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here, I can explore the depths of the earth



This exceptional heritage was classified as a Natural Regional Park in 1970.



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THE NATURAL REGIONAL PARK OF VERCORS

> **206,208 hectores** of which 17,000 are classified as a National Natural Reserve (the largest in mainland France)

139,000 hectares of forest

2,341m Grand Veymont 52,000 inhabitants

8 natural regions from north to south, Royans-Isère, Piémont Nord, Quatre-Montagnes, Vercors Drômois, Royans-Drôme, Le Trièves, La Gervanne, Le Diois.

MONT AIGUILLE • Clelles

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GORGES DES GATS

Lus La Croix Hau

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THE VERCORS IS AN OUTSTANDING SETTING BOTH FOR ITS MOUNTAINS AND ITS FAUNA/FLORA

Located where the Northern and Southern Alps meet, the Vercors enjoys the subtle influence of a mountain, oceanic and Mediterranean climate. The diversity and extreme beauty of its nature make it a unique area for adventure that commands respect and guarantees a complete change of scenery.

The nature reserve in the Hauts-Plateaux, unique in France, is the flagship of numerous natural sites.

4 VULTURES

Have you ever dreamt of flying?

You will have the chance to make this dream come true alongside birds which are the best in the business: vultures!

An exceptional sight: the 4 vultures that can be seen in Europe are observable in the Vercors. Griffon, Cinereous, Egyptian and Bearded Vultures take advantage of this preserved environment, which has all the conditions required for their habitat.

MISSION APOLLO!

You love exploring the Hauts Plateaux

and the peaks of the massif? But did you know that these wild places are rich in biodiversity?

These fragile environments are teeming with plant and animal species, which proves their preserved quality of life.

Among the wildlife is the Apollo butterfly, 7 to 8cm in diameter, with its whitish shades and red eyespots on its wings (like red eyes).

NOCTURNAL?

Everyone knows the main characteristic of owls...

They are nocturnal, but not all of them! Indeed, the pygmy owl is diurnal.

A rare owl, it is smaller than its cousins, with a weight of 60 grams!

Discreet and considered a survivor of the last glaciation, it lives in the Vercors.



FAUNA & FLORA OF THE VERCORS

72 species of mammals including 6 large ungulates (deer, ibex, chamois, roe deer, mouflon, wild boar).

142 species of nesting birds 25 species of reptiles and amphibians

1,800 plant species of which 85 are protected and 75 species of orchids.

DISCOVER THE VERCORS

Hiking: encounters and nature. From June to July.

5 days / 4 nights



> vercors.fr





For more information: Guide du Vercors, Guide de la flore, et Guide de la faune.

Here, I taste the well-being

A BUBBLE THAT WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THE STRESS OF THE WORLD

Whatever the season, the Vercors invites you nto a space of freedom to find your equilibrium. ideal altitude to breathe freely, an enchanting setting to relax and villages to make you dream. The perfect getaway!

EVENTS:

Jazz festivals in Vercors villages: from March till October



FRIENDLY VILLAGES

Each village has its own personality but all share the spirit of places that are lived in all year round, where the locals like to share their pleasures, their culture and

n harmony with the soothing environm a wide range of accommodation is

A PURE MOMENT **OF BLISS**

For your well-being, specialized facilities, each with their own particular atmosphere, conducive to relaxation, invite you to enjoy a special moment of bliss.

Fitness, spa, whirlpool, steam room, sauna, body care and beauty centre: everything you need to re-charge your batteries and erase stress and fatigue.

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QUALITY ACCOMMODATION

Spacious and comfortable high guality accommodation, facilities suitable for families...

Hotels, lodging houses, holiday centres, real estate agencies, comfortable chalets and apartments, furnished apartments, bed and breakfast, mountain shelters, outdoor accommodation.

SIMPLIFY YOUR HOLIDAY BOOKING

Make your holiday organisation easier by contacting the central reservation service at the Tourist Office

With a few clicks, entrust the organisation of your holiday to a team of professionals.

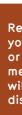
(More ideas and tips on Vercors.fr

EVENT:

Bio fair In july

Fête du Bleu

an unmissable get-together in the Vercors! With this event taking place in a different town each summer, the Vercors pulls out all the stops over a weeke for an event where local produce, crafts, culture, entertainment and concerts are scheduled!



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> Farmhouse cheeses: whether they are made from cow, goat or sheep's milk, they are all produced using traditional methods.



Restaurants, inns, farm visits and guest houses will give you the opportunity to enjoy authentic, creative, gourmet or traditional cuisine throughout the year. Cheeses, cold meats and cured mountain meats, honey, nuts, brioche, wild blueberry pie, ravioli... So many pleasures to be discovered and shared!

THE EXPERTISE AND FLAVOURS OF THE MOUNTAINS

IN THE VERCORS, THE LOCAL CUISINE IS AS AUTHENTIC AS THE LAND ITSELF.

VERCORS-SASSENAGE BLUE CHEESE

Iconic cheese of the region, ranked as an AOP since 1999, the 'Bleu du Vercors-Sassenage' is a blue cheese made from whole milk. Soft, smooth and subtle, it delivers a taste delicately flavoured with aromas of hazelnut. Essential on a cheese platter or to enjoy as a 'Vercouline' raclette.

GRENOBLE WALNUT

Discover or rediscover the world of this unique fruit: the Grenoble walnut. Natural, healthy, tasty and above all authentic, it brings you all the virtues and flavours of the Alps in a nutshell. Crack and enjoy!

The nut oil mill and the Grand Séchoir (drying room) are gourmet visits not to be missed!

A wide range of traditional and original specialties are prepared by artisan producers from this local treasure.

RAVIOLE

Deprived of the ravioli from their own country, Italian woodcutters working in the forests of the Vercors are said to have replaced the meat in ravioli by cheese and parsley. According to legend, this is how 'raviole' was created! Symbol of the gastronomy of the Vercors mountains, it is prepared in a variety of ways, as an appetizer or a main course.

PRODUCTS WITH THE PARC BRAND

5 agricultural products benefit from the Vercors Natural Regional Park brand:

> Beef and yeal: a special focus on animal feed.

> Trout and salmon: quality of the fish guaranteed.

> Perfume, aromatic and medicinal plants: a natural pharmacopoeia.

> Lamb: lambs exclusively fed by the mother and born, reared and fattened on the farm.

Men and women who are committed to agricultural methods that respect the environment and to produce locally, on human scale farms.

The variety of products and specialties makes the Vercors a gourmet region, where food is an absolute pleasure.

> (Find the list of local producers on **vercors.fr**

Here, I can grow

IN THE VERCORS, THE MOUNTAINS CAN BE ENJOYED FROM A YOUNG AGE!

Share unforgettable moments of discovery and have fun with the family on sites dedicated to recreation, leisure and sport. For the record: the Vercors has long been considered a 'climatic' destination. Its sunshine and fresh air have always been beneficial for children.

MORE THAN A LABEL

The only national certification awarded by the Ministry of Tourism for family accommodation.

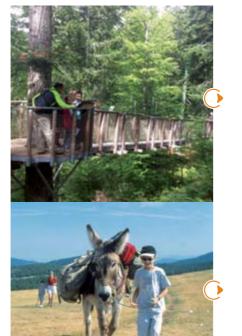


of Villard-de-Lans/Corrençon-en-Vercors nave been rewarded with this label. Suarantee of quality to enjoy

ACEV



he Association des Centres d'Enfants u Vercors (ACEV) has since 2001 provided network of professional childcare the Vercors, whether through discovery classes or holidays. Programmes and activities specific to the region are offered throughout the year to the delight of your children!



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L'ODYSSÉE VERTE

Gresse-en-Vercors

All aboard for a journey to the heart of the tree canopy: L'Odyssée Verte® Vercors-Trièves, a 313m long course in the trees, between 2 and 10m high, totally secure, Enjoy a fun, sensory and poetic experience.

A magical moment! From 3 years of age.

DISCOVER THE VERCORS WITH FURRY FRIENDS!

Activities with animals

Hiking with **donkeys**, ideal for motivating children to explore and very handy when they are a little bit tired!

Horses and ponies are ready for the ride and even the youngest can ride safely in carts and carriages.

Sled dogs are also available, even in summer! And all over the plateau, visits to educational farms are also organised.

EVENT: Children's Film

Festival:

FIND YOUR WAY AROUND THE VERCORS...

Espaces Sports Orientation

Compass at the ready! Espaces Sports Orientation (ESO) awaits future explorers to discover the fun sport of orienteering.

EXPLORE THE WEB

Herbouilly

Like the net of a giant trimaran suspended in the

air, Parcabout® has spun its web in the forest.

Jump and bounce in the huge nets

or take a quiet stroll on this observatory

ideal to discover the forest.

From 3 years of age.

HAVE SOME PEACE OF MIND ...

Sassenage, Gresse-en-Vercors

At your leisure, let your little ones get lost in the tales of storytellers on a guided tour of the Sassenage Château or during evenings in the villages.

You can also discover astronomy in Gresse-en-Vercors.

PREHISTORIC MUSEUM **OF THE VERCORS**

Vassieux-en-Vercors

50,000 years of human settlement in the Vercors.

Discover the conquest of the Vercors by man and 30 years of archaeological excavations Explore, observe, manipulate and experiment: prehistory is there for you to enjoy. emonstrations of flint knapping, quizzes, workshops... The Musée de la Préhistoire welcomes you for a great day out.



Located in the wilderness around an archaeological flint site, this museum traces

SANTON MUSEUM

Vassieux-en-Vercors

Welcome to the life of a village of yesteryear, with more than 800 Provencal santons in a setting of more than 30 architectural structures.

Sound and light show included.

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF AUTOMATED PUPPETS

Lans-en-Vercors

A moment full of dreams in the heart of a wonderland of over 300 automated puppets!

Discover the circus, the crocodile orchestra and the magic jungle.

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THE VERCORS ON FOOT

Min-max altitude 180 m - 2,341 m 3,000 km of marked trails. 200 prepared routes 6 guide maps

THE VERCORS, A PARADISE FOR HIKERS AND LOVERS OF UNSPOILT NATURE

Discover more than 3,000km of walking circuits and hiking trails. From the freshness of a forest to the tranquillity of a pasture or climbing a steep path, the mountains are at your fingertips! ant an easy walk or something a bit more demanding? The Vercors caters for everyone's taste



VALLON DE LA FAUGE

Villard-de-Lans Duration: 1h15 - Level: Easy

Ancient glacial valley, La Fauge is today a remarkable site with unspoilt nature and landscapes.



SOURCES DE LA GRESSE & PAS DE LA VILLE

Gresse-en-Vercors Duration: 4h15 - Level: Difficult

At the foot of Grand Veymont and starting from the highest village in the Vercors, follow the route of the Grande Traversée du Vercors. The ideal opportunity to spot chamois or ibex.



BELVÉDÈRE DU RANC

Through Les Goulandières, Presles Duration: 1h45 - Level: Easy

Unique viewpoint of the Gorges de la Bourne, opposite the imposing Cirque de Bournillon and the Moulin Marquis waterfall. Ideal for a family outing.



PLATEAU D'AMBEL

Duration: 4h30 - Level: Intermediate

Breathtaking landscape and mosaic of forests and clearings on the menu, the peaks of the Plateau d'Ambel offer a panoramic view of the Southern Alos. For more information: A collection of 6 guide maps are for sale throughout the Vercors, with more than 200 prepared hikes.





Ultra Trail du Vercors (UTV) Beginning of September Drayes du Vercors in June Trail du Tétras Lyre in Septembe Trail des Coulmes in June



Full day accompanied hikes.

Information and booking at the Tourist Offices.

From 15th June to 15th September.









The stamping ground of trail running, the trails of the Vercors are ideal for your training and even racing! This activity, which combines sporting commitment, closeness to nature and simplicity of means, fits perfectly with the image of the Vercors and its natural park.

VILLARD-DE-LANS OPENS THE LARGEST 'TRAIL RESORT' IN FRANCE

Ideal place to undertake trail running with its vast plateaus, forest trails, altitude climbs to ridges and peaks, its wide variety of terrain... All on carefully marked and maintained GR or PR trails. The Vercors is designed for trail running and Villard has made it even easier by creating a fully dedicated resort for trail runners of all levels.

Here, I can ride in freedom

A RANGE OF CIRCUITS FOR BIKE LOVERS

The Vercors is an exceptional area for cycling in all its forms due to the diversity of its landscapes and its pathways and the quality of its roads.

Here it is impossible not to find the route that will make your calves work!

MTB XC COUNTRY / ALL MOUNTAIN

Sites certified by the Fédération Française de Cyclisme:

Autrans > Méaudre (site n°67)

10 trails over 150km

Villard-de-Lans > Corrençon-en-Vercors

(site n°25) 12 trails over 137km

Grandes Traversées du Vercors (site n°77)

230km from North to South of the Vercors

Sites certified

by the Fédération Française de Cyclotourisme:

Les Coulmes en Vercors: 32 trails over 220km

Royans-Vercors Drôme: 29 trails over 416km

THE VERCORS OFFERS ALL TYPES OF TERRAIN TO MOUNTAIN BIKERS

The history of mountain biking (MTB) was written in the Vercors. It began in 1987 with the organisation of the Mountain Biking World Championships and continues today with the Vélo Vert Festival, a great opportunity to discover this national centre for MTB.

With five sites certified by the Fédération Française de Cyclisme & Cyclotourisme and more than 1500km of marked trails, the Vercors is a fabulous place for mountain biking.

From beginners to more experienced, the sites are suitable for all levels.

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MTB DESCENT / ENDURANCE

For those whose only pleasure is descending, the Vercors is the place to be. Most resorts offer trails with a downhill profile.

The resorts of Villard de Lans and the Col de l'Arzelier have a real space dedicated to downhill MTB, with 12 permanent trails of varying difficulties and 4 endurance courses in Villard de Lans, 4 trails of varying difficulties in the Col de l'Arzelier. Access is easy in summer thanks to the gondola lift and the chairlift.

For more information:

Guidebooks with data sheets are available at the Tourist Offices.

CROSSING THE VERCORS BY MTB

3 days / 3 nights

Adventure and change of scenery through the routes of the GTV.

From 1st May to 7th October

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THE VERCORS KNOWS **EVERYTHING THERE IS** TO KNOW ABOUT CYCLING!

THE VERCORS BY BIKE

trails

1.500km of mountain bike

30km of descent tracks Villard-de-Lans, Col de l'Arzelier, Autrans,

Méaudre, Col de Rousset 10 mountain passes

THE EVENTS:

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Vélo Vert Festival (MTB)

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Trans'Vercors (MTB)

Challenge Vercors (cyclotourism) end of May

> Everyone agrees that the Vercors is the perfect place for cycling! Whether you're a climber or just like a pleasant ride, the quiet roads of our mountains are the perfect place to indulge in your passion.

> > Here you have a range of routes with various climbing difficulty and breathtaking landscapes.

Enjoy legendary corbelled roads clinging to the cliffs. An inexhaustible source of different routes, the Vercors offers a wealth of mountain passes.

FOR CLIMBING **ENTHUSIASTS**

The ascent of the Col de Rousset has a fixed timing system that allows you to measure the duration of your climb and compare your performance with other climbing enthusiasts (computer chips are available at the Tourist Office of La Chapelle-en-Vercors).

 $^{\textcircled{@}}$ For more information: vercors.fr Data sheets and circuit packs are available in Tourist Offices.



HERE, I TRAVEL DIFFERENTLY



The Vercors promotes eco-friendly transport by offering a network of circuits of varying difficulty for all types of non-motorized vehicles (MTB / Hybrid, Electric bikes, Ebike, etc.), **accessible even** to disabled visitors.

The **ViaVercors** uses renovated old roads that easily connect from safely discover the landscape and life of the Vercors.





VERCORS, A TRUE PARADISE

€405

Flexible hike to discover the exceptional

5 days / 4 nights

wealth of the Vercors.

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From May to September



These routes, with their specific signage, were designed to pass through the most beautiful nature areas of the region. Forests, peaks, alpine pastures... They will take from one village to another to discover the best of the Vercors. You can appreciate the transition of the Northern Alps to the Provencal Drôme in several steps.

Discover unspoilt nature and the local people from the Vercors, design your own walking circuit or contact, via the new GTV website, 150 professionals at the service of hikers: mountain professionals, sports shops, taxis, travel agencies and tour organizers!

HIKING GUIDES

The GTV on Foot Tour of the Vercors > 332km

A circuit between foothills and plateaus around the mountains, a new way of discovering the Vercors.

GTV MTB and

horse riding routes Tour of the Vercors > 203km

A superb and unmissable circuit for experienced bikers and horseriders. A structured network is at your disposal close to the marked circuits, as well as the expertise of 150 mountain professionals:

- Accommodation providers: who will share with you a real moment of conviviality and also local specialties.
- Rest stops for hikers without accomm
- produce
- Sports shops: to buy, rent, or repair all your hiking equipment
- Taxis: to transport you and your luggage.

GRENOBLE



CIRCUITS

SAMAS

Discover the GTV routes on foot, mountain bike, horseback or with donkeys... In winter on snowshoes, by dog sledding or cross-country skiing...

THE VERCORS MOUNTAINS AWAIT YOU WITH ALL THEIR NUANCES THANKS TO THE GRANDES TRAVERSÉES DU VERCORS (GTV)

SERVICES

throughout your journey, you can enjoy a break for a meal, a snack, an encounter with a local

Outdoor activity professionals: mountain and hiking guides, mushers, equestrian tourist guides, donkey and mule drivers. For the day or several days, they will guide you and share with you their expertise and their perfect knowledge of the region.

Travel agencies: discover the Vercors in luxury or roam without worrying about logistics, on your own or accompanied, this is what travel agencies and professionals can offer you in the Vercors to create all inclusive holidays.

For more information: www.vercors-gtv.com

THE GREAT DIVERSITY OF THE MOUNTAINS AND LANDSCAPES ALLOWS YOU TO TAKE PART IN COUNTLESS ACTIVITIES

The very strong natural environment inspires humility and respect. Every activity becomes a means to discover and immerse yourself in the landscape.



The Vercors has been well known for many years for its limestone cliffs whose names have marked the history of mountain climbing (Mont Aiguille, Gerbier, Presles, etc.).

bing in the Vercors is al ost second nature!

oday, there are 150 sites located throughout the region, including 31 training sites.

Via corda at St Julien and St Martin-en-Vercors

Between vertiginous climbing and hiking, Via Corda offers scenic routes through the large plateaus of the Vercors. To fully immerse yourself in the mountains and experience the world of verticality. Supervision by professionals required.

HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING

A natural citadel, the Vercors offers flying sites and exceptional take-off points. From the sky, you can discover the sumptuous and captivating mountains... And add to that a varied climate particularly conducive to this activity.

12 paragliding sites approved by the Fédération Française de Vol Libre are spread over the whole region.

Beginners and introductory courses, training for all levels: our professionals will supervise and train you.



One of the major sites of the Vercors. Take-off and landing point via the D68 between Peyrus and the Col des Limouches, access from Léoncel

Here, I push myself to the limit



SPELEOLOGY

SPELEOLOGY IS PART OF THE HISTORICAL HERITAGE OF THE VERCORS WITH SITES TO EXPLORE AND DISCOVER.



The wide variety and density of sites

A human adventure

From the first discoverers to scientific cavers and the many professionals who now practice and supervise this activity, caving and potholing in the Vercors is a real human adventure. Today, the adventure continues: every year, new caves are discovered!



An underground route divided into different stages has been developed here.

The Roche cave is proving to be one of the major underground sites of the Vercors mountains.

We invite you to discover an educational tour documented with several photos and sketches, through 19 spectacular stages along the route.

A tool to better understand the local underground environment, which, we hope, will lead to the creation of many others ...

Supervision by professionals required



Here, I can go green!

LEISURE: THE VERCORS, LAND OF CONTRAST

If the Vercors is primarily a place of encounters with nature, it is also a place to live... The villages in the Vercors have ample facilities and infrastructures to meet the needs

CANYONING

THE VERCORS IS NOT WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS CANYONING SITES... AND YET...

Water has carved many gorges and canyons of varying difficulties in often spectacular locations.

> Some sites have already acquired their pedigree (Canyon des Écouges, Canyon du Furon), others are more unusual (Moules Marinières).

> > Supervision by professionals required.

Z. Canyon des Écouges

Probably the most famous canyon in the Vercors, highly contrasted in its profile with a very demanding Part 1 and a more fun and accessible Part 2.

The Drevenne River has a small catchment basin, but this can change quickly in a storm: take particular care! This river offers great biological diversity and is also frequented by fishermen, hunters and local property owners, each contributing to its maintenance and management.

SLACKLINE

THE 'SLACKLINE', ON A WIRE!

A sport that involves walking on a strap stretched between two fixed points that could be trees, artificial poles or ground anchors, offering many opportunities for acrobatics!

The more adventurous undertake this activity at a higher level: more of than 300m high for the highline at Plateau Ramées in Lans en Vercors.

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ICE SKATING

Villard-de-Lans

Fun skating discovery for toddlers, DJ Ice evenings, learning how to skate in the ice school. Opportunity to attend hockey games and ice dance galas.

SWIMMING

Wave pools, water slides, paddling pools, outdoor beaches, spa and relaxation centres...

HOT AIR BALLOONING

Villard-de-Lans,

Corrençon-en-Vercors

Get pumped up and discover the superb landscapes. Getting high in the Vercors

means that you certainty won't want

to come down

Do not hesitate to dive in! Breaststroke and butterfly, thick grass and fresh air... Ideal to relax! Here, swimming pools are set in a unique and natural environment.

Monteynard

Imagine a walk over the water, between two hills, in a breathtaking landscape. It is now possible in the Vercors thanks to two Himalayan bridges stretching over Lake Monteynard, one of the most impressive sights of the Dauphiné region.



HIMALAYAN FOOT BRIDGES

Three exceptional golf courses await you

CORRENÇON-EN-VERCORS

18 holes

Some say it is the golf course that the mountain was waiting for ; others rave about the quality of the greens, while others fondly remember this magical moment, when concentration and communication with nature help you to hit the perfect ball, following the ideal line of the fairway

LA CHAPELLE-EN-VERCORS

9 holes

A 'rustic' course of 22 hectares, located in the heart of the Vercors Natural Park. Lovers of wild scenery will enjoy the course in the middle of a spruce forest.

GRENOBLE CHARMEIL

18 holes, par 73 - at St Quentin-sur-Isère

Located at the foot of the Vercors, in the heart of the Isère valley. **A remarkably maintained** golf course, flat, wooded, dotted with small landscaped undulations and ponds fed by a natural lake in its centre.

Here, I see life with white-tinted spectacles

A POLAR ATMOSPHERE: VAST BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES

and then comes winter, the white season, where you can spot the footprints of stoats and weasels on virgin snow Winter is the season to take out your snowshoes and skis to enjoy the almighty nature dressed in pure white.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING / SNOWSHOEING

Whether snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, make your mark in the winter snow on the GTV routes! **Caution**, there is no specific marking and the length of your stopovers may vary depending on weather and snow conditions. Knowing how to use a map is essential.

> If you prefer, you can also be accompanied: contact a GTV professional for a unique experience!



DOG SLED RIDES

These dogs are tireless, they love the wilds and the Nordic atmosphere of the Vercors. An unforgettable experience to share with nature and your faithful friends!



Relive the sleigh rides of yesteryear to discover our village resorts and their surroundings before enjoying a hearty meal!

لي SNOWSHOEING

Another way to experience the mountains in winter, snowshoeing in the Vercors is an extraordinary journey during which the only sound you can hear is the crunch of fresh snow underfoot... Pure magic!



SNOW KITING

Snow kiting is a winter sport that you are pulled into the air. On skis or snowboard, the kite takes you away with the wind. Unforgettable thrills on the big white carpet!



NORDIC TREKKING

On the Nature Reserve of the Hauts Plateaux of the Vercors.

One of the last undeveloped areas open for unaccompanied Nordic sports. Overnight camps or Spartan mountain shelters at night, immaculate snowfields by day: discover our white paradise.

PLEASE NOTE: Nordic hiking and trekking are aimed at experienced athletes, if you are not experienced, you can be accompanied by professionals. The reserve is a protected area and reculations are enforced.

CROSSING THE VERCORS ON SNOWSHOES

7 days / 6 nights

Accompanied hike for a great change of scenery.



From December to March.



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VERCORS, THE LAND OF CHAMPIONS since the 1968 Winter Olympics!

Carole Montillet, downhill skiing Ludovic Guillot Diat, freeride Simon Fourcade, biathlon Raphaël Poirée, biathlon Matheo Jacquemoud, downhill skiing Vincent Vittoz, cross-country skiing

Les Ours de Villard-de-Lans, Magnus league, ice hockey.

THE VERCORS, AN INFINITE SPACE FOR WINTER SPORTS!

THE VERCORS IN WINTER

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Altitude 1,000 > 2,285 m 16 ski resorts 260 km of downhill ski slopes 1040 km of cross-country tracks 500 km of snowshoeing circuits

EVENTS

Trans'Vercors on skis, historic crossing of the Vercors! Beginning of Marc

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Foulée Blanche the largest cross-country race. Mid-January

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AUTRANS

THE MOST SCANDINAVIAN OF SKI RESORTS

DOWNHILL SKII	NG AREA 1,050m >1,650m
18km of slopes	11 ski lifts
18 slopes	1 boardercross

Beginners	area at Sure and	Claret		
1 kindergarten	4 ski lifts	7 slopes		
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AREA				
130km of marke	-1			

75km of snowshoe trails

THE CAPITAL of cross-country skiing offers tracks starting from the village for all levels, from beginners to advanced skiers. At Gève, the snow is guaranteed thanks to the largest snowmaking facilities for cross-country skiing in France.

MÉAUDRE

A CONVIVIAL VILLAGE RESORT

DOWNHILL SKIING	AREA 1,000m > 1,600m
18km of slopes	10 ski lifts
19 snow machines	13 slopes

Beginners' area 1 kindergarten 6 ski lifts Toboggan run

CROSS-COUNTR	RY SKIING AREA
70km of marked d maintained tracks	Fun beginners area

from the village. Our trails will take you through two exceptional cross-country skiing areas.

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LANS-EN-VERCORS

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SAINT-NIZIER-DU-MOUCHEROTTE

DOWNHILL SKIING AREA					
2 slopes 1 ski lift 1 toboggan run					
The Balcon des Alpes.					

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AREA 7km of free access tracks

In a calm and pleasant environment.

LES COULMES

 DOWNHILL SKIING AREA 1,000m > 1,475m

 6km of slopes
 3 ski lifts
 6 slopes

A resort with the charm of wilderness.

CROSS-COUNTR	Y SKIING AREA
50km of marked tracks	50km of snowshoeing tracks

Discover this large winter sports area in the heart of the Coulmes forest.

GRESSE EN VERCORS

DOWNHILL SKIING AREA 1,250m > 1,751m11km of slopes1 snowpark24 slopes10 ski lifts

Other facilities: 1 telescope and digital planetarium

CROSS-COUNTR	RY SKIING AREA
48km of tracks	50km of snowshoeing tracks
Plus: 1 cross-country skiing 'Boarder Tril	

CHICHILIANNE

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AREA 30km of marked tracks

DOWNHILL SKIING	AKEA 1,150M > 1,550M
9km of slopes	1 big airbag
6 slopes	4 ski lifts
CROSS-COUNT	RY SKIING AREA
40km of tracks	40km of snowshoeing tracks

TRÉMINIS

41km of marked tracks

COL DE L'ARZELIER





FONT D'URLE - CHAUD CLAPIER

In a close and secure area perfect for a change of scenery, this multidisciplinary family resort is ideal for beginners

DOWNHILL SKIING AREA 1,100m > 1,700m

16	slopes	
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n of slopes 1 snowpark

9 ski lifts

1 boardercross area. One of the most beautiful areas to snowkite in France. Beginners' area, Ecole de Ski Français and skijoering.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AREA			
176km of skating and traditional cross-country tracks	Ski hiking on the GTV routes		
30km of snowshoeing tracks 45km of GTV route between Font d'Urle and Col de Rousset			
A land of contrasts, wit	h a Nordic atmosphere.		
	h a Nordic atmosphere. ROUSSET		

DOWNHILL SKIING AREA 1,255m > 1,700m

29 slopes
1 training ski lift
+ 1 ski tow

8 ski lifts Boardercross 30km of slopes

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AREA

2km of free access tracks SKIING AREA 5km of

snowshoeing tracks

VASSIEUX-EN-VERCORS

Raphaël Poirée's Biathlon stadium: a training area for future champions!

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AREA 1,050m > 1,150m

20km of skating and traditional cross-country tracks 20km of snowshoeing tracks from the village of Vassieux

All levels. Husky dogs. Biathlon shooting area. From Vassieux Sud: access to the GTV route between Font d'urle and Col de Rousset.

LE GRAND ECHAILLON

A friendly site to enjoy throughout the seasons

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AREA 1,180m > 1,450m

40km of skating and traditional cross-country tracks

30km of snowshoeing tracks

Toboggan runs in the forest.

LUS-LA-JARJATTE

Ski in Vallon de la Jarjatte, a classified area dedicated to mountain sports

DOWNHILL SKIING AREA 1,160m > 1,550m

6 slopes 6km of slopes

5 ski lifts

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING ARE/

22km of free access skating and traditional cross-country tracks 4km all-round 7km of

winter sports track

snowshoeing tracks

Downhill skiing, ski hiking. Ice waterfall. Skijoering.

GIONO MUSEUM

Lalley

This intimate museum, where literature and writing play a fundamental role, evokes the good old days of Trièves, when Jean Giono enjoyed a countryside that was smiling (Les Vraies Richesses), quiet (Rondeur des jours) and inhabited. The same countryside that the writer will later describe as arid and vindictive (Les Âmes fortes), the home of the devil (Faust au village) and of boredom (Un roi sans divertissement). And whose community he felt so part of that he even said: 'I can really say that I am from here.'



THE RESISTANCE AND THE 'CHEMINS DE LA LIBERTE'

The mountains of the Vercors, a natural fortress, housed many partisans during the Second World War and formed a centre for the Resistance in France. Surrounded and attacked from all sides by German forces in July 1944, it was a deadly trap for a number of combatants and civilians. Several villages were completely destroyed and the mountains guard forever the traces of these tragic events. On foot or by car, you will see many headstones, which are real scars of the past. On the 'Chemins de la liberté', various historical sites welcome you so you can understand and remember this chapter in our local history.

9 major historical sites located throughout the Plateau of the Vercors:

- Resistance Museum
- Malleval village in Vercors
- Necropolis of St Nizier-du-Moucherotte and Vassieux-en-Vercors,
- Village of Vassieux-en-Vercors
- Cour des Fusillés in Chapelle-en-Vercors
- Pas de l'Aiguille
- at St Agnan-en-Vercors

RESISTANCE MUSEUM

Vassieux-en-Vercors

An unmissable historical memorial, the museum focuses on three themes: 'The Vercors before the Vercors' (1918-1942), 'The Maquis of the Vercors' with its organization, the fighting up until the tragic events of summer of 1944, and 'The Vercors after the Vercors' with the reconstruction of various villages, the everyday life and the building of our heritage. Modern, interactive and educational, the museum will appeal to history enthusiasts as well as the general public...

GO BACK IN TIME AND DISCOVER OUR LOCAL HERITAGE

The Vercors has traversed the ages by providing men, since prehistoric times, the shelter of its plateaus and forests. In these highlands, a Celtic tribe, the Vertacomicorians created the first villages. Then clergymen and priests, noblemen, soldiers, peasants, members of the French Resistance and sportsmen turned again the pages of the region's history. Across different sites and museums, the Vercors reveals its valued and preserved heritage, evidence of the life of its inhabitants over the centuries.

Here, I cultivate my curiosity

EVENTS

Festival of humour and creation Festival du Film de montagne in Decembe

Fête de l'alpage



LÉONCEL ABBEY

The land of monks and their heritage...

Founded in 1137 by monks of the Cistercian order took many decades to build.

architecture, but outlines a smooth transition to the Gothic. The beauty of the limestone, the sobriety of the architecture at a crossroads and beauty to the place.



THE CARMELITE CONVENT

Beauvoir-en-Royans

An exceptional site dating from the 14th century, the perfectly restored Carmelite Convent stands on the first escarpments of the Vercors.

the esplanade that protects the remains of the Beauvoir Chateau, birthplace of the Dauphiné. The and the constitution of the Dauphine in an original, interactive and very visual way. The presentation of the Natural Regional Park of Vercors through an flora in the Vercors and continues in the medieval



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SASSENAGE CHATEAU

the chateau built in the 17th century discover through its magical decor and furniture, the daily lives of the inhabitants of Sassenage

8 hectare gardens and its collection of remarkable old trees.

RESISTANCE MEMORIAL

OF THE VERCORS

Vassieux-en-Vercors

Overlooking the plain of Vassieux-en-Vercors

on the Col de la Chau, the Resistance Memorial

invites you to enter the fortress and to immerse

yourself in the life of the Maguis.

The museum tour gives you the opportunity

to feel, recollect, understand and question

this period of history.

Come and share a moment of confrontation

between a land and its history... One of the memorials on the 'Chemins de la liberté'.

HERITAGE MUSEUM

Villard-de-Lans

Located in the former town hall, the completely renovated Heritage museum presents events that have marked the life of the community: Resistance, spas, the Olympic Games and, further back in the past, the construction of roads, transport and tourism. Photos, documents, objects of everyday life, craft tools or agricultural equipment show daily life, agriculture and crafts from the late 19th to mid-20th century.

Resistance Memorial of the Vercors

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GRAND SÉCHOIR (DRYING ROOM)

Vinay

Museum dedicated to the land of walnuts, 'What's inside a walnut?' sana Charles Trenet.

The Grenoble walnut, awarded a designation of origin in 1938, has a great history, which is presented and documented at the Grand Séchoir (Drying Room).

This surprising and entertaining museum

offers a complete overview of this succulent fruit and traces the history of men. past and present, who have made the reputation of Grenoble walnuts. The 'Thumbelina' exhibition and the sculptures in the park explore the imaginary world related to the walnut in the famous children's story by Hans Christian Andersen.

PRÉHISTOTREK

Hike through the ages, from the Neanderthals o the first breeders.



For more information: Guide de la Résistance and Guide de la Préhistoire

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Here, I can explore the depths of the earth

GO BACK IN GEOLOGICAL TIME

In the Vercors, the beauty of the scenery is visible everywhere, both above and below ground. Drop by drop, water seeped into the smallest crack in the limestone and fashioned a magical world consisting of caves, chasms, underground rivers and speleothems such as stalagmites, stalactites, draperies and fistulas. Explore this fascinating world by taking a guided tour of a cave specifically equipped to welcome visitors or suspended from a rope, supervised by a professional guide. As a waterway or a true artist carving stone, water can be discovered in its most unexpected forms

But also

along the river...

Water in the Vercors is a magician:

it invites you to drift with it and to decipher

its mysteries through multiple activities

in a preserved setting.



WATER MUSEUM

Pont-en-Royans

Discover the spectacular odyssey of water in 4,000m² of interactive games, animated models, water bars, collection and tasting sessions, a foot bridge overlooking the rivers and the classified sites of Maisons suspendues (suspended houses)... A beautiful staged exhibition gives you the opportunity to understand the issue of water, its diversity, its role and its future ...

A total immersion to discover amazing animals through the two magical 3D films

RIVERBOAT

St Nazaire-en-Royans

For a few hours or for a full day, satisfy your craving for nature on the water! On board the 'Royans-Vercors' riverboat, take an adventure along the Isère valley but don't forget your binoculars and a camera. What aquatic birds inhabit swamps? How do mosses become tuff under the petrifying La Sône waterfalls? You will discover the answers to these questions during a fun boat trip between the red rocks of St Nazaire-en-Royans

ESPACE ROYANS & VERCORS

St Nazaire-en-Royans

The R&V Museum is ideal for exploring

It includes a tourist area and a permanent museum space to experience

CHORANCHE CAVE

Located in the heart of the Gorges de la Bourne, from its first exploration in 1871, this cave with impressive dimensions continues to reveal secrets about the evolution of our planet.

Enter a magical world: follow an illuminated trail at your own pace, discover a unique spectacle in Europe with its fistulous stalactites, hear the lapping of the underground water and discover a prehistoric cave animal: the Proteus. In the huge 'Cathedral,' enjoy a sound and light show where the imaginary underground world reinvents itself for you.

CUVES DE SASSENAGE CAVE

After a pleasant climb along a shady path punctuated by views of the Furon waterfalls, discover the 4th Wonder of the Dauphiné, a listed natural heritage naturel. The Cuves cave owes its name to two 'potholes' carved into the rock.

Formed about 1.5 million years ago by Le Germe underground river and karst spring of the famous Gouffre Berger, the Cuves cave is said to be the hiding place of the fairy Melusine... Discover her legend with a light and sound show. You can choose the best way to discover the cave: a geological guided walk of about an hour, an educational/sporting circuit or a beginners caving course.

LA DRAYE BLANCHE CAVE

La Chapelle-en-Vercors

Water and time have created wonders in this huge place where a variety of color and shapes will amaze you. Entering throu a tunnel, relive the lucky discovery of the cave and this **unique and exciting paleontological** site. Guided tour of one hour. On site: prehistoric park, path to discover human life in the cave, snack bar and picnic room.

PREHISTORIC CAVE OF THAÏS

St Nazaire-en-Royans

Become a prehistoric adventurer following in the footsteps of the last great hunters... At your own pace, this underground adventure offers multiple activities to both adults and children (P'tits Cro-Magnon workshop, documentary films, etc.).

NATURAL SITE OF THE CAVE OF LA LUIRE

St Agnan-en-Vercors

By the light of your lanterns or before the sound and light show, come and explore the depths of time in a cave of gigantic proportions, rich in multiple human adventures (embers left by coal makers, members of the French Resistance, fascinated explorers). An opportunity to better understand he alliance between man and nat <u>Guided t</u>our of about an hour.

Look, taste, touch, listen... Awaken your senses!

the Vercors and 'approaching diversity with fun.'

a multisensory adventure for the whole family

Here, I can wind through canyons and passes

Isolated for a long time, the Vercors truly opened itself to the outside world in the 19th century, as the constraints of the mountains were isolating the plateau from the rest of the world. Considerable effort was required to open up the country as poor access proved to be a major problem.

The roads were made by a force of will, often by pickaxe, on an almost immovable landscape. Famous around the world, our roads show a rare character and their design is extraordinary. The sides of cliffs are carved with spectacular corbelling, giving access to the heart of wild forests and eventually meandering into the depths of canyons... Roads in the Vercors are an invitation to travel.

GORGES DE LA BOURNE

Villard-de-Lans to Pont-en-Royans D531 - 24km - Opened <u>in 1872</u>

Leaving Villard-de-Lans, after a few kilometres, the road meanders along beautiful cliffs overlooking the waters of the Bourne, with drops of 600m... At 'La Goule Noire,' make your first stop to discover the impressive resurgence of waters from the Plateau. Further on, a change in terrain: the landscape becomes green then the road follows the cliff edge again, with drops of several hundred metres. On the opposite side, you will discover the Bournillon waterfall, 300m high, and the Presles cliffs, the kingdom of climbers.

Thrills guaranteed...

LA ROUTE DU BALCON EST

Prelenfrey to Chichilianne D8 - 48km

South of Grenoble is the 'Balcon Est' road that follows the cliffs of the mountains of the Vercors.

It takes you from Fontaine Ardente (natural gas source) to Mont Aiguille, two of the seven wonders of the Dauphiné. The road then continues to gently meander through a mountainous, invigorating and colourful landscape, passing through pretty villages with a rich heritage: Prélenfrey, Col de l'Arzelier, Château-Bernard, Gresse-en-Vercors, Chichilianne...

This is a road of diversity where you can see larch and apple trees, tiled roofs, fountains with clear waters and herds watched over by their shepherds...

A feast for the eyes!

LE COL DE ROUSSET

Chamaloc to Saint-Agnan-en-Vercors D518 - 24km - Opened in 1872

The road winds between Die and the village of Chamaloc amid a Provencal landscape, lulled by the scent of lavender. From Chamaloc, the road meanders its way endlessly to the pass. Full of hairpin bends, it offers a variety of landscapes and unique colours, so keep your eyes open!

Arriving at the pass is no less exceptional with a panoramic view over the Diois Valley and the foothills of the Drôme. A tunnel allows you to cross the summit under the natural pass, leading you to the ski resort, followed by a few more hairpin bends to descend to the village/hamlet of Rousset.

Breathtaking!

ROAD OF COMBE LAVAL

St Jean-en-Royans to Vassieux D76 - 32km - Opened in 1898

From St Jean-en-Royans, take the direction of the Col de la Machine. Famous for being carved into the cliff, the Road of Combe Laval snakes around a titanic cirque, 4km deep, which dominates the Royan countryside. There are countless tunnels through the rock, drops, points of view and breathtaking vistas. Gaudissart is well worth a stop. Underground or overhanging, this road is a real challenge!

> It took 50 years to build, like working on a tightrope...

GORGES DU NAN

Cognin les Gorges to Rencurel D22 - Opened in 1894

The start is at Cognin-les-Gorges village centre. After a few kilometres, you find yourself on a beautiful cliff road where a series of tunnels are carved into the rock.

It is an awesome place: you are in the Gorges du Nan with, in the background, the Isère valley.

You arrive at the isolated village of Malleval-en-Vercors then return to Rencurel through the Col de Pra-l'Étang and the Fontaine de Pétouze.

ROAD OF LES ÉCOUGES

Balme de Rencurel to St Gervais D35 - 21km - Opened in 1883

The ascent to the pass is on a continuous winding road to the village of Rencurel. From there, passing through green meadows to the Col de Romeyère. At the pass, you can enjoy the beautiful point of view...

Then continue through the lonely valley of Les Écouges. At Pont Chabert, an impressive tunnel dug with pickaxes crosses a rough narrow pass. You then arrive above an empty void, suspended over a huge waterfall before plunging into the Isère valley by following the vertiginous cliff road...

A white knuckle ride!



Here, I rediscover my identification marks

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