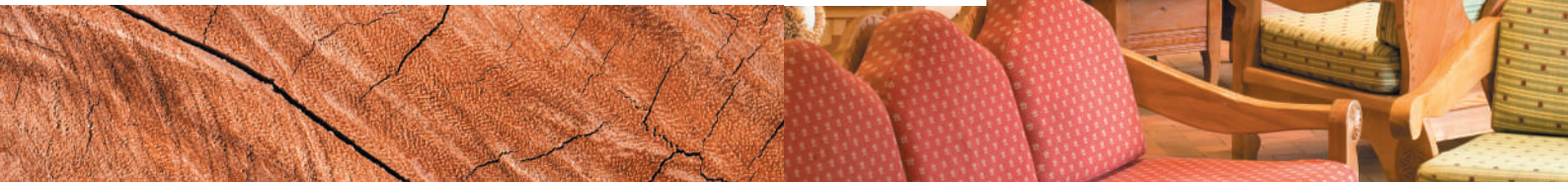
Rates: from €8,202 for a 2-bedroom chalet.

Neige et Roc Hotel

From 18/12/2021 to 10/04/2022, every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Special winter weekend offer - 3 or 4 days

This winter, get away for a 3- or 4-day weekend break and enjoy the hotel's relaxing facilities.

Rates: Adult: from 250€ (per night for 2 adults in a superior room). Possibility to choose breakfast (17€ per adult and 10€ per child per day) or half board (breakfast and dinner, minimum 3 consecutive days, 55€ per adult and 27€ per child per day).



Holiday village le Bérourze

From the 18th to 26th of December 2021 and- or from 26th to the 2nd of January 2022. At Le Bérourze holiday village, take advantage of low prices for the whole family this Christmas and spend an unforgettable week!

In the heart of the village of Samoëns, your ideal and 100% relaxing holidays for Christmas and/or New Year... alone, with friends or with the family... full board, festive evening for New Year's Eve, indoor swimming pool, nursery, children's/teens' clubs, skiing, snowshoeing, entertainment...

Rates for the Christmas week from 18/12 to 16/12: Adult: from 497 to 602 € - Children (3-15 years old) : 447€ from 12 to 15 years old, 398€ from 6 to 11 years old, 348€ from 3 to 5 years old, -3 years old free. New Year's week rate: Adult: 665 to 805 - Child (3-15 years): 599€ from 12 to 15 years, 532€ from 6 to 11 years, 466€ from 3 to 5 years, -3 years free.

SUSTAINABLE development

Good living and health are essentially linked to the environment. The resort-village of Samoëns has understood this and is taking several measures to preserve it, with one major challenge: to preserve this beautiful «nature destination».



Some examples of actions taken

- Sensors will be installed in the village to measure precisely the quantities of fine particles and to take action according to the results.
- Two public charging points for electric vehicles to be recharged.
- The municipality has equipped itself almost entirely with electric tools and vehicles.
- The most polluting heavy vehicles used for snow removal in winter or for transporting materials in summer meet the latest environmental requirements.



Nature areas

At least one third of the commune's surface area is covered by a «Natura 2000» zone, a European network of sites designated to protect a certain number of habitats and species representative of European biodiversity.

On the energy side

The ice rink and the Bois aux Dames building use geothermal energy. All public lighting has been equipped with LEDs. The remaining projects for low-energy public lighting will be regulated in certain sectors by clocks or by person detectors.

Samoëns, on the road of energy transition

The commune has decided to look to the future and contribute to the production of renewable energy on its territory, by exploiting its natural resources and thus promoting short energy circuits. The aim is to be, if possible, electricity positive by 2025-2030 for household consumption, or even globally.

Soft path « Along the Giffre »

A real Ariadne's thread of the territory, the soft way «Au fil du Giffre» currently makes it possible to connect Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval to Taninges - in one direction or the other - on foot, with snowshoes, by bicycle (VTT/VTC) and on horseback, and thus to discover the valley in a different way, in a calm and green setting.



*Focus on soft mobility:
Efat scoot, fat bike see
section between friends*



Green Globe

Grand Massif has become the first ski area in the world to be certified Green Globe.

Grand Massif Domaines Skiabiles' commitment is illustrated by several measures: The management, unique in France, of an environmental observatory set up in 2008 covering an area of 1,400 hectares spread over 5 communes. The Origin Grand Massif label: This label is integrated into the Green Globe label and aims to provide visitors with authentic experiences based on meetings with the major players in the area. A label whose vocation is to support the local economy through the promotion of its know-how.

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