



Val Thorens

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**2019
2020**



150 KM
KILOMETRES OF SKI RUNS
IN THE VAL THORENS SKI AREA

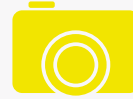
600 KM
KILOMETRES IN LES 3 VALLÉES

43 000

CLIENTS WELCOMED BY
THE TOURIST OFFICE TEAM
EVERY SEASON



25 414
TOURIST BEDS



4299
PHOTOS TAKEN IN-HOUSE
AND A SELECTION AVAILABLE
ON DROPBOX



518 000
FACEBOOK FANS
(the top resort in the world)



112 000
FOLLOWERS SUR
INSTAGRAM



30 137
FOLLOWERS SUR
TWITTER



3 169 475
VIEWS ON YOUTUBE

INTRODUCTION

If there's one thing we're sure of here in Val Thorens, it's that a good holiday is one where you don't have to think about anything other than enjoying yourself to the max.

We have a shared philosophy to ensure that there's something for everyone - **LIVE UNITED** - which means creating unique experiences together whether it's partying, eating out or enjoying sports activities.

We have an innovative approach to creating experiences and services, each one more innovative and cutting-edge than the last.

Our aim is clear: to provide hassle-free and totally amazing holidays for everyone. Val Thorens strives to create unique memories and a long-term relationship between clients and residents, whilst being environmentally responsible.

A pioneering resort in terms of technology - including the first ever self-driving shuttle that starts full operation this season - Val Thorens is all about end-to-end excellence. There is something for all types of holidaymaker: adventurers looking for secret freeride hang-outs, yoga fans wanting to relax surrounded by the snowy peaks or families who dream of sleeping in the highest igloo village in Europe.

Evolving continuously since 1971, Val Thorens has been voted "Best Resort in the World" five times and "Best French resort" six times by the World Ski Awards and is always raising the bar, coming up with new ideas all the time and moving ever closer to its objective: providing unforgettable, hassle-free holidays for visitors from all over the world.

Even if perfection can never actually be achieved - we honestly believe we can always do better - we still keep this aim in mind as the resort approaches its 50th birthday.

The new season is about to begin. With so many surprises in store, let us create an unforgettable holiday for you.

Welcome to Val Thorens.

VAL THORENS IS
APPROACHING ITS
50TH
BIRTHDAY



OUR VALUES

**DIVERSITY & OPENNESS,
SHARING & ENJOYMENT,
INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE**



Val Thorens is nominated again for "Best Resort in the World" this year by the World Ski Awards. Vote for us by clicking here : <https://wantto.ski/votez-vt>

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VAL THORENS

Transport

DRIVING 3.0

A car-free resort during the week, Val Thorens is expanding the range of transportation suitable for groups and those with reduced mobility. The aim is to make it easier for people to get around, but most of all, to make their lives hassle-free, so that they can get on with one thing and one thing only: enjoying their stay.

THE WORLD'S FIRST SELF-DRIVING ELECTRIC 4-WHEEL DRIVE SHUTTLE **NEW**

a self-driving electric shuttle, made its first appearance in the resort at the beginning of March 2019 where it underwent thorough testing. This season it is fully operational. Seating 15 passengers, the autonomous Berto shuttle will transport skiers and locals around the resort – for free – while protecting the environment. A true technological achievement, it is packed with cutting edge multi sensor technology, cameras and GPS and can operate at up to 25 Kph.

Not only is Berto the first 4WD shuttle in the world, it's also the first to be used in a ski resort.

THE FIRST AUTONOMOUS 4WD ELECTRIC BUS IN THE WORLD

SETAM SHIFTS TO USING CLEANER FUEL

Since May 2018, all 18 road vehicles and two tracked machines used by SETAM - Val Thorens' ski lift company - have operated on cleaner SHELL GTL Fuel.

Standing for Gas to Liquid, GTL is an innovative cleaner-burning alternative to traditional diesel which can help reduce local air emissions. Manufactured from natural gas, it can be used as a drop-in fuel in diesel engines without the need for any modification or new infrastructure. It enables vehicles to start better in cold conditions and – compared to diesel made from crude oil – is free of unwanted components such as sulphur, metals and aromatics. This makes it non-toxic and less harmful to the environment which is ideal in a ski resort context. In France, Shell GTL Fuel is distributed by Groupe Vallier.



Unusual places to stay

CHALET DE LA MARINE YURT

www.chaletmarine.com

This authentic Mongolian yurt erected at an altitude of 2,500 metres guarantees a total change of scenery. It's an opportunity to have an extraordinary evening right in the heart of ski area. Immerse yourself in its warm, welcoming atmosphere and awaken your inner nomad. And, if you visit, why not try a different type of fondue - a Mongolian seafood and meat dish called a "Guriltai Shul"?

Private evening hire for two to 16 people. Return journey by tracked vehicle. Prices from €69 per person.

IGLOO VILLAGE **NEW**

village-igloo-valthorens.fr

Next winter, a new Igloo Village will open. The highest of its kind in Europe, it will offer an unforgettably cool experience - a living and fun space made from snow and ice. The amazing grotto promises to take people of all ages into a spectacular magical frozen world where they can eat, drink, sleep and play.

Set on the Combe de Thorens green run, the Igloo Village can be reached on skis or by foot. The outdoor terrace is the perfect place to take a break between ski descents or to soak up amazing views over the resort.

Covering an area of 150m², the Igloo Village houses several different zones:

- A 50m² Ice Bar. Open every day from 10am to 5pm, guests can choose from a large selection of drinks and admire the snow and ice sculptures.
- A 35m² restaurant. Visitors can enjoy an authentic Savoyard fondue all snuggled up in warm blankets. The Igloo Village is open every Wednesday evening for dinner. The €49 set menu includes a fondue and platter of cured meat, as well as wine and dessert. Booking is required.
- A specially designed area to host events and business conferences.
- Bedrooms carved from ice. Chill out for a super-cool night like no other! There are two rooms available where even the beds are -you guessed it-

made from ice. But don't worry, there are proper sheets, thick duvets and fur blankets to keep you nice and warm. Two bedrooms for 2 to 4 people. One night for two people starts from €350 per room. Rate includes: snowshoe hike accompanied by a guide, evening meal, after-dinner liquor, overnight stay in the igloo and breakfast.

The Igloo is also available for private hire such as birthdays, weddings, hen and stag parties. It's a perfect, unusual location in which to celebrate a special occasion or just enjoy the extraordinary experience.



PASHMINA IGLOO POD

www.hotelpashmina.com

Enjoy a moonlit cocooning experience under the stars in a luxury igloo pod at the 5-star Hotel le Pashmina. The igloo offers uninterrupted panoramic views over the mountains. The igloo comprises a high tech log burner, double bed, bathroom and loft bed which is perfect for children. Families and couples can stay the night or even a week. Feel like the only people in the mountains with this combination of luxury, tranquillity and views of the starry night sky.

- Prices from €379 for two people half-board.

EXPERIENCES

Whether it's sports, good food, mindfulness or partying you're after, all kinds of adventures can be had in Val Thorens. There are experiences to delight all ages, from activities on-mountain to the resort centre itself. We summarise a few over the next pages.

CLUB VAL THORENS

Val Thorens runs a loyalty programme called Club Val Thorens. Free to join, it offers visitors exclusive deals and money can't buy experiences like the chance to go behind the scenes of the resort and meet the operational staff - the very people who make Val Thorens such a renowned destination.



31 845 CLUB VAL THORENS MEMBERS

Sign up at the Tourist Office or go online to join. The loyalty card lets members enter various prize draws such as discovering life as a piste-groomer at sunset, following a ski patroller at work, and even shadowing the guardian of a mountain hut. These experiences are available for a privileged few, selected at random.

LIVE UNITED

Be like a pro on the slopes

Val Thorens is first and foremost a winter sports destination. And by this, we mean snow sports in all their forms, for all abilities where everyone can enjoy the mountains at their own pace. We offer a wide choice of excursions and lessons. So, on your marks, get set, ski!

SKICOOL

ski-cool.com

Every year at the start of the season, local ski school, SkiCool, offers 'seasonaires' and resort locals the opportunity to hone their skills or get started with skiing or boarding by giving away free lesson slots. It's a chance to get the winter off to a good start building skills, making progress and having fun. Visit the Ski Cool website and fill out a contact form to ask about availability and T&Cs.

« QUICK CHECK - 3 tips, 30 minutes for €30 ».

Ski Cool is also offering a half hour ski lesson aimed at intermediate (class 2) to advanced skiers who would like to benefit from the expert eye of a snow sports pro to iron out any little niggles or technical mistakes. Visit the website for more information.

THE HIGH MOUNTAIN *NEW* GUIDES OFFICE IS OPENING

guidebellevillevalthorens.com

This winter, the High-Mountain Guides is opening an office in the resort centre at the Intersport shop on Place Pécelet. It's the place to get information and guidance from experts - who are passionate about the mountains - about where best to ski or ski tour on some of the highest peaks in Europe such as the Pécelet Glacier, Cime Caron and La Pointe du Bouchet. And if you want to hire a guide,

- Prices start from around €120

ESF RUN MOUNTAIN OFFICE LAUNCHES

office-montagne.com

The ESF Mountain Office will open to support both budding and experienced freeriders develop their skills. It is running a range of freeride sessions to help people discover parts of the ski area inaccessible to beginners so that the plentiful powder snow can really be enjoyed.

- Prices are from €410 per day of freeriding for groups of three to six.



A different way to enjoy snowsports

SHARE'N'SKI

ski-cool.com

When you sign up to their site, SkiCool allows you to create your own ski lesson group by sharing an instructor with other skiers of the same ability, put in touch through the site. It makes ski lessons a place to meet people and lowers the cost of tuition!



NEW MONOSKIING AND TELEMAR SKIING

The new trends on the slopes.

Discover new snowsports thrills with lessons provided by the ESF and SkiCool.

- **Monoskiing:** Thanks to retro resort events, monoskiing is back in fashion and now has many new devotees. But mastering the technique requires proper instruction before you can dive back to the 1980s!

- Prices from €75

- **Telemark skiing** is often taken up by experienced skiers as a new challenge, but that doesn't make it any less accessible to beginners. So, this season, get on the slopes, try it out and amaze your friends.

- Prices from €432 for a week of lessons

Sunset session

PÉCLET BY NIGHT,
forfait.valthorens.com

For those who love a sunset, the Péclet Funitel will stay open until 6.30pm from the start of February 2020.

Capture the magical sight of ski runs lit up by the last sunshine of the day with uninterrupted views over the ski area and resort. And, best of all, it's free for all valid ski pass holders.



Skiing for everyone

Whether through sign language with Marina Michaud, a SkiCool instructor, or 'sit skiing' with the ESF and Prosneige (Instructor Alain Poux, pictured), everyone can discover the thrill of snow sports!

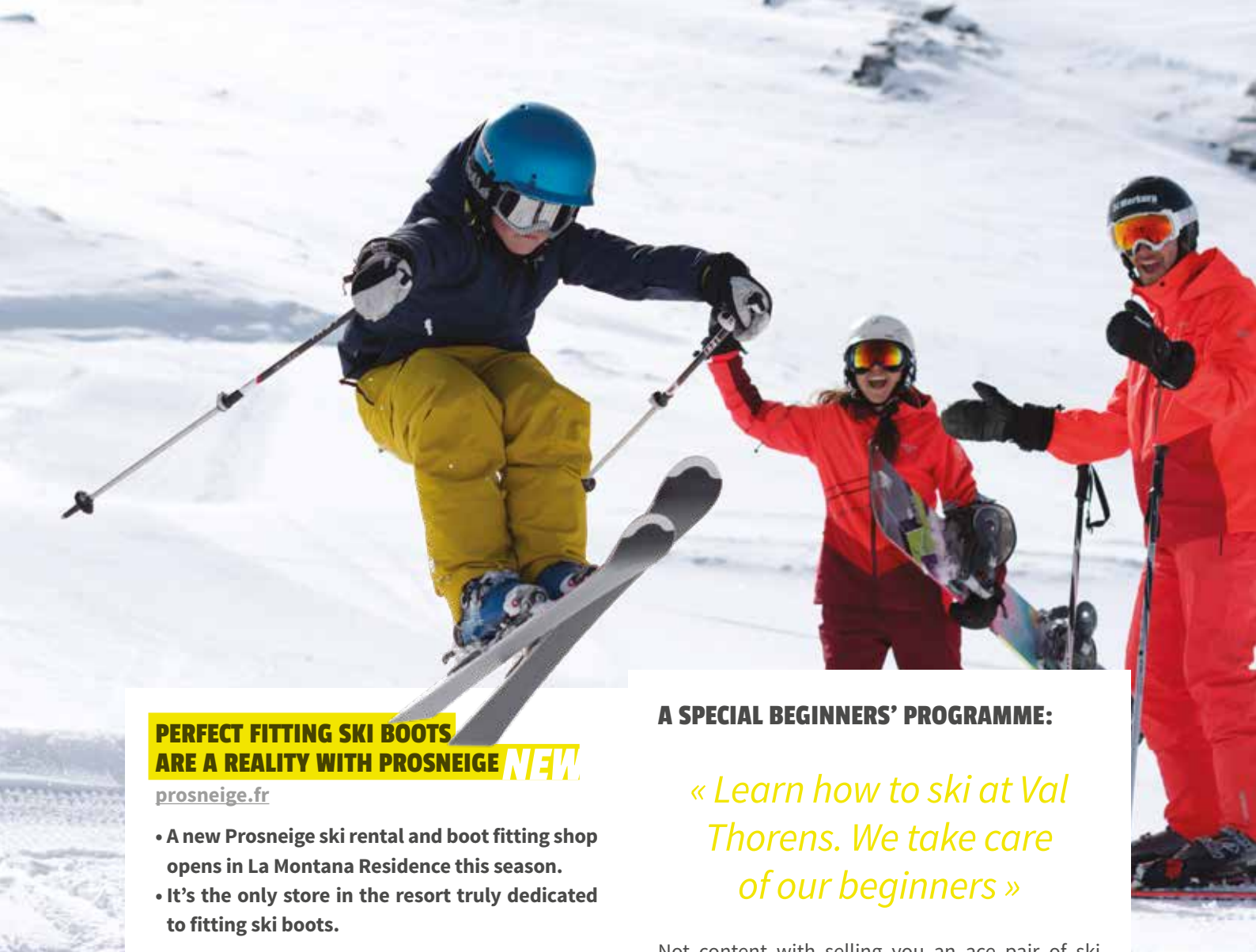
Ski schools and instructors, always keen to share their passion, are diversifying the range of ski lessons and adapting their equipment so that they can introduce as many people to the joys of snow sports as possible.



The Family SnowPark

Now located near the pro and advanced snow park in the Grand Fond zone, the Family Snow Park has been moved to make it easier to access - clearly a big benefit for beginner skiers and snowboarders. The family area is effectively being joined up with the Junior and Funslope areas between the Chalets du Thorens and the Rond-Point des Pistes.





**PERFECT FITTING SKI BOOTS
ARE A REALITY WITH PROSNEIGE *NEW***

prosneige.fr

- A new Prosneige ski rental and boot fitting shop opens in La Montana Residence this season.
- It's the only store in the resort truly dedicated to fitting ski boots.

It might sound a bit weird, but the team at the Ski Boots Pro Center really love feet to the extent that they've made fitting boots their sole focus. They will work to customise ski boots to guarantee a comfortable fit. The staff undergo regular training and are there to guide people so they get the best pair of boots possible. And with approximately 60 models from 15 different brands available there's bound to be a pair for everyone.

The boot fitters first carry out a diagnostic test for free and depending on the anatomy of your foot, ankle and calf, and your skiing ability and experience, they will advise on which boots to try. And any adjustments to the liners or shell are carried out also free of charge.

Find Prosneige at the Ski Boot Pro Center located on Place Caron between Hotel Val Thorens and Hotel Fitzroy.

A SPECIAL BEGINNERS' PROGRAMME:

« Learn how to ski at Val Thorens. We take care of our beginners »

Not content with selling you an ace pair of ski boots, Proneige is also running weekly ski lessons aimed at beginners to make it as easy as possible for people to get to grips with the sport. Their approach includes a personalised welcome, pre-lesson coffee, croissants on Sunday morning to meet the group and instructor, the option to collect your equipment at the start of your ski lesson - so no carrying kit about - discounted ski passes and preferential access to the "Les Planches" slope side chalet. It's a unique concept in the resort.

Qualified instructors are on hand to help and will adapt to suit everybody's ski pace. Prices are from €164 per week per person with 10 people maximum per group, teaching in native languages and the option to swap groups mid-week depending on progress made.



EXPERIENCES



Activities

NEW THE BEE ZIP LINE

Safely strapped into a harness, with your skis on your back, launch yourself off onto a 1,800 metre long flight, 65 metres above the slopes. Starting out from the top of the Moutière chair lift, at an altitude of 2,500 metres, you'll go through three sections before arriving at Place Caron in the heart of Val Thorens. The zip line was named the Bee because you're a bit like a bee, flying from one place to another, gaining speed, whizzing above skiers, ski lifts and slope side restaurants.

The double zip line means you can also race your family or friends, setting off at the same time for an adrenaline rush made for two.

• Price: €35 per person

FUN AND EDUCATIONAL

Ski holidays are also an opportunity to learn whilst having fun. To that end, local lift company, SETAM, is providing an educational focus on the activities it offers with lectures on astronomy and bees. Other organisations in the resort have followed suit. For example, the Alain Prost ice-driving circuit which, in addition to offering a fun activity, now instructs drivers on road safety and how to adapt to the surface they're driving on which is - self-evidently - ice and snow.

COSMOJET

wantto.ski/cosmojet



The six kilometre toboggan run has been entirely redesigned to offer a really immersive experience for kids aged five and above using a space theme. It plunges them into a fun cosmic world and encourages them to then discover the universe and what is known of other planets like the moon. A yurt at the end of the run has an age appropriate display with loads of information on display.

• Price: €16.50 per person



EXPERIENCES

Astronomy week

 February 24- 27, 2020

There's a clear link between Val Thorens, the highest resort in Europe, and the stars. The lunar aspect of a resort perched up at 2,300 metres and the year-round opportunities for naked-eye stargazing makes the resort a very special place for budding cosmonauts.

So, it makes perfect sense to hold an astronomy week in Val Thorens. It's a chance for all the family to have fun learning about the universe around us, immersed in a fascinating adventure: sky-watching! A range of lectures and events are planned:

ASSISTED SKY-WATCHING

Moon craters, stars and nebulae appear before your eyes with the help of a telescope connected to a giant screen with astronomy experts on hand to talk people through what they are seeing.

ULTRA PLANETARY SHOW

The conquest of other planets! Astronomers will take you on a whistle-stop tour of everything we know about the planets of the solar system and the scientific and technical challenges for the future.

ALIENS SHOW

Science-fiction films transport us to planets heaving with extra-terrestrials. But no living thing has ever been found anywhere other than on planet Earth. How do scientists address the eternal question: are we alone in the universe?



Other things to try in Val thorens

ICE DIVING

valthorens.evolution2.com



Guaranteed Scuba diving thrills under the ice of Lac du Lou! No diving experience is necessary.

- Price: €150 diving discovery day

PARAMOTORING

paramoteur-valthorens.com

Let Timothy Green usher you into his world, and discover Val Thorens from above for a romantic or high-adrenaline paramotoring flight.

- Price: €120 per flight

ICE DRIVING CIRCUIT

icedrivingvalthorens.com

Looking for new thrills or an exhilarating experience to enjoy as a family? Go-kart lessons on the Alain Prost ice circuit are available for children over the age of 7 to introduce them to the excitement of driving on ice.

- Price: €35 for 10 minutes of karting
- Open until 8.30pm

DOG-SLEDDING

valthorens.evolution2.com

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Let yourself glide along the snow, snuggled up in a sled drawn by six dogs. There's no better way to savour the snowy landscape.

- Price: €90 for 2 people for one hour



FAT BIKE

Gérald Bigot : +33(0)6 16 48 58 15

Supplied with all the equipment you need, set off with guide, Gérald Bigot, on the Peclét Funitel lift for an hour of snow mountain biking thrills!

- Price: €40 per descent



SNAKE GLISS

Claire Bernier +33 (0)6 07 12 25 34

A group toboggan session, all tucked in behind each other in a row. It's a fun and thrilling descent and perfect for all ages!

- Price: €30 per person for about 45 minutes. Monday to Friday

MASSAGE

sogevab.com

Val Thorens has no shortage of sports centres for recuperating and relaxing after a great day's skiing. Try the 5 Elements massage, the sports centre's signature treatment

- Price: from €28 for 25mins



HAPPINESS PROVIDER
certified



My Serenity

Following the success of the My Serenity guide co-created by the Tourist Office and Dr Philippe Rodet, Val Thorens continues to encourage holidaymakers to adopt stress-combatting techniques under the umbrella of the My Val Thorens Serenity brand.

Val Thorens' campaign rests on three pillars: training professionals and clients, distributing the My Serenity guide and establishing the My Val Thorens Serenity brand to certify professionals who are committed to the project. This verifies products, activities and experiences that help to decrease stress levels and help people achieve a long-lasting sense of serenity.

ZEN GETAWAY / SERENITY

escale-zen.fr/yoga

Yoga teacher and Ayurvedic therapist, Anita Thevenot focuses on looking after non-skiers for the week through her nature and well-being classes.

The Serenity well-being pass lets you switch off from the day-to-day and really recharge your batteries so you leave brimming with energy. Its speciality: making use of nature and Val Thorens' exceptional environment to enjoy revitalising open-air activities. One well-being or nature activity per day from Sunday to Friday.

Anita has been an Ayurvedic therapist for 15 years and a yoga teacher for five.

MY SERENITY x HÔTEL PASHMINA

On top of the My Serenity guide offered by the Tourism Office and Doctor Philippe Rodet, all guests of the Pashmina Hotel can also access a complementary guide with 15 practical steps to try during their stay.

Wellness Sessions – comprising yoga and spa access - and Morning Serenity packages with treatments, brunch, then access to the spa are available before guests hit the slopes. Prices start from €105.

Le Base Camp restaurant - run by Michelin star chef Joesselin Jeanblanc - has a new menu which offers healthy anti-oxidant dishes to extend the well-being and Serenity programme all the way to the end of your fork!



ALPEN ART

alpenart.fr

Bearing the Val Thorens Happiness Provider label, Alpen Art creates 100% homemade food, in sync with the seasonality of regional produce. More ambitiously, Aurelie Rey and Jonathan Richard - the owners - are on a quest for cooking that combines the joys of gourmet food with well-being. Set at the heart of the resort on Place Caron, its terrace offers visitors a chance to relax whilst enjoying refined dishes, with vegan and vegetarian cuisine available.

Happiness Providers

SKICOOOL : SKI THERAPY

ski-cool.com • +33 (0)4 79 00 09 42

The SkiCool school has signed up to the My Serenity campaign and started several initiatives this winter primarily aimed at beginners: a welcome cup of herbal tea, aroma diffusers, breathing exercises before and during lessons. The school also continues its ski therapy lessons, with breathing exercises in order to ease into skiing and relieve any stress or anxiety people may have about the slopes.

'RAQUETTE NATURE' SNOWSHOEING & WILDERNESS

brigitte.ruff.pagesperso-orange.fr

Nature is our watchword. We're united by a love of nature that drives us to explore our mountain environment. The best way to discover such a beautiful natural winter world while protecting it, is to don snowshoes and take a peaceful walk. Most of all, we love sharing a calm, relaxing experience in the beautiful mountain scenery. To book, contact Brigitte Ruff or visit the Tourist Office.

SPA AT THE 5-STAR KOH I NOR HOTEL

www.hotel-kohinor.com/fr/spa.html

A peaceful haven dedicated to comfort, relaxation and absolute serenity, the Spa Koh-I Nor spa - all 800m² of it - has two swimming pools, a fitness suite, sauna, steam room, sensory experience showers, salt wall, ice fountain, relaxation area and a sun lounge. The mere mention of the Koh-I Nor Spa conjures up images of high altitude, wellness, beauty and health.

EXPERIENCES



HOTSPOTS



For gourmets

REDSQUARE **NEW**

The first 95% organic delicatessen in Val Thorens and the whole of Les 3 Vallées, Red Square offers fresh products from artisans and local producers, as well as a wine cellar and quality spirits. A wide selection of top-of-the-range products stocked, as well as packed lunches and sushi available to order.

BELLEVILLE DINER **NEW**

An American-style diner, the new restaurant is centred around family and being sociable with family or friends over tasty sweet or savoury treats. There are no screens, just music and a selection of books and boardgames to enjoy. The diner, therefore, has a peaceful and cosy atmosphere and is suited to those on smaller budgets. The breakfast service starts from 8am.

THE CRÊPERIE & BREAKFAST **NEW**

Galerie Péclet's new pancake house is a must-visit foodie destination. Inside in the warm, its brunches and pancakes will be loved by everyone. It's the perfect place to refuel after a good day's skiing.

BEEF & LOBSTER

Hotel Le Kashmir's restaurant offers barbecues on its sunny terrace, which is accessible direct from the slopes - ideal for meat and fish lovers!

WILD & SAVAGE

The ground-breaking Wild & Savage concept is to house a bar, tattoo parlour and snowboarding and streetwear shop all under one roof, attracting night owls, snowboarders, tattoo fans and many others. This season, the Wild & Savage team will serve a sweet and savoury brunch, tasting platters and offer a whole range of different services in this extraordinary sociable venue.



LE RENDEZ-VOUS

You'll find Le Rendez-vous on Rue du Soleil (Sunshine Road), which really lives up to its name thanks to its south-facing terrace. On the menu, Italian specialities and a warm, sociable atmosphere. Everything you could want for a great time.

Après-Ski

LE FAHRENHEIT 7

As well as the south-facing terrace on which you can sip a cocktail or two, this retro-chic hotel is home to the SEVEN event, an evening every month where an internationally renowned artist performs at ZINC, F7's bar.

THE SEVEN PROGRAMME FOR 2019-2020 INCLUDES:

- **FEDER** (Thursday December 19),
- **OFFENBACH** (Thursday January 16),
- Other confirmed artists include **Møme, Bon Entendeur et DJ JEL (Fonky Family) & DJ DAZ (Iam)**.
- Other musical nights at ZINC are every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening (live acoustic bands and DJs).

CHILL ZONE

Every Monday evening in the February school holidays, Val Thorens turns Place Caron into a Chill Zone with deckchairs and DJs to ensure a cool après-ski atmosphere.

THE FROG & ROSBEEF

The perfect British pub. Sip your beer while playing pool and watching a live band. An atmosphere so authentically British, you could almost believe you're back at home.

LE VAL THORENS

The place to come to warm up by a fire in a cosy chalet atmosphere after a good ski session. The bar staff can mix you a personalised cocktail to suit your tastes giving you a VIP feel when relaxing in the sofas of this historic resort hotel.



CREWZER

If you love extreme sports, beer and burgers, welcome to rider HQ! With sporting events from all over the world on the big screens and a bar full of the resort's snowsports devotees, Crewzer is great source of advice on all the best spots to 'ride'.

LOVE
UNITED



LES SPOTS

Where to stay?

VILLAGE MONTANA***

village-montana.com/fr/val-thorens.html

This residence offers high-end facilities that ensure guest satisfaction while surprising them with new developments. The Village Montana has recently been remodelled with the 45m² apartments transformed to offer open plan living spaces at the foot of the slopes.

- Price: from €896 per apartment for one week



CHALETS COCOON *****

chaletscocoon.com

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Located in the Quartier des Balcons, the 5-star Chalets Cocoon residence comprises 10 large apartments and is the brainchild of locals Maud and Jean-Paul Delettre. Every apartment boasts a sauna and Jacuzzi. The Chalet Cocoon offers hotel services adapted to suit families, friends and business groups. This includes catering, on-site massages and indoor car parking. The shared living area boasts a swimming lane and a co-working room. 10 apartments for 5 to 12 people.

- Price from €2,366 per week

HOTEL 3 VALLÉES****

hotel3vallees.com

A makeover for the hotel bedrooms and a new type of room is now available: cocoon veranda rooms with reading nooks for relaxation and gazing out at the mountains. The hotel also has a new logo, new website, new brochure; in short, a whole new identity but with the same level of service and proximity to the slopes.

- Price: from €112.50 per person per night





For families

OXALYS ****

This 4-star residence is located right in the resort entrance, just a stone's throw from the slopes. The complex has been an exemplary establishment since 2002 when it was Val Thorens' first luxury residence. Oxalys provides every guest with extraordinary panoramic views over the neighbouring summits. With its spacious rooms and serene comfort, it is a real haven of peace and intimacy that combines the services of a hotel complex with the independence of a private residence.

- Price from €938 per week

For couples

LE FITZ ROY*****

The Fitz Roy has always been a prime destination for couples who love the mountains and are accustomed to elegance and conviviality. Located on the slopes, this historic ski-in/ski-out hotel boasts an exceptional location right in the centre of Val Thorens.

Sitting by the fireside, under one of the library's tartan blankets or cosily ensconced in one of its 58 rooms, everybody will feel right at home at The Fitz Roy.

- Price from €270 per night

For groups of friends

LES CHALETS DE ROSAËL ***

Located in the area known as Les Balcons in Val Thorens, the Chalets de Rosaël enjoy uninterrupted views over the resort summits. The spacious apartments with balconies, and access to the residence swimming pool are perfect for a sociable, relaxing break.

- Price from €1,190 per week for 4-6 people



EVENTS

THE “GRANDE PREMIÈRE”

 November 23-24, 2019



As ever, the opening weekend in Val Thorens marks the start of the 2019-2020 ski season in France.

This winter, the highest resort in Europe is rolling out the red carpet for all snow sports fans. The runs will all be freshly groomed for the opening weekend with staff from leading ski brands all coming together in Val Thorens to exclusively showcase their innovative equipment, clothing and accessories free of charge.

All the snow sports will be represented, with suppliers on hand from every category: ski touring, freeriding, freestyle and even snow-scooters, plus lots of new stuff for you to try. Throughout the weekend, a wide range of activity zones will be overseen by professionals in their field.

HIGH TEST BY DECATHLON

 November 30 – December 1, 2019

The Decathlon High Test is a great opportunity to try out Wed’Ze, Salomon, Rossignol, Atomic and Head skis. It’s just the ticket for die-hard snow sports enthusiasts who want to be first to hit the slopes this winter season in the latest gear.

Decathlon will set up a ‘test village’ for the brands they sell, with loads of events on the programme including: laser rifle shooting, ski touring taster, DJs and avalanche transceiver demo’s.

ANDROS TROPHY

 December 7-8, 2019

The Andros Trophy is the French national ice racing championship. Featuring the best ice drivers in the world – the F1 drivers of ice, the race involves using 100% electric powered cars. Every year, the Andros Trophy attracts amateurs and pros of this amazing sport which combines speed, control, self-confidence and, of course talent - lots of talent! It’s an amazing spectator sport which will be held in Val Thorens at the Alain Prost circuit.



SKI X WORLD CUP



December 6- 7, 2019



One of the resort's key sports events, the Ski Cross World Cup opens the season every year with the first stage in Val Thorens.

The resort welcomes seasoned followers and the plain curious over the two day event. Feast your eyes on awesome descents on the run named after Jean-Fred Chapuis, the Olympic Champion who was born in the resort. This year's Ski Cross World Cup will be hosted by the Folie Douce team - the open-air clubbing institution - who will take care of the ambiance so that everyone will be rocking to crazy sax solos in support of all the competitors. Sports and partying all weekend long is guaranteed.

SKI & BOARDER WEEK



December 14 - 20, 2019

A week of fun for hardcore snow sports fans, with ski and snowboard tests, freeride coaching and concerts, plus a bungee ejector ride and big air bag for those who want to defy gravity. Wristbands will be on sale at the Tourist Office for €29.



ONCE UPON A TIME AT CHRISTMAS



December 23-27, 2019

Christmas week at Val Thorens is all about fairy tale, snow and ice. Children and adults will love the Father Christmas village which will feature ice sculpture demonstrations, ESF ski instructor torchlit descents, a Christmas choir and warm drinks to keep everyone amused until the long-awaited arrival of the man himself - Father Christmas - followed by an amazing fireworks display. Place Caron will also have a big Christmas tree with lights making it the ideal place for taking great holiday snaps. The evening starts at 6pm and is free.

For members of the Club Val Thorens, the resort is running a competition draw for one family to receive a personal visit at their lodging from Father Christmas who will then deliver presents to them personally. Sign up for membership to enter

NEW YEAR

To see the New Year in, head to Place Caron at 6pm on New Year's Eve to watch a torchlit descent by the ESF ski instructors, followed by a massive fireworks display. It's a magical event for all the family, with loads of Suze des montagnes or hot chocolate to keep you warm.



EVENTS

DYNAFIT SNOW LEOPARD TRACK



every Monday in February 2020

Have you ever fancied having a go at ski touring but weren't quite sure about how to use the kit or the right skinning technique? With the help of passionate volunteers, our partner Dynafit will provide skis to you free of charge so that you can give it a try.

Those adventurous and fit people wanting to try will also enjoy a traditional Savoyard snack on arrival at the Chalet de la Marine – the starting point for the tour. Sign up for free at the Tourist Office. Maximum of 20 people aged 14 and over

DYNAFIT SNOW LEOPARD DAY



March 1, 2020

In addition to the free ski touring, Dynafit is organising Snow Leopard Day for the eighth year in a row. Eight countries have agreed that March 1, 2020 is the day when ski touring enthusiasts all come together to take to the mountains and climb in support of the Snow Leopard Trust. Dynafit will convert every metre of height gained into one centime, donating the funds raised to the wildlife protection programme in Pakistan.



FRENCH ALPINE SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS



March 26 – April 2, 2020

Attracting the best skiers in France. The battle for the French Championship title is on at Val Thorens' Yannick Richard Stadium!



FESTIVAL THO

March 24-26, 2020

For the 13th time, Festi ValTho will take place in an astounding natural setting right on the slopes. This year the electronic music festival takes up residence at the Chalets du Thorens' 360°Bar for three days. Over the past 12 years, it has become a firm date in the winter calendar for anyone who loves a party, high emotion and unforgettable experiences.



3 VALLÉES ENDURO

April 5, 2020

Organised in partnership with Salomon, this is a family friendly ski race on April 5, 2020 where teams of three try various ski disciplines and score points, with stages held across the whole Les 3 Vallées ski area. We're talking slalom, ski cross or border cross, jumps into air bags, a biathlon stage and so on. It's as competitive or amateur as you want to make it with loads of beer, fondue and prizes to be won. It's now in its 18th year. Have a look at the video to get a sense of it. https://youtu.be/E8q_W_r3wKw



To register visit les3vallees.com/en/enduro

EVENTS

VIENNE JAZZ FESTIVAL

 April 10-13, 2020

Take things up a notch at 2,300 metres with the third edition of the Val Thorens Jazz Festival. Over three days, jazz of all kinds will be performed, with 17 concerts planned between noon and midnight. The organisers are staging mostly free live concerts, outdoor après-ski jazz sessions and Jazz Mix afterparties. Take a break between runs to get your Jazz fix, with a conference, a show for younger audiences and a photo exhibition. The evening concerts all start from 8 pm.

DUTCH WEEK

 April 25- May 1, 2020

To link with King's Day - the celebration of King Willem Alexander of Holland's birthday - Val Thorens is organising music, street entertainers and other fun events to help our Dutch visitors feel right at home with their celebrations.

APOTHEOSE DAY

 May 1-3, 2020

As the season draws to a close, Apotheose Days add a touch of spring, chasing away the frenetic pace of winter. Fancy skiing in the morning and kicking back in the afternoon? After lunch, head to the streets of Val Thorens, where you'll find interesting events for all ages. This friendly international mix of sports and entertainment is a chance for you to enjoy a different side to the resort as we head into summer. Access is free to all the activities.





PORTRAITS



YANNICK BONDIER **Lac du Lou mountain hut**

For a year now, this former ski patroller and high mountain guide from Belleville has brought his sunny disposition and kindness to the Lac du Lou mountain hut where he offers an original and sociable programme.

Passionate about the environment that surrounds him, Yannick loves sharing his knowledge of local plant life and wildlife. He extends visitors a warm welcome, greeting them with a big smile all year round, whether they've come for an afternoon snack or an overnight stay. For more information or to book, visit refugedulacdulou.com

MARINA MICHAUD **Sign language ski instructor**

This young 28-year-old ski instructor provides ski lessons which are also available to pupils who are hard of hearing. A Val Thorens local, Marina gained her ski instructor qualification and started studying sign language at the same time. Then she decided to use her skills to teach deaf and partially deaf skiers so everybody can experience the atmosphere and magic of the mountains. To book Marina, visit SkiCool's website ski-cool.com/en





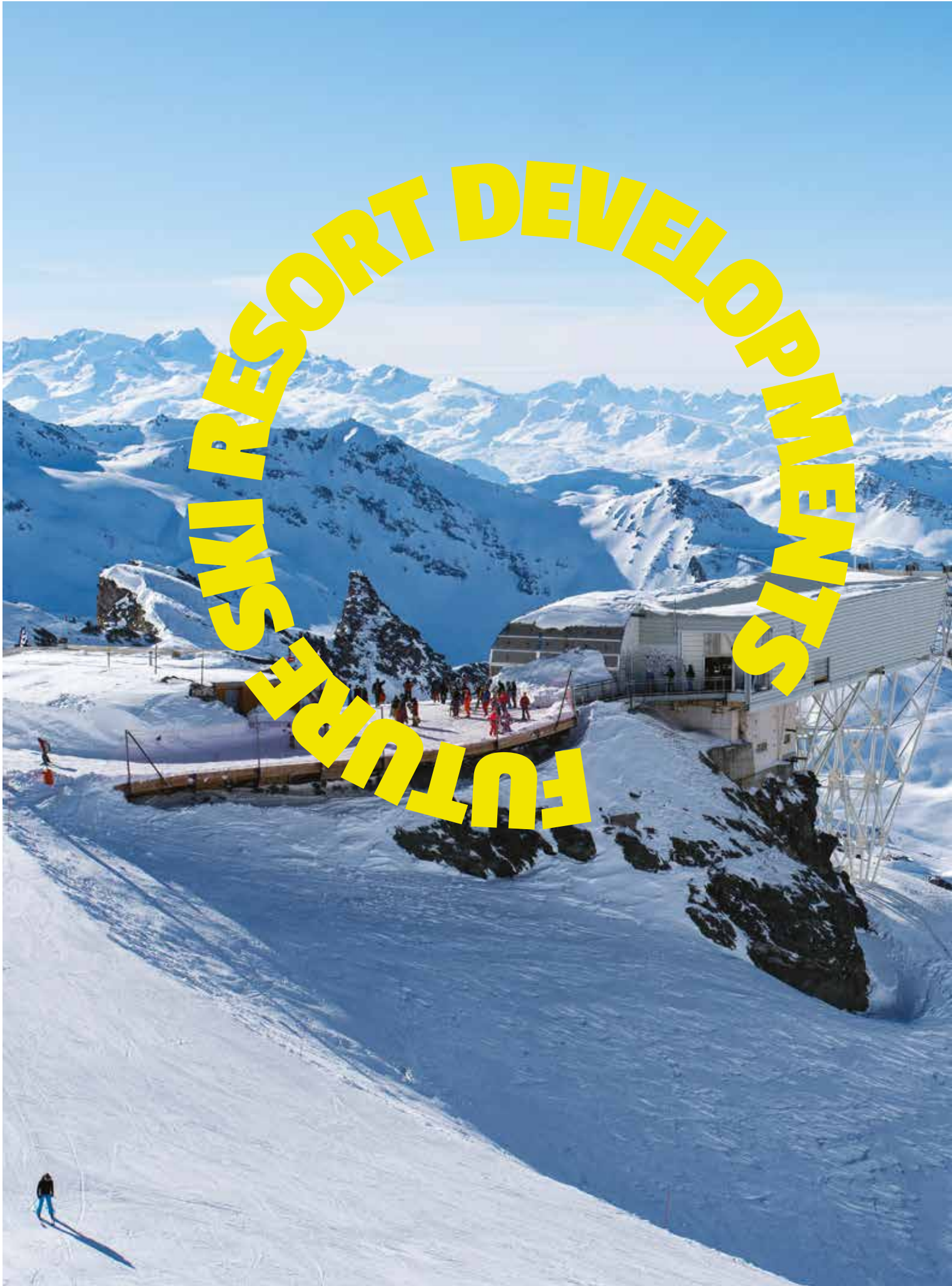
JOSSÉLIN JEANBLANC :
Michelin-starred chef
at L'Explorateur,
the restaurant at the 5-star
Hotel Pashmina

Chef Josselin Jeanblanc and “Les Explorateurs” restaurant at the Hotel Pashmina were awarded a Michelin star in 2017 – a huge honour reflecting the whole team’s expertise, perseverance and passion.

Previously chef at Chalet de la Marine, the Gorini family’s slope side restaurant, which was awarded a Michelin Fork in 2013, he decided to continue his journey at the Hotel Pashmina.

Chef Romuald Fassenet, ‘Meilleur Ouvrier de France’ was his mentor and guide helping to bring Josselin up to the exacting standards required by the Michelin Guide. The culinary synergy between the two was obvious from day one. After starting off working alongside Romuald at his Dole establishment, Josselin Jeanblanc took over the Chalet de la Marine kitchen seven years ago before opening the Hotel Pashmina which received a Michelin star the first year after opening.

LIVE
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FUTURE SKI RESORT DEVELOPMENTS



As part of its constant focus on innovation and excellence, Val Thorens is undertaking a number of significant projects to invest in facilities on slope and at the heart of the resort.

From spring 2020, the sports centre will begin its transformation into a four-season sports and cultural centre.

The project's iconic architecture and the multiple uses it will provide are a perfect reflection of Val Thorens' identity. The roof, shaped to resemble a snowboard, delivers a generous multipurpose outdoor space. The sports centre will be used throughout the season for all kinds of events: concerts, Christmas village celebrations, ice rink, open-air cinema and so on.

This flexibility works in tandem inside between the aqua zone and the multi-purpose hall which is also designed to be used in a variety of ways. The building boasts generously sized areas and the central hall's 360° window makes for a lovely naturally light space with spectacular views over the mountains. Situated in the heart of the resort, the project also aims to make it easier to get from place to place and to help the flow of people to and from Place des Arolles – home to the bus station, the existing shopping centre, Rue and Place Caron, as well as a new public area created close to the ski runs.



MAURIENNE – TARENDAISE LINK

A large-scale ski lift project is also about to get underway between the Maurienne and Tarentaise valleys, co-run by Val Thorens' ski lift company SETAM, and STOR, a subsidiary of SETAM which manages the Orelle ski area.

As well as renovating the 3 Vallées Express gondola lift, which currently connects the Maurienne Valley and the resort of Orelle to the Plan Bouchet ski area located at 2,350 metres, the construction of a new gondola lift will take both skiers and pedestrians to Cime Caron's legendary summit.

Construction started this summer with the new lift expected to open for the 2020/2021 season.

SPECIAL OFFERS

EARLY BOOKING

-20%

off all bookings made
before October 31, 2019

• **NEW YEAR WEEK**

From €496* per person including
7 nights accommodation in a 4-person studio
apartment (full occupancy)
+ 6-day Val Thorens-Orelle skipass

• **SUNDAY / SUNDAY**

From €305* per person including
7 nights accommodation in a 4-person studio
apartment (full occupancy)
+ 6-day adult Val Thorens-Orelle skipass.

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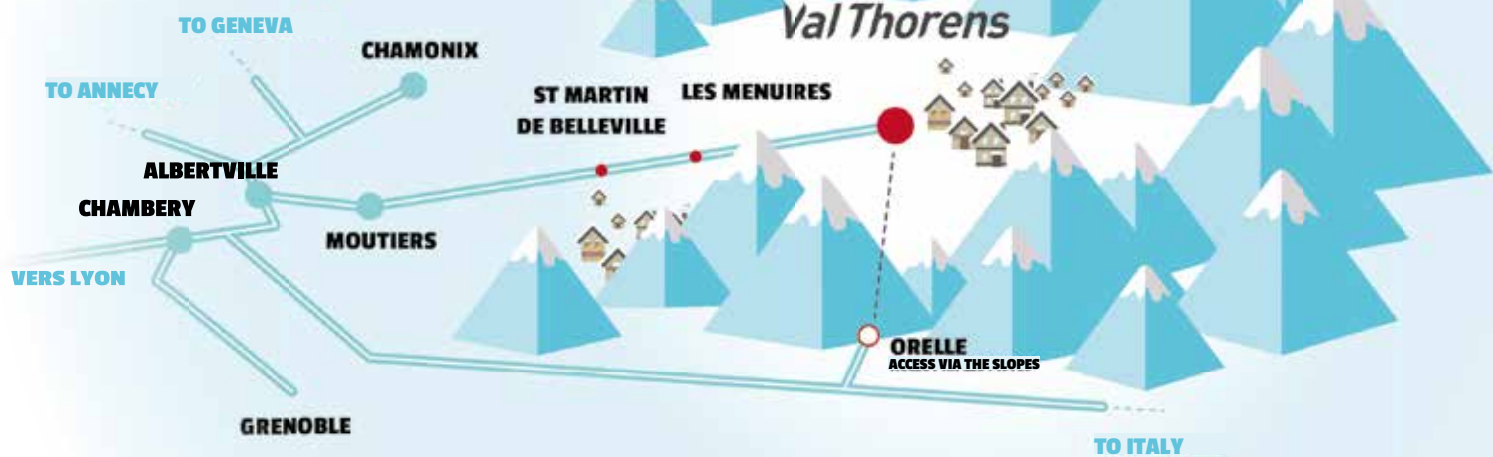


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GETTING TO VAL THORENS



BY TRAIN

High-speed train station
Moutiers Salins Brides-les-Bains
37km - 45 minutes
Regular shuttlebuses connect 3 Vallées resorts to Moutiers bus station

BY PLANE

Geneva
199 km from Val Thorens | 2h35
Chambery (CMF)
122 km | 1h40
Lyon (St Exupery)
198 km | 2h20

BY BUS

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Adult single rates :

- Geneva airport - Val Thorens :
- 68€ on Saturdays
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- Chambéry airport - Val Thorens : 39€
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