

# FEATURES – Winter Season 2007/2008

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Winter 2007-2008

**Saint Martin de Belleville - Les Menuires**  
from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008

**Val Thorens**  
from 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007 to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008

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# Saint Martin de Belleville - Les Menuires - Val Thorens

## La Vallée des Belleville

In the Savoy, in the heart of the 3 Vallées - the biggest ski area in the world with 600 km of pistes, 200 ski lifts - the Vallée des Belleville harbours 3 of the most well known winter sports resorts in Europe each providing a different and complementary tourist offer :  
Saint Martin de Belleville (1450 m), Les Menuires (1850 m) and Val Thorens (2300 m).

## What's new in Saint Martin de Belleville ?

### Culture and heritage

#### • The Saint Martin museum

Installed in an old farm, typical of the valley, the Saint Martin museum invites visitors to share in a part of the Belleville valley's history.

The museum highlights the history of Saint Martin over the last 150 years and the formidable evolution of a village become, in less than a generation, one of the most important tourist communes.

#### The museum is organised into three important periods :

- On the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, corresponding to the old stables, is the development of the agro-pastoral civilisation (1850-1914).
- The second floor opens onto the old barn and its huge volume. It portrays the decline of the agricultural activity and the growth of the industrial revolution in the nearby valley (1914-1950).
- The top floors, mezzanines created in the old barn, tell the story of the commune's tourist revolution (1960-2000).

Objects, videos, eye witnesses and photographic archives all help to illustrate this interesting history.

The creation of the Saint Martin museum has needed long work and the intervention of numerous specialist workers: companies specialised in restoring old buildings, a museum society, an audiovisual producer, water colour painter, computer graphic artist, author... about twenty different craftsmen who have worked together to realise this project.

*Saint Martin Town Hall: +33 (0)4 79 08 96 28*

### Accommodation

#### • New luxury suites at La Bouitte

Three new suites open this season at la Bouitte, hotel with charm and Michelin starred restaurant. "Mélanie", "Delphine" and "Sophie" complement the initial 5 created 7 years ago. Two of them are situated in Saint Martin, on the piste; they offer a more modern decoration with much appreciated extras: overflowing bath, ultra-modern shower and even a wine cellar in each suite !

*La Bouitte: +33 (0)4 79 08 96 77*

### Ski area

#### • Extension of the artificial snow system

Improvement of the artificial snow system's technical performance with a maximum respect for the environment.

### New addresses

#### • The Chantacoucou farm inn

Bernard and Josette, farmers in Le Châtelard, have decided to open up their farm to the public by creating the Chantacoucou farm inn. This new address offers visits of the property with tea, lunch and dinner under reservation. Its menu is full of local dishes and specialities prepared with products from their farm.

*La Ferme Chantacoucou: +33 (0)4 79 08 91 95*

#### • La Ferme de la Choumette

It opened during the winter. Original touch : the view of the animal stalls from the restaurant. One can get a close up view of a mountain farm while enjoying a traditional and refined cuisine.

*La Ferme de la Choumette: +33 (0)4 79 40 00 42*

#### • And, as always ...

• **The Villarenger goat farm:** in Villarenger, where visits and snacks are organised every Tuesday at 11 am and Thursday at 3 pm. Tomme fabrication, presentation of the farm with its herd of goats and the goat rearer's job.

*The goat farm: +33 (0)4 79 08 97 67*

• **La Ferme du Dahu:** in the hamlet of Villarbon, where one can savour delicious dishes cooked with the farm produce (rabbit, chicken, quail, lamb and garden vegetables ..), but also discover the animals and the home-made production of fruit wines, syrups, liqueurs, jam, vinegar ...

*La Ferme du Dahu: +33 (0)4 79 00 76 62*

### Activities

#### • Dog sledge outing

Emmanuel COLIRE, musher, along with his pack of Husky dogs, will take you for an adventure into the countryside, following an itinerary alternating between forest and river. At the end of the trip, the discovery continues with a visit of the completely restored Burdin mill - a typical mountain water mill.

*Saint Martin Tourist Office: +33 (0)47 900 2000*

### Good ideas

#### • Saint Martin de Belleville for a short stay

For a 3 day escape, the Saint Martin Reservation Centre offers all inclusive stays from 120 € per person: 3 nights in an apartment (based on 5 people sharing) with 5 3-day Saint Martin/ Les Menuires ski passes.

Offer valid from 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and from 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008.

*Saint Martin de Belleville Reservation: +33 (0)4 79 00 25 27*

#### • From January to April

**All inclusive stays at special prices** - Example from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008  
From 216 € per person: 7 nights in apartment (for 4 to 10 people), 6 day Saint Martin/ Les Menuires ski pass included.

*Saint Martin de Belleville Reservation: +33 (0)4 79 00 25 27*

# What's new in Les Menuires?

## Accommodation

After the creation of its first 4 star hotel, the Chalet Hôtel Kaya, Les Menuires opens a new charm establishment this winter, the Chalet Hôtel Isatis.

### • Opening of the Chalet Hôtel Isatis - 100 beds

On the piste, the Isatis offers 17 chalet suites sleeping 4, 6, 8 or 10/12 people, with surface areas range from 27 to 100 m<sup>2</sup>. Each suite is organised into a duplex or triple, in a decor combining wood, stone and slate, or integrated into the eaves.

On their balcony, guests will find a private spa with panoramic view, and in their living areas a complete multi media equipment: home cinema screen with IPOD connection, DVD player, game system and wifi.

Meals can be taken in the hotel's restaurant or served in the suite; Massages and beauty treatments are also available in the suites with just a phone call or a click on the hotel's computer system.

*Chalet Hôtel Isatis: +33 (0)4 79 00 45 45*

### • New residences with charm

• **Les Cristaux:** Two new chalets with about sixty beds each, in the Preyerand quarter, providing 18 apartments from 40 to 70 m<sup>2</sup>. Fitness room, jacuzzi, sauna, solarium and hammam are available to guests.

*Agence des Belleville: +33 (0)4 79 00 61 13*

• **Le Geffriand** consists of 4 up-market apartments sleeping 10/12 people, each with a surface area of 130 m<sup>2</sup>, and benefiting from hotel services. A traditional cuisine restaurant "le Chalet", as well as a pub, is also opening near the residence.

### • Renovation of Aconit, Pierre et Vacances Residence

Completely renovated for February 2008, the residence Aconit now offers a more mountain style with larger surface areas, 46 high comfort apartments, ranging from 2 rooms sleeping 4 people to 3-4 rooms sleeping 7-9 people, replacing the original 101. A children's area is also incorporated into the reception area.

*Pierre et vacances: +33 (0) 891 70 1000*

## New restaurant

### • Le Cocon des neiges

Alcove areas, sitting room with open fireplace, decor linking wood and slate, the Cocon des Neiges offers a Savoyard and refined cuisine. Situated on the piste level of the hotel Isatis, it opens lunchtime with delicious buffets for skiers on a South facing terrace.

*Fixed menus between 20 € and 30 €.*

*Chalet Hôtel Isatis: +33 (0)4 79 00 45 45*

## Well being at altitude

### • Spa and beauty at the Chalet Hôtel Kaya \*\*\*\*

The Chalet Hôtel Kaya \*\*\*\* invites its guests to come and relax in its SPA, equipped with a heated swimming pool, a sauna, a hammam and a fitness area. A marvellous collection of treatments - (hydro) massage, relaxation, body and facial treatments - make up this four star hotel's winter relaxation offer.

*Chalet Hôtel Kaya \*\*\*\*: +33 (0)4 79 41 42 00*

## Activities and sensations

### • Quad and buggy snow circuit

Laughter and guaranteed excitement with Altana Bike who offer snow driving amateurs the fun of driving a quad or buggy on a safe circuit.

*Altana Bike: +33 (0)6 11 38 37 96*

### • Lugeland, rubber ring tobogganing!

Mummy and Daddy go back to their childhood when they slide down the 2 protected 200m pistes and become even keener than their children to "play" at the Lugeland park in the Preyerand quarter. Once down the bottom, there's no effort: a sort of drag lift takes the rubber ring and its occupant back up to the top. A great moment of inter-generation fun that always ends in shrieks of laughter.

## New event

**Ball of Notes: The Les Menuires Children's Music and Song Festival from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

On the pistes and ski lifts, throughout Les Menuires, in the shops and in the village of Saint Martin... musical notes will fill up everywhere during the first edition of the Children's Music and Song Festival, "Ball of Notes".

Street shows, original musical structures, discovery workshops for the very young, small sound fabrications for the older, not forgetting the live concerts at the end of the day and the "spring-boards" for up and coming talents... Les Menuires creates an incredible week reserved for children, and to which all the parents are looking forward.

Artistic direction: Théâtre de la toupine

*Les Menuires Tourist Office: +33 (0)4 79 00 73 00*

## Les Menuires and Saint Martin de Belleville invent the snow guarantee contract !



For the first time in the mountain universe, Les Menuires and Saint Martin de Belleville have offered skiers, from 2007, the possibility of booking their holiday on the principle "satisfied or reimbursed".

If the snow cover in the resort doesn't satisfy the holiday maker (less than 80% of the pistes open due to lack of snow) he can leave the resort and ask for his Les Menuires/ Saint Martin ski pass and his accommodation to be reimbursed on a pro-rata basis for the unused period. To benefit from this offer : holiday makers must book their accommodation or all inclusive holiday through one of the 14 participating accommodation provider (or directly from Les Menuires Réservation), or just their ski passes on [www.sevabel.com](http://www.sevabel.com).

The participating accommodation providers can be recognised in the Les Menuires/ Saint Martin de Belleville brochure and on the internet site thanks to the Snow Guarantee logo.

### The 3 keys to our contract:

- 1- Les Menuires and Saint Martin de Belleville whose pistes peak at an altitude of 2850 m, benefit from an exceptional natural snow cover. This is reinforced by more than 400 artificial snow making machines covering 40% of the ski area.
- 2- Two summits (at 2700 m and 2850 m) benefit from artificial snow, from the top of the pistes right down into the centre of the resort (twice a 1000 m vertical height fall).
- 3- Thanks to this technological skill, the production of artificial snow starts in November and continues throughout the winter.

Full rules and regulations on [www.lesmenuires.com](http://www.lesmenuires.com).

## Ski area

### • New 6-seater easy access covered chair lift, Le Roc des 3 Marches 2

Installed as the continuation of the 8-seater Roc des 3 Marches gondola, this new lift will replace the Allamands chair lift. Fast and comfortable, it reinforces the fluidity of the 3 Vallées links and allows non-skiers to enjoy the biggest ski area in the world using ski lifts leaving from Les Menuires.

Total cost: 5 300 000 € before tax.

SEVABEL : +33 (0)4 79 00 62 75

### • Improvement to the artificial snow making system

New snow makers on the Bettex piste in Les Menuires and improvement of the technical performance of the whole of the system with a maximum respect for the environment.

### • Creation of a freestyle beginners' area

Time for snow sport fun: jumps, rails and raised bends will have no more secret for anyone ; nowadays skiing must be fun and the modules accessible to everyone. Les Menuires has thus created a beginners' zone in the Becca snow cross so that adults and children can copy the pros in complete security.

### • A live cam on the top of the mountain to check the snow conditions in just one click.

A high performance live cam on the top of the mountain giving real time snow conditions and weather ! Installed at the top of the Roc des 3 Marches, it offers a 360° panorama over the Vallée des Belleville ski area and the 3 Vallées mountain peaks.

[www.lesmenuires.com](http://www.lesmenuires.com)

## Ski passes

- **The P@S, ready to ski,** is the answer if you want to be first on the piste. Click and download your ski pass before leaving on [www.lesmenuires.com](http://www.lesmenuires.com)

Tariffs from 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2007 to 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2008		
Les Menuires / Saint Martin - 160 km		
	1 day	6 days
Adult	35 €	169 €
Child (from 5 to 12 years old)	23,50 €	117,50 €
Family Pass	-	535 €

*(2 parents + 2 children under 18 years old)*

## Good ideas

### • Les Menuires for a short stay

**For a 3 day escape,** Les Menuires Reservation offers all inclusive packages from 130 € per person: 3 nights in an apartment (based on 4 people sharing) plus 4 3-day Les Menuires/ Saint Martin ski passes. Offer valid from 5<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and from 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

Les Menuires Reservation: +33 (0)4 79 00 79 79

### • From January to April ...

**All inclusive stays at special prices** - Example from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008 From 206 € per person: 7 days in apartment (for 5/6 people), 6 day Les Menuires/ Saint Martin ski pass included.

Les Menuires Reservation: + 33 (0)4 79 00 79 79

### • Skijournee.com

**To ski for the day at low cost, just sign up on the site [www.skijournee.com](http://www.skijournee.com).** Thanks to the P@S Day Ski – sold at 3 € - members benefit from reductions throughout the season of between 20 and 50% on a Les Menuires/ Saint Martin ski pass.

SEVABEL : +33 (0)4 79 00 62 75

# What's new in Val Thorens?

## Ski area



Val Thorens, the highest resort in Europe, can guarantee snow from Christmas to the beginning of May !

An unexpected consequence of global warming is that skiers want to be reassured about the snow conditions in their winter sports destination. This is why Val Thorens, at an altitude of 2300m, offers a unique "snow guarantee".

**From winter 2007/2008, the resort guarantees that at least 70% of the ski area's ski lifts will be open between 25<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008.**

If, due to lack of snow, on average during a week this figure is not reached, one or several skiing days will be offered for later use (at the end of the stay or during the next winter). Other partners in the resort (accommodation providers, ski schools etc) will also participate by offering different services to be used at the end of the stay or during a future stay.

This offer is valid if the week's ski pass is purchased at the same time as the accommodation via Val Thorens Réservation (+33 (0)4 79 00 01 06 or [www.valthorens.com](http://www.valthorens.com)), through an accommodation provider as an "all-inclusive" package, or through a participating Tour Operator who has the "Snow Guarantee" logo in his brochure.

The offer is also valid if the ski pass only has been purchased on [www.valthorens.com](http://www.valthorens.com) at least 1 month before the 1<sup>st</sup> day that it is used.

*Detailed conditions on [www.valthorens.com](http://www.valthorens.com) and [www.snow-guarantee.com](http://www.snow-guarantee.com) - Tourist Office: +33 (0)4 79 00 08 08*

### • Two new gondolas

Replacement of the old Cairn and Caron gondolas by 2 new automatic, 8-seater gondolas which allow skis to be carried inside.

The turnover of these new lifts doubles the old ones and the modern architectural stations offer various services such as toilet, escalator access, waiting rooms, exhibitions, ski pass sales point...

Specially adapted access for handicapped skiers and beginners, with, notably, the installation of a lift. In addition, 10% of the cabins have been specially designed to make it easier to load wheel chairs.

The new blue piste, created under the gondola, starting from the resort, gives an easy access to the lower part of the ski area, which goes from an altitude of 1800 to 3230 metres.

20 million Euros have been invested by the SETAM (Tarentaise-Maurienne lift company).

It is the most important ski lift investment in France in 2007.

SETAM: +33 (0)4 79 00 07 08

### • A new Snow park

A great place for meeting-up and providing entertainment for everyone, the new snow park is strategically installed on the Plateau sector and accessible using several different ski lifts.

2 zones, (beginners and advanced), make up this area of about 70 000 m<sup>2</sup> where different fun modules follow each other : boardercross with about ten bends, hoops, rails, hips and a spine, a slope style and face quarters...

The originality of this new snow park is the Jump'Air. The aim of this new activity is to do a jump followed by a landing on a shock absorbing "stunt man's" mattress while trying to do an acrobatic figure or to try and jump as far as possible with no danger. The Jump'Air is ideal for learning or improving freestyle, whether on skis or on a snow board.

### • A new tobogganing area

Slides, falls and laughter fill up this new completely safe toboggan area reserved for children (from the age of 2). Its ideal situation in the heart of the resort delights parents who can enjoy a well-earned rest in a deckchair on one of the nearby terraces.

### • Torchlight walk and Savoyard meal

Aimed at lovers of nature and Savoyard gastronomy and accompanied by a French Ski School instructor, discover the mountain in a different way : at night, in a fairy-like décor, the appetite built up during the snow shoe walk up to the mountain restaurant. Fondue, raclette, tartiflette... the well earned rewards in a typically Savoyard atmosphere before the return to the resort by torchlight.

*Tariff: 55€ - Equipment included - Length of the walk: 2 hours.*

*French Ski School: +33 (0)4 79 00 02 86 - [www.esf-valthorens.com](http://www.esf-valthorens.com)*

## Ski passes

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is the answer if you want to be first on the piste. Click and download your ski pass before leaving on [www.valthorens.com](http://www.valthorens.com)

Tariffs from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2007 to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Val Thorens/Orelle - 140 km

	1 day	6 days
Adult	36 €	169 €
Child (from 5 to 12 years old)	25 €	118 €
Family Pass	110 €	535 €

*(2 parents + 2 children under 18 years old)*

## Accommodation...

### • **Enlargement of the Hotel Fitz Roy, the only 4 star hotel in the resort**

The only luxury hotel situated in the heart of Val Thorens, with its rustic style which cleverly combines stone and wood to obtain an atmosphere of elegance and refined warmth.

This 4 star hotel, already very sought after by those looking for charm, opens 15 supplementary luxury bedrooms in December 2007 and enlarges its gastronomic restaurant as well as its bar.

The establishment now has 56 bedrooms all with private balconies, including 3 with mezzanines and open fireplaces, 3 duplex apartments as well as a 150m<sup>2</sup> prestige floor.

A gourmet pause at the gastronomic restaurant, la Table du Roy, lunch on the terrace, la Brasserie du Roy, with a view of the glacier, or even a discovery of Savoyard traditions at the Karnozet du Roy allow one to vary the culinary pleasures infinitely.

In the heart of the hotel, everything is combined to provide relaxation and well-being : a privileged partner of the Kanebo beauty products, the Fitz Roy offers traditional aesthetic treatments and balneo-therapy. It is also has a swimming pool, sauna, steam room, a fitness area.

Fitz Roy : + 33 (0)4 79 00 04 78 - [www.hotelfitzroy.com](http://www.hotelfitzroy.com)

### • **L'Oxalys extends its offer**

**L'Oxalys, flagship of the 4\* chalet residences, extends its offer with :**

11 new apartments and duplexes sleeping from 4 to 6 people, with surface areas up to 120 m<sup>2</sup>, and a new SPA with a massaging jet pool, swimming against the flow, a steam room, a water massaging bed, body treatments (massages, exfoliations and body wraps) and a herbal tea parlour all of which complement the existing relaxation area which already gives free access to a swimming pool, saunas, steam room and Jacuzzis.

Between the elegance of the lines and the pureness of the styles, a very luminous architecture and numerous hotel services, the chalet residence L'Oxalys marvellously declines skiing, well-being and gastronomy including a Michelin starred cuisine, precise, inventive, harmonious and refined by the young chef Chef Jean Sulpice who officiates in the restaurant of his name, included in the price of the stay a discovery menu (per person) for a real introduction to French gastronomy.

Week from 1330 € in an apartment for 4 people.  
L'Oxalys: +33 (0)4 79 10 49 15 - [www.loxalys.com](http://www.loxalys.com)

### • **The Novotel hotel becomes the Mercure**

Each Mercure hotel is unique and cultivates its hotel know-how to offer a personalised holiday experience to its clients.

Ideally situated on the pistes, the 3 star hotel Mercure offers 104 spacious 27m<sup>2</sup> bedrooms, all recently renovated, a well-being and beauty centre (steam room, sauna, Jacuzzi, relaxing facial and body modelling) a ski rental boutique as well as different restaurant formulae lunch and evening.

For children, special prices with free accommodation for children under 16 years old sharing their parent's bedroom, a restaurant, specially organised games and workshops with a group leader during the French school holidays.

• **Magic week from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February, Jazz week from 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Mach, Circus week from 5<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April ... and a special family Christmas, all go to make up the Mercure's winter season .**

Mercure : +33 (0)4 79 00 04 04 - [www.mercurevalthorens.com](http://www.mercurevalthorens.com)

## Good deals

• **Christmas week : free for children at the Mercure \*\*\* in Val Thorens**  
From 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2007, the accommodation plus 1/2 board (excluding drinks) are offered to children under the age of 12 years old sharing their parents' bedroom.

2100 € the week for a family of 4 people + 535 € the Family pass (6 day Val Thorens ski pass): 2635 € for the 4 people.

### • **New all-inclusive weekly formulae :**

7 nights accommodation + 6 day ski pass + 6 days unlimited access to the Sports Centre's Aquaclub (balneo pool, saunas, steam room, jacuzzis).

From 05/01/08 to 09/02/08 : from 268 €/ person in a studio\*

From 19/04/08 to 04/05/08 : from 240 €/ person in a studio\*

\* based on 4 people sharing, full occupation

### • **A 4 day escape**

Between 19/04/08 and 03/05/08: from 157 €/person for 4 nights accommodation in a studio (based on 4 people sharing) + 3 day Val Thorens ski pass.

Val Thorens Reservation : + 33 (0)4 79 00 01 06 - [reserver@valthorens.com](mailto:reserver@valthorens.com)

### • **Photo proof on [www.valthorens.com](http://www.valthorens.com)**

Before leaving home, discover the weather and piste conditions thanks to the Val Thorens' 360° new generation live cam which gives a 360° panoramic view. A real help in choosing your holiday destination.

• **For a successful family holiday, Val Thorens has been awarded the "Famille Plus Montagne" label.**

## Out of the ordinary in Val Thorens

### • **Copy the "Red jumpers"**

Supervised by French Ski School instructors, it is in complete security and holding mini torches that the young holiday makers get together to create a real arabesque of light winding its way down the mountain at dusk. They thus become the actors of the traditional torchlight descent generally reserved for the "red jumpers". Torch included.

Dates : 27<sup>th</sup> December 2007 - 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008 - Time: 6.30 pm

### • **Go down the longest toboggan run in France**

"The Toboggan" is a real 45 minute outing, 6 kilometres long over a height fall of 700 metres through a natural valley, while discovering an incredible panorama. The piste is open every day as well as Monday and Wednesday evenings, with free mulled wine on arrival.

Tariffs : with a valid ski pass, 1 descent : 10 €

Child from 8 to 12 years old : free on the parent's toboggan

For the evenings, unique tariff of 16 €.

### • **Ice driving**

Looking for real excitement behind the wheel of a real racing car ? On the highest ice circuit in Europe, 980 metres long, the Val Thorens ice driving school organises first time outings, private lessons and driving courses in a Fiat Panda 4X4, Cross Car or Mitsubishi Lancer. Skidding, steering into the skid, breaking... all the technical movements are supervised by a professional.

Tariff: from 80 €.

Lionel Régal : + 33 (0)6 79 41 35 26

# This winter's main events

## In Les Menuires

### • 24<sup>th</sup> December 2007 • "Boule's Christmas" sound and light show

This Christmas story, shown on a giant screen and interjected with light sequences and fireworks, will delight the holiday makers. A torchlight descent with the arrival of Father Christmas on skis will be the evening's finale. Throughout the week, special children's shows will be organised in this "Famille Plus" resort.

### • From 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008 • Wine growers' week

For the 7<sup>th</sup> year running, Les Menuires celebrates French vineyards. About thirty wine growers from all the regions present their production during "French wine tasting and sales" evenings, open to everyone.

### • From 16<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008

#### The Royal Navy ski and snowboarding Championships

Nearly 1300 people are expected over these two weeks of competition in 4 disciplines for skiers and 3 for snowboarders.

### • 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008 • 12<sup>th</sup> Trophée de l'Espoir

Sponsored by David Douillet, the Trophée de l'Espoir (The Trophy of Hope) collects money for the local Mentally and Physically Handicapped Association. Solidarity, sport and party time are on the programme.

### • From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008 • Coq d'Or

Coming from the 250 French Ski Schools and 1600 French Ski Federation clubs, the 1500 qualified juniors will participate in giant slalom, parallel slalom and skier cross competitions and spend some magic moments with the greatest current champions.

### • From 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008 • Ball of Notes

#### The Les Menuires Children's Music and Song Festival.

Throughout the week the resort will vibrate louder and louder to a festive music score. Street shows, live concerts, musical discovery workshops and sound creations are the build up to the final concert, an imaginative symphony for amateur orchestra and "moo boxes" !

### • April 2008 • The Season Workers Challenge

To end the winter season, the different resort's partners in association with the Tourist Office, organise the Season Workers' Challenge. Sporting tournaments, concerts and a huge barbecue.

### • Throughout the winter • Belleville Musical Rendez-Vous

Classic, jazz, blues... concerts are organised in the evening, alternatively in the Saint Martin parish church and the Maurice Romanet hall in Les Menuires.

## In Val Thorens

### • The Trophy Andros

The Trophy Andros is a clever mixture of car and motorbike competitions on ice, shows and fun which, each year, reunites numerous drivers and spectators.

24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2007: Press presentation of all the season's changes  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December: 1<sup>st</sup> round of the season

### • From 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December • Boarderweek

European snow sport and music festival with skiing and snowboard freestyle competitions, demonstrations, free equipment tests, concerts ...

### • 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January • French Snowboard Cup

The new Val Thorens snow park organises one of the French snowboard boarder cross Cup events.

### • 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February : Respect Festival Tour with Mountain Riders

2 days dedicated to awareness of durable goods and green citizenship through a exhibition village, conference, film shows and sporting and fun entertainment for all.

### • The 6<sup>th</sup> April : Val Thorens Luge Cup

In vogue sport for all ages, Val Thorens organises a unique toboggan competition, on the longest run in France. 6km to be descended in various categories (children - adults - couples and pros) before sharing a giant raclette on the bottom of the piste.

### • 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April • The North Face Ski Challenge

A new type of competition created to detect young freestyle skiing talents.

### • 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April • Final of the French Minimes Championships

Meeting of the best 120 French skiers aged from 14 to 15 years old, over 3 days of races:

15/04: Super Giant Slalom

16/04: Men's Special Slalom and Women's Giant Slalom

17/04: Women's Special Slalom and Men's Giant Slalom

### • Music at the top of the mountain

The "Classical and Jazz" musical association, organises each Tuesday at 18h30 a concert in the Val Thorens chapel. The programmes alternate between classical (piano recitals on the Steinway grand piano, the highest in Europe, chamber music, lyrical concerts), Jazz (Vocal, New Orleans, Blues, Gospel) and French songs.

### • 13<sup>th</sup> April • 3 Vallées X Wing Rally

Discover the 3 Vallées ski area in a fun way through "specials" (slalom, schuss, derbies...) in teams of 3, and in amateur, family or pro categories.



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