

# ***RDDM INFO***

***THE REGION DENTS DU MIDI JOURNAL***

**CHAMPÉRY CHAMPOUSSIN LES CROSETS MORGINS TROISTORRENTS VAL-D'ILLIEZ**



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## EDITORIAL

Region Dents du Midi, November 2022

### Sustainability Stewardship for A Superlative Region

There's no doubt about it - we live in the most beautiful place in the world! No really, we do. But beyond the self-congratulatory pat on the back, this is no idle boast, and it's not just a happy accident either. The blessings we enjoy today are due, in part, to Region Dents du Midi's resolute commitment to a responsible policy of sustainable development.

In 2022 we were awarded the Swisstainable Level 3 label, Switzerland Tourism's most ambitious sustainability certification. What's more, we've just signed on to Summit Foundation's Sustainable Mountains program, which protects the environment by creating real, operational solutions for sustainable and responsible economic development. As part of this project, over the next three years we'll tackle four themes and fulfil thirteen specific commitments to guide our destination into a better, brighter future.

In this spirit, we launch the coming winter season brimming with confidence and ambition. Because yes! Because, despite recent difficulties and restrictions, it's time to hit the slopes. Because we are determined to develop, to innovate, to look ever forward. We hope to inspire you too, starting with a new list of seven exciting ski tours in the Portes du Soleil. While you're at it, be sure to pay your respects to La Foilleuse; Morgins' venerable three-seater will be riding out its last season before being replaced by a sleek, ultramodern gondola by winter 2023-2024.

Speaking of innovation, as new technologies evolve and consumer habits change, we owe it to you to be ahead of the game. To this end, the village of Val-d'Illiez will be pioneering a brand-new virtual information point. Conveniently located at the train station, an integrated touch screen will allow direct video calls to our friendly tourism advisors. If it's as successful as we think it will be, the project can be expanded to include other sites.

Finally, we've saved the best news for last. It's early days yet, but not too early to save the date! From October 27th to 29th, 2023, we hope you'll join us, together with our partners throughout the region, for a three-day culinary and cultural extravaganza with the very first World Raclette Championships!

On that note, we wish you a delicious 2022-2023 season!

Happy reading,

Henri-Pierre Galletti  
President, Region Dents du Midi SA

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# WHAT'S NEW



## NEW PLAYGROUND IN VAL-D'ILLIEZ

That's right, Val-d'Illiez's newest urban improvement project is a fabulous new playground, with a wonderfully organic jungle-gym made of wooden tree structures and rope obstacles. Children of all ages are welcome to clamber and climb, run and jump, and play to their hearts' content right in the village square - leaving parents free to relax nearby on one of the nearby restaurant terraces.



## RIVELLA SPEEDCHECK

How fast can you schuss? This winter, you can find out at the Rivella Speedcheck. Just head towards the starting gates under the Bochasses chairlift, hunker down into your tuck, and don't forget to say cheese when you pass the finish line! Participants will receive a photo with their time, and the best times will win a prize. Open this winter season, during lift opening hours.



## VAL-D'ILLIEZ TOURISM PILOT PROJECT

Tourism has evolved radically over the last decades. New technologies, changing consumer behaviour, omnipresent social media, the quest for a more collaborative economy, and ever more sophisticated mobile devices have contributed to a complete transformation of the tourist industry. Even the way guests get their information has changed - now that everyone is armed with a smartphone and non-stop access to news and information. This explains the decrease in attendance recorded by many tourist offices, including Region Dents du Midi.

While the traditional tourist info point still has a role to play as a welcoming space where clients can browse brochures and get personalised information, destinations that want to stand out must innovate! This is the thought process behind RDDM's latest venture - a virtual information centre at the Val-d'Illiez train station. This resolutely forward-looking, proactive technology will allow us to optimise resources while maintaining our close relationship with our customers.

Just how will it work? The centrepiece of this info point is a tactile video screen. Clients can initiate a video call and one of our friendly tourist agents will appear on-screen for a face-to-face consultation. A well-stocked display of helpful brochures will complete the virtual info point.

We are confident that this dynamic, modern concept will be a great way for us to stay up-to-date and efficient. This winter 2022-2023, we'll be testing the project out in Val-d'Illiez, but if the results are as positive as we anticipate, we might expand into other parts of our destination that aren't served by a local tourist office (Les Crosets and Champoussin for example).

This first virtual info point will be replacing the office located in the Place du Village, which was taken over on October 1st by the new socio-cultural activity coordinator for the Illiez Valley\*.

*\* A project initiated by the 3 Illiez Valley municipalities to provide activities and infrastructure for young people throughout the region.*



# LIFTS

## Les Portes du Soleil opens

Saturday 17.12.2022

## End of season closures

Champoussin - Morgins : Sunday 02.04.2023

Champéry - Les Crosets : Monday 10.04.2023

## MORGINS GETS A LIFT

*By Enrique Caballero, Chairman of the Board of Directors Portes du Soleil Suisse SA*

**After 40 years of loyal service, the iconic La Foilleuse 3-man detachable chairlift will be retired to make way for a next generation, fully autonomous gondola lift, making Morgins just the second resort in Switzerland to feature this type of lift!**

Following the merger of the Swiss Portes du Soleil lift companies, the newly-formed Board of Directors went to work hammering out a strategic investment plan for the next 20 years. Taking climate change and technological advances into account, the strategy aims to develop and restructure the area's facilities, with the clear goal of accentuating 4-season operation.

As part of this plan, the Board decided to retire the La Foilleuse chairlift and replace it with a gondola. Equipped with 38 comfortable cabins providing 10 places each, this lift will significantly increase the speed of access from Morgins to Les Portes du Soleil – from a theoretical 1,800 people per hour to an actual flow of 2,100 people per hour. But with a price tag of some 18 million Swiss Francs, this is more than just a simple lift replacement. The package also includes fitting out both top and bottom stations with all the infrastructure and logistics necessary to comfortably operate the entire Champoussin-Morgins sector. The new infrastructure will include ticket windows, ski lockers, staff changing and meeting rooms, a cabin garage for maintenance and cleaning, a workshop, a first-aid station, a snow groomer shed, and more.

Work is scheduled to start at the end of the 2022-2023 winter season. Phase one will involve dismantling the current installation. Phase two will include construction of the new installation, using the same footprint as the old lift. This must all be done within a precise, 8-month window, in order to begin operation for the 2023-2024 winter season.

Unless there is a delay in the authorisation procedure – which could potentially incur a one-year postponement due to the absolute incompressibility of the work to be done within the timeframe – there will be no operation for summer 2023, while construction is in progress. This is unfortunately an inescapable but necessary constraint to guarantee commissioning in December 2023.



If you are interested in finding out more about the project, visit the [pds.ch.ch](https://pds.ch.ch) website homepage under the 'Projects 2023' section.

## WINTER 2022 – 2023 LIFT PRICES

Les Portes du Soleil (Switzerland & France)  
600 km terrain - 208 lifts

### TICKET WINDOW

	ADULT	CHILD	JUNIOR SENIOR
5 hours	64.-	48.-	58.-
1 day	71.-	53.-	64.-
2 days	136.-	102.-	122.-
3 days	193.-	145.-	174.-
4 days	249.-	187.-	224.-
5 days	302.-	227.-	272.-
5x1 day	355.-	265.-	320.-
6 days	355.-	266.-	320.-
7 days	400.-	300.-	360.-
8 days	442.-	332.-	398.-
9 days	482.-	362.-	434.-
10 days	516.-	387.-	464.-
11 days	549.-	412.-	494.-
12 days	579.-	434.-	521.-
13 days	607.-	455.-	546.-
Season	1131.-	848.-	1018.-
½ Season from 04.02	621.-	466.-	559.-

### INTERNET (PDS-CH.CH)

ADULT	CHILD	JUNIOR SENIOR
59.-	44.-	53.-
65.-	49.-	59.-
124.-	93.-	112.-
177.-	133.-	159.-
228.-	171.-	205.-
277.-	208.-	249.-
325.-	245.-	295.-
325.-	244.-	293.-
367.-	275.-	330.-
405.-	304.-	365.-
441.-	331.-	397.-
473.-	355.-	426.-
502.-	377.-	452.-
530.-	398.-	477.-
556.-	417.-	500.-
1131.-	848.-	1018.-
-	-	-

Super Senior (75+ yrs): 24.- per day or 242.- per season

Domaine Champéry, Les Crosets, Champoussin, Morgins  
(Switzerland)

100 km terrain - 35 lifts

### TICKET WINDOW

	ADULT	CHILD	JUNIOR SENIOR
5 hours	58.-	44.-	52.-
from 11:00	58.-	44.-	52.-
from 13:30	51.-	38.-	46.-
1 day	64.-	48.-	58.-
5x1 day	320.-	240.-	290.-
Season	850.-	595.-	765.-
50 pts	54.-	41.-	49.-
100 pts	108.-	82.-	98.-

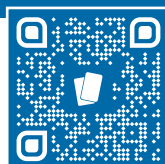
### INTERNET (PDS-CH.CH)

ADULT	CHILD	JUNIOR SENIOR
52.-	39.-	47.-
52.-	39.-	47.-
46.-	35.-	41.-
58.-	44.-	52.-
290.-	220.-	260.-
850.-	595.-	765.-
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Prices are communicated in Swiss Francs and are subject to modification. Ticket window and lift opening hours online at pds-ch.ch



- › -15% starting April 1st, 2023
- › Easy, flexible, and free! With the Portes du Soleil loyalty program, each lift pass purchase earns soleils, which can be exchanged for a free ski day. To participate, sign up at pds-ch.ch
- › Save time and get the best prices when you purchase your lift passes online!



## Ski Pass & Spring Skiing Offers

1 FREE CHILD'S PASS FROM 5 DAYS  
Ski Pass : 17.12 - 24.12.2022  
Spring Skiing : from 01.04.2023 on

- › 1 free child under 12 pass with any purchase of an adult pass in the Portes du Soleil from 5 days.
- › On sale online and at ticket windows.

## PEDESTRIAN LIFT PRICES

		ADULT (16 + YRS)			CHILD (5 - 15 YRS)		
		↑	↑↓	Season	↑	↑↓	Season
Champéry	⚡ Champéry*	15.-	22.-	240.-	8.-	11.-	120.-
	⚡ Grand-Paradis**	-	22.-	-	-	17.-	-
Les Crosets	⚡ Mossettes	-	18.-	-	-	14.-	-
Champoussin	⚡ Aiguille des Champeys***	11.-	-	170.-	8.-	-	130.-
Morgins	⚡ Foilleuse****	13.-	18.-	200.-	10.-	14.-	150.-
	⚡ Corbeau	11.-	16.-	170.-	8.-	12.-	130.-

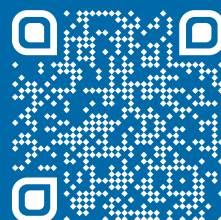
\*Child 6 - 15 yrs

\*\*Circular ticket valid for the Grand Paradis & Planachaux chairlifts and the Champéry cable car

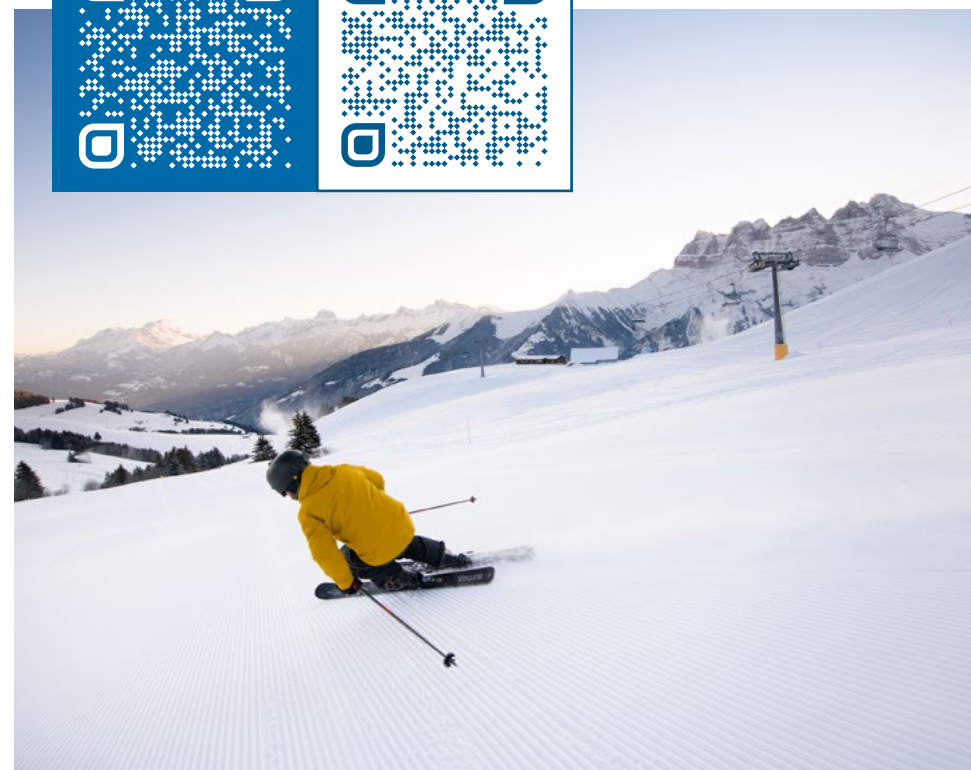
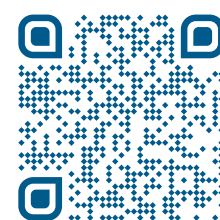
\*\*\* For paragliders only

\*\*\*\* Single price the day of Rock the Pistes : 20.-

### Snow Report



### Webcams





# PRODUCTS, PROMOTION & COMMUNICATION



## DENTS DU MIDI SKI TEAM TESTS 4-SEASON SKIING IN WALES!

This summer, our young Dents du Midi Ski Team athletes had a unique opportunity to see how the other half lives! Launching one of the first concrete actions under a new twinning agreement signed between Champéry and Llandudno on August 1st, our future champions packed their skis and spent a week in Wales, testing their mettle on the plastic slope local Welsh skiers use to train throughout the year. The exchange, deemed a great success by all, is one of the many exciting perks of the long-standing friendship that began over a decade ago with the Welsh Alpine ski championships.



## IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE, IT'S RDDM!

The 'Emotion Flyers', based at the Bex aerodrome, are a group of adventure-loving aviation enthusiasts. In an exciting new collaboration, the Emotion Flyers now proudly fly our colours at home and throughout Europe. The striking RDDM logo appears on two ULM (ultralight motorized gliders) used especially for private flights and training. Cross your fingers - lucky guests can now win touring flights over the Illiez Valley and the Portes du Soleil!



## THE GRAND TOUR OF SWITZERLAND PHOTO SPOT AT THE FOILLEUSE

To make sure nobody misses the most beautiful viewpoints on the Grand Tour of Switzerland, Switzerland Tourism has installed 'Photo Spot' signs at particularly scenic viewpoints along the route. This is how the famous red frame came to take its rightful place at the top of the Foilleuse in Morgins, where visitors regularly stop and stare in wonder at one of the most picture-perfect panoramas of the iconic Dents du Midi.



## NEWS FROM OUR ATHLETES AND UP-AND-COMERS

Understanding that we are stronger together, Region Dents du Midi proudly continues to support local athletes through our talent centre. This year, **Florian Vieux** (running) joined the team, bringing home a magnificent M-35 World Champion title, and placing in the top 30 overall on a gruelling 100km race. We are also happy to announce the arrival of some talented young athletes, including **Dorian Saillen** - Valais Champion for 50-meter rifle-shooting, **Robert Clarke** - a podium regular for the Dents du Midi Ski Team in alpine skiing, **Margaux Mendes de Leon** - a member of the Swiss National Ski-mountaineering Junior Team, and **Adrien Berrut** - representing our region at European and international tennis tournaments. We wish them all the best!

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## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

We think the Chablais is incredibly photogenic, but don't just take our word for it! Here are four new productions sponsored by Region Dents du Midi.

### LA ZONE (RÉAL. J. ROSERENS – 2022)

In the early 2000s, David Vladyka and a handful of snowboarders 'discovered' the Col de Cou, a remote pass on the Franco-Swiss border with breathtaking topography and a long history shrouded in mystery. Once whispered about as a passage for smuggling goods and refugees in wartime, in the 2000's the Col de Cou became a legendary pilgrimage spot for freestyle snowboarding! Twenty years later, the snowboarders' showy effervescence has given way to splitboards and ski touring. A page has turned, and the slopes are pristine once again. Nevertheless, Mat Schaer and David Vladyka, veteran snowboarders from back in the day, still return from time to time to rekindle the old flame – this film retraces that journey and the incredible destiny of this unique place. Directed by Julien Roserens, La Zone was selected by the Banff Film Festival jury, one of the most renowned mountain film festivals in the world

### FORTERESSE (RÉAL. L. ISLIKER – 2022)

After the huge success of their first film 'Teeth', which has nearly 150,000 views on YouTube, Dutch freeriders Loic Isliker and Paul De Groot offer up a new opus showcasing the formidable Couloir de la Forteresse. Combining an e-bike approach and advice of our famous local guide, Jacky Pochon, the film garnered praise from the public during its screenings at the High Five Film Festival and the Champéry Film Festival.

### LES FICHIERS MURET (RÉAL. N. BOSSARD – 2022)

In the early days of the 20th century, Ernest Muret received an assignment to create a repertory of Swiss Romandy place names and the Chablais mountains. In this quest, the earnest Ernest criss-crossed our region and left extensive archives. This painstaking work allowed the film's two protagonists to rediscover our heritage with modern-day parashooting, a mixture of mountaineering and wingsuit or paraglider flight. As they retrace Ernest's steps, they meet different people, layering a human element onto the impervious mountains and glorious panoramas in this unique and beautiful film.

### VERS LES SOMMETS (RÉAL. JB BIEUVILLE - EVOQ – 2022)

Paul says he's been running for as long as he can remember. Living and working abroad when the unexpected challenges of recent years turned his life upside down, he decided to start over with something completely different - he became a serious trail runner with the goal of running the Dents du Midi Trail. As his training programme progresses, he discovers hidden depths to his quest - and that the mountain has much more to offer than just spectacular topography. Directed by Jean-Baptiste Bieuville, this short film was selected for the Cannes Indie Shorts Award, the Xplore Alpes Festival, and the Diablerets International Film Festival (FIFAD).





## AUTUMN ADVENTURES

### RDDM BRINGS ROMANDY TO BALLEMBERG

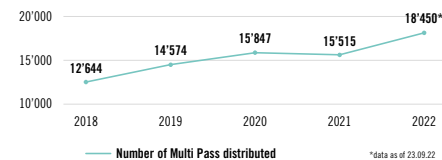
This autumn, the Ballenberg open-air museum in the Bernese Oberland hosted the 'Fête des Fêtes', or Festival of Festivals. Over two weekends, on September 24-25 and October 1-2, 2022, no less than fifteen regions gathered in the picturesque museum grounds to showcase their autumn traditions and celebrate Switzerland's cultural diversity. Region Dents du Midi is proud to have been chosen by the Cantonal Agriculture Service to represent Valais Romandy in partnership with the Cavagne farm-to-table shops and the Illiez Valley Agricultural Society (SAVI). Over the weekend, we regaled crowds of museumgoers with folk dancing by 'Champéry 1830' and 'Val-d'Illiez 1830', traditional flag throwing demonstrations, cheerful folk music, and delicious culinary specialties from the Illiez Valley. Visitors of all ages braved torrential rains to visit with cute, black-nosed sheep and Opaline, our now-famous St Bernard, and watch the iconic black Hérens cows (we call them 'Queens') in their instinctive battles for dominance within the herd. As predicted, it was an epic festival to beat all festivals!

### MEET AND GREET AT MCENTRAL MONTHHEY

From September 20th to October 10th, RDDM and several of our partners (Friends of the Illiez Valley Trails, Rando E-Motion, Illiez Bike Club & Champéry Bike School, Troistorrents Culture & Heritage Commission, Organic Adventure Park, and Ze Snow School) manned a 40 m2 stand at the MCentral shopping centre in Monthey. Our goal was to share information about the vast playground that many locals don't know that well, despite the fact that we're right on their doorstep! We offered a tactile and interactive information terminal and lots of fun activities, from friendly competitions to electric all-terrain vehicle demonstrations to a mini obstacle course for children.

### MULTI PASS – YOUR GOLDEN TICKET TO THE PORTES DU SOLEIL

Summer in Region Dents du Midi is synonymous with the Multi Pass – your golden ticket to 60 free, unlimited activities and 60 more discounted activities throughout the Portes du Soleil. While the Pass is valid from June to September in the Portes du Soleil, Region Dents du Midi offers an exclusive extension to local attractions until November 1st! What's more, we've extended the Multi Pass territory beyond the Illiez Valley, with exciting partnerships with the Monthey swimming pool, Bex Salt Mines, and the XStream Park at the Collombey Tunnel exit.



Would you believe us if we told you more than **77,000** Seasonal Multi Passes have been distributed since 2018?

### APRÈS AT THE FOIRE DU VALAIS

The R.E.D. and the Restaurant de la Croix de Culet brought their special brand of après magic to the famous Foire du Valais, with an 'après-fair' stand supported by the Swiss Portes du Soleil lift company and RDDM. This year's Fair brought in some 235,000 visitors – a new attendance record – which means the crowds jostling for a taste of Illiez Valley festivities and terroir, and a chance to win a Portes du Soleil ski pass for winter 2022-2023, were epic. On Tourism Day, RDDM shared the scene with Chablais Public Transport, in celebration of 175 years of Swiss public transportation.

## WINTER SPECIALS



### GOURMET PARAGLIDING INITIATION

This unforgettable introduction to paragliding is a feast for all your senses! You'll start with a bird's-eye view of the region on a tandem paragliding flight with Basile Marclay, one of our athlete ambassadors - and an expert paraglider who flies under a magnificent RDDM logo sail. After landing, you'll ride back up the lifts for lunch with a view at the Croix de Culet restaurant



### PORTES DU SOLEIL DAY-TRIPPING TOURS

THE ULTIMATE FRANCO-SUISSE EXPERIENCE  
Twelve resorts, more than 300 pistes, and 600 km of terrain - the Portes du Soleil is so vast it's hard to know where to start! To make the task easier, the Swiss Portes du Soleil lift company and Region Dents du Midi are here to help with seven unmissable one-day tours for the ultimate Franco-Swiss skiing experience.



### ONCE UPON A TIME...

There once was an old border outpost. Who would guess that this quiet corner of alpine wilderness once used to be a thoroughfare for smuggling? Back in the day, wary customs officers were posted here, spending dark nights on the lookout for any unusual activity. Today the outpost has been completely renovated and renamed the Ancienne Douane 1820. With a capacity for six people, this is the perfect spot for a fun group getaway. Accessible by road only in summer, winter-time visitors will need to make the trip on touring skis or snowshoes. The effort is well worth the reward at this cosy refuge surrounded by alpine wilderness and the ghostly remnants of a rich and fascinating past.



# QUALITY IS OUR CONCERN



## CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Customer satisfaction is our absolute priority. In an ongoing effort to guarantee premium service, tailor-made to our customers, Region Dents du Midi regularly carries out customer satisfaction surveys in French, English and German. Every winter and just recently completed for the second time this summer, we collect and synthesise tourists', guests', and

residents' habits, preferences, and level of satisfaction with our services. The result this year continues to be an overall positive rating, with a score of **8.94/10** for summer 2022 (**8.68/10** in 2021).

On a maximum score of 10 points, we were graded:



	WINTER 2019-2020	WINTER 2020-2021	SUMMER 2021	WINTER 2021-2022	SUMMER 2022
Information provided	8.64 ●	8.77	9.41	8.90	9.43 ●
Reception	9.03 ●	9.20	9.58	9.19	9.70 ●
Opening hours	no data	8.75	9.12 ●	8.49 ●	9.01
Staff availability	9.08	9.12	9.57	8.99 ●	9.62 ●
Waiting time	9.17	9.27	9.53	9.15 ●	9.62 ●
Quality of brochures	8.78	8.72 ●	8.96 ●	8.73	8.85
Office appearance	8.85	8.93	9.20 ●	8.55 ●	9.00

● lowest score ● highest score



## MOUNTAIN DESTINATIONS AT THE HEART OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

To consolidate RDDM's long-standing commitment to sustainable development (ISO 14'001 certification in 2018 and Swisstainable level III in 2022), we have joined Summit Foundation's **Sustainable Mountains** program, in partnership with the ski lift company Portes du Soleil Suisse SA.

Over the next three years, this program plans to tackle thirteen commitments which can be regrouped by four themes: sustainability management, waste management, environmental communication, and restoration. These engagements will be put into practice through a series of workshops presenting good practices, boots-on-the-ground actions to raise awareness among visitors, personnel training, sustainability indicators monitoring, an eco-responsible office solutions charter, and brainstorming new directions for the region's future.

This approach aims both to further establish our position and to help us stand out. We are convinced it will also help reduce costs, streamline our processes, reduce our environmental impact, solidify existing sustainability measures, and guide community development and the creation of new solutions and skills. Overall, RDDM wants to be the vector of durable, quality tourism, centred around two principal axes:

- › Sustainable, responsible economic development
- › Environmental protection

Sustainable Mountains is supported by Innotour, the promotional branch of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO and by the NTN Innovation Booster Living Lab for Decarbonization (Innosuisse).



## WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

With a well-earned reputation for being 'bon vivants', the inhabitants of the Val d'Illeaz are fun loving people who know how to turn almost any opportunity into a celebration. From neighbourhood get-togethers to regional festivals and world-class events, we jump at the chance to celebrate the friendships that unite us and forge the strength of our community.

### DECEMBER

- 03-04 **Advent Market** · Troistorrents
- 04 **Saint Nicolas' Day** · Val-d'Illeaz
- 07 **Storytelling Evening** · Morgins
- 10 **C'est l'hiver ! Morgins Festival** · Morgins
- 17 **Helvétique de Morgins brass band concert** · Morgins  
**R.E.D Opening Day** · Champéry
- 17-18 **Christmas Market** · Morgins
- 18 **L'Écho de la Montagne brass band holiday concert**  
Champéry  
**En'Chantée Choeur Horizon choir concert** · Morgins
- 24-30 **Fun Park** · Morgins
- 24 **Meet Father Christmas** · Region Dents du Midi
- 25 **Saint Nick on Skis!** · Region Dents du Midi
- 28 **Foileuse Vertical Challenge** · Morgins
- 28-30 **Fairyland Fantasy I Céleste** · Region Dents du Midi
- 30 **Auction I Art Champéry** · Champéry
- 30 **Spectacle on Ice** · Champéry
- 31 **New Year's Eve** · Region Dents du Midi  
**Fun Park** · Val-d'Illeaz

### JANUARY

- 01-07 **Fun Park** · Val-d'Illeaz
- 04-06 **Fairyland Fantasy I Lightning Drummers**  
Region Dents du Midi
- 06 **NC Vox choir concert** · Champéry
- 07 **En pistes avec le Nouvelliste** · Morgins  
**Grand Prix Migros** · Les Crosets
- 11-14 **Region Dents du Midi Skimo World Cup** · Morgins
- 13-15 **Theatre I Paul's Key** · Val-d'Illeaz
- 20-22
- 27-29
- 23-27 **Welsh Alpine Ski Championship** · Champéry-Les Crosets
- 27 **Ski Alpi Champéry** · Champéry
- 28 **Migros Ski Day** · Champoussin

### FEBRUARY

- 11 **Movement Golden Apple Tracks** · Morgins
- 15-17 **Fairyland Fantasy** · Region Dents du Midi
- 18 **Children's Carnaval** · Champéry
- 18-21 **Carnaboum** · Val-d'Illeaz
- 18-26 **Fun Park** · Champéry
- 21 **Children's Carnaval** · Morgins
- 22-24 **Raclette on Tour** · Region Dents du Midi
- 23 **Rivella Intro to Speed Skiing** · Champoussin

### MARCH

- 10-12 **Rock The Pistes OFF festival** · Champéry
- 12-18 **Rock The Pistes Festival** · Portes du Soleil
- 16-18 **Rock The Pistes OFF festival** · Morgins
- 25 **Harry's Ride** · Morgins
- 27-31 **Maxi-Rires Festival** · Champéry

### APRIL

- 01 **Maxi-Rires Festival** · Champéry  
**Banked Slalom** · Les Crosets
- 08 **En pistes avec le Nouvelliste** · Les Crosets  
**Bike & Sound Winter Festival** · Les Crosets
- 22 **L'Écho de la Montagne brass band annual concert**  
Champéry

Find the complete programme online or in the tourist offices (updated information on [regiondentsdumidi.ch](http://regiondentsdumidi.ch))



11-14.01

#### RDDM World Cup

Region Dents du Midi and Morgins are once again proud to be hosting three events for a Ski Mountaineering World Cup event - a vertical race, a sprint race, and a long-distance race. Over 130 athletes from some 15 nations will vie for the podiums at the only event organised in Switzerland this winter.  
[regiondentsdumidi.ch](http://regiondentsdumidi.ch)

23-27.01

#### Welsh Alpine Ski Championship

This wintertime favourite draws young competitors from Wales, but also from Scotland, England, Switzerland, and around the world for a week-long event culminating in Slalom and Giant Slalom races with a convivial, fair-play attitude.  
[regiondentsdumidi.ch](http://regiondentsdumidi.ch)

12-18.03

#### Rock The Pistes Festival

Rock The Pistes Festival is an unforgettable, high-altitude, open-air concert series, with 5 concerts set right on the iconic Portes du Soleil ski slopes and dozens more après concerts in the villages.  
[rockthepistes.com](http://rockthepistes.com)

27.03-01.04

#### Maxi-Rires Festival

For one, side-splitting week, the crème de la comedy crème will meet up in Champéry to show off their best punchlines and cleverest witticisms. The laid-back, convivial atmosphere of this ultra-cool, high-altitude comedy festival is proof that laughter is truly the best medicine.  
[maxi-rires.ch](http://maxi-rires.ch)



#### Save the dates !

##### Lower Valais Music Festival May 26th – 28th, 2023

This weekend, experience the unforgettable thrill of a legendary Queen concert with Long Live the Queen - celebrated as the best and most faithful Queen tribute show in Europe! During the days, the hills will be alive with a joyous cacophony of brass, wind, percussion instruments, and drums from some 1,000 musicians and no less than 22 Lower Valais music societies. On the programme, a marching band contest, on-stage concerts, ensemble pieces, and more! [festival2023.ch](http://festival2023.ch)

##### The World Raclette Championships October 27th – 29th, 2023

Troistorrents will be the host site for the first annual World Raclette Championships! Raclette cheeses from all over the Valais, Switzerland, and the world will go 'wheel-to-wheel' before a jury of connoisseurs in a delicious celebration of cuisine and culture!





## WINTER 2022-2023 EXHIBITIONS

09.12 - 25.12 / **Claudia Brugnolo**  
Espace Raiffeisen - Champéry  
**Vernissage : 10.12 - 18h**

30.12 - 22.01 / **Raymond Bonzon**  
Espace Raiffeisen - Champéry  
**Vernissage : 30.12 - 13h**

27.01 - 12.02 / **Angelo Garbo**  
Espace Raiffeisen - Champéry  
**Vernissage : 28.01 - 18h**

17.02 - 05.03 / **Anne Dussaux**  
Espace Raiffeisen - Champéry  
**Vernissage : 18.02 - 18h**

10 - 26.03 / **Ropiane**  
Espace Raiffeisen - Champéry  
**Vernissage : 11.03 - 18h**

31.03 - 16.04 / **Natacha de Santignac**  
Espace Raiffeisen - Champéry  
**Vernissage : 01.04 - 18h**

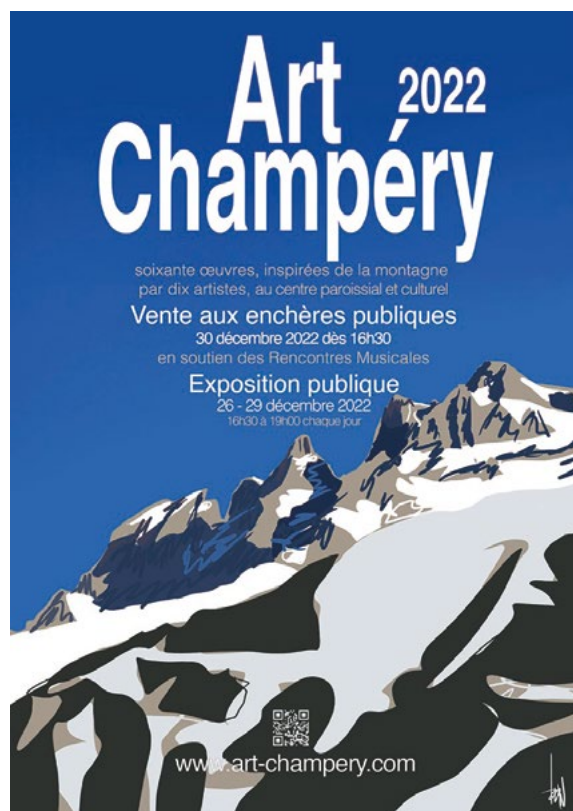
Dec. - mid-Jan. / **Charles Jones Way & Jean-Joseph Geisser**  
Galerie de la Tine - Troistorrents

March - April / **Robert Hainard**  
Galerie de la Tine - Troistorrents

### Art Champéry

Going once, going twice, going to the bidder who loves artwork by, for and dedicated to nature-lovers! On Friday, December 30th from 4:30 pm at the Parish and Cultural Centre, you'll have a chance to take part in a unique event aimed at promoting culture in Champéry.

The event will highlight quality artist and works inspired by nature, especially the mountains. The lead-up to the auction will start on December 26th at 5 pm with an exhibition of some fifty works by ten different artists and will conclude with a flagship evening and public auction on the 30th conducted by Me Dominique Bondu, legal auctioneer (Drouot-Paris).



## LOWER VALAIS MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 26TH - 28TH 2023

The Lower-Valais Music Festival is a once-a-year extravaganza that showcases our Federation of 23 music societies. Each year, the festival is organised by a different brass band - Champéry has hosted the festival 4 times, in 1908, 1953, 1974, and 1997 and our much-loved Écho de la Montagne brass band is proud to announce they will be renewing the honour in 2023.

On Friday, as per tradition, the organisers will receive their neighbouring groups - in this case, Val-d'Illiez, Troistorrents, and Morgins - kicking off the festivities by taking turns on stage. This will be followed by a special production from the Monthey Dance Center, a local dance school that has won ten Swiss championships in showdance training, not to mention countless solo, duo, and group titles. This promises to be a spectacular, showstopping evening where theatricality, choreography, dance, music, and song overlap and celebrate jazz, rock, and French variety music.

Saturday is dedicated to encouraging young musicians, a vitally important part of this festival. Join us for a competition featuring some 150 young talents, all ready to blow your socks off and become the next virtuoso. In the evening, the young frontwomen of the Zurchettes and Ze Band will kick off the evening with rock, pop, reggae, and funk covers, before turning the stage over to Long Live the Queen, the ultimate Queen tribute show!

Sunday, the official day of the Lower Valais Music Festival, is a joyous cacophony of pomp and circumstance and pageantry. From daybreak, the hills will come alive to the sounds of brass, woodwind, percussion, and drums. Some 1,000 musicians from the 22 companies present will perform an ensemble piece, before returning to their respective companies to perform in front of a jury. The day will also include outdoor concerts and a magnificent parade through the streets of Champéry for the marching band competition.

Tickets for Long Live the Queen on sale in the Champéry & Morgins tourist offices or online here





# YOUR OPINION COUNTS



## RDDM INFO DIGITAL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Over the past couple of years, the RDDM Info has become a household name, arriving bi-annually in your mailbox and at the homes of all second-home owners with all the latest news from your favourite destination. Believe it or not, this means printing some 7000 copies twice a year!

Given our commitment to the Sustainable Development Charter and our ISO 14'001 certification, we must constantly re-evaluate the impact of our actions on the

environment. To this end, we think that future editions of the RDDM Info should be online rather than on printed paper. But what do you think? We would love to hear your opinion on the feasibility of moving to a digital format available on our website at [rddm.ch](http://rddm.ch). We would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to answer the short questionnaire that you will find on [bit.ly/digital\\_UK](http://bit.ly/digital_UK), or by scanning the QR code below:



## RENTING YOUR HOME – YES, NO, MAYBE SO?

For many homeowners, renting out their property feels like too much hard work. It can be complicated to organise key pick-up, arrivals and departures, laundry, cleaning, etc. RDDM is ready and willing to engage in a collaborative process aimed at facilitating rental managements, but first we want to hear what you think.

This will help us create a clear and helpful assessment of your needs. If you are already renting, not currently renting, or on the fence about renting in general, it would be very helpful if you could take a few minutes to answer the questionnaire here [bit.ly/renting\\_UK](http://bit.ly/renting_UK) or via the QR code below:



In order for us to effectively plan future actions, it is essential for us to collect **as many responses** as possible for the most representative survey of the population's needs and wants. Every opinion counts! Thank you very much for your valuable collaboration.





# FLASHBACK

## THE TOUR DE FRANCE WAS HERE

Last summer, the 9th stage of the Tour de France hit the roads in Switzerland, speeding through Troistorrents and Morgins on an exciting climb over the Pas de Morgins pass. Arguably the world's most beloved cycling event and broadcast live in many countries, we estimate that some 10 million viewers watched on TV as the cyclists passed through our valley while more than 10,000 people lined the roadsides to cheer on the peloton.

Our Tour de France in numbers:

**10 million**  
viewers

**+68%**  
website visits to  
rddm.ch on July 9<sup>th</sup>  
& 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**+30%**  
reservations on  
the RDDM booking  
platform

**45**  
press releases  
on the region

**3'000**  
Portes du Soleil  
flags distributed  
on event day





## PHOTO SOUVENIRS SUMMER 2022



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RDDM INFO

A bi-annual publication sent to letterboxes in the Illiez Valley and to all second-home owners.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media and social networks play an essential role in RDDM's relationship with its clients. They allow us to stay in touch with our worldwide family, relay news, and distribute our breathtaking images and video content. They are also an important means of getting instant feedback from our followers. If you haven't already, please join our worldwide online community on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. And don't forget to spread the word by tagging #regiondentsdumidi on Instagram!



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