

Mountain of SNOW

The abundance of snow in Les Saisies is a testament to the generosity of Mother Nature, corroborated by scientific data. While the resort looks to the future with optimism, it is also mindful of the challenges that lie ahead. As a result of collective efforts in sustainable development and the pursuit of ecological, economic and social transition, Les Saisies was awarded the coveted Flocon Vert certification by the association Mountain Riders. Looking forward, the resort is collectively striving to ensure the sustainability of skiing and ultimately achieve carbon neutrality. Meanwhile, holidaymakers continue to enjoy the Savoyard resort and its 360° views of the Aravis mountains, the Beaufortain range and its majestic neighbour, Mont-Blanc. Located on a vast plateau, at an altitude of 1,650 metres, Les Saisies boasts picturepostcard scenery, excellent snow cover and plenty of sunshine.



SNOW RESERVE



The altitude, exposition and proximity to Mont-Blanc are combined factors conducive to good snow in Les Saisies. Reputed as the "snow reserve", Les Saisies boasts as much snow as the higher altitude resorts. What's more, the resort requires as little as thirty centimetres of snow to cover the well-tended mountain pastures.

According to the French Met Office, since 1982 the average snowfall in the Beaufortain and Val d'Arly is greater than in the surrounding mountains and more or less the same as 10 years ago: 456 cm of snow last winter compared with 478 cm in 2013-2014, for an average of more than 120 days of guaranteed skiing per season!



10 YEARS OF SNOWFALL STATISTICS IF & SAISIES*

Total snowfall Days of snow Opening of

			the ski area
	in cm	in number	in days
2013-2014	478	32	NC
2014-2015	324	28	NC
2015-2016	683	44	NC
2016-2017	435	23	123
2017-2018	704	46	123
2018-2019	428	33	125
2019-2020 ²	488	34	89 ²
2021-2022	399	27	130
2022-2023	274	36	128
2023-2024	335	34	123
AVERAGE	454,8	33,7	120 +

¹Except winter 2020-2021: no season due to the decree requiring the closure of lifts for public health reasons (COVID)

 2 Winter 2019-2020: national lockdown on 15/03/2020 (COVID) when snow conditions were favourable for 120/130 days of skiing.



WITH MICHAEL TESSARD, DIRECTOR OF THE SPL SKI AREA MANAGEMENT COMPANY IN LES SAISIES.



What are the impacts of global warming?

The climate is changing: + 1.5°C on average in France over the past 12 months. In the mountains, temperature inversions are increasingly pronounced, often colder in the valley than at higher altitudes. Frequent high-pressure fronts prevent us from making snow regularly. To do so a maximum temperature of - 2°C is required. Furthermore, the rain-snow limit has a tendance to rise, with heavy precipitations, forcing us to adapt our grooming periods to avoid damaging the existing snow cover.

What are the consequences for Les Saisies?

Les Saisies boasts a privilegea configuration with snow coverage worthy of high-altitude resorts. We are witnessing a transfer of customers to Les Saisies from medium-altitude resorts in neighbouring mountain ranges, especially at the start and end of the season. Like the higher resorts, we use snowmakers to secure the natural snowcover. Global warming appears to be reducing the number of cold weather spells. It is therefore extremely important to use our snowmakers when conditions permit. Our energy management system and the use of data from the French Met Office on our software, enables us to produce the right amount of snow whilst reducing our use of electricity.

What are the forecasts for the future?

At present, approximately 1 season in 5 suffers from a natural snow deficit. According to our forecasts, this phenomenon is likely to accelerate to 1 in 2 seasons by 2050. Nevertheless, the latest Climsnow study, carried out in 2022, predicts that Les Saisies is set to ensure 130 days skiing per annum based on the existing snowmaking facilities and its microclimate - the envy of many!

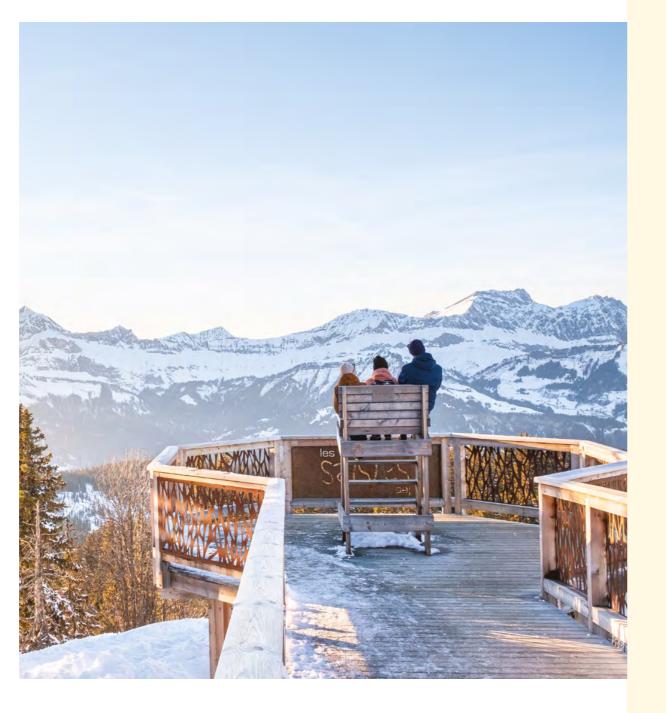
How do you manage investments? Today, a new ski lift - financed over a

15-year period and fully depreciated over a 20-year period - boasts a lifespan of 30 to 40 years. Our public service delegation contract, that runs until 2049, englobes investment in the modernisation of our facilities. In view of recent surveys for the future, such as the Climsnow report, we are committed to the modernisation of our higher altitude lifts (Douce-Grattary this year), including those dedicated to beginners (Verdets drag lift in 2023). In parallel, we continue to diversify our activities and launch new projects: 4-season tobogganing (2009), Balcon sur le Mont-Blanc (2020) and Le Parc des Elfes (2022).

IN NOVEMBER 2023, LES SAISIES WAS AWARDED THE FLOCON VERT CERTIFICATION BY THE ASSOCIATION MOUNTAIN RIDERS -REWARDING THE DESTINATION'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ECOLOGICAL, **ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSITION.**

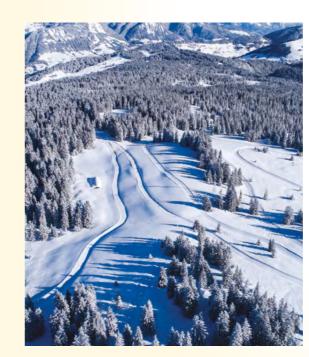
The SIVOM des Saisies, the villages of Hauteluce and Villard sur Doron, the SAEM Les Saisies Villages Tourisme and the SPL Domaines Skiables des Saisies are collectively committed to the protection and promotion of the region's natural and cultural heritage in 4 key actions:

- The control of urban development and land artificialisation.
- The decarbonisation of activities, targeting mobility and energy efficiency.
- The diversification of activities in a manner that allows for year-round operation (4-season mode).
- > The enhancement of local life for both residents and visitors, as well as the promotion of active civic participation.



"The preservation of our mountains represents a collective challenge that will serve future generations. The Flocon Vert certification is not the be all and end all; it represents the initial phase of a new approach to development designed to foster collaboration amongst those involved".

Jean-Luc Combaz. **CHAIRMAN OF THE SIVOM** DES SAISIES.





RECYLED LIFTS!

Built in 2005, using parts from the old Chard du Beurre chairlift, the V-shaped Douce-Grattary lift- linking Notre Dame de Bellecombe to Praz-sur Arly - is currently undergoing transformation to enhance safety and increase speed.

New, yes, but partly recycled! The V has been removed to separate the two lifts. Douce has been rebuilt as a brand new 6-seater chairlift whilst Grattary, which remains a 4-seater, has been modernised using components from the dismantled Douce-Grattery lift. These modifications, to enhance the user experience and ensure optimal safety, are completed with the installation of a boarding

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

- → The establishment of a charter to raise awareness. federate and promote the destination's committed professionals.
- → The promotion of soft mobility and continual improvement to in-resort public transport - a free shuttle bus system.
- → The marketing of cold beds using the Diamant Comfort certification to promote existing accommodation.
- > The creation of an ecoresponsible events charter.

LES SAISIES, VILLARD SUR DORON AND HAUTELUCE.

ACTIONS

- → Award-winning **eco-grooming** solutions.
- → The adaptation of the operating speed of ski lifts according to passenger numbers.

ACTIONS

- and longer opening periods.
- by the Tourist Office.
- at the Le Signal pool and leisure complex
- → The creation and management of an Aire Terrestre, a small nature zone managed

ACTIONS

→ Label Diamant Confort

The Diamant Comfort certification, created by Les Saisies Villages Tourisme and backed by the SIVOM, guarantees the quality of accommodation (eco-responsible criteria) and supports owners in the renovation of their properties.

9%

10%

10%





43%







LOCAL COMMUNITIES, **INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

4.52 KG CO, EQ

EQUIPMENT 4.76 KG CO, EQ

ACTIONS

- → Drop-off points for used skis from local rental companies for a second life.
- → Recycling centres in the area.



ACTIONS

- → Recycling bins and waste collection centres.
- → Clean-up campaigns.
- → The sale of pocket ashtrays for cigarette ends.
- → A cardboard compactor for the use of resort professionals.





20.45 KG CO, EQ

ACTIONS

ECO-MOBILITY:

- → lessaisies-express.com: a route planner to minimise one's carbon footprint.
- → 8 free shuttle buses in resort.
- → Electric car charging stations.
- → The closure of mountain passes to motorised vehicles during summer months.
- → 10% discount on a weekly ski pass for customers who opt for a low-carbon transport solution to Les Saisies.

ACTIONS

Environmental Observatory

An Environmental Observatory for pastoral activities aims to facilitate the exchange between farmers, the ski area and the bike park, particularly regarding the conflict of interest over water sharing.

47.04 KG CO, EQ per day

H)id you know)

The latest national carbon assessment for ski resorts estimates that skiing results in an output of 49.07 kg CO, per day, the equivalent to 7 km travelled by car. The transportation of visitors to the resort **accounts for 57%** of this figure.

The report, published in 2009 by ADEME and ANMSM (Association Nationale des Maries de Stations de Montagne), focused on ten French ski resorts.

- → The diversification of activities
- → Peatland Regional Nature Reserve.
- → The upcycling of communication media
- → Water recycling and new filtration system
- by the children from Hauteluce primary school.

AGRICULTURE



13%

OUR ECO-RESPONSIBLE

ECO-CONCIOUS FAMILY HOLIDAYS



ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

Explora Project has chosen to set up a family base camp in Les Saisies. Snowshoe outings following in wild animal tracks (with pulkas to pull the little ones), igloo building, biathlon, evening torch-lit excursions, farm visits, an introduction to the rudiments of survival and bivouacking in the great outdoors are just some of the activities on offer.

After each adventure, return to a cosy

and comfortable renovated farmhouse. Your accommodation comprises: four double bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, a children's dormitory, a jacuzzi© and hammam. Because a family holiday should be a true holiday, someone from Explora Project is on site all week to take care of the housekeeping. Families can, if they choose to, join in the cooking and learn how to prepare a real cheese fondue!

ECO-BONUS: Explora Project offsets 100% of its carbon emissions, equivalent to 14.14 kg per participant per day, via reforestation and forest preservation programmes.

Prices from: €810/ child and €890/adult, inclusive of accommodation, meals and activities. From 9 to 15 participants, age 3 upwards. More information at explora-project.com



ELECTRIC SNOWMOBILES!

For an exhilarating snowmobile ride on one of France's most beautiful circuits, head to Les Saisies, where the latest electric snowmobiles - imported directly from Canada - are available for trial. Silent, high-performance and durable, they boast a 120 km range and emit no carbon dioxide. Extremely easy to handle, these machines - manufactured by Taiga in Quebec, enable holidaymakers to discover the beautiful snow-covered landscapes of the Beaufortain at sunset in a silence beneficial to both nature and fellow visitors.

From €178/hour (10-minute briefing + 50-minute ride) for 2 people on the same snowmobile, with the option of changing drivers. Choose from 4 different levels: Discovery, Advanced, Sporty and Premium. Les Volatiles: les-volatiles.com or +33 (0)4 79 38 95 54

E-moto kids by Quantya: Children aged 5 to 17 can enjoy a quiet, fuel-free introduction to driving on the snow at the F-Park in Les Saisies.

From €20 for 15 minutes: €70 for 55 minutes. Ages 5 to 17. James Gachet: +33 (0)6 60 38 18 40





STAR TABLE

LE MONT BLANC RESTAURANT & GOÛTER

Benoit Goulard, who trained as a pastry chef, has been awarded his first star by the Michelin guide. His eco-responsible, modern and instinctive sweet and savoury cuisine is based on the finest seasonal produce, locally sourced and prepared on the premises. Together with his partner Hélène Fleury, they have given a new lease of life to a former 19th century hostellerie, once an inn. then a café, a bar and now a Michelin-star eatery! An address to be enjoyed without moderation, for lunch, dinner or afternoon tea! Take away dishes and cakes available during the festive season.

Food sources: cheese from the Val d'Arly cooperative, vegetables from Croc 'local and Jardins des Solstices, local Hauteluce honey from Léa Braisaz's apiary, goat's cheese from Caroline Joguet and fish from the Lake Léman fishmonger, Éric Jacquier.

The restaurant proposes surprise menus in two variants:

- the 5 course Circus Menu. Price €100
- the 7 course Bélène Menu. Price €140.

Wine pairings are also available, priced at €50 for four 10 cl glasses or €60 for five 10 cl glasses. The establishment boasts a choice of over two hundred different wines, lending a particular emphasis on local varieties.

Open for dinner, Wednesday to Sunday. Afternoon tea available, Thursday to Sunday, from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm. More information at www.montblanc-restaurant.com

ECO- SOUVENIR

LES SAISIES - BIG ON UPCYCLING!

Banners and canvasses no longer serve solely to promote events in resort. The Tourist Office in Le Saisies, in collaboration with the Savoie-based company Fibr'ethik, recycles these materials to create unique and eco-friendly souvenirs - pochettes, wallets and bags!

On sale at the Tourist Office: from €8.50. Tourist Information in Les Saisies + 33 (0)4 79 38 90 30 or www.lessaisies.com

PORTRAIT

ECO-CONSCIOUS SNOW QUEEN

for example, Eden, age 24, vice French champion in **snow grooming** and the only female member of a team

AMONG THE TOP 10 MOST AFFORDABLE RESORTS IN FRANCE* AND AMONG THE TOP 10 LARGEST SKI AREAS IN FRANCE* - BOASTING 192 KM OF SLOPES ACROSS THE ESPACE DIAMANT SKI AREA - LES SAISIES LIMITS THE IMPACT OF INFLATION, OFFERING EXCELLENT VALUE AND



100d deals FOR CHEAPER SKIING

TRIBE SKI PASS - 8% discount available for groups of 4 people or more, with no pre-requisite composition (with or without children, with or without students, adults, seniors etc.).

Price examples: €811.50 (instead of €882.50) for 2 adults + 2 children; €856.50 (instead of €931) for 2 adults + 2 seniors; €901.60 (instead of €980) for 4 adults. Offer valid for a 6-day pass, same date, single purchase, for a minimum of 4 people.

Up to 10% discount when you book a low-carbon travel solution online at LesSaisiesExpress.com

Up to 20% discount on ski passes with our early booking offers.

Free access to the Nordic area when you purchase an Espace Diamant ski pass.

Espace Diamant Ski Pass: Adult: 49.00 € per day or 245.00 € for 6 days Child aged 5-14: 39.20 € per day or 188.60 € for 6 days SPL Domaines Skiables Les Saisies +33 (0)4 79 38 98 99





HOLIDAY WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS FOR LESS THAN €300/PERSON.

While a week on the slopes is undoubtedly enjoyable, it is arguably more so when shared with family or friends. To enjoy the pleasures of the mountains without breaking the bank, the resort of Les Saisies is promoting a holiday package inclusive of accommodation and a new 6-day tribe ski pass for less than €300 per person.

Prices from €271/person. Minimum 4 people (aged 5 to 77) and 4 Espace Diamant 6-day

Les Saisies Reservations: +33 (0)4 79 38 93 8 or reservation.lessaisies.com





ALL-INCLUSIVE FAMILY SKIING

This winter, France's number 1 holiday club, Belambra, proposes an all-inclusive family skiing holiday at "Les Embrunes" in Les Saisies. On the programme: kids' clubs for children from 4 months to 17 years, free entertainment from 5.30 pm and the ESF ski school right next door! The ultimate ski holiday for parents, who can also enjoy some time to themselves, in the spa, sauna and massage booths. Plus, no need to worry about shopping, all meals are included!

Great value for money: from €3,460 per week for 4 people, inclusive of full board (drinks and wine) and 6-day ski passes. Optional: ski lessons with the ESF ski school €152/person for 5 or 6 half-days - Reservation.lessaisies.com



1 HOUR SKI PASS FOR NOVICE SKIERS

First time skiing, first ski pass!

A specific pass is now available for those new to skiing, whatever their age. This winter, Les Saisies introduces a 1-hour pass for beginners, offering access to novice ski areas via 6 different lifts (2 magic carpets, 2 drag lifts and 2 chairlifts). Flat rate: 12 € per hour / skipass.lessaisies.com

ADDITIONAL BEGINNERS' ZONE

Easily accessible from resort, the new Aiglon novice ski zone is equipped with a simple drag lift and is reserved for young and older novice skiers. The ideal way to enjoy a safe and stress-free introduction to the sport! Access on foot or on the resort shuttle bus.

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

A new one-week novice ski package in Les Saisies, designed for individuals of all ages, provides a comprehensive introduction to skiing, with a focus on safety. The resort has also introduced a new ski pass specifically designed for the course. Participants will enjoy access to the resort's 5 novice ski zones, the Montagne des Elfes fun run and lessons with the ESF ski school.

Package for 4 people (2 adults and 2 children, from 260 € per person, inclusive of accommodation and a six-day beginner's ski pass. Les Saisies Reservations + 33 (0)4 79 38 93 89 or reservation.lessaisies.com.

The mountains A LA CARTE



UNLIMITED PEDESTRIAN PASS

Last season, Les Saisies launched an unlimited pedestrian pass. For a day, a week or the entire season, this pass offers unlimited use of 4 lifts, the opportunity to discover secret itineraries, explore 20 km of footpaths and 45 km of snowshoe trails whilst enjoying spectacular views of Mont-Blanc.

Prices: 150 € per season, 18 € per day. QR code to access 4 lifts: Chard du Beurre, Bisanne and Légette chairlifts and the Rosières gondola.

SPL Domaines Skiables Les Saisies +33 (0)4 79 38 98 99 or skipass.lessaisies.com



MY FIRST 3-DAY HIKING ADVENTURE IN THE SNOW

Hélène Durand, a mountain leader and yoga expert from Les Saisies, proposes a naturally resourcing 3-day adventure, with overnight stays at the Lachat refuge (1,555 m), to discover the snow-covered landscape of the Beaufort region, reconnect with nature and experience a deep sense of vitality. **On the programme:** yoga on an empty stomach, snowshoeing, forest bathing, cold yoga, night walks, meditation and self-massage.

€510 per person per night in a 6-person dormitory (based on a minimum of 3 people), dinner, breakfast and picnic.

Tourist Information in Les Saisies +33 (0)4 79 38 90 30 - www.lessaisies.com or Hélène Durand +33 (0)6 08 58 94 63 - sentiers-helene.com



THE HISTORY OF LES SAISIES ON SNOWSHOES

August 1944: 899 containers were parachuted over the Col des Saisies mountain pass. Legend has it that the 900th container was never found. Years later, a mysterious message signed "Rudy" appeared in historical records. To solve this mystery, hikers are invited to embark on the "Sentier des Crêtes" snowshoe trail to discover 5 key periods in the history of the resort. To assist budding detectives, a series of wooden huts - each housing a different character - are the key to the puzzle. To listen to each story, simply crank the handle!

Easy 6.5 km round trip. Free access. lessaisies.com

LE SIGNAL

POOL & LEISURE COMPLEX

Ideal for both training and recovery, the Signal pool and leisure complex serves as a training base for the locally born international ski champions Justine Braisaz-Bouchet and Julia Simon. This 800 sq-m multi-sports facility boasts:

- A hypoxic chamber that artificially recreates conditions up to 5,300 m altitude (Everest Base Camp) for training purposes.
- A wellness complex, home to 3 Jacuzzis, a sauna, a hammam, a relaxation area and several treatment rooms for à la carte massage.
- A pool complex, home to a 200 sq-m swimming pool, a hydro-massage circuit and 2 counter-current swimming lanes.

Eco-bonus: In addition to **a water recycling system** that previously reduced the use of heating by 15%, **a new water filtration system** with glass beads aims to further energy savings by up to **20%!**

Special offer: 1 free entry to the pool complex with every 6-day ski pass purchased.

Pool complex: €8.50/adult, €6.50/child. Free for children under 5.

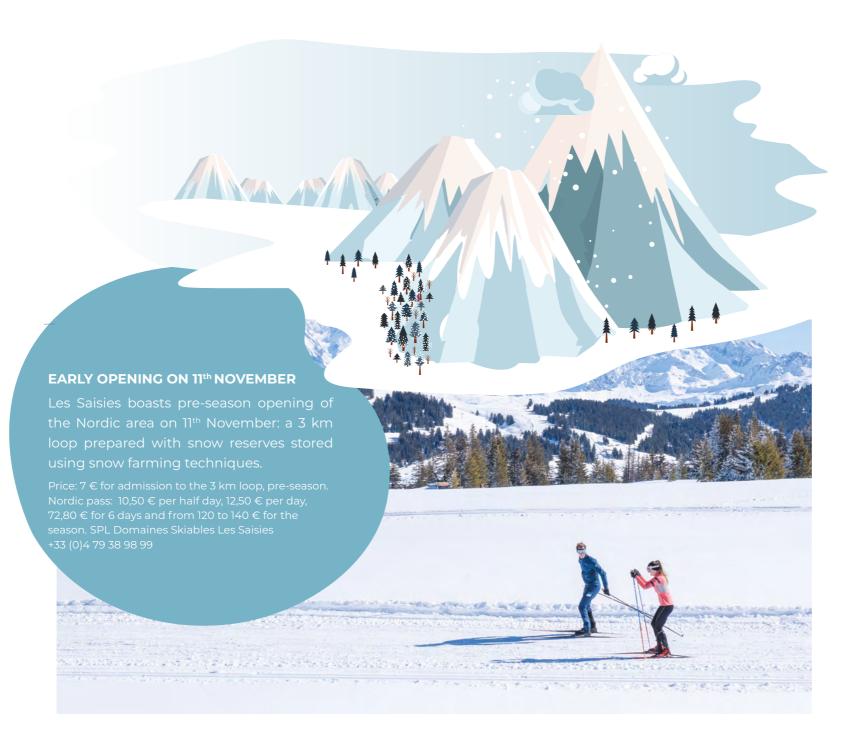
Le Signal: +33 (0)4 79 31 43 48 or www.lessaisies.com



TWO LOCAL CHAMPIONS, JULIA SIMON AND JUSTINE BRAISAZ-BOUCHET BEGAN THEIR CAREERS IN LES SAISIES, TRAINING HARD HERE FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE SUCCEEDING ON THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT.

LATE MARCH 2025, BOTH GIRLS WILL BE COMPETING IN THE FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON THE NORDIC SKI AREA IN LES SAISIES - ONE OF THE HIGHEST AND MOST EXTENSIVE IN EUROPE, SET IN THE HEART OF THE REGIONAL PEATLAND RESERVE, A PROTECTED NATURAL SITE, HOME TO PRESERVED BIODIVERSITY.

- > Natural site: Regional Peatland Reserve (300 ha).
- > 17 different itineraries.
- > 120 km of Nordic trails across the Nature Reserve.
- > Located between 1,600 metres and 1,720 metres altitude.
- → 1 biathlon stadium.
- → 6 walking trails (20 km in total).
- > 7 snowshoe itineraries (45 km in total).
- Certified "Nordic France" for its excellent facilities.



RENOVATION OF THE OLYMPIC SHOOTING RANGE

Built for the 1992 Olympic Games, the biathlon stadium in Les Saisies recently underwent a major overhaul: the 30 lanes of the shooting range have been extended to meet current international standards and new storage and work areas have been created. With this long-awaited renovation, the resort enhances its status as a training camp for ski clubs, regional committees and even national teams. The Olympic building next to the stadium has also been partially renovated to create changing rooms, toilets and a meeting zone. The promise of a fitting welcome for the French cross-country skiers and biathletes due to participate in the French Championships here at the end of March 2025!

EVENT

FRENCH CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND BIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

28TH-30TH MARCH 2025

Cock-a-doodle-doo! Rendezvous in Les Saisies for 3 days of Nordic festivities on the occasion of the French Cross-Country Skiing and Biathlon Championships. This major event marks the end of the Nordic season for the French team, as they return to France after the World Championships and World Cup races. A perfect opportunity to encourage, meet and congratulate the French cross-country skiers and biathletes, including our World and Olympic biathlon champions from Les Saisies: Julia Simon and Justine Braisaz-Bouchet - both of whom were just 13 years old when the resort last hosted the event in 2009!





READ, STEADY, SHOOT...LIKE OUR WORLD CHAMPIONS!

Where better to learn the basics of biathlon than on the Olympic stadium in Les Saisies, home to a World Champion biathlete and an Olympic champion. Shoot with a laser or a 22" rifle (the one used by professionals) on an introductory course adapted to the age and level of each participant.

Prices: from 45 \in / person for an hour-long introductory session. Age 9 upwards.

ESF Les Saisies +33 (0)79 38 90 40 or esf-lessaisies.com



BRAISAZ-BOUCHET

OLYMPIC CHAMPION WORLD CHAMPION

- **✗** Born on 4th July 1996 in Albertville
- **x** 1,67 m **x** 60 kg **x** Biathlete
- X Triple World Champion (Mass Start 2024, Relay 2024, Mixed Relay 2024)
- **X Olympic Champion** in the Mass Start event at the Beijing Olympics 2022
- **X Winner of the small crystal globe** in Individual Mass Start in 2022
- **✗** Bronze medalist at the 2019 World Championships in the Individual event
- **✗** 46 World Cup podiums including 18 victories
- **X PERSONAL NOTE:**

Married to Julien Bouchet, her coach at the Savoie regional ski committee.



WORLD CHAMPION
OLYMPIC VICE-CHAMPION

- **✗** Born on 9th October 1996 in Albertville
- **x** 1,70 m **x** 62 kg **x** Biathlete
- X 6 times World Champion (Pursuit 2023/2024, Sprint 2024, Relay 2024, Mixed Relay 2024 and 2021)
- X Winner of the big and small crystal globes in Mass Start and Pursuit in 2023
- **X Olympic Vice-Champion** in the Mixed Relay at the 2022 Beijing Olympics
- **✗** 50 World Cup podiums including 20 victories
- X PERSONAL NOTE: Qualified carpenter.





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