

AGENDA

December 2024



Pays du
St-Bernard
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RECCURING EVENTS

- **Night opening of the Petite Combe slope in La Fouly** : From 7pm to 9pm every Wednesday and Saturday during the season (from 21.12 to 06.04) & during vacation on Mondays and Fridays (23.12 / 27.12 / 30.12 / 03.01 / 17.02 / 21.02 / 24.02 / 28.02 / 03.03 / 07.03).
- **Night opening of the Restaurant La Breya** : Every Thursday evening until 9pm, from 26.12 to 03.04
- **Night opening of the Revers slope in Champex-Lac** : From 7pm to 9pm every Saturday during the season (from 21.12 to 06.04) & during vacation on Thursdays (26.12, 02.01, 20.02, 27.02, 06.03).

CALENDAR BY DATES

Monday 02 to Saturday 07 December

- **The Bread Week**
Organized by Les Farfadets
Every evening from 7pm- Bar at Prassurny school

Friday 06 December

- **Patronal feast of St. Nicholas**
Enter the magic of Christmas
10am: Mass followed by procession through the village
From 11am: Catering stalls open
Carousels for children
11am to 4pm: Artisans' Christmas Market
Discover unique creations and artisanal products.
12pm to 3pm: Entertainment with Santa's elves.
3:30 pm: Arrival of St. Nicholas and distribution of treats for well-behaved children!
From 6pm: Musical entertainment with DJ under the canteen.

Thursday 05 to Sunday 08 December

- **Theater evening with the St-Nicholas patois group**
December 5 and 6 at 7:30pm and December 8 at 4pm
at the Praz-de-Fort hall. Entry : CHF15 (French only)

Friday 06 to Sunday 08 December

- **Croqu'note shows**
The Croqu'notes present their new show "Au café ô gué ô gué" at the The multipurpose hall (Salle polyvalente) in Liddes.
December 6 & 7 at 8pm and December 8 at 5pm. (French only) Prices: adults CHF20 /children 8-16 CHF10 /free under 8yo.

Saturday 07 December

- **Christmas tree sale**
Liddes central square, 9am-12pm, organized by the youth of Liddes and Bourg-St-Pierre.
- **20th anniversary Ball**
Event organized by the 2004 Orsières Class from 10pm at the Echo d'Orny hall.

Saturday 14 December

- **Christmas concert by the Union Instrumentale de Liddes brass band**
Starting at 8pm at Liddes church, accompanied by the Coeurs unis de Champsec mixed choir.

Sunday 15 December

- **Christmas Market**
At Bourg-St-Pierre from 10am to 5pm at the village hall
Local artisans will be on hand to showcase their wares!

Saturday 21 December

- **Christmas on ice**
Organized by the Trab'zeune youth group,
At the Sembrancher skating rink.

Sunday 22 December

- **Christmas concert by Edelweiss Brass Band**
Fanfare Edelweiss concert at Orsières church at 5pm.
- **Our birds in winter: Helping them? Yes, but how?**
Leaving Bourg-St-Pierre at 9:30 am, for all ages and in all weathers.
With an experienced guide & ornithologist, learn to recognize the birds that spend the winter in the mountains and see how and if you can help them? Stories and demonstrations along the way.
Return around 12pm.
From 4 to 12 people, children aged 8 and over.
Price per person: CHF30- from age 16, free for younger children!
Recommended equipment: warm clothing, hat, gloves, mountain boots, walking sticks.

Wednesday 25 December

- **Santa Claus' surprise arrival on the slopes**
Meet at the bottom of the Petite-Combe slope in La Fouly from 3pm- Distribution of sweets.

Thursday 26 December

- **Santa Claus' surprise arrival on the slopes**
Meet at the bottom of the Revers slope in Champex-Lac at 11am. Sachets for children and mulled wine in the cauldron
- **Guided tour of the artillery fort**
Come and discover a fascinating underground fortress.
During your visit, you'll discover the machine room, decontamination chamber, ammunition store, operating room and infirmary, living quarters, swinging turret and much more.
Meet at 5:30pm at the Champex-Lac artillery fort.
Registration at Champex-Lac Tourist Office.

(+41 (0)27 775 23 83 / champexlac@saint-bernard.ch).

- **Saint-Etienne's feast day**
Saint-Étienne-de-Sembrancher's patron saint's day at the church, a moment of meditation and celebration in harmony with tradition !
- **Christmas concert- Chappelle les Arolles**
By accordionist Augustinas Rakauskas
Chapelle des Arolles, Champex-Lac, 5pm

Friday 27 December

- **Night-time bobsledding from La Broya**
A magical 7km slide by headlamp light!
5:15pm: Meeting point at the Champex chairlift departure
6pm: Meal (spaghetti tomatoes, salad)
7pm: Bobsledding accompanied by a lift patroller
Prices: CHF20 (includes lift ticket, meal and 1 mineral)
Children aged 8 and over (minimum 10 people) Mandatory equipment not supplied: Sled, headlamp, warm clothing.
Registration at the lifts:
champex@telelafouly-champexlac.ch / +41(0) 27 783 13 44
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- **Screening of the film "La panthère des neiges"**
Meeting at 6pm in the conference room of the Bourg-St-Pierre town hall. Glass of friendship offered by the Comité d'animation de Bourg-St-Pierre. Free admission, collection at the door.(French only)

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 December

- **Portes ouvertes du four banal**
Baked bread, braids and sugar balls. Mulled wine and raclette.

Saturday 28 December

- **Introduction to ski-joëring**
Looking for a thrill? This activity involves sliding on skis, pulled by a horse. An unusual outing that plunges you into a sumptuous winter setting, combining adventure and symbiosis between man and animal.
Times: 8:30am to 10:30am at La Fouly
Price for 15 min. CHF20 adult / CHF15 child (from 8 years)
- **Mulled wine offered by APAH**
Sharing time from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in front of the La Fouly shops.
- **Our forests in winter: who lives there? and how?**
Starting in Bourg-St-Pierre at 9:30am, for all ages and in all weathers.
Snowshoe hike accompanied by an experienced naturalist who will reveal the secrets of some of our mountain inhabitants: let yourself be surprised!
Packed picnic, free mulled wine (with or without alcohol).
Return around 3pm.
From 4 to 10 people, children aged 10 and over.
Price per person: CHF50- from age 16, free for younger children! Snowshoes and poles on loan
Recommended equipment: warm clothing, hat, gloves, mountain boots, picnic, drink.

Sunday 29 December

- **Horseback riding**
Riding a horse in the snow is a magical experience!
Schedule: 9am to 12pm in la Fouly
Price for 30 min. CHF30 adult / CHF20 child (children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult)
2-3 participants per 30 min. time slot.
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Return around 12pm.
From 4 to 12 people, children aged 8 and over.
Price per person: 30CHF- from age 16, free for younger children!
Recommended equipment: warm clothing, hat, gloves, mountain boots, walking sticks.

Monday 30 December

- **Christmas at the Mill**
Mill bread Soup and mulled wine offered by the Association, followed by magnificent fireworks.
6pm to 8pm in Bourg-Saint-Pierre
- **Treasure hunt in the footsteps of Yeti**
Ready for an incredible snowshoeing adventure? Come with us in search of the legendary Yeti! Together, we'll explore the snowy forests, where every step will bring you closer to his well-kept secret. Solve fun riddles, follow clues hidden in the snow and discover the mysteries left behind by the Yeti. Watch out for surprises along the way! Are you ready to take up the Yeti's challenge?
Times: 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Meeting point in front of the tourism office in La Fouly
Adults CHF15 / Children CHF10 (from 6 years)
Registration online or at the tourism office
Equipment: warm clothing, good shoes, hat, gloves, backpack with water bottle or thermos flask.
Snowshoes provided by the animator.

Tuesday 31 December

- **New Year's Eve Party**
Evening organized by the Val Ferret youth club at the Praz-de-Fort hall.
- **Murder mystery evening**
"Les Faux-semblants" dinner and show at Hôtel du Crêt in Bourg-St-Pierre. Reservations required on their website (French Only)
<https://www.hotel-du-cret.ch/site/prochainement/>
- **Torchlight descent Champex**
New Year's torchlight descent. Meet at the bottom of the Broya chairlift in Champex-Lac at 4:45pm with the Swiss Ski School. Must register with ESS- +41 (0)27 783 48 18

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