

# CHÂTEL

*4 Seasons in the Sun*



**châtel**  
Portes du Soleil

**Skiing high in the mountains,  
within sight of the city of Geneva.**

Take time out to gaze at the snowy peaks dotted among the 12 ski resorts that make up the Portes du Soleil, and ski from France into Switzerland without even realising!

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# Editorial

**Welcome to a world of freedom,  
adventure and discoveries.**

Châtel is the ultimate village resort: traditional mountain architecture and living history right at the heart of the Portes du Soleil ski area. Atmosphere, a gentle pace of life, warmly welcoming locals and our sense of hospitality go hand in hand to offer you your best holiday yet.

At Châtel Tourisme, we are always there for you, committed to the 'Qualité Tourisme' brand and to enabling you to enjoy an accessible, welcoming and eco-friendly part of the Alps. We work hard to ensure that families, couples and groups of friends have an action-packed, unforgettable holiday experience.

Whatever the season, at Châtel we open the door to hidden treasures ripe for the taking.

**Jean-François Vuarand**  
Director of Châtel Tourisme

**Health and safety: working  
together to create a climate  
of confidence.**

As this 2020 brochure goes to press, social distancing and precautionary measures are in force. It's up to all of us to carefully follow the recommendations made by the health authorities and government so that you can be free to enjoy the host of leisure activities on offer in the vast mountain spaces here. By pulling together, we can all enjoy peace of mind on holiday.



# For your eyes *only*

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Our diamonds  
*are forever*



**Fall for the charms  
of a real village and  
be captivated by the  
wonders of winter  
in the mountains!**

Firmly rooted in the local traditions, Châtel may have changed over the years but the village remains true to its mountain character.

The pretty wooden chalets, our sense of hospitality... there are plenty of good reasons to come here.

**« Flocon vert »**

Striking a balance between tourism and our pastoral way of life, integrating tourism into our unspoilt countryside, introducing soft mobility and waste management are just some of the ways in which Châtel has qualified for this eco-friendly certification.





### Melt with pleasure in the snow!

In a single, huge ski area, Châtel boasts 73 pistes for all abilities (including the Milka piste designed especially for kids).

Endless fun for all the family with run after run, each one offering different views.

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On her majesty's  
*secret service*



Live and  
*let ride*





**Châtel:**  
**bring it on!**

Here, you'll find as much powder as you can eat, and the conditions are just perfect for freeriding.

Fun, freedom and thrills in out-of-the-ordinary surroundings: that's what every snowsports adventurer will find here in Châtel.

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# Skyfall

**Even in your wildest dreams, you've never imagined a sight like this.**

You're in one of the biggest ski areas in the world, with 300 pistes running through wild, unspoilt countryside. Space, spectacle, freedom, and fun!

A hymn to snowsport in all its forms: airboard, yooner, snakegliss, and more...

If you're looking for that adrenaline buzz, we have lots of new ways to get you there.

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# Casino *royale*



How about an evening  
by the fireside in a  
traditional Abondance  
Valley chalet?  
Or a few nights in  
a cosy hotel room?

Or maybe a big breakfast to set you up for the day in your chambre d'hôtes? Or fun and games with all the gang in a big furnished apartment? In Châtel, there is accommodation that suits you to a T.

And you can be sure of one thing: we've gone that extra mile to offer you space, light, elegance and sophisticated surroundings. That's because our tradition of mountain hospitality goes hand in hand with comfort, style and all mod cons.



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Enjoying a relaxing dip  
at "Forme d'O's" Espace Océane.



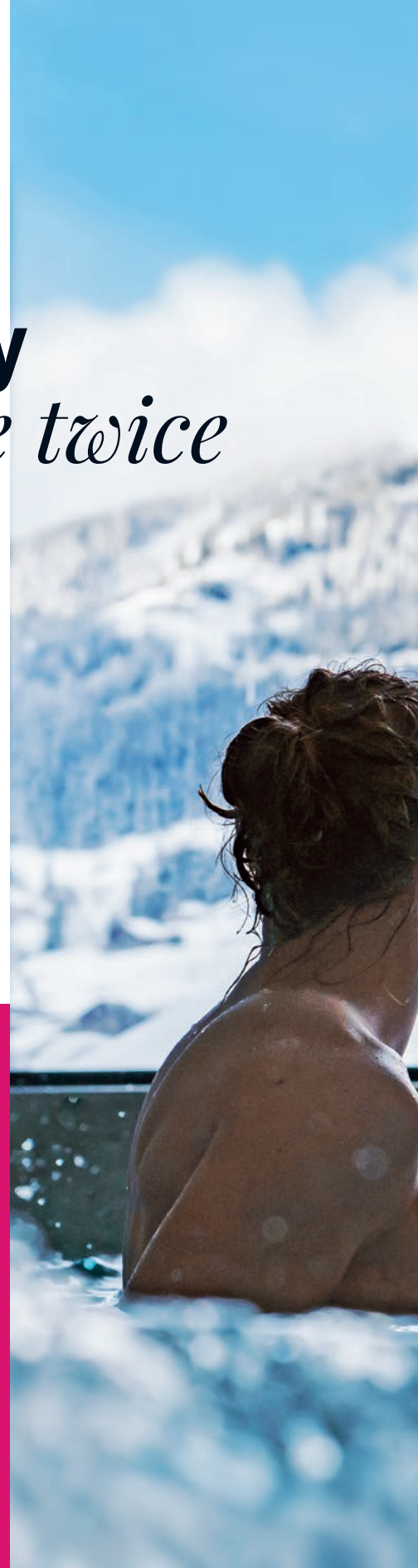
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# You only *live twice*

**So many things to try,  
but there's no rush!**

After a great day out on the piste, it's time to relax. Swimming and a sauna at "Forme d'O"; a spot of shopping in the village, a snowshoeing ramble, sledging with the kids...

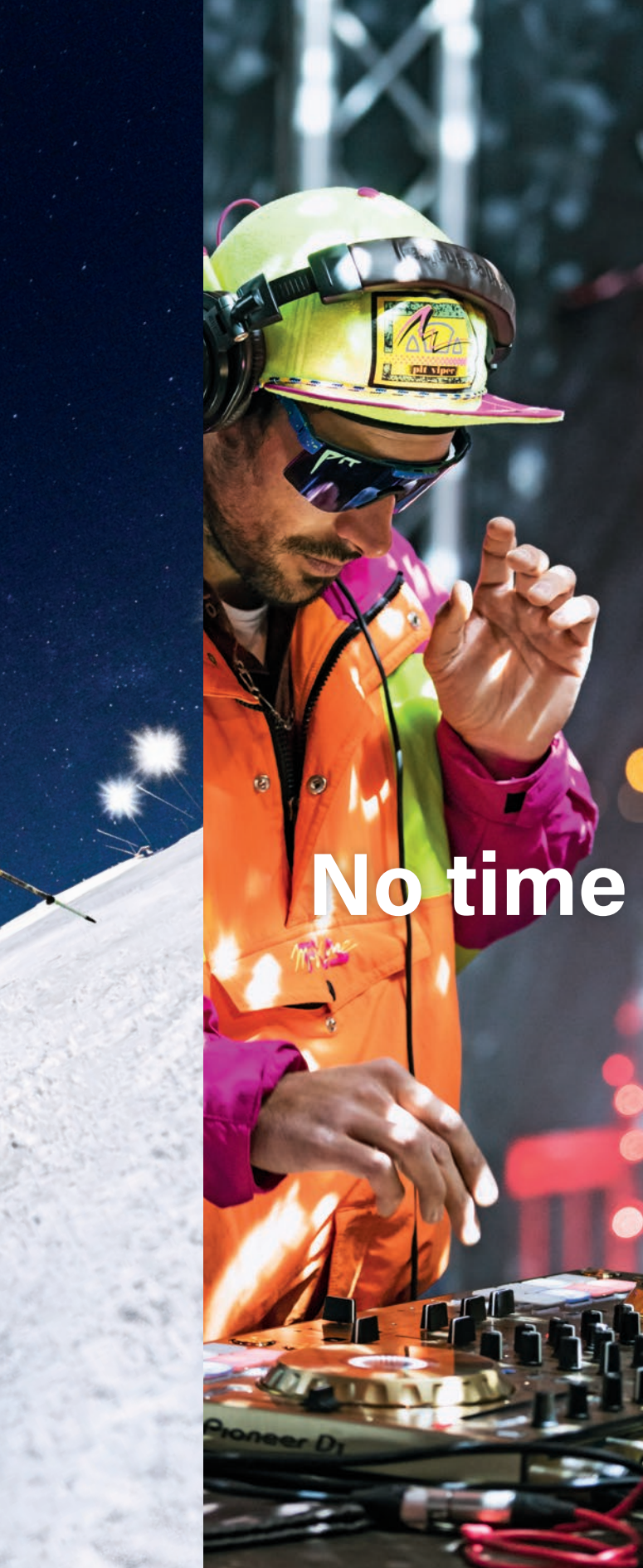
In Châtel, having fun goes without saying!











# No time *to* *sleep*

**Cosy night in or a night  
on the town? The choice  
is yours...**

Some people like to sleep at night. Others have better things to do, like floodlit skiing night-club-style at Linga Stadium.

And party animals stay out until the small hours...

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# The world *is not enough*



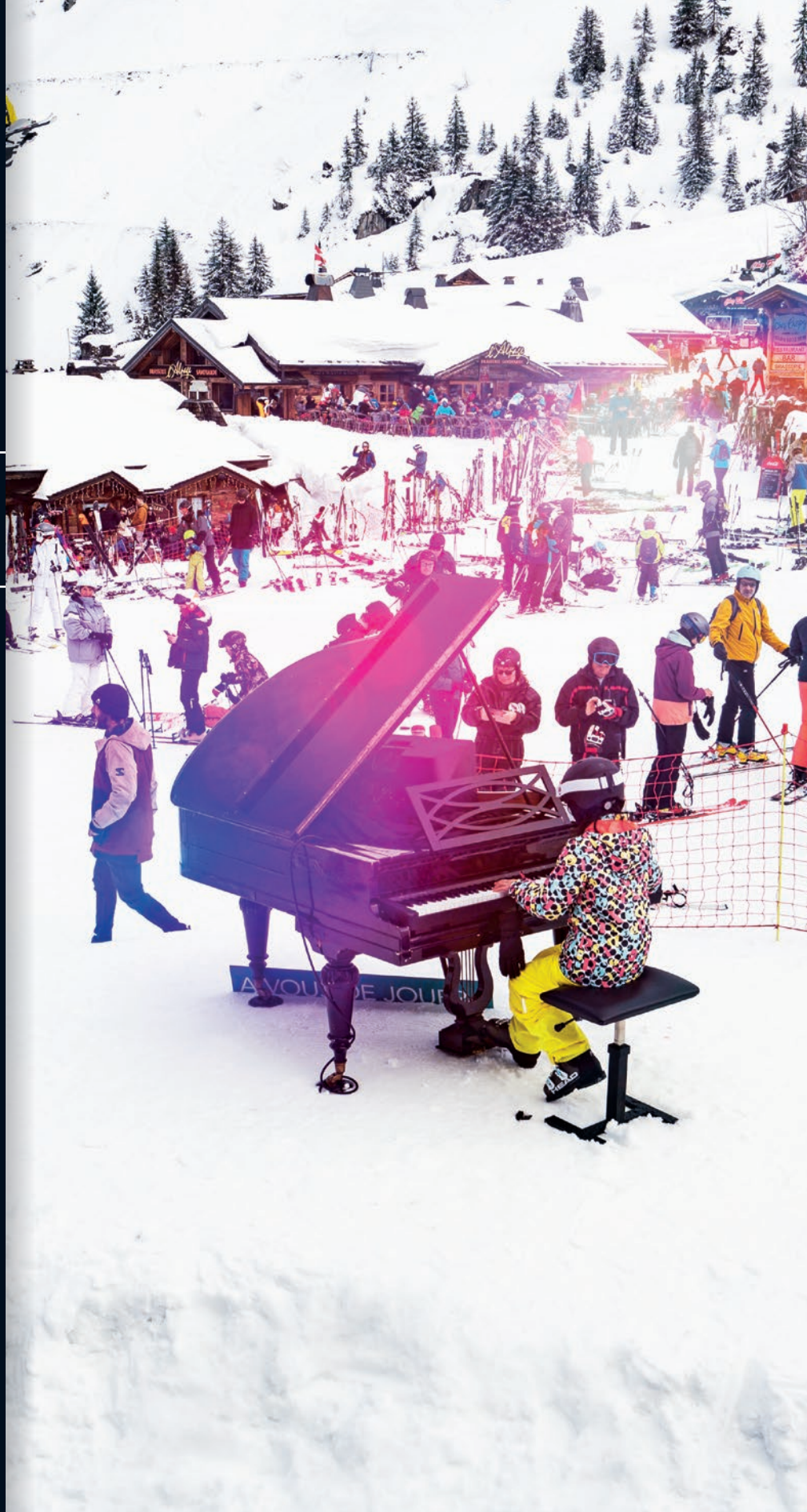


**With something different to keep you on your toes every day, open your eyes and take in the sights and sounds.**

Your mountain holiday is about a lot more than skiing!

In Châtel we pull out all the stops to make sure parents and children spend time together and share intense and unforgettable moments.

Why not come for one of our themed weeks or festival periods?



# Licence *to ski*



**Get out of the shade and into the light, enjoy the longer days and soak up the sun that lingers longer on the pistes and café terraces.**

Swapping your ski jacket for a T-shirt, cruising the pistes and chilling out on a café terrace are de rigueur... And the outdoor concerts are back too!

**When Spring Skiing comes to Châtel, we live life to the full.**

*Skiing into*  
**SPRING**



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In the space of a few weeks, from April to May, Châtel acquires a whole new look. Nature takes over, painting the landscape with fresh new colour and filling the air with the sweet scent of pine and bracken. Sit down, take a deep breath and admire the view.

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**A view to**  
*a thrill*



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# The living *daylights*

**In Châtel, getting out and about and staying in shape are what it's all about.**

Here you can walk (with a pushchair too), climb, and even run the Portes du Soleil, with more than 400km of waymarked running trails... all while taking in the beauty of the mountains in summer.

Get up early enough and you might come across an ibex on the path!



# My name's Châtel, *Super-Châtel*

**Action, adrenaline  
and excitement:  
Châtel is your very own  
adventure playground.**

Hit the bike park and long MTB descents through incredible countryside and feel the adrenaline rush flying high on the Fantasticable, put your sense of balance to the test at the Parc Aventures or scaling the heights on a via ferrata...

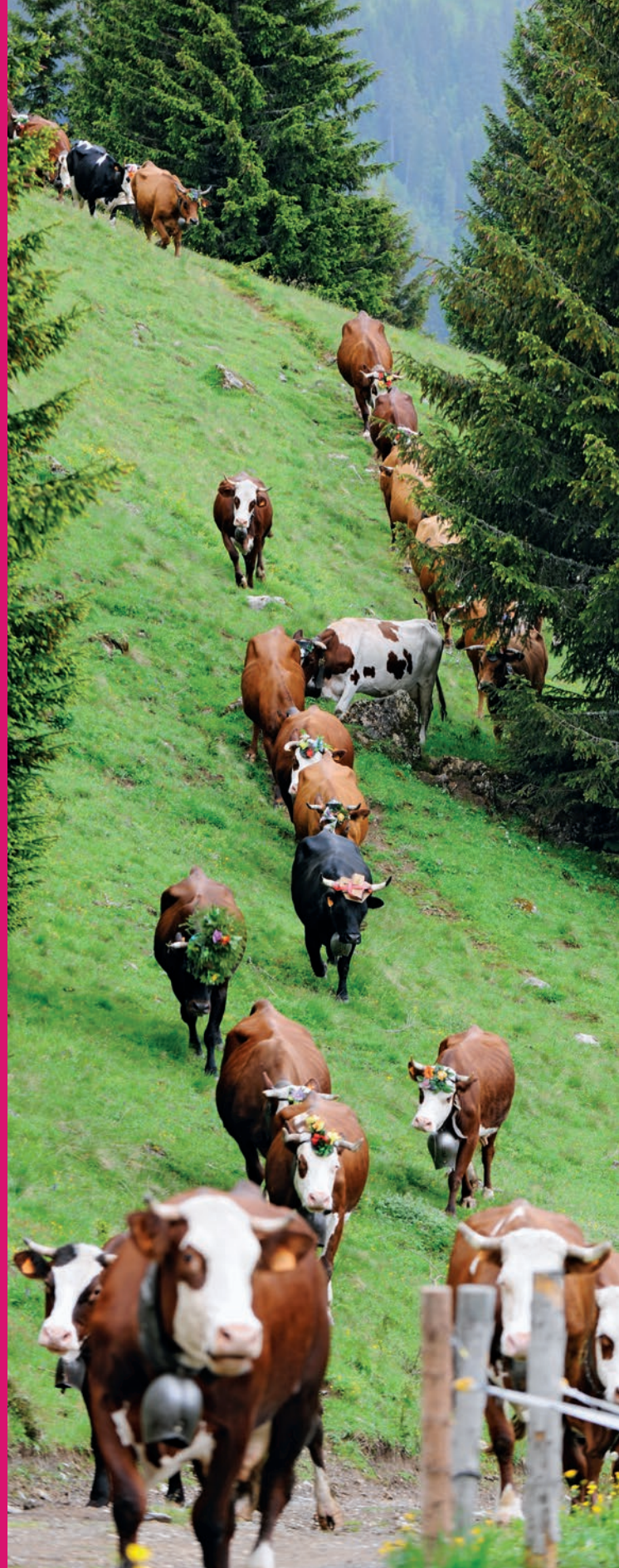


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**Music and tradition come together in celebration of our mountain way of life.**

The 'Belle Dimanche', Châtel's Alpine pastures festival, pays tribute to our local Abondance breed of cattle.



# Yesterday *never dies*

**From pasture  
to plate.**

The place where we live is part of the Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark, recognised for its natural, cultural and human heritage of outstanding importance.

Chiefly for our mountain way of life and tradition of living off the Alpine pastures.

To appreciate the riches of the land here and taste the local produce, head off into the mountain meadows and meet the men and women who live at high altitude throughout the summer.

What better way to learn the secrets of what makes a good cheese than by tasting our farm-fresh produce?



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# Live *another day*

Here's your chance  
to mix and match  
fun activities with  
opportunities to sit  
back and relax.

What will you choose first – soaking up the sun on the terrace of the Forme d'O water park, or enjoying the thrills and spills of the summer bobsled? A chill-out session with a view of the mountains, or taking to the skies in the paraglider?

In Châtel, you can enjoy unlimited access to a host of activities.

**Forme d'O:** 4,000m<sup>2</sup>  
dedicated to relaxation,  
recreation and sports.

**The Multi Pass:** true freedom  
without worrying about your  
budget.



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# Golden *heights*

**In the autumn,  
the countryside around  
Châtel bursts into  
a riot of colour, taking  
on a sun-baked,  
American feel.**

It's the perfect season to conquer the peaks and the mountain cols. Perhaps by bike, making the most of the 'Accueil Vélo' network, of which Châtel is a member...

Or head off to the woods for a spot of mushrooming against a backdrop of reds, yellows and evergreens shimmering under a clear blue sky.

Take a hike in the fresh clear air and commune with nature, your senses all atingle.



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