

# PRESS KIT VAUJANY

SUMMER 2024



**VAUJANY**  
STATION VILLAGE  
DE L'OISANS



## About me

Once upon a time, there was a village perched high in the Oisans mountains which, for the past 100 years, has developed an immense propensity for happiness! This corner of paradise goes by the lovely name of Vaujany, and its 350 year-round inhabitants can pride themselves on living in a special place that gives them happiness and energy to spare.

# VAUJANY,

*the village resort*



## Alpe d'Huez

### GRAND DOMAINE VTT

10 lifts open in summer

250 km of mountain bike trails • 12 downhill routes

12 enduro routes • 13 cross-country routes

1 bike park, pumptrack, skatepark

2 via ferrata routes • 12 climbing routes

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350 year-round residents • 3500 beds

4 labels : Qualité Tourisme, Famille Plus Montagne, Station verte, Terre de jeux Paris 2024

1 free mini-train • 7 free indoor car parks

15 bars & restaurants • 20 summer events

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1 museum • 1 media library • 1 cinema

1 bowling alley • 1 ice rink • 1 swimming pool

1 children's centre • 1 sports hall • 3 spas

Is it because the village is right at the heart of an exceptionally well-preserved natural area, sheltered by the Grandes Rousses, with the Taillefer and Belledonne mountains as its backdrop? Is it because of the history of hydroelectricity and the Grand'Maison dam, which propelled the village into the 20th century at lightning speed, allowing for reasonable development and exceptional living comfort? Is it because the village's houses reflect the traditional mountain architecture that gives them their unrivalled character? Is it because the easily accessible outdoor leisure activities are a great way of recharging batteries and spending time with family and friends?

Probably for all these reasons and more! What makes people happy in Vaujany, and what the locals really enjoy, is sharing time together. Holidaymakers soon understood that happiness is a highly contagious virus, to be shared in abundance!



# AFTER WINTER comes summer

LIFTS OPEN

DU 29 JUNE  
TO 31 AUGUST



## STARTING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

### BEFORE THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

In Vaujany, we don't wait for the school holidays to kick off the summer. In this small mountain village perched high in the Oisans mountains, summer fun starts as early as June, which means that accommodation, rental outlets and restaurants open early. Everything is already up and running and the village is more than ready to welcome holidaymakers. Everyone in the resort pulls together to ensure that the summer season spans 3 to 4 months, including September. As a result, Vaujany is becoming a popular holiday destination for both holidaymakers and local visitors. It's a strategic choice that's paying off, as events are being organised in June, attracting large numbers of people who bring the village to life.

## The pass découverte

### AN INVESTMENT THAT DELIVERS

The introduction of the Pass Découverte, or Discovery Pass, was a strategic economic decision on the part of Vaujany. It is designed to generate business for the various local players and enable the public to discover and take part in outdoor and indoor sporting and cultural activities. The pass is available to anyone staying in Vaujany and can be collected from the Tourist Office on presentation of a voucher issued by the accommodation provider. Holders are then offered special rates for a number of activities. The pass is financed by the local authority through the tourist tax, which represents a substantial investment given the wide range of activities on offer. Nevertheless, the investment is paying off, with an estimated average of 4,000 passes issued each summer season.

## Events

IN JUNE

### FENCING :

#### LES AIGUILLETES DE VAUJANY

16 Juin

Fencing has a special place in Vaujany, as the town has hosted members of the French national fencing team for the last 6 years. Now it's the turn of young athletes aged 9, 11 and 13 to show what they can do with a foil in hand in a friendly outdoor competition at the Espace Nature et Loisirs du Collet.

### GFNY LA VAUJANY

16 Juin

Amateur cyclists can be pros for a day as they tackle one of two courses. The Long 151km/3900D+ route starts in Vaujany, descends to Séchillienne, climbs (epically) to Le Col d'Ornon (7%), then descends and climbs again up the switchbacks to l'Alpe d'Huez (8%), before branching off to Villard Reculas and finishing with a good climb back to Vaujany. Only riders on the long course will be ranked. On the Medium 60km/1700D+ course, riders start from Vaujany for a descent to Bourg d'Oisans, before climbing up to Alpe d'Huez, Villard Reculas and Vaujany.

### GFNY PRE-RACE GROUP RIDES 14 & 15 June

Additional benefits: 2 days of supported group riding, welcome aperitif, special registration area, VIP Start. Price : €221. [More info](#)

### NEW SKATE EVENT :

22 June

#### « THE SHADOK PUMPTRACK CHALLENGE »

The Espace Nature et Loisirs du Collet will be the venue for this new competition organised in partnership with the Grenoble-based association « La Familia 38 ». Held at the new pumptrack track in Vaujany, the event will showcase the talents of tomorrow in time trials, 2-up pursuit, endurance and wallride events. There will also be stands where you can find out what's new in skateboarding, surfskating and roller quads, plus a demonstration by freestyle pro. €5 registration required. Contact : [association FamiFlorentin Le Provost \(florentinleprovost@gmail.com\)](mailto:association.FamiFlorentin.LeProvost@florentinleprovost@gmail.com)



Culture lies at the heart of Vaujany's tourism strategy. The village has a superb media library and a very modern interactive museum, and organises numerous events. Spring features the Cascade de Livres Festival, Easter Film Festival and artists' workshops. In summer, holidaymakers can enjoy a wide range of free events, including philosophy walks and the circus festival. This summer, the circus festival is stepping up a gear, becoming the Vaujany Festival - Village des Arts à la Montagne.

# NEW THIS YEAR : THE VAUJANY FESTIVAL

*The Arts. a catalyst for social interaction*

Vaujany is a cultural epicentre! The aim is to give the arts the place they deserve and to provide artists and the public alike with a majestic and inspiring site - the mountains of Vaujany - in which to experience every emotion. The arts bring people together, encouraging exchanges and joint projects in which imagination and creativity are the pillars for opening up to others, to the world, and sometimes the self. Open to all ages and all audiences, the first «Vaujany Festival - Village des Arts de la Montagne» promises lively, experiential performances in which the public is encouraged to become actively involved! Shows, workshops, talks and discussions - every event at the «Vaujany Festival - Village des Arts à la Montagne» will encourage audiences to think about how art and the mountains are connected, and to reflect on the future and the fragility of the world we live in, all in a majestic natural setting.



**Shows** : Free



**Introduction to the flying trapeze** : Free



**Professionally supervised circus workshops** : Free  
Initiation and discovery - Free 2-hour sessions from Sunday to Thursday

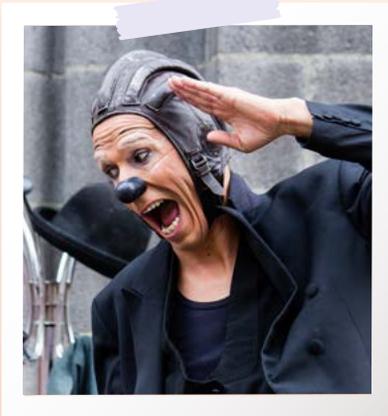
MORE INFO



# Village des Arts à la montagne

From **28 July** to **2 August** 2024

The entire village will become a labyrinth of artistic expression as local artists, who embody a traditional heritage, share their passion and skills with the community, creating an organic connection between art and local culture. Vibrant, entertaining street performances are set to grace the cobbled streets, while large-scale shows, both outdoor and under the marquees, will create moments of artistic delight. The highlight of the festival will be the enchanted evening, when the glow of the stars will intermingle with the artistic performances to create an entrancing and memorable atmosphere.



## WORKSHOPS *for everyone!*

The very essence of this artistic celebration is embodied in introductory workshops designed to stimulate and encourage individual expression in children and adults alike. Circus workshops will broaden the horizons of all participants, offering the chance to explore a wide range of fun skills, while dance workshops will invite bodies and souls to dance. Meanwhile, workshops in artistic expression such as graffiti will provide the ideal setting for participants to unleash their unique ingenuity.

## THE SAVOIR-FAIRE *day*

Wednesday is a special day, featuring a «festival within a festival» from 10am to 11pm, designed to offer local visitors a compendium of activities to be enjoyed in a single day. This will also be an occasion to bring together local artists and craftspeople in an artisans' village that will play host to Oisans creators and producers, most of whom are active members of the Route des Savoir-Faire. They will be able to share their time with the public and present their creations, alongside decorators, storytellers and other artists.



### **Professionally supervised courses** : (booking required - limited number of places)

- Flying trapeze : three 2-hour sessions (Tarif : €50)
- Circus arts : five 2-hour sessions (Tarif : €50)
- Urban dance : one 1.5-hour session (Tarif : €10)
- Graffiti : one 2-hour session (Tarif : €10)



### **Guided theme walks**

« Vaujany, walking the paths of the past and the future » - « Vaujany, flora and fauna »  
Adults : €10 | children : €5

Since summer 2023, the Espace Nature et Loisirs du Collet has been

enjoying a *new lease of life*

thanks to a complete facelift that has made it the place to be for games, trying out new activities and having fun together. Accessible on foot, by car, by bike or with the free tourist train, the Espace boasts a wide range of amenities to be

*enjoyed from morning to night*

for fun, relaxation, sport or just

to keep cool *in the water!*



# LE COLLET, THE COOL SPOT FOR A

*summer's day*



*Have fun.  
relax.  
let off steam.  
play sports.  
keep cool*





To the Col du Sabot

- 1 ALPINE GARDEN
- 2 CITYSTADE
- 3 SPORTS FACILITIES  
tennis, petanque
- 4 PICNIC AREA
- 5 SLIDES
- 6 ARCHERY
- 7 NATURAL POOL
- 8 BAREFOOT PATH
- 9 WALKING TRAIL
- 10 WATER PLAY AREA
- 11 PUMPTRACK , FLOWPARK  
ET SKATEPARK

*Water.* but in a closed circuit

Keeping cool and playing in the water are popular with children and families alike, especially during the heatwave, but there's no question of Vaujany wasting water resources. As a result, when the site was refurbished, the water features were designed with a **closed-circuit regeneration system** so that not a single drop of the precious resource is wasted.

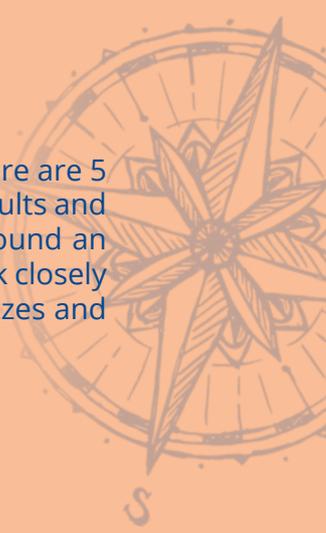


## Themed orienteering courses for all the family !

Families can set off on an adventure to discover Vaujany and the surrounding area. There are 5 themed trails to choose from: heritage trails for adults and children; wildlife trails for adults and children; and walking trails. Each route is carefully designed for all levels and lasts around an hour. Leaflets are available from the Tourist Office. These fun routes encourage you look closely at the surrounding sights while discovering Vaujany's heritage treasures thanks to quizzes and games. Make sure you don't lose your bearings !

Free of charge. Contact : Office de Tourisme - +33(0)4 76 80 72 37

[More info](#)



# CHILDREN

## in paradise

### AN ORIGINAL STORYTELLING WALK,

*with and about dogs*

Laurent Testot is a science journalist and essayist, author of the book *Homo Canis, une histoire des chiens et de l'humanité*. On this unique walk, he describes the changing role of dogs over the centuries and their inextricable link with mankind. Best of all, dogs are welcome on this family walk that is suitable for all abilities.

Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 10.30 am - Espace Nature et Loisirs du Collet. Free - From age 10.

Duration : 1h30min

Contact : Pôle Culturel de Vaujany  
+33(0)4 76 11 11 91 / +33(0)4 76 80 77 08  
[culturel@vaujany.fr](mailto:culturel@vaujany.fr)

### Philosophical walk

#### SMALL STEPS, BIG IDEAS :

Simon Parcot was born and brought up in Venosc. A former philosophy teacher, he now focuses on his passion, namely writing and his desire to open up philosophy to everyone. His philosophy walks take families on a contemplative hike along the footpaths of Vaujany, guided by the wisdom of great thinkers such as Aristotle, Rousseau, Descartes and Thoreau. On the theme of *À la recherche du sauvage* (In search of the wild), Simon Parcot encourages reflection and philosophical contemplation to uncover all the facets of the wild that lie dormant within us.

Thursday 1 August 2024 at 10am - Espace Nature et Loisirs du Collet

Free - From age 10 - Duration : 2h30min

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS of shepherds

This original « Philosopher with the shepherds » walk takes hikers right to the core of the subject by leading them through the high pastures of Vaujany. Simon Parcot explains the history of pastoralism and analyses the impact this profession has on our relationship with nature, animals and ourselves. His discussion is illustrated with watercolour and charcoal drawings by Paul de Chatelperron.

Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 10am - Espace Nature et Loisirs du Collet

Free - From age 10 - Duration : 2h30min





## EXPERIENCING

## *the Rissiou beehives*

Aymeric Genevois is a passionate beekeeper who has set up hives in Vaujany, the village where he grew up. Through «Beekeeper for an hour», he invites the public to discover the secrets of honey production. Equipped from head to toe, you can visit his beehives while he answers all your questions. Over the months, he has developed a wide range of products based on mountain honey and wax. To take home a tasty souvenir, pop into his «Esprit Vaujany» shop to buy honey, honey spreads, moisturising balms and candles... all 100% local and homemade.

€5/person, Mondays and/or Thursdays depending on demand.

« Esprit Vaujany » outlet : Tabac - Souvenirs - 3 Place de la Fare  
aymeric.genevois@orange.fr - +33(0)6 80 57 89 20

## THE SWIMMING POOL

## *relaxing with the family*

What could be better than unwinding in 30°C water after a hard day's hike? Head for the Vaujany swimming pool - it's the perfect place to enjoy some family time, with the kids busy splashing about in the paddling pool, playing under the mushroom jet or hurtling down the mini-slide, while the adults enjoy a few lengths in the 25 m pool with 4 swim lines. A large slide and waterfall complete the facilities, which have been awarded the Famille Plus label.



Monday to Friday : 10.30am-7.30pm.

Wednesday : 10.30am-9pm. Saturday and

Sunday : 11.30am-7.30pm €6 adults / €5 children / €15 families.

Contact : +33(0)4 76 11 11 90

[More info](#)

## THE ICE RINK, *a cool haven*

The ice rink is a sure bet for spending some quality time out of the heat of the summer evenings. This 1,600 m<sup>2</sup> facility, which can accommodate up to 900 people, is the ideal place for family fun or for partying, with ice disco evenings that attract all generations. Laughter and singing are the name of the game !

€5 adults / €3 children / €15 families / €2 skate hire [More info](#)

## *And that's not all !*

**Introduction to curling and Eisstock :** summer is also an opportunity to try out some little-known sports! Holidaymakers are invited to try their hand at curling, an Olympic discipline that involves sliding granite stones as close as possible to a circular target drawn on the ice, and Eisstock, its German cousin, which is a mixture of curling and pétanque. It really is great fun !

Every Tuesday evening - €10 adults / €5 children

Contact and bookings: Tourist Office - 04 76 80 72 37

**Ice disco evenings :** every Wednesday evening, the ice rink goes into disco mode with a light show and party music.

9pm-11pm. [More info](#)

## CHAMOIS *spotting*

Departing from the Dôme des Petites Rousses (easily reached by two successive cable cars), trek leader Alain Hillion takes visitors on a hike to observe the fascinating and inquisitive chamois. Accessible to all and with 700m of ascent, he guides hikers through a lunar landscape shaped by rock, dotted with magnificent glacial lakes. Perfect for a change of scenery !

Group guiding fee : €25 (for groups of 2 or more) - From age 10 - Half-day hike  
Contact : Alain Hillion - +33(0)6 85 73 53 41

[More info](#)



## THE VAUJANY MUSEUM :

*modern, immersive displays*

Although the museum was designed specifically for children, it will also appeal to adults interested in anecdotes and information about the surrounding mountains and the history of the resort. The modern scenography, equipped with the latest technology, creates immersive workshops that involve all the senses: visitors can touch, look at and listen to the mountain. The highlight of the show is a simulator flight over the Oisans mountains, promising a breathtaking experience lasting between 2 and 4 minutes. Children and parents alike simply love it!

*Free of charge. Contact : Musée de Vaujany  
+33(0)4 76 11 11 91 - emv@vaujany.fr*



## MULTIMEDIA LIBRARY

*Holiday reading*

Head to the multimedia library to indulge your passion for reading and games. With comics, magazines, DVDs, mangas and thrillers, there's plenty to keep you busy! You can read them on site or take them away with you, and all loans are free! The multimedia library is part of the Oisans Media Library Network, which means that a wide range of books is always available.

*Every day 9am-12pm and 2pm-6pm.*

*Media library - +33(0)4 76 80 78 14 -*

*mediatheque@vaujany.fr*

# CULTIVATING *its difference*

## PUPPET SHOWS *take centre stage*

This summer, Vaujany has decided to showcase puppetry, a rich art form featuring different forms of expression in four different shows.

• **TUESDAY 30 JULY 2024** : The Talabar company presents its show *C'est à moi*. The hand-made puppets take the audience on a treasure hunt. But be warned, it's not just any treasure !

*5pm - Salle des fêtes - Duration: 45 min. Free - From age 3*

• **MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2024** : The En La company invites audiences to *Le prince Badalbert et le dragon vert*, a show in which sets and characters are incorporated into the actors' costumes. Prince Badalbert and his faithful snail Chiki-Chika travel the world in search of his princess.

*5pm - Salle des fêtes - Duration: 50 min. Free - From 3 years*

• **FRIDAY 9 AUGUST 2024** : *L'étoile de mon enfance* by the Compagnie Les Mariottes will amaze young and old alike. Natural elements and old objects are brought back to life in this original show: a dead branch becomes the articulated leg of the sage, and an old teapot is given a new lease of life to help a little star find its place in the universe.

*5pm - Amphitheatre - Duration: 40 min. Free - From 3 years*

• **THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2024** : This series of shows will conclude with *Madame Caroline*, by the Compagnie de la Panthère Noire, a whimsical world where humour and situational comedy take centre stage.

*5pm - Amphitheatre - Duration: 45 min. Free - From 3 years*

## *Introduction*

### TO MOSAICS AND SCROLL SAWING

This creative workshop starts with Marcel Gresse helping participants to use a scroll saw to cut out an attractive wooden shape. Then Laurence Chapelon-Chain takes over, helping them to master the art of mosaic and decorate the wood with pretty shards of coloured earthenware. And everyone can take a lovely souvenir home with them !

*Thursday 18 July 2024 at 2pm - Coursive du Pôle Culturel. All ages 7 and up - Duration : 3 hours*

## *A workshop*

### FULL OF STARS

As part of the astronomy week at the Pôle Culturel, author and illustrator Gaëlle Almeras will be taking readers into the graphic world of her book *Le Super Week-end de l'Espace*. During this creative workshop, readers will be able to familiarise themselves with her black-and-white pencil drawings and dynamic style, interspersed with comic-style speech bubbles.

*Wednesday 7 August 2024 at 10.45 am*

*- Coursive du Pôle Culturel. From 6 years -*

*Duration : 1h15*

# YOUR PERFECT WEEK

à Vaujany

Two months of free events for everyone ! It's unusual, but Vaujany has made it happen. As nothing is too good for holidaymakers, at least 4 events are scheduled for each day, with free access (registration required at the Tourist Office) for an XXL holiday. Here's just a sample of what's in store !

## Monday

### SETTING THE SCENE

- 9am : Full-day or half-day hike on the Alpette lakes plateau.
- 10.30am : Dramatised guided visit to the village.
- 4.30pm : Children's show
- 7pm : Introduction to curling and eisstock

## Wednesday

### SURPRISE !

- 9.30am : Visit to the bison farm and to see other strange animals
- 10.45am : Frisbee golf tournament
- 2pm : Half-day hike with a guide
- 5pm : Sunset e-bike ride



## Friday

### DAY AT THE SUMMIT

- 9am : Hike to the La Fare mountain hut
- 10.30am : Orienteering challenge at Le Collet
- 3pm : Waterworld construction and boat race on the Collet lake
- 5.30pm : Jauvany refreshments and farewell drink



## Sunday

### LET THE PARTY BEGIN !

- 5pm : Welcome parade to music with the chamois mascots Jauvany and Jauvana, followed by a welcome drink.



## Tuesday

### LEARN WHILE HAVING FUN

- 9am : Full-day or half-day cycle tour with a guide
- 10.30am : Storytelling for children
- 3pm : « Beekeeper for an hour » workshop with Aymeric Genevois
- 5.30pm : Les grillades musicales, concert and shared barbecue



## Thursday

### ENJOY NATURE TO THE FULL

- 9am : Z'animalp - visit to the museum followed by a wildlife quiz and games for children
- 2pm : Archery session with various games at Le Collet
- 6pm : Live concert in the village square



## RUNNING on 5 trail routes

Vaujany boasts 5 trail routes ranging from 4 to 26 km and with height gain from 5m to over 1,400m. These are in addition to the 17 trail paths, totalling 390km, that make up the Oisans Trail Station, opened in Villard Reculas in 2013. The 5 routes in Vaujany are detailed on the OnPiste app. Vaujany is ideal for trail running of all kinds – the Tour du Rissiou, Tour des Aiguillettes, the 1km vertical on the Col du Sabot and the Jasses trail are all must-dos for trail runners !



[More info](#)

## Atou'Sport shop

### CHOOSE YOUR TRAINERS, BOOK YOUR BIKE AND GET YOUR VIA FERRATA KIT

Located on Place de l'Étendard, the shop Atou'Sport is the perfect holiday partner for renting a road or mountain bike, choosing your next pair of trainers or hiring your via ferrata gear. You can even treat yourself to some brand-name outdoor clothing! The staff are particularly welcoming and trained to give all kinds of advice to sports enthusiasts.

Contact : +33(0)4 76 79 01 19  
[thierryjacquemet@yahoo.fr](mailto:thierryjacquemet@yahoo.fr)

# WE WANT SPORT !

## Via Ferrata

### WITH A VIEW OF LA FARE WATERFALL

This is no ordinary via ferrata ! As its name suggests, the Via Ferrata de la Cascade de la Fare provides breathtaking views of the 300-metre waterfall. The impressive, ebullient waterfall regularly sprays climbers! This via ferrata has been devised for two levels: the first section is for beginners aged 14 and over, the second for experienced climbers. In both cases, however, a guide is recommended for the 500m of cables and rungs, and the 4h30 excursion, of which 2 to 2h30 are spent on the via. The effort is amply rewarded at the Belvedere summit at 1715m, surrounded by panoramic views.



#### 1<sup>st</sup> section

**Easy : Les Passerelles**  
After weaving their way along the wooded flanks of the rock face, climbers come to two long and exposed footbridges over the ravine. They can either stop here or continue.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> section

**Expert : La Cascade**  
This is a more challenging and exposed route with a D+ grading. It follows the mythical «Cascade de La Fare» through vertical sections that are physically accessible but require a little technique and mountain experience.

Guided via ferrata : « Les Passerelles » route, €69/person (4 to 6 people).  
Bureau des guides de Bourg d'Oisans : +33(0)4 76 80 42 55. Christelle Morin, climbing instructor : +33(0)6 83 14 05 74 - [ski.christelle@gmail.com](mailto:ski.christelle@gmail.com) | Denis Ailloud, mountain guide : +33(0)6 07 56 20 92 | Vaujany Tourist Office : +33(0)4 76 80 72 37. Equipment can be hired from « Atou'Sport ».



## THE UNMISSABLE COL DU SABOT

### *Les Ravitos du Sabot*

Every Thursday, the road is open only to people on foot, bicycle, horseback, scooter or on their hands... as they wish, provided it's engine-free ! The 5km climb up to the pass from the Espace Nature et Loisirs du Collet is enjoyed in total peace and quiet.

*Every Thursday morning - Road closed to traffic from 9am to 12pm - Free - Refreshments on arrival.  
Info : Vaujany Tourist Office*

### *Oisans Col Series*

The Oisans Col Series is organised by Oisans Tourisme every Tuesday, with a different route reserved for cyclists from 9am to 12pm each week. For Vaujany, the route starts at Le Verney and leads up to the Col du Sabot, with over 1,311 m of ascent over 14 km and an average pedalling time of 1 hour 20 minutes. Cyclists can set off whenever they like for a fabulous morning of sport.

*Tuesday 23 July 2024 - Free.*

## BASE CAMP FOR THE TOUR DE FRANCE'S

### *greatest climbs*

Vaujany is a great base camp from which to explore Oisans and its finest climbs by bike. Col du Sabot, Col du Glandon, Col de la Croix de Fer, Montée de l'Alpe d'Huez... there's a climb for each day !



## " Accueil vélo " accomodation

### AT CHALET SOLNEIGE

Situated in the verdant hamlet of Pourchery below Vaujany, Chalet Solneige looks a little like an English cottage. In this old building typical of the Oisans region, the owners, who are both keen cyclists and originally from the Netherlands, have been welcoming cycling enthusiasts into their home for the past 25 years. Guests enjoy a tailor-made stay dedicated to their sport: accommodation in a double room, half board and a special diet for sports lovers, all home-cooked using fresh, local produce. A bicycle garage and tools are also available. On a practical level, the owners offer invaluable advice on the various itineraries. Food can be provided for «big rides» and the couple can also provide support for races in the valley.

From May to October, many cyclists stay at Chalet Solneige. In the vaulted dining room, stories abound at the evening table d'hôtes of the best ride, the steepest climb or the fastest descent. It's all a friendly, shared experience.



*From €500/person for 1 week with half board.  
In addition (prices on request): airport transfers, bike hire, guided bike visits, massages, packed lunches, etc. €118 per night with breakfast for 2 people.  
+33(0)4 76 79 88 18 - info@chaletsolneige.com*

[More info](#)

## 12 themed family walks : ON THE CIRKWI APP

Simple and easy to use, the CIRKWI app provides details of 12 walks starting from Vaujany. It contains a wealth of information about the walks, including their profile, duration, difficulty and the route, as well as historical, nature and environmental information about the places of interest along the way. «Tales and legends», for example, tells the story of the priest who wanted to amaze his parishioners on Whitsuntide, and a little further on you can take a break at the hamlet of Le Rochas, where the legend of the Fire Stone is recounted... and so on for a 3km, hour-long walk. There are 12 themed walks available !

[More info](#)

# UP WE GO !

## WALKING AMONG *the high lakes*



The Dômes des Rousses lakes hike at 2800m is both scenic and easy, starting in Vaujany village and taking the two cable cars up to 2800m. Here, walkers are treated to a lunar-like panorama of glacial lakes carved out of the rock. On this southern part of the Petites Rousses plateau, the 200m elevation gain is a breeze. The Dômes des Rousses lakes are a genuine geological curiosity, having been formed less than two centuries ago as a result of glacial erosion. The emerald green of the water exults in this mineral environment with little vegetation and delights visitors. It's a great place to spot chamois, and gives you a chance to experience the fascinating world of the high mountains at first hand, without any physical stress or danger. Allow 2h30 for the walk.

*Prices for foot passengers : €12.50 (adults), €8.50 (children)*

*Cable car opening times : from 9am, last descent at 5.15pm. Closed from 12 noon to 1.30pm.*

## THE COL DU COUARD *for brave hikers !*



It's a technical hike up to the Col du Couard via the Plan des Cavalles and the Lac de La Fare. This challenging full-day loop covers 16km and 1400 metres of ascent. The walk starts from the Tourist Office and heads towards the hamlet of La Villette, from where a steep climb takes you up to the Col du Couard at an altitude of 2,234 metres. The path continues towards glacial lakes including the Lac de La Fare, the largest lake and the highest point of the hike. This is an immersion in the high Alps, between glacial lakes and the snow-capped Oisans peaks. The hike passes by the oldest mountain hut in Oisans, the Abri Rajon.

*Itinerary*

## A REFRESHING FAMILY HIKE *to the La Fare waterfall*



This is the perfect summer hike: 1.3 km with only a 110 m height gain. The walk starts at the hamlet of La Villette, and to the delight of families, a free little train can take you right to the start. It is a 1h30 out-and-back walk through the forest of pine and spruce. At the end of the path, walkers stare in amazement at the 1,200 m waterfall that rises from the Plan des Cavales lakes just above.

[\*More info\*](#)

## LES AIGUILLETES DE VAUJANY, *via the sentier de la Cochette*



This magnificent 1h30 hike takes you to the summit of the Aiguillettes, with incredible views all along the way. Hikers get close-up views of geological folds that are unique in their shape and composition. This well-marked trail is exposed, but without any difficulties. In the 1938 monthly bulletin of the Lyon Natural Science Society, the chapter on the best excursions in Oisans began as follows, « If ever an excursion was eventful and full of unforeseen circumstances, it was the one to the Col du Sabot ». In 2022, we could borrow these words to describe the path leading to the Aiguillettes, as the hike reveals a whole host of hidden treasures.

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## THE BELLEDONNE, *Vaujany's wild side*



Vaujany is one of the largest communes in France in terms of surface area. As a result, part of it extends into the Belledonne Massif. Sports enthusiasts can reach Les 7 Laux on the other side of the massif from Le Rivier d'Allemond. This itinerary, part of which lies in the commune of Vaujany, is one of the most iconic hiking routes in Oisans, boasting particularly spectacular scenery. Hikers are more likely to come across an ibex than another human. The ascent takes 3h30 and the descent 2h30, but the view of the lakes bordered by alpine meadows is invigorating.

*OBP guidebook number 2, trail number 205*

## A CHALLENGING HIKE

### *The Belledonne from the summit of Le Rissiou*

We've moved up a category to feature a hike that require 7-9 hours of walking there and back. This is a superb route, climbing to an altitude of 2,622m and offering incredible views of the Belledonne and Grandes Rousses massifs, but also, further afield, of the vast chains of the Northern Alps and the western part of the Écrins massif (Roche de la Muzelle). The 11km hike is not within everyone's reach, but it's well worth the effort !

*IGN map: TOP 25 - 3335 ET « Le Bourg d'Oisans - L'Alpe d'Huez »*

NEW !

## The Shred Burger

THE PERFECT PLACE FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HOME-MADE FOOD !



The experienced chefs at Le Shred Burger make it a point of honour to do everything themselves: mincing fresh meat, baking their own buns, preparing fresh sauces and fries, and so on. The burgers are all made with local, seasonal ingredients. It's the perfect place for anyone who loves good food and a great

atmosphere. Dishes from €19. Address : 9 place de la

Fare. Contact : +33(0)4 80 41 00 05

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## Chalet Regulus

THE IDEAL PLACE TO RECHARGE YOUR BATTERIES

This large 4-star chalet offers accommodation for 8 people, with 5 spacious bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. It also boasts top-of-the-range facilities, including a large living room, fully-equipped kitchen, infrared cabin and meditation area. With its panoramic views over the Grandes Rousses massif and peaceful location, this chalet is the ideal place to recharge your batteries and feel immediately at home.

Address : 11 Chemin de clot de Laissey.

Contact : +31650227693

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# TOP adresses

## Le refuge des Sens

FOR GOOD TIMES WITH FRIENDS



Le Refuge des Sens is a group of 3 luxury chalets offering a spacious and comfortable haven for special moments with family or friends. Each chalet is carefully designed to provide guests with a pleasant, independent living space: large living room with lounge and fireplace, fully-equipped kitchen, 4 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 1 master suite with dressing room and private bathroom and a 4-bed dormitory with bathroom. Outside the chalets, there's a sauna and relaxation area with outstanding views of the Grandes Rousses and the Fare waterfall. Moreover, as it is located in the centre of Vaujany, the shops and ski lifts are within easy reach thanks to the village's escalators and lifts.

Weekly price: from €2,500 - Address : 32 route du Rochas 38114 Vaujany - Contact: Le refuge des Sens - +33(0)6 33 43 11 09

[More info](#)



## *Le restaurant Le Collet,* FOR A SNACK AT ALTITUDE

With a superb view over the Espace Nature et Loisirs du Collet, the Le Collet restaurant is the perfect place to take a break. Nathalie and Patrick are welcoming visitors for their second season at altitude. Having got to know Vaujany during their holidays, they fell in love with this lovely spot. Used to welcoming visitors, these former campsite managers serve fast, simple and delicious food, which is very popular with families, from 1st May. In the morning, the still-quiet Espace du Collet welcomes the first visitors for a coffee in the tranquility of the rising sun. At midday, the focus changes to quality snacks, with homemade pizzas, burgers, paninis and croque-monsieur sandwiches, which can be eaten on the large terrace or taken away to enjoy on the grass. The afternoon continues with waffles and crêpes, the perfect family tea-time treat. As it remains open until 9.30pm, customers can enjoy the last rays of sunshine over a friendly aperitif !

*Opening on 1 May 2024. May-June : food service at lunchtime + Friday and Saturday evenings. July-August : daily from 8.30am to 9.30pm - concert once a week at Le Collet.*

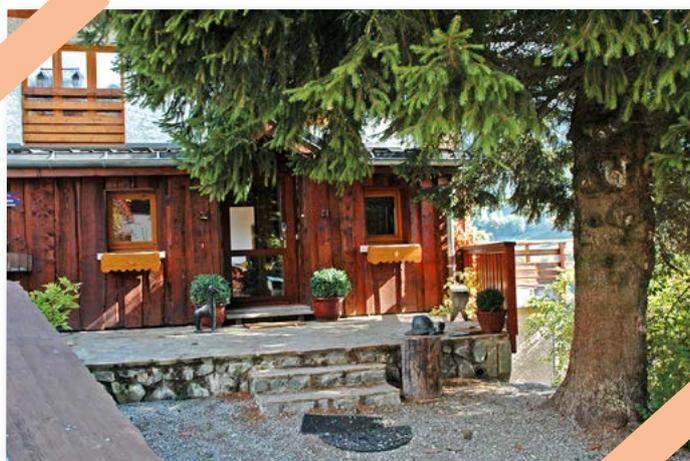
## *Chalet La Maitreya*

### THE FAMILY CHALET PAR EXCELLENCE

Chalet La Maitreya is a 500-year-old completely renovated farmhouse with English and Flemish influences. It sleeps up to 19 people in 8 en-suite bedrooms (including 6 doubles or twins, a triple and a family room). This makes it the perfect place for large families or groups of friends to get together. Features include a large south-facing terrace with uninterrupted views of the surrounding peaks, a large Jacuzzi on the terrace and a sauna to ensure a truly relaxing break, bike storage and a range of services to help you make the most of your holiday: a ski pass service, bread and shopping deliveries and the services of a chef! Exploring the region is easy, as the start of several hiking and mountain biking routes is right at the foot of the chalet !

*Weekly price : from €6,000. Address : 1 chemin du Perrier*

[More info](#)



## *The Vaujany Mountain Lodge*

### HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HEADACHES

This magnificent 170 m<sup>2</sup> chalet is situated in one of Vaujany's quiet hamlets. It features 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and can sleep up to 10 people. Its large lounge with wood-burning stove, pretty living room

and separate dining room are perfect for happy get-togethers in a warm, family atmosphere. Everything is provided for a stress-free holiday: half-board and private chef available on request for delicious meals, right in the lodge. The two large terraces and balconies offer breathtaking views of the Alps above the magnificent Lac du Verney. The legendary passes of the Alps are within easy reach, to the delight of cyclists, mountain bikers and motorcyclists.

*Weekly price : from 2100€. Adress : Hameau de Pourchery - 188 route du Col du Sabot.  
Contact : The Vaujany Mountain Lodge - +33(0)6 82 71 13 66*

[More info](#)

# OUR EVENTS



01

From 11 to 19 July

## 15<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

Fans of this strategic game are in for a treat at the 15th Vaujany Chess Festival. Nearly 200 players will be competing over the course of a week for the title of best player. Spectators permitted.

*More info*



02

From 22 au 26 July

## IMAGES & NATURE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Images & Nature Festival is a chance to see the environment around us in a whole new way. Five days of fun activities, shows featuring natural elements such as shadows and sand, screenings of wildlife documentaries,

meetings with the film-makers, introductory photography sessions, exhibitions of mountain wildlife and our splendid landscapes, and, for even more fun, concerts and film-concerts !

Free - Pôle Culturel de Vaujany - [culturel@vaujany.fr](mailto:culturel@vaujany.fr) / +33(0)4 76 11 11 91





03

28 July to 02 August

VAUJANY FESTIVAL,  
VILLAGE DES ARTS À LA MONTAGNE :  
See pages 4 & 5

04

From 03 to 04 August

LA VOGUE TRADITIONAL  
VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Holidaymakers and locals get together to celebrate mountain traditions with street performances, spectacular entertainment and fun activities.



05

From 05 to 09 August

ASTRONOMY  
WEEK

A week full of stars to celebrate astronomy. Young and old alike can enjoy film screenings, puppet shows, creative workshops and illustrated astronomy sessions.



06

Le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre

GFNY ALPES VAUJANY

With 4,000m of ascent over 118km, the GFNY Alpes Vaujany long course is a real test for cyclists' legs, guided by a mindset of steel.

*More info*

Full schedule at :

[vaujany.com](http://vaujany.com)

# ACCESS MAP



## ACCESS BY CAR

- From Grenoble : 50mn.
- From Lyon : 2h.
- From Valence : 2h.

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