**Les Gets**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Snowboarders

Families

Environmental awareness

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

152

**Intermediate Runs**

104

**Advanced Runs**

27

**Total Runs**

283

**Lifts**

197

**Chairs**

80

**Drags**

103

**Gondola Cable Cars**

14

**Parks**

6

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

7.5m (24.6ft).

**Overview**

Among the most attractive ski resorts in France, Les Gets is one of the country's classic ski destinations with its abundance of unspoilt rural charm.

First frequented in the 1920s, Les Gets and its ski slopes are quite low-lying compared to the French resorts that were purpose-built in the 1960s and 70s. However, it does have an ace up its sleeve in being part of one of the world's largest ski areas, the Portes du Soleil, which comprises about a dozen villages on each side of the French-Swiss border. This large area offers opportunities for all levels of ability, and the separate villages are easily accessible as many are linked by ski lifts or pistes.

The village itself is home to independent *charcuteries*, *fromageries* and *patisseries* selling a variety of delicious local meats, cheeses and pastries, which help to give the area an authentic, artisan feel. This small, friendly and relatively quiet centre added to some relatively easy ski runs make it a good choice for families.

**Location**

Les Gets is located in the Chablais Alps region of the French province of Haute Savoie, in the western Alps. The ski resort is part of the Portes du Soleil ski area that straddles the border with Switzerland.

**Website**

http://www.lesgets.com

**Piste Map**

http://en.lesgets.com/snow-ski/ski-area/map-les-gets.html

**Hit The Slopes**

For a relatively low-lying resort, compared to others in the region, Les Gets has a surprisingly good snowfall record that's aided by north-facing slopes and extensive snow-making cover. Les Gets' ski season usually lasts from early December to mid-April.

There's skiing on several mountains surrounding the resort, with most runs carved through the forest. In most cases, skiers of all ability levels can spend much of the day skiing together because the areas have been designed to have a selection of easy, moderate and more advanced runs descending from the top of each lift and meeting again at the base.

The main Chavannes lifts give skiers and boarders access to the ski slopes of Nyon, Le Pleney and other slopes shared with neighbouring Morzine. It's a very pretty ski area with pine forests dissected by runs for all standards. It's also the direct route on skis into the Portes du Soleil region and beyond.

Across the valley, Mont Chery stands unlinked as Les Gets' own ski area. The gondola here gives access to intermediate- and advanced-level terrain above the treeline, from which there are great views of Mont Blanc. The long Gazelle black or Chamois red runs offer the route back down to the village.

**Les Gets**

**Resort**

1172

**Base**

1172

**Top**

2002

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Les Gets has the usual list of resort facilities, but with the additions of unique attractions in keeping with its natural heritage and a busy events calendar each winter.

The Sereni Cimes Spa (61 rue de Chêne; tel: 04 5079 8609; [www.serenicimes.com](http://www.serenicimes.com)) offers a wide range of beauty treatments; while there's a library, cinema, bowling alley and an outdoor ice rink in the village centre. Paragliding down from Mont Chery is a popular activity for sporty types, who can also try their hand at dog sledding, ice climbing or snowshoeing on the mountain.

More unique to Les Gets is the captivating French National Museum of Mechanical Music (294 rue du Vieux Village; tel: 04 5079 8575; [www.musicmecalesgets.org](http://www.musicmecalesgets.org)) and the Fruitière des Perrières dairy (137 Les Perrières; tel: 04 5079 7004; [www.fruitiere-lesgets.com](http://www.fruitiere-lesgets.com)), which offers free guided visits each Wednesday before the ski lifts open.

**Family Fun**

Les Gets has established a reputation as one of the best French ski destinations for families, both due to its natural ambience and its excellent facilities. It has been awarded the official Family Plus label by the French government for good service for families.

The specialist family-focused British tour operator Ski Famille (tel: 0845 64 437 64 from UK; [www.skifamille.co.uk](http://www.skifamille.co.uk)) has been based here for more than 20 years, and can assist with childcare and lessons. The resort also has its own nursery, Les Fripouilles (tel: 04 5079 8484), located in the village centre, which accepts children from six months to four years.

For children aged three and up, the French Ski School's (tel: 04 5075 8003; [www.esf-lesgets.com](http://www.esf-lesgets.com)) kindergarten offers a snow garden for fun learning. A special family ski pass is also available with a discounted price for families buying tickets together for the same duration.

**Retail Therapy**

Les Gets has the usual choice of ski shops and small grocery stores as well as the more unique, such as locals’ stalls at the village market every Thursday morning and a small selection of artisan shops. Among the best for regional produce is La Cave Getoise (500 rue du Centre); while Chantal Monnet (137 Les Perrières) is the local cheesemaker. There are also several butchers stores and a chocolatier, Le Chalet du Chocolat (342 rue du Centre).

**Splashing Out**

Air Libre (tel: 06 0799 2682; [www.airlibre.fr](http://www.airlibre.fr)) provides a number of activities in the area, including paragliding, microlight flights and snowmobiling. Arguably its best offering is a 90-minute hot-air balloon flight over the Alps between Morzine and Les Gets (according to weather conditions), with fantastic views of Switzerland and Mont Blanc.

**Apres Ski**

Les Gets is not a resort that immediately screams ‘hedonistic nightlife’, but there are half a dozen good bars to choose from, as well as a selection of hotel bar/restaurants. The après-ski nightspots tend to have different national themes, with a popular Irish bar, Le Pub Irlandais (507 rue du Centre; tel: 04 5075 8602), as well as Australian- and Canadian-themed bars. There is also a nightclub, L'Igloo (426 rue du Centre; tel: 04 5075 8500; [www.igloo-chaletclub.com](http://www.igloo-chaletclub.com)), and the bowling alley also has a late-night bar.

**Eating Out**

There is good selection of around 40 places to eat in Les Gets, including crêperies, pizzerias, traditional Savoyard establishments and a few gourmet restaurants.

Among the purveyors of traditional regional cuisine, Fruitière des Perrières (137 Les Perrières; tel: 04 5079 8922; [www.fruitiere-lesgets.com](http://www.fruitiere-lesgets.com)) is a good choice with its selection of fondues and raclettes. For a lighter bite, Mémé Confiture (76 Impasse Nicolas; tel: 04 5079 8090) is highly regarded for its wide choice of freshly made crêpes; while those who prefer to eat in their chalet or apartment can order a piping hot pizza from Pizzalino (Immeuble Praz du Soleil; tel: 04 5074 7410).

Gourmands will love Le St Laurent (266 Route du Lery; tel: 04 5075 8000; [www.labrador-hotel.com](http://www.labrador-hotel.com)) in the quirky Hôtel Labrador, which is recognised as being one of the best in the area for haute cuisine.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Geneva International Airport (GVA).

Distance to resort: 71km (44 miles).

Driving time: 1 hour 10 minutes.

**Getting Around**

Much of Les Gets can be covered on foot and many chalets have ski-in, ski-out access; but for those in outlying districts, a free shuttle bus circulates the wider area every 30 minutes during the daytime. In addition, a small road train tours the centre of the village and also operates free of charge.

With a Portes du Soleil lift pass it's possible to ski over to Morzine, Avoriaz and resorts in Switzerland. The pass also covers ski bus services in the individual resorts. The Balad’Aulps bus (tel: 04 5075 8080) costs only €1.50 to Morzine, Montriond, Essert Romand or St Jean d’Aulps, and operates every hour during the ski day.

**Hotels**

There is a great selection of chalets and mid-range hotels in Les Gets, which is itself an attractive chalet-style village. Les Gets offers something for everyone, whether luxury chalets or budget-friendly accommodation. Those looking for self-catering facilities have a large assortment of apartments from which to choose, while visitors preferring hotel accommodation have a range of 2- to 4-star establishments at their disposal.

**Hotel Marmotte**

This friendly, slopeside 4-star hotel features traditional chalet-style architecture adorned with antique furniture. A good option for those with children, there is a swimming pool, kids’ games room and to hot tub to enjoy.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

61 Rue du Chêne

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Les Gets

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

France

**Telephone**

04 5075 8033.

**Website**

http://www.hotel-marmotte.com

**Hotel Christiania**

This atmospheric 2-star hotel has a lovely traditional wooden design and an excellent ski-in, ski-out location. The hotel boasts two outside hot tubs and a sauna, perfect for those wishing to relax at the end of the ski day.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Vers le Chene

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Les Gets

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

France

**Telephone**

04 5075 8244.

**Website**

http://www.hotelchristiania.com

**Hotel Bellevue**

A centrally located hotel, Hotel Bellevue is ideally positioned for access to the ski school. This simple, yet comfortable hotel offers good value accommodation and traditional dining in its brasserie bar/restaurant.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

125 Route du Front de Neige

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Les Gets

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

France

**Telephone**

04 5075 8095.

**Website**

http://www.hotelbellevue-lesgets.com