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You will find in this book, towns  
& villages to visit nearby Thyez,  
the best way to

*Enjoy our beautiful region !*



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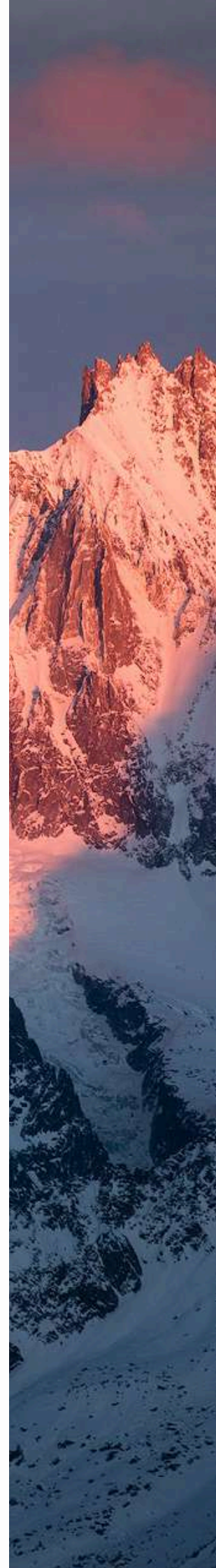
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## Villages of the Grand-Massif :

*About 25 minutes to 1 hour drive*

### *Flaine*

Classified as a historical monument, this resort was created in 1968 by the geophysicist Eric Boissonnas, in the heart of a large natural cirque at an altitude of 1600m, and was conceived as an "integrated resort", ski-in/ski-out and car-free.

With the Swiss architect Gérard Chervaz, Eric Boissonnas took the challenge of creating an example of urban planning, architecture and design. The guiding principle of the architectural design was respect for nature: the lines of the ground plan are therefore harmonized with those of the site's morphology. The concrete is voluntarily present, blended by its color with the surrounding limestone.

### *Samoëns*

Samoëns, labeled one of the most beautiful villages of France.

The resort-village of Samoëns benefits from a choice location and an exceptional panorama. Attached to the Grand Massif domain, the resort is linked to four other resorts: Flaine, Les Carroz, Morillon and Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval.

Samoëns is an ideal resort for winter sports, but it is also appreciated for the change of scenery offered by its warm village, with its very particular character. In this medieval-looking village, Samoëns has preserved a rich heritage of historical and cultural treasures. Do not hesitate to walk around this pretty village !

### *Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval*

Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval is an authentic village nestled in the heart of the mountains. Its typical charm offers holidaymakers the promise of an authentic vacation, far from the hustle and bustle of the crowds and close to an abundance of nature.

## What to do in Flaine ?

### Flaine Summer Pass

The resort of Flaine accompanies you during your summer! With the Flaine Summer Pass, you can enjoy a multitude of sports and cultural activities for an unforgettable vacation! You will also benefit from special offers, discounts or gifts at the member shops and service providers.

### In Winter

In winter, there are many activities such as dog sledding, snowmobiling, sledding, walking, snowshoeing, kite-snow or ice driving.

## What to do in Samoëns ?

In Samoëns it is pleasant to walk through the small streets and to enjoy the small local stores.

Then, the Botanical Garden is a "sensory and exotic" stroll. Classified as a "Remarkable Garden of France", the Alpine Botanical Garden of Jaýsinia, with its 2400 varieties of plants, offers a poetic walk through the alpine flora and the mountain plants of the 5 continents.

## What to do in Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval ?

Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval is a beautiful village in Haute-Savoie known and famous for its architectural heritage and especially for its natural sites, such as the [Cirque du Fer-à-Cheval](#), the [Cascade du Rouget](#), Les Gorges des Tines, and its 12th century abbey. The ski area of Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval is linked to the Grand Massif by the Piste des Cascades, a 14 km long easy slope.



## Les Gets

*About 26 minutes drive (20 km)*

Nestled in the heart of the Chablais massif at an altitude of 1172 m, the family resort of Les Gets is a natural, beautiful, preserved and dynamic resort where you feel "like at home". As a proof, the resort has been awarded by a "Quality Tourism Label".



## What to do in Les Gets ?

Multi Pass: One pass for the whole family. With the Multi Pass, 60 activities await you in the 12 village resorts of Les Portes du Soleil!

In addition, you can enjoy hiking, mountain biking, cycling, a golf course facing the Mont-Blanc, a swimming lake, and many invigorating, fun or sporty activities for all.

In winter, you can practice many sports on the ski slopes and in the villages: downhill or cross-country skiing, walking or snowshoeing, or sledding at the end of the day, the possibilities are endless for young and old.

The resort also has other heritage jewels such as the museum of mechanical music, the artisanal pottery, the country church and its magnificent philharmonic organ.

*At the Portes du Soleil resort, you can also visit Morzine and Avoriaz,  
a few minutes drive from Les Gets!*

Must-see : In Summer, the goat-village in Avoriaz.



## Saint-Gervais-les-Bains

About 30 minutes drive (32 km)

Saint-Gervais-les-Bains is surrounded by nature, it is not only a resort, it is a 4 seasons tourist destination from 580 to 4810 meters high.

### Saint-Gervais Mont-Blanc - International spa resort

Nestled in a magnificent 10-hectare wooded park, Les Thermes de Saint-Gervais are a unique place. After more than 6,000 years underground, the water is highly enriched in minerals and trace elements, preserved from any external pollution, and offers exceptional therapeutic benefits.

Between thermal spa, massages and wellness treatments, Les Thermes welcome adults and children all year round, for a moment of complete relaxation and serenity.

<https://www.thermes-saint-gervais.com/>

## What to do in Saint-Gervais ?

### In Winter

Saint-Gervais is two ski areas and more than 500km of runs in the heart of an exceptional environment. Whether you are a fan of downhill skiing, snowshoeing, ski touring or just enjoying the snowy landscape, you will of course find something to please you.

### In Summer

Saint-Gervais is a paradise for nature lovers. Hiking, climbing, via-ferrata, swimming pool, mountaineering, mountain biking, tennis, paragliding, bungee jumping...

Young and old alike, take a deep breath of fresh air in the heart of the mountains and mountain pastures.



## Megève

*45 minutes by car (33 km)*

Located nearby Sallanches in Haute-Savoie, Megève starts its tourist development back to the 1910s when the Rothschild family has decided to make it one of their holiday resorts. Their goal was to create a French competitor against Saint-Moritz, the Swiss posh resort. They also wished to create a French ski resort symbolizing the French Art de Vivre.

More than a ski resort, Megève is a warm and dynamic village all year round!

Between traditions, know-how, cultural activities and thrills, explore a destination that is both rich from yesterday to today !



## What to do in Megève ?

### *Guided tour of the village*

Take a step back in time! From yesterday to today, dive into the extraordinary history of the village and discover its unique heritage !

Explore the heart of Megeve: stroll through the narrow streets full of history and traditions.

### *In Winter*

What to do in Megève in Winter : hiking or snowshoeing, skiing, ski touring, ice skating, curling, dog sledding... and much more !

### *In Summer*

What to do in Megève in Summer : mini-golf, golf, tennis, fishing, summer sledding, hiking, biking, swimming...

### *Indoor Activities*

With the largest sports complex in the Alps, Megeve is a four-season destination offering a large range of activities whatever the season and the weather!

Climbing, tennis, fitness, dance, swimming pool...

Palais des sports : 04.50.21.15.71

### *Let's fly on top of the Mont-Blanc !*

Take off for breathtaking landscapes and live an unforgettable experience.

Tourist plane, helicopter flight, paragliding, skydiving...

Must do : an helicopter flight on top of the Mont-Blanc !





## Le Grand-Bornand

About 45 minutes drive (39 km)

The commune is located between the massif des Bornes and the Aravis mountain range.

In the heart of a splendid scenery, Le Grand-Bornand has preserved its soul of mountain village of Haute-Savoie while developing a tourist reception of quality.

The resort of Le Grand Bornand extends over two altitudes:

- at 1000 meters, is Le Grand-Bornand Village, a typical Savoyard village with its granary, its square, its church and its shops...
- 6 kilometers higher, on the road to the Col de la Colombière, lies Le Grand-Bornand Chinaillon, at an altitude of 1,300 meters, the main departure point for the downhill ski slopes.

## What to do in Le Grand-Bornand ?

### In Winter

Ice climbing, snowshoeing, skiing, skating, biathlon, sledding, mountain biking on snow, sledding, SegWay, Speed-Riding, ... .

### In Summer

Walks and hikes, mountain biking, climbing, golf, yoya, spa, Nordic walking, trail, summer biathlon, all-terrain electric scooter, horse-drawn carriage rides, beach volleyball, ... .

### For yours children's

Leisure areas, Escape Game, luge, skate park, library, acrobatic sports, archery, adventure course, creative leisure...

## La Clusaz

About 50 minutes drive (41 km)

La Clusaz is located 27 km of Annecy, at the foot of the Aravis massif and the Aravis pass.

30 minutes from Annecy, this beautiful village of 1700 inhabitants is one of the few resorts that offer a beautiful alpine domain and a beautiful Nordic domain. At the foot of the Aravis range, it spreads its beautiful wooden chalets covered with tavaillons (small wooden tiles) on the sides of soft mountains.

## What to do in La Clusaz ?

### In Winter

The mountain can be discovered in many ways: by ski, with snowshoes, on horseback... Choose your experiences!

You can also enjoy : dog sledding, paragliding, sledding, ice bumpers, skating rink and of course, the Aravis water park.

### In Summer

With family, friends or as a couple, rediscover the mountains !

From mountain biking to hiking or climbing, and even a lazy session at the water park, La Clusaz is an attractive destination that offers a wide range of activities.

Take advantage of the ski lifts available during the summer season, the summer sledding, the white water sports, the fishing and the leisure center for your children!

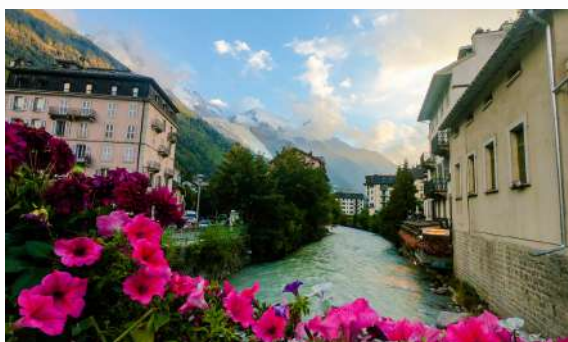


# Chamonix

*About 50 minutes drive (29 km)*

Between the Aiguilles Rouges and the Mont-Blanc mountain ranges, Chamonix shares with Saint-Gervais-les-Bains and Saint-Véran (Hautes-Alpes) the record of being the town with the highest altitude in France and Western Europe.

It owes it to the presence on its territory of the highest peak in the Alps: the Mont-Blanc which culminates at 4 810 meters high. It's probably the most popular town for mountaineering and mountain sports enthusiasts in general. The tourist attraction of the Mont-Blanc gives a very cosmopolitan face to the city.



## What to do in Chamonix ?

### *L'Aiguille du Midi : a must do !*

Discover an exceptional panorama on the Vallée Blanche, the Mont-Blanc and the Alps in general!

The Aiguille du Midi is the absolute dream, the place to see at least once in your life! For skiers and their guides, it is the starting point in winter of the mythical Vallée Blanche which leads to the Montenvers and to Chamonix by the Mer de Glace.

For more information: [www.montblancnaturalresort.com](http://www.montblancnaturalresort.com)

### *La Grotte de Glace*

La Mer de Glace is for sure one of the largest and famous glaciers in Europe. Regarding the global warming, you must see it soon to discover its superb.

For more information: [www.montblancnaturalresort.com](http://www.montblancnaturalresort.com)

### *Mont-Blanc Tramway from Saint-Gervais*

The tramway takes you from the Saint-Gervais-Le-Fayet station to the Nid d'Aigle at an altitude of over 2,300 meters. You will be able to take some amazing pictures on your way !

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### *Bossons Glacier*

Have a look of the Bossons glacier. On a slope of more than 3 500 meters, the snow seems to roll like a toboggan.



# Annecy "La Venise des Alpes"

About 50 minutes drive (60 km)

Annecy, the lake and the mountains... A fascinating and varied destination for an unforgettable experience! Come and live your own experience and get a change of scenery to discover this region full of richness.

The greenway and cycle paths allow you to go around the lake and admire the landscape at your own pace.

In August, the Annecy's fireworks are one of the most beautiful in Europe.



## What to do in Annecy ?

### Walk around ...

Walking or cycling along the Annecy's lake is very popular : you will admire the beautiful color of the lake and the mountains around. You can practice paddle, pedal boat or rent a motorbike without a licence. Beaches are also accessible if you wish to swim or relax ...

### Cruise

Fancy a cruise in one of the most beautiful lakes in Europe ? All year round, sail on the Annecy's lake and visit its shores during the walk.

Are you looking for a new experience ?

Jump on the Libellule boat for an unforgettable cruise dinner !

For more informations : <https://www.bateaux-annecy.com/croisieres-restaurant-sur-le-libellule/>

### The Old Town

You will never get tired of the small streets and local stores of the Old Town of Annecy.

### Hiking

Mont Veyrier :

This hike is for sur one the most beautiful hikes to do in Annecy !

Admire the scenery of the clear water of the lake and the Bauges massif !



## Geneva's lake : Yvoire et Genève

About 50 minutes drive

### Yvoire

Yvoire is a medieval city built in the early 14th century. Located on the French shore of Lake Geneva, between Geneva and Evian, the village of Yvoire is nicknamed the “gem of the lake”.

For the food lovers : Perch, the famous culinary specialty of Yvoire !

Perch is certainly the most famous, the fillets are an avoidable culinary institution.

But Lake Geneva is flooded with numerous other species with much flavor: some arctic char, trout, fera, pike, vandace, tench, carp, gudgeon, common roach, bullhead or bleak.

### Geneva

Geneva is a global city, a financial centre, and a worldwide centre for diplomacy due to the presence of numerous international organizations, including the headquarters of many agencies of the United Nations and the Red Cross.

Whatever the season, Geneva is overflowing with possible excursions, both outdoor and in cultural or recreational venues. Discover our selection of activities and take full advantage of our beautiful city throughout the year!



## What to do in Yvoire ?

This small village welcome several activities not to be missed !

While walking around the street, you will be able to admire the very flowered village, the port...

Don't forget to have a stop for a lunch or dinner and try “the Perch” !

To visit : Jardin des Cinq Sens, The Yvoire castle, the medieval fortifications, Saint Pancrace church and La Chataîgnière – Domaine de Rovorée

Fancy a boat journey ? there are many cruise ships that stop in Yvoire from Geneva, Lausanne ....

## What to do in Geneva ?

Find a selection of monuments and sites located close to the city centre and explore the history of Geneva through the different aspects highlighted. At the same time, learn about life in the districts of Geneva, their history and their emblematic or unusual sites :

- The Jet d'Eau of Geneva
- Geneva Old Town
- Geneva Saint Peter's Cathedral
- Treille Promenade
- Bastions Park – Parc des Bastions
- The Jardin Anglais and the Flower Clock
- Parc de La Grange and Parc des Eaux-vives
- Bains des Pâquis
- Visit the United Nations Office
- Geneva botanical garden



## Fancy a dinner in Samoëns ?

- Le Monde à l'envers
- Fabio Restaurant
- La Reposette
- Crêperie La Fandioleuse

## Fancy a dinner in Sixt ?

- Auberge de La Feuille d'Erable
- Auberge de La Cascade du Rouget
- Bar Restaurant Le Corti
- Le Rouet

## Fancy a dinner in Megève ?

- Le comptoir d'Alice
- Le flocon village
- Le Saint-Nicolas
- Les Trappeurs

## Fancy a dinner in Saint-Gervais ?

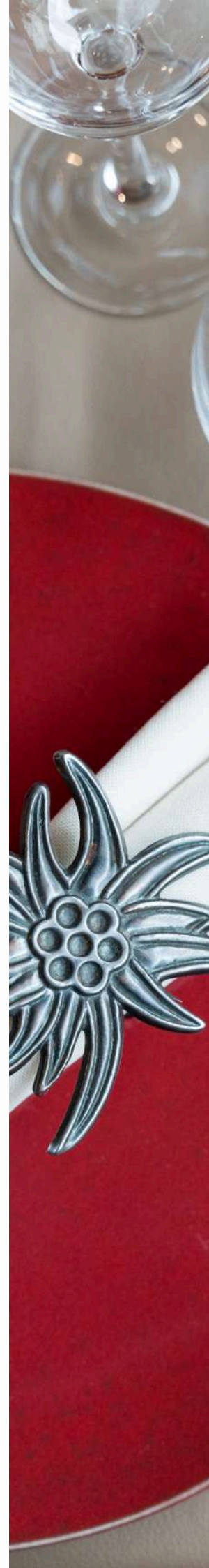
- Le bistrot Serac
- Le Serac
- La Ferme de Cupelin
- Le Rond de Carotte

## Fancy a dinner in Chamonix ?

- Le Cap Horn
- Le Munchie
- Le restaurant du Montenvers
- La Cabane des Praz

## Fancy a dinner in Yvoire ?

- Villa Cécile
- Le Pré de la Cure
- Le restaurant Les Jardins du Léman
- Le restaurant du Port



Admire the fauna from the Alps nearby the hotel

## Chamois & Bouquetins :

- Departure from the col de la Colombière on your way to Lac de Peyre (hike)
- Bargy massif
- Pointe de Ressachaux - departure from Morzine (hike)

## Goats :

- In Summer, in Les Lindarets village (Avoriaz), the goats are walking around the village !

## Marmots :

- on top of Flaine - Grand Massif

## The Bearded Vulture :

The bearded vulture, very famous in the Alps and a protected species.

There are 2 area labeled "Natura 2000" around us to protect them.

Number One : La Zone Natura 2000 du massif du Bargy

Number Two : La Zone Natura 2000 du massif des Aravis

## Must see : Le Parc Merlet aux Houches

- You will arrive in a large area surrounded with many mountain animals along a hike. Compulsory booking.

## Le Tetra-Lyre :

- **With your family : le sentier du Tetra-Lyre from Megève**

On the Jaillet massif, this forest path, crossing the territory of the black grouse, joins old mountain pastures on the ridge line.

It offers an exceptional view of the Aravis and Mont-Blanc massifs.



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## *Iconic flowers and plants from the Alps :*

- The edelweiss
  - Blue gentian
  - Arnica
  - Yellow gentian
  - Genepi
  - Bear's garlic
  - Juniper berries
- and many more

## *Alpine Botanical Garden Jaÿsinia*

Arranged as "Outstanding Garden of France", the Alpine Botanical Garden Jaÿsinia, with its 2400 species of plants, offers a poetic walk through the alpine flora and plants of the mountains of the 5 continents.

## *The Garden of Five Senses*

Nestled in Yvoire, a medieval village among the Most Beautiful of France, the garden enjoys a wonderful place on the Lake Geneva. The paths invite you in a walk out of time, searching your own way in this garden inspired by the Middle Ages. The opportunity of a nice journey.

## *Good to know :*

Today, mountain flora is protected. Structures have been set up at national level, such as the National Parks, at regional level with the Regional Natural Parks and at local level with the Nature Reserves such as the Aiguilles Rouges in Chamonix. In France, it is forbidden to pick nearly 500 plants, such as the Martagon Lily or the Edelweiss.





## A few rules to know and follow when you admire the fauna and flora

In the mountains cohabits animals, plants... such as chamois, bouquetins, marmots, Edelweiss...

The ecosystem is really rich, but very delicate !

That's our role to protect it and make sur while we are hiking we do not disturb them.

A few rules :

- Follow the path and do not climb across it might be a protected area
- Be quiet to not scared the animals
- Before hiking, make sur your dog is allowed
- Do not pick any plants or flowers along your way
- If the aim of your hike is the mushrooms picking, make sure you are in a free-picking area and respect the weight of the picking
- Do not feed the animals
- Do not leave any garbage, at any time
- Do not approach the animals such as cows, goats... while there are in the wildlife
- The "Patou" are taking care of the herds. Please be very careful with them. They can be agresives.