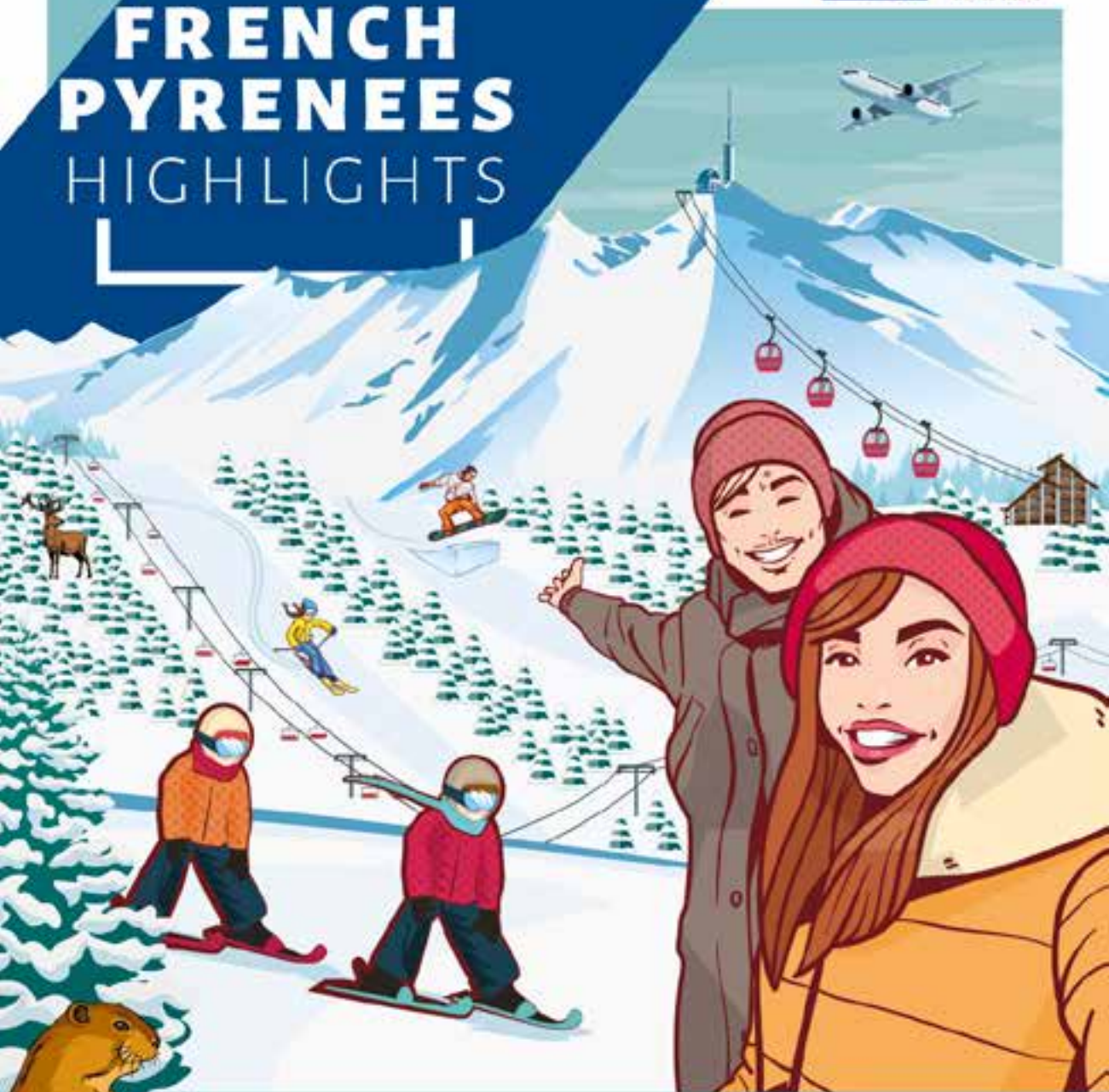
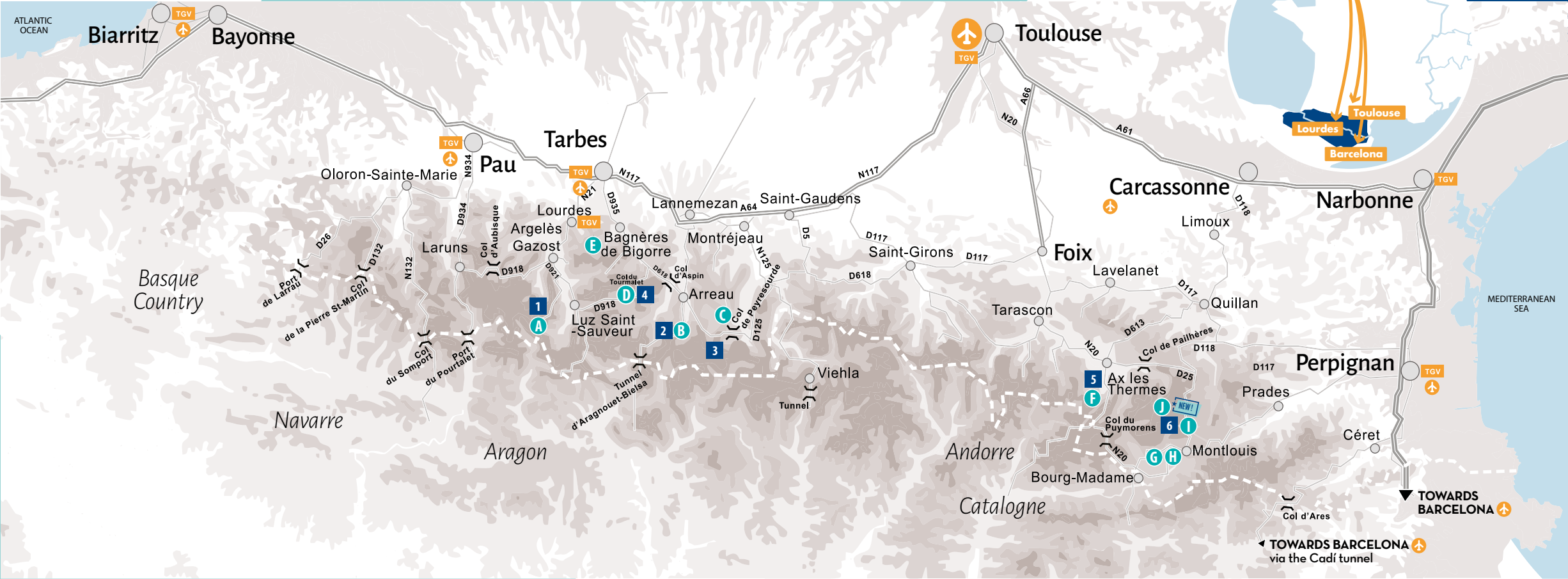


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6 International ski resorts



10 Spa Centres



3 Famille Plus montagne labelled resorts:
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Ski resorts



Spa centres



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6 international ski resorts

★ Discover the best stations from the south of France, in the French Pyrenees.

Spread over three 'departments', these six international ski resorts welcome visitors from December to April. Whether you like great skiing, a cozy atmosphere or the big natural spaces, all are found here. Beginner or expert skier, all will find a resort to suit and a place to have fun.



HAUTES-PYRENEES

1 730 M
2 450 M

Cauterets

Ski and living after ski

Cauterets-Pont d'Espagne, a Great Site of Pyrenees nestled in the heart of the National Park, displays its splendours for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or sledding lovers in an unspoiled setting. The joys of «après-ski» can be enjoyed throughout the village, thanks to the many activities offered by Cauterets: sports, fitness, recreational and cultural activities for children and adults.

www.cauterets.com



HAUTES-PYRENEES

1 400 M
2 500 M

Grand Tourmalet

Largest ski area in the Pyrenees

At the foot of the Pic du Midi of Bigorre, Grand Tourmalet offers the largest ski area in the French Pyrenees. Grand Tourmalet provides the choice of different winter atmospheres, varying on each side of the mountain. Bareges reveals its traditional Pyrenean village charm and cocooning atmosphere. La Mongie offers a high mountain atmosphere with all the amenities of a ski-in/ski-out resort. Just put your skis on and off you go for hours of ski and happiness for all.

www.tourmaletpicdumidi.fr



HAUTES-PYRENEES

1 600 M
2 400 M

Peyragudes

"Pyrenees Central Park"

Welcome to the most high-tech resort in the Pyrenees... A unique and ideally oriented East-West ski area for skiing in the sun all day; guaranteed snow thanks to a high-performance snowmaking system ensuring a perfect skiability whatever the weather conditions; highspeed detachable chairlifts and hands-free ski pass to give you real ski days and no queuing time... All the experts agree: Peyragudes is a cut diamond for true ski lovers and families. With its high standard residences directly on the slopes, equipped with indoor pool and sauna/steam room and its hotel, the resort is also a real gem to enjoy the Pyrenees snow without limits.

www.peyragudes.com



ARIEGE

1 400 M
2 400 M

Ax-3-Domaines

3 areas, 1 territory, 1 tribe

Situated at the gateway to Spain and Andorra, with three ski areas (les Campels, le Saquet and Bonascre), the resort of Ax-3-Domaines allows you to switch from smooth skiing among the firs, beginner area and altitude skiing. Its thermo-leisure centre, casino, restaurants and entertainment on offer throughout the season make it a destination for the whole family. Everyone can enjoy the week at their own pace and according to their desires. Indulge yourself and join the tribe of the resort fans.

www.ax-ski.com



HAUTES-PYRENEES

1 700 M
2 515 M

Saint-Lary

Star of the Pyrenees since 1957

Saint-Lary, Pyrenees Star: enjoy the sweetness of life in a mountain village with the entertainment and amenities of a large winter sports resort. The gondola provides a direct link to the heart of the ski area. From Saint-Lary village, 2 lifts allow you to reach the slopes: a gondola and a cable car. The new last generation chairlift of Bouleaux permits you to access the top of the ski area in 6 minutes in comfort and without waiting.

www.saintlary.com



PYRENEES ORIENTALES

1 600 M
2 400 M

Les Angles

Village ski resort

Developed at the foot of the slopes, Les Angles is a true village-resort, which has preserved its authentic character while meeting the demands of a modern ski resort. This unique setting in the Pyrenees, where ski slopes come back into the old village, guarantees a great atmosphere during the day and lively Catalan nights. Les Angles offers downhill skiing, snowboarding, Nordic skiing, and all the activities that you can seek.

www.lesangles.com

The leader for Ski & Spa

★ Holidays in France

In winter, people visiting the mountain want to unwind, pamper themselves and reconnect with body and soul. The mountain is the perfect place to restore balance to a busy everyday life. Fresh air, nature, altitude and regenerative thermal waters are just some of the mountain's natural assets to enable everyone to get their glow back whilst on holiday. After spending a day skiing in the untouched setting and fresh air, the hot water, imbued with minerals from the mountains, is rejuvenating and soothing.

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Peyragudes

BALNÉA

Beside Lake Genos and facing the mountains, welcome to a world of refinement and raw beauty. Water comes from naturally hot sources, a journey according to the "baths of the world". For relaxation there are the Roman Baths with a mosaic room plus a Japanese space with outdoor pools and saunas and the Tibetan space for treatments and massages. For families Balnea offers 3 special areas, Amerindian indoor space and Inca or Maya outdoor baths for families and young children.

www.balnea.fr | www.peyragudes.com



Saint-Lary

SENSORIA

Sensoria Rio, a paradise for young and old! Water from the source comes in at 32° which in summer or winter, is delightful for discovering the joys of swirls, geysers and waterfalls; enjoy the bubble beds, massaging jets and jacuzzi facing the glass facade which reveals an exceptional panorama of the mountains nearby.

www.mercuresensoria.com | www.saintlary.com



Ax-3-Domaines

LES BAINS DU COULOUBRET

3,000 m² of well-being and relaxation await you. Jacuzzis, goosenecks, hydromassage nozzles, showers, steam room, sauna... outside, on two levels, the two pools will help you to discover the pleasure of bathing in thermal waters of 35° while the air is bright, fresh, with breathtaking mountain views.

www.bains-couloubret.com | www.ax-ski.com



Cauterets

LES BAINS DU ROCHER

Jade floor, cascading walls, the Bains du Rochers presents to you a space dedicated to relaxation in an original and refined setting -Naturally hot thermal water flows both interior-exterior: inside, it flows in a pool delicately lit by a majestic dome, outside the spa offers the pleasure of bathing in all seasons.

www.bains-rocher.fr | www.cauterets.com



Grand Tourmalet

CIELÉO

Nestled under a starry vault, the relaxation area opens up to enjoy the jets, pools of thermal water, geysers, bubbling benches, fun showers, steam room etc.

www.cieleo-bareges.com | www.valleesdegavarnie.com

AQUENSIS

Aquensis, stunning aqua center made of wood, glass and marble offers a relaxation area, a wellness area with massages and a fitness area.

www.aquensis.com | www.tourmaletpicdumidi.fr



Les Angles

★ NEW!

ANGLÉO

Aqua wellness area in the heart of the village, perfect for relaxation after sport or skiing or simply for pure pleasure. Switch off and dream amongst water, stone, wood and snow... Massages, swimming, spa and beauty treatments, water aerobics and more.

www.lesangles.com



Pic du Midi

HAUTES-PYRENEES

★ Experiences Up High

For the last two years, the Pic du Midi has been undergoing a revolution. Improved space experiences, the building and launch of a pontoon in the sky, new planetarium, new panoramic restaurant, Le 2877 all providing visitors an unforgettable experience high up at the top of the Pic du Midi. The last step is the implementation of the HistoPad for a visit to the site with greater reality, plus the opening of a dome in the summer for observing the sky and its stars. A year of new developments but also festivities with the anniversary of 50 years since the first step of the man on the Moon to which the Pic contributed in mapping the surface from its satellite.



A new Observational Dome



At the heart of the old dome that hosted the Siderostat, a latest generation telescope will allow guests to observe the sun. Installed on a bench, 27 people will be able to attend a sound and visual show that will alternate between a 3D animation movie / Mapping projected in front of them and a low-angle view of the telescope "in action". Visitors will be able to listen to explanations of the constellations and discover their place in the universe. If the weather is bad, a film presenting the different observation instruments of the Pic du Midi will be screened.



The sky bridge: immerse yourself in the sky

This bridge in the sky, which opened in 2018, offers visitors an incredible visual and emotional experience as they make their way in complete safety along the 12 m walkway. From its glass floor at its highest point, the view it offers is unique and will make your head spin. Definitely fodder for the photo album.

High Altitude Freeride

The only 100 % freeride area in the pyrenees

The Pic du Midi opened its unique freeride ski domain in December 2013, based on the idea of the Aiguille du Midi in Chamonix and La Grave in the Alpes. As a result, the first and the second parts of the cable car are now opened to the most experienced skiers. Each stage of the cable car journey allows access to an exceptional high mountain ski area that spreads over the three slopes of the Pic du Midi.

New Panoramic and Gastronomic restaurant: "Le 2877"

The restaurants that can promise their guests a table at almost 3000 meters' altitude are few and far between. "Le 2877", the new restaurant at the Pic du Midi with a capacity of 70, is one of them. The restaurant's staff pull off miracles every day to propose an original menu and set menus exclusively made from premium quality products. A breathtaking panorama, a cosy atmosphere and a delicious meal make this culinary hotspot an essential location in the Pic du Midi.





Pyrenees Central Park

PEYRAGUDES



HAUTES-PYRENEES

★ Discover one of the most beautiful and natural setting in the Pyrenees

In the valley of Louron, at the gates of Spain, Loudenvielle one of the most typical villages of Southwest France. Old stones, a sparkling mountain lake and the naturally warm waters of Balnéa - the largest balneotherapy center in the Pyrenees. Not to forget, Valgora a state-of-the-art sports and culture complex, and Peyragudes village ski station the most well known in the Pyrenees, with its 60 km of ski runs that can be reached in 9 minutes by Loudenvielle thanks to the new Gondola lift Skyvall.

LOUDENVIELLE
900 M

BALNÉA

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Loudenvielle**
Largest village in the Louron Valley, Label Village Pays d'Art et Histoire The label is an active approach to the conservation of architectural quality and the living environment of the area. Eco-friendly and Hiking Station. A Village lifestyle with activities: Balnéa, Valgora, the Arixo (movie theatre) and a future 4-star hotel...
- **Balnéa**
1st wellness spa mountain center in m² France
- **Valgora**
200 m² dedicated to culture and sports (gymnasium + theater)



★ NEW!

SKYVALL 4 seasons with the new valley lift

SKYVALL 4 Seasons with The New Valley Lift This fantastic new gondola opened summer 2019, connecting the village of Loudenvielle to the bottom of the pistes of Peyragudes expanding the tourism opportunities all seasons.

- Valley 900 m > Peyragudes 1 600 m
- Durable, secure and fast transportation
- 3 km/+700 vertical drop instead 12 km by road
- Travel time less than 9 min
- 1000 people /hour
- Investment : 10 M€
- Construction POMA

Peyragudes: High Altitude station to village resort

Thanks to the new Skyvall gondola, ski in/out station of Peyragudes will be lift linked to the village of Loudenvielle. Already busy and fun on its snow front Peyragudes is still introducing more activities, in less than 10 minutes the valley and the slopes come together.



Multi-slope centres



Ski & sensual
delight

PYRENEES 2 VALLEES



THE “PYRENEES 2 VALLEES” CENTER 250 km slopes

**Resorts: Saint-Lary,
Peyragudes, Piau-Engaly
and Val Louron.**

Multi-resorts unique 6 days
skipass adult, child, solo, duo,
tribu or family, Pyrenees 2 vallees
offers a range of packages
tailored to your needs!

secret, untouched **Pineta Valley** with
its snowshoe and cross-country ski trails
which meander under the watch of the
mighty Monte Perdido.

In the heart of the Pyrenees mountains, this is fabulous cocoon, where you can delight in not just the pleasures of skiing, but also the beauty of the wild landscapes, the muffled atmosphere of the snow-covered forests, the incredible frozen lakes, the tranquillity of a mountain village, the warmth of cosy accommodation, and the friendly ambiance of the lively evenings, where all the Gascon and Iberian influences mingle.

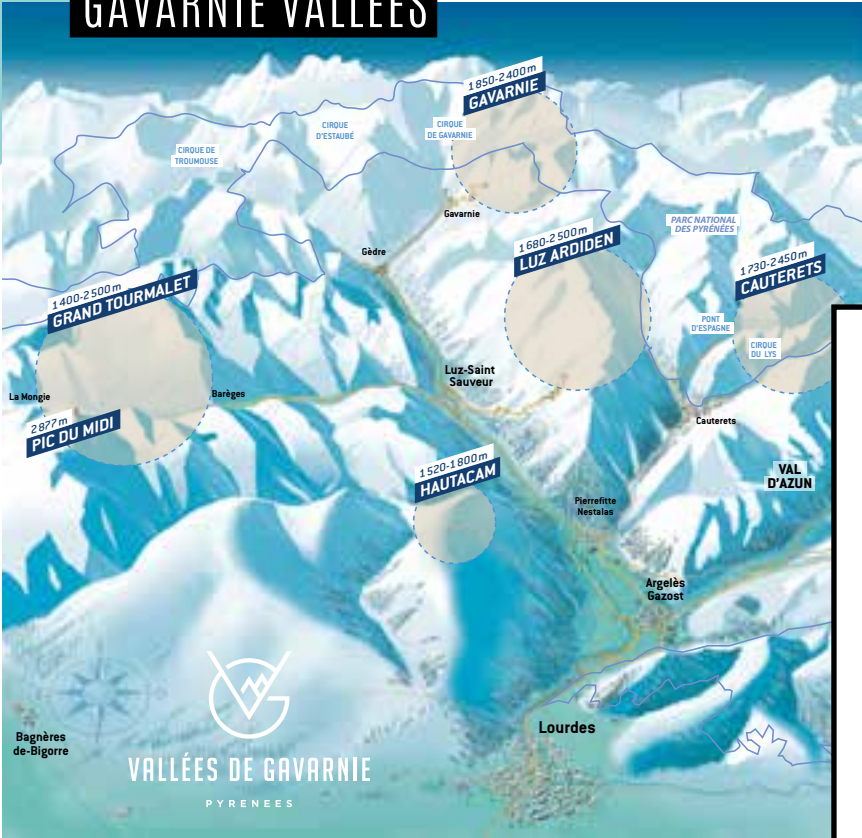
With the skiing, the four resorts have each developed their own style. **Saint-**

Lary is renowned with slopes that created great Olympic champions such as Isabelle Mir in skiing and Polo De Le Rue in snowboarding. **Peyragudes is expert** with its impeccable slopes, its innovative snow facilities and high-performance ski-lifts. **Val Louron is the big resort for little people** with the largest area of nursery slopes in the Pyrenees. **Piau is natural** with its high mountain decoration, its integrated architecture and its guaranteed snow coverage.

And the Aragnouet tunnel reveals the

The winter showcase

GAVARNIE VALLEES



THE “VALLEES DE GAVARNIE” CENTER 269 km slopes

**Resorts: Grand Tourmalet,
Gavarnie, Cauterets-Pont
d'Espagne, Luz Ardiden,
Hautacam and Val d'Azun.**

Multi-slope pass:
1 card for €20 per customer.

Valid for 7 days, in pay-as-you-go
mode, so you only pay for the days you
actually ski, at a preferential price
(-10% to -15%), by bank transfer.

The large valley that runs from Lourdes to Gavarnie is so familiar in summer, yet during winter, it adopts a different look, more isolated, almost intimidating, but still imposing and magnificent. Encircling the Pyrenees National Park, you enter into an exceptional mountain setting. It is also a setting for discoveries, where you will get to know this multi-faceted landscape.

The largest of the Pyrenean ski slopes, the **Grand Tourmalet** stretches over both sides of the border and can boast that it is the home of the famous Pic

du Midi. Within the area, there are real freeride ski slopes, unique in the Pyrenees. The **Gavarnie** cirque, classed as a UNESCO site, is more noble and more fascinating than ever when it's wearing its cloak of snow and ice. Its ski slopes, surrounded by 3000, is the perfect place for a contemplative ski. In **Luz Ardiden**, you find a friendly atmosphere and a varied ski offering. From the summit, you can see the neighbouring resort of Cauterets, which you can reach via the Luz gorges. In **Cauterets**, the architecture is completely different. An example of the Belle Epoque, it is both original

and refined. It's ski slopes are coiled up in the heart of the Lys cirque. It has the advantage of being panoramic and offering some of the best natural snow coverage in the Pyrenees. If you enjoy cross-country skiing, you'll love the **Pont d'Espagne** slopes, just like a little Canada. So, then, there is just the wilderness and tranquillity of the **Val d'Azun**, with its cross-country area and the Hautacam, a real snow theme park. Don't forget to benefit from the healing properties of the thermal waters in the region's 4 spa centres.



Ski resorts news



The Ice Tyro

📍 Grand Tourmalet

A zip line over the frozen waterfalls. 400 meters of exciting thrilling, chilling downhill ride! Runs all winter season, by reservation. On visitor described the experience as, "Sensational! The first of section of the zip line offers a mix of excitement and fear, I blast along for a few seconds... we go on the other two zip lines in the heart of forest and along the waterfalls, fantastic buzz all the way". The activity is great and accessible to all; the opportunity to ride a zip line in the heart of the forest in the middle of winter with the snow covering the fir trees is an exceptional setting and an unforgettable adventure.

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Unusual night in a pigeon loft

📍 Grand Tourmalet

It is in a real pigeon loft located in Gerde, a few kilometers from the Grand Tourmalet, that Le Perchoir des Pyrénées invites nature lovers and curious people to spend an unusual and unforgettable night in Nature.

Composed of three levels accessible by ladder, the dovecote is actually a very pretty turret in exposed stones that has



long welcomed birds. With their atypical round shape, each piece has a unique charm. The bravest extend the experience by enjoying a warm outdoor bath overlooking the valley and mountains.

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The highest for walkers: enjoyment for the eyes... and the tasetebuds!

📍 Grand Tourmalet

Much to the delight of gourmets and non-skiers, it is now possible for walkers/non skiers to access Chairlift Pourteilh to get to the restaurant Le Chalet des Pisteurs. The restaurant offers a traditional cuisine based on quality products and local meats and a concept of "tartines and soups". All in a 100% mountain atmosphere on an exceptional natural site surrounded by pine trees and a panoramic 360 degree view of the Pic du Midi.

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Snow Making Plant

📍 Ax-3-Domaines

The Ax-3-Domaines station has set up a new snow plant in the Bonascre area. The new building, replacing the previous concrete building, looks like a wooden cottage located in the middle of the pine forest, thus ensuring a good landscape integration. The total production capacity increases to 1700 m3/hour, which allows the Ax-3-Domaines station to have one of the biggest capacity of snow production of the French Pyrenees. This new plant will produce more than 70% of the water needed for the 285 snowmakers at the same time or on all the snow cannons below 1800 m altitude, which strengthens the capacity to have a good snow level on all areas at the base of the resort. It also provides energy savings: water, air and electricity. Two to three years of work are still planned in the off-season in order to continue to modernize the snow making network.

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New 4-seater chairlift

📍 Ax-3-Domaines

A new 4-seater chairlift "le Bisorne" will improve the ski offer of the AX-3-Domaines resort. This chairlift will start from the Campels sector at 1520 m and reach the Saquet domain at 2 000 m. It has 134 seats with a flow of 2 000 people per hour and will allow the skier to descend directly to the bottom of the ski resort at Bonascre.

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Beginner intro to ski touring zone

📍 Cauterets

Located near the ski slopes, this new course will allow you to learn the basics of ski touring, in a totally secure environment. With a vertical drop of nearly 600 m achievable in 2 hours, the course will offer an exceptional view of the surrounding peaks. This is to welcome more and more ski touring skiers, a growth area for Cauterets.



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Cuvée 2018 Wine from the Snow

📍 Cauterets

Exclusive: Last year, Cauterets tested the aging of bottles of red and white wines from Château de Lugey at an altitude of 2,400 m. Buried under 5 m of snow for six months, these bottles of the 2018 vintage from winemaker Franck Labeyrie were extracted in early summer. A unique wine experience to be found this winter at Restaurant du Lys in Cauterets!

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Switch off in the «Yeti Crok»

📍 Cauterets

Located at the foot of the Yéti Park's fun area and decorated in the style of a former gondola station, Yéti Crok is a relaxation area with deckchairs a great chill out zone.

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The ‘reflexotherapy’ invitation to Saint-Lary

📍 Saint-Lary

This gentle medicine helps the whole body to fight against the manifestations of stress and pain via stimulating the reflexes through massage. Maya Noirot, a graduate of the International School of Reflexotherapy, offers therapeutic sessions by appointment to keep your body healthy and help regulate the whole body.

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A Husky Encounter

📍 Saint-Lary

The new association "The Husky's Lair" invites you to come and discover the Husky dogs and their way of life. With his small pack of six dogs, Paul, a professional musher, wants to foster contact between visitors and his dogs. In a small group, guests would visit the park in the form of a mini-game that allows you to learn more about these animals while respecting their pace of life. The tour ends with dog cuddles, brushing and finally feeding. A playful approach 100% respectful of these big toy-like animals that are quite real!



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A new pool in Balnéa: the mayan pool

📍 Peyragudes

Balnéa opened the Mayan Baths in the summer of 2019. Attached to the Incas Baths, this new outdoor bathing space of 100 m² at a temperature of 36/37 degrees, includes bubble beds, swan collars that cover the whole shoulder, jets for foot massage and a section for swimming against the current. The Mayan Baths are a dynamic place for the whole family with children [from 9 months]. In addition to the new feature for the establishment, Balnéa now has the label 'Famille Plus Montagne!'

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The first 5* campsite opens - 100% Well-being

📍 Peyragudes

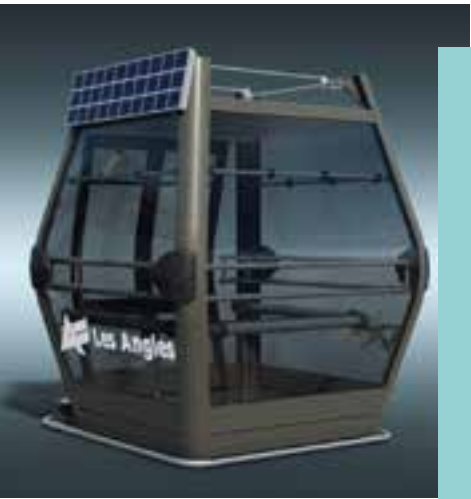
After extensive work, the 1st Wellness Camping UCPA-LA VACANCE opened in Loudenvielle in summer 2019. Located a stone's throw from the village and Lake Génos-Loudenvielle and 300 m to Skyvall, it is an extension of Balnéa and is dedicated to the well-being in nature. It includes a "chill out" reception building, a Japanese pool, an outdoor Nordic area with contemplative SPA and sauna and comfortable holiday homes with 2 or 3 bedrooms. In addition, there are Zen activities focused on yoga, breatho-logy and self-massage.



A new experience to experience as a family. A light and healthy restaurant and casual and relaxed evenings are also available. The project is supported nationally by the Thermal and Tourist Union of the Louron Valley and UCPA, a dynamic group that provides sport for young people and adults and is now open to families for camping.

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Cabins Upgraded in Les Angles

📍 "Les Pèlerins" gondola – Les Angles

The "Les Pèlerins" gondola takes skiers from the village station at 1600 m above sea level to Plateau de Bigorre at 2,100 m. This vital connection for the ski resorts enables direct access to the different areas of the ski area as well as to the beginner sectors. From the base of the resort to the Freeride areas, it also creates access for pedestrians who would like to visit the resort's restaurants at altitude. This gondola was created in 1997. New, latest generation cabins for winter 19/20 will provide improved

comfort. The station will move to the Poma "Diamond" with 14 standing places plus solar panels that bring light and sound to the cabins. The departure station will also be revamped with a stone cladding.

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2019-2020

Winter 2019-2020

PROVISIONAL OPENING DATES OF THE SKI AREAS

(Dependent on weather conditions)

Cauterets	★ From Saturday 30 November 2019	→ to Sunday 26 April 2020
Ax-3-Domaines	★ From Saturday 30 November 2019	→ to Monday 13 April 2020
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Grand Tourmalet	★ From Saturday 30 November 2019	→ to Sunday 05 April 2020
Saint-Lary	★ From Friday 06 December 2019	→ to Monday 13 April 2020
Peyragudes	★ From Friday 06 December 2019	→ to Sunday 29 March 2020
Pic du Midi	★ From Friday 06 December 2019	→ to Sunday 05 April 2020

★ 5 Good Reasons to choose the Pyrenees

01. Traditional and modern

The French Pyrenees, the mountains of the south between France and Spain, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, consists of six major ski resorts: *Saint-Lary, Peyragudes, Cauterets, Grand Tourmalet, Ax-3-Domaines, Les Angles*.

The French Pyrenees combine a rich cultural heritage with tourist development that respects the environment. The valleys are carefully protected so the countryside retains its pastoral character. Each resort has its own intimate charm, friendly welcoming locals and mid-altitude locations that are ideal for younger children plus a wonderful climate in which to ski.

Ski-in/ski-out resorts, traditional villages, alpine skiing and cross-country areas, freeride to apres-ski surrounded by the benefits and pleasures of natural warm spa waters.



02. High tech resorts in preserved natural environments

Ski resorts of the French Pyrenees are set in a preserved natural environment.

Contrary to the Alps you will not find any industry in our valleys, no concrete resorts, just numerous small villages, which have retained their Pyrenean character, their authenticity and their inhabitants. Pyrenean resorts are much better presented because the Pyrenean valleys have not been industrialised and have remained rural with agricultural activity outside of tourism.

During their development the Pyrenean resorts integrated themselves into the villages and valleys, giving them more character and now allowing them to propose more activities than just skiing. At the same time visitors can enjoy the living ambience of these villages, meeting and creating relationships with the locals.

The French Pyrenean resorts have made a huge effort to limit the visual impact of their lift systems, particularly with the replacement of several high-capacity lifts. They also have made huge investment in the production of artificial snow.

04. «South Western» lifestyle in France

Nestled between the Atlantic and Mediterranean, the Pyrenees carve through Southern France. The atmosphere here is fuss-free, relaxed and friendly. The beaming sun in the sky has nothing on the locals' beaming smiles. Visitors are welcomed as friends. They pull out all the stops, stories and top tips are shared and service always oozes simplicity.

A destination with soul

In the Pyrenees we take our time, we chat over a coffee or mulled wine, we have fun with the kids, we stroll along sun-soaked terraces, we settle into deckchairs to gaze at the views. The villages are packed at the end of the day. With entertainment, bars, restaurants and shopping, you'll never get bored or lonely.

Gastronomy full of flavour

Restaurants showcase local produce that the chefs cook with passion to tantalise your taste buds after a day filled with fresh mountain air. Local lamb, Madiran wine, Tarbais beans, Bigorre black pork and more.



03. The leader for ski & spa holidays in France

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05. Working with the environment

The French Pyrenean resorts make every effort to conserve their natural environment and to limit their impact on the local eco-system. They have all obtained the environmental certification ISO 14 001.

The resort of Saint-Lary was the first ski resort in the Pyrenees to sign the Durable Development Charter instigated by the association of mountain mayors. The resort of Peyragudes has constructed a residence HQE (High Environmental Quality). Peyragudes was awarded the Trophy of Ecological Awareness by Mountain Riders for its efforts towards a durable and reasonable development.

An important effort has been made to adapt the ski areas, to limit the impact of the ski lifts on the environment, whilst still being able to improve the quality and the movement of skiers across the ski area.



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