



Dear Richmond Holidays Guest

Summer 08

Thank you for booking your holiday at La Rosiere, France with Richmond Holidays. We aim to provide you with a holiday that has a style and mission unlike any other. We are a Christian organisation which is committed to the provision of outstanding holidays, where the enjoyment of God's creation and having fun together are combined with inspiring Bible teaching, great worship and the care of Christian love and fellowship for everyone involved.

About La Rosiere

The French Alps were sculpted by glaciers, giving the corresponding valleys a mild climate and rich soil. There are a lot of towns in the area, for what at first glance might seem like an inhospitable and isolated section of France. In fact, the French Alps are full of well connected towns, and are popular year round, making them ideal for vacations in France. Divided into two providences, Savoy in the north, containing Mont Blanc, and Dauphine in the south, home to Grenoble, the main city of the Alps, the French Alps are a popular and diverse region.

In the heart of the Haute-Tarentaise, at 1850 m above sea level, on a "balcony" facing due South, La Rosière is situated near the Petit St. Bernard pass, close to the Vanoise National Park, Italy and Mont Blanc.

La Rosière benefits from forests, mountain pastures and amazing views over the whole valley with a perfect mix of traditional and modern architecture. The resort has respected traditional methods of building and accommodates a friendly family atmosphere. A wide range of summer activities for all ages both cultural and sporting make La Rosière an ideal destination for your summer holiday.

Climate in the Alps

The climate in the alps can be fairly unpredictable and changes quickly in the higher parts of the Alps. The key is to have a number of layers from summer t-shirts to cardigans to a light rain coat. Temperatures can soar to around 30-35 degrees Celsius and rain can often only last very briefly.

Shops

There are a huge range of businesses available in La Rosiere - pharmacies, bakeries, butchers, restaurants, grocers, internet café, newsagents and local produce shops, cloths shops, sports shops, hairdressers and taxi companies.

Before You Go

Important Documents

We recommend that you take with you a copy of your confirmation invoice which you should have received from us either by post or email and a copy of your travel insurance information. This is so that if you require any information on this document, you can access this information in the event of something happening to you whilst on holiday.

Other documents that you might like to take with you would be your marriage certificate if you and you spouse have different surnames, this would probably only be needed at the airport.

If you have any medical requirements or are entering your 35th week of pregnancy, any information or doctors notes that would be helpful to assist you should something happen to you or state that you are fit to travel would be important to have with you.

If you require visas please make sure that you arrange these well in advance of your holiday (details of the London French Embassy are above) and take the relevant documents with you on your holiday.

Passports

Your passport should be a valid 10 year passport or a valid five year passport for those under 16 and not on parent's passport. We recommend that if your passport is in the last full year, you contact the UK Passport Office for advice on renewing your passport on 0870 521 0410. Generally most countries require you to have at least 6 months left on your passport from the date of your return into the UK.

Vaccinations and Mosquitoes

There are no recommended vaccinations for France. However, we recommend that you discuss your travel plans and personal health with a health-care provider to determine which vaccines you will need. Be sure you and your children are up to date on all routine immunizations.

See your doctor at least 4-6 weeks before your trip to allow time for shots to take effect. If it is less than 4 weeks before you leave, you should still see your doctor. It might not be too late to get your shots or medications as well as other information about how to protect yourself from illness and injury while traveling.

Although mosquitoes are rare in the alps we recommend that you bring a plug-in mosquito repellent to plug-in over night in your room and in addition to this you will need a personal repellent in the form of a spray or wipes. Lavender body sprays or shower gel is another highly recommended repellent.

When You Arrive

Our dedicated resort team will arrange for you to be met at the airport for your transfer provided you have arranged this through us. The transfer will take around 3 hours to get to the Chalet hotel from Geneva airport during which time you will get a chance to see some of the Alps rich, cultural cities, lakes and breathtaking scenery. Our transfer will leave from Geneva promptly at 6pm on Saturday and will return on the following Saturday around mid-morning. If you have not arranged this through us and would like us to arrange this transfer please contact us on 020 3004 2661 and we would be delighted to add this service to your booking.

SELF DRIVE

If you are driving from the UK, take the autoroutes as far as Lyon, then Chambéry and finally Albertville. If you are hiring a car from Geneva there is a choice: The autoroute via Chambéry is generally a shade quicker than the scenic route via Lake Annecy but more miles - and you will get through around five pounds worth of motorway tolls.

From Albertville take the N90 signposted Moutiers, and the Tarentaise. At Moutiers, use the underpass to continue towards Bourg St Maurice.

Continue through Bourg St Maurice to the village of Seez, shortly afterwards where the road divides; take the left fork signposted to Col du Petit St Bernard and La Rosiere. The road climbs nearly 1000m from this point. (There are close to 30 hairpin bends on this bit!)

As you enter the village of La Rosiere, close to the village signboard, you will reach a mini roundabout. Take the sharp turn to the right (marked "A" on the map), continue for about 200m then turn left immediately before the new ice rink and shopping complex. After about 150m, the road turns to the right and as you turn the Chalet l'Accroche Coeur is immediately in front of you. There are 6 covered parking spaces in front of the chalet and additional underground places inside the chalet.

To get a Google map, hover over the below address and press Ctrl (control) and click with your mouse to open up the map:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=from:+Calais+to:+La+Rosiere&ll=45.629405,7.327881&sspn=5.277736,9.448242&ie=UTF8&ll=50.097679,3.507385&spn=1.210399,2.362061&z=9>

There is also a local map on our website showing the exact location of the chalet :

http://www.richmond-holidays.com/Downloads/directions_larosiere.pdf

Upon arrival at the hotel you will be met by one of our resort team who will welcome you and show you to your room.

WELCOME MEETING

This will be held on the first new morning of your holiday, at which you will be introduced to the Richmond resort team, ministry leader and children's workers. The daily timetable will be explained and our exciting range of excursions and activities will be described. **Cool Club and Teens Clubs** - details of these programmes will also be given at this meeting.

CHALET HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel facilities - small gym and sauna, TV lounge and big comfy sofas in the bar lounge area.

Rooms - balconies, shower en-suite facilities. There are no hair dryers in the rooms. Towels are provided but you should bring soap and shampoo.

CHALET HOTEL CONTACT DETAILS

Your Resort Manager: **Andy Challis**

Address: The Chalet Hotel L'Accroche Coeur,
Montvalezan 73700,
La Rosiere,
France.

Mobile Telephone: 0033 678 430 161 or 0033 672 167 529

Ministry

Richmond Holidays wants you to have a break where you can strengthen your relationship with God. For some, one of our holiday's can be a life changing experience, helping with decisions, situations and concerns while for others it can simply be a great reminder of God's grace and majesty as you travel to beautiful parts of His creation.

Times of praise and hearing God's Word

All our holidays have a time for praise and worship, prayer and hearing God's word. Most days begin with an optional morning prayer meeting, and in the early evening there will be an informal meeting with worship, prayer and Bible teaching. We hope that these meetings will add greatly to your holiday and help you hear what God is saying to you!

Please feel free to join in as much or as little as you like, none of these meetings are compulsory and are primarily there for you as a resource if you want to use it. Also, if you are a gifted musician and would like to contribute to these meetings please feel free to come prepared to do so.

Events, Excursions and Activities

There are plenty of things happening in the Alps in the summer so why not coincide your holiday with an event you'll enjoy.

Music Festival - 31 July to 12 August: Live music in a different bar every night from a dozen bands.

5th 'Wind of the East' Festival - 14 to 19 August: Russia comes to La Rosière with folk dancing, music concerts, films, traditional costumes.

Wine Festival - 19 to 22 July

Painters Fair at Châtelard - 23rd July

Fete des Clarines and du Bois - 12 & 13 August: A traditional village fair with local craftsman, parades in local dress, concerts and activities for all the family.

Fete des Bergers at the Petit St. Bernardo pass - 19 August: This well known French-Italian event takes place every summer with an open air mass, demonstrations of folk dancing and local crafts fair. The most eventful part of the festival is the traditional Italian "Bataille des Reines" (battle of the cows !).

Excursion Information

Aosta, Italy - is the main excursion we can arrange for guests wanting to do a spot of site seeing in between activities, this will be on Tuesdays from 9 am. Aosta is an impressive architectural city which was for 5 centuries influenced by the Romans. There are a number of stunning and breathtaking cathedrals and churches to see including the monastery Santa Caterina where the remains of the amphitheatre can be seen. The city walls and towers show the strategic military function of Aosta with the Augustian Arch the gateway to the city. Bookable via the tourist office and will be 20 € per adult and 10 € per child between ages 5 and 12 years of age and if free for children under 5 years.

The Apple House – Open everyday this museum invites you discover the life of apples and everything you can do with them!

Activities

La Rosiere offers a wide selection of activities and there really is something for everybody and every ability. You can either book the La Rosiere Discovery Pass, join other guests on our day-to-day planned activities programme or we can book activities for you if there is something in particular that you are interested in doing.

The Discovery Pass - includes unlimited access to the Roches Noires chair lift, one gym session, an introduction to golf, an introduction to archery and you can choose one extra activity including rambling with a mountain guide, pony trekking, rock climbing, a historical, cultural visit or mountain bike tour. This pass is 29 € for the week.

Canyoning for ages 12 years and above = 62 €

White Water Rafting for ages 12 years and above = 45 €

Via Ferrata for ages 11 years and above = 50 € for half a day.

Mountain Walking for ages 11 years and above = 33 € for half a day or 55 € for a whole day.

Hiking for ages 11 years and above = 17 € for half a day or 24 € for a whole day.

Acro Branches = 25 € for half a day.

Mountain Buggy for ages 11 years and above = 59 € for 1 hour or 89 € for 2 hours.

Two Seater Parapente for ages 5 and above = 85 € for the Introductory level.

Professional Parapente Training for ages 12 years and above = 275 €.

Archery - guests can practice on a Tuesday morning, a Thursday morning and an afternoon and a Saturday morning.

Half an hour sessions = 6.00 €

One hour sessions = 10.00 €

A card for 5 sessions = 40.00 €

Golf - 9 holes course

1 green fee 12.00 €

A card of 5 green fees = 55.00 €

A card for 10 green fees = 100.00 €

Discovery session on Monday for = 10.00 €

Equipment has to be rented (5.00 € for beginners)

Tennis - Court rental

From 9.00 to 12.00 am and 4.00 to 8.00 pm 10 €/hour

From 12.00 to 4.00 pm 8€/hour

Card of 5 hours 38.00 €

Lessons

5 hours course "Détente" 85.00€

10 hours course "Elite" 131.00 €

7.30 hours course "Perfection" 101.00 €

Children lessons

5 hours course "Mini-cool" 70.00 €

1.30 hours/week "Ecole de Tennis" 46.00 €

Private lessons

1 hour 28.00 €

5 hours 130.00 €

Activities Park - for half a day an adult or child measuring 1,45m or more = 25 € (in the morning or afternoon) and children measuring between 1,20m and 1,45m = 7 € (in the morning or afternoon).

Bowling – From 3pm to 7pm = 6 € and from 7pm to 2am = 8 €

Chair Lifts and cable cars range from 4.50 € to 12.50 € return.

Swimming outdoor and indoor is available in Bourg St Maurice. Open from July to September, Monday to Saturday from 10.00 til 7.30pm for 6 € per adult and 4.60 € per child between 4-16 years. Sundays the pool is open from 12 noon til 7pm.

Prices are supplied by the La Rosiere Tourist Office at the time of publishing and can be subject to change by the activity providers and are subject to availability. Height restrictions may apply, information for which will be given in resort. We can not guarantee that activities will be exclusive to Richmond Holidays Limited and would suggest guests arrange to participate in activities similar to those of other guests.

We hope and pray that you have a brilliant time on holiday in God's creation and with other Christian people.

Finally if there is anything which is not right or on which you would like to comment please contact Richmond Holidays at Sunrise House so that we can respond to your comments and improve the product for the future.

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