

Chalet La Ravine

(A few notes to make your stay more comfortable !)

Getting there:

There are lots of flights to Geneva, and the best resource we have found for flight bookings is www.skyscanner.net.

Transfers are best booked on line with www.skitransfers.com who happen to be based next door to us in Les Gets and run by our good friends and neighbours Rob Mewton and Jane Sayer.

On Arrival:

Check in time is 2.00 pm, (and check out time is 10:00 am – which gives the staff team, time to prepare the chalet, change bedding and freshen the chalet up prior to your arrival.

Jane (from next door) or one of her staff will meet with you – please call her to advise on your travel plans 0033 450 75 86 69 (though if you are booked with ski transfers she will know already !)

She will show you around the chalet, the hot tub, ski room and heated drying room. The cooker and electrics ! Jane will also collect the Damage deposit of €500 in cash please upon arrival and return it on departure.

The Tourist Office

You can get further information on Les Gets by popping into the Office de Tourisme in the Maison des Gets. However there will also be a number of booklets left in the chalet and copies of the plan du village for your information. For example, you may want to take advantage of the navettes gratuites, (free buses) and this info is included in the leaflets in the chalet.

Lift Passes and Ski Hire

Lift passes can be bought from the office underneath the main lift station in town, see the [googlemaps](https://www.google.com/maps) link and skis and boots etc can be hired from Ski Love – Monique and her team will look after you well, do mention you are with Simon and Helen at Chalet-La-Ravine, you may even get a little discount (but please don't rely on this, as her prices are very competitive in les Gets as it is – but it has been known to happen for large amounts of kit rental). You can also leave your ski's and boots etc there after skiing, so you can walk around town afterwards for après ski.

There is a free snow train which runs between Les Chavannes and Mont Chery, and while Mont Chery does not link up to other areas we recommend that you visit this side of the resort.

Apres Ski:

The bars can change in attitude and popularity from season to season but those that are on the usual list are:

- Bar Bush
- Irish Bar
- The Boomerang
- Le Pic
- Bar Canadian
- The Igloo (late night night club, horrendous prices, but there for the party animals)
- Restaurants' are a plenty, and the menus are very Savoyard – melted cheese and cold meats and cooking on hot rocks!

Supermarket:

Also shown on the google maps link, has everything you will need to enjoy self catering !

The kitchen:

Is well equipped, as it in past seasons chalet hosts have cooked for 12 guest every night there, so there are ample pots pans, implements etc!

The hot tub:

A couple of requests! The hot tub is the largest in Les Gets and cost a small mortgage to ship and fit, and it is also important for hygiene to shower fully and fully remove all sunscreens, makeup etc first. If it's snowing you may need to brush the top off the snow occasionally, though the staff will help this as well, they may not always be there just after the snow and just before you wish to use it! Please do NOT use a shovel – it can and will inevitably catch in the cover and tear it, and a new one was fitted last season at £600 plus shipping from the UK. Please treat the cover carefully, a couple of people can manage it easily.

It is not recommended for small children, and children should be made very aware of the need to exercise bladder control for obvious reasons. It is checked and chemically balanced twice a week, but the more you can do help, the clearer the water and better your experience will be.

Log Fire

There are logs stored out on the balcony for making a real fire in the evening. You will find that as the chimney is in the centre of the chalet, lighting a real fire quickly warms the whole chalet. We suggest that you allow the fire to burn down before going up to bed.

The Toilets

The chalet is not connected to the main sewage system and it has a septic tank. This means that nothing must be flushed down the toilet such as sanitary items or nappies. If you try to do so the toilet will block. Please use the bins and bags provided.

The environment

Please help us to look after the planet and our energy bills by turning off, or down, anything that you don't need during the day. As it is a wooden chalet it is in the interests of safety too to check things are switched off.

Finally..

We wish you an absolutely fantastic holiday, we know you will find the chalet comfortable and well equipped with a charm that everyone who has stayed there has complimented us upon. If there are any questions please let us know.

Simon & Helen James

La Ravine - What To Do in Summer

Summer in Les Gets

Trampolines are situated near the red eggs lift on the main route through Les Gets.

Devil Carts – Using the pomma lift to ascend the carts then ride a track down to the bottom near the red eggs.

Le Lac – Half way up the Chauvannes, a small entrance fee is charged to sit by the lake. Café toilets etc. Swimming and small water slide.

Mountain Biking – Hire mountain bikes from many shops, the closest being Evasion.

You will need a piste map from the lift office. Riding can be very technical and is not advisable without some body armour.

Market day – I think that it is Thursday.....

Small supermarkets are Casino and Shoppi. (both near the Black Bear bar)

Near the lake there is an **activity park**, like the Go Ape parks over here. There is a circuit for adults, and a smaller course for youngsters.

You wear a harness and clip yourselves on after instruction. Physically hard, if you complete all the course. But you don't have to do every obstacle. After tuition you move around the course at your own pace.

Parapont from on Mont Cherie, near the Belvedere restaurant, land down near the chalet.

The Goat village – very smelly, on the edge of Avoiriaz/Morzine. Out of Le Gets round outskirts of Morzine, after the two tight bends in the road there is a straight stretch with logging company/ etc on side of the road, turn right on a left hand bend, signed Ardent, and bubble car. After a short distance go over a bridge and turn first left up the hill. Restaurants and goats.

Canyoning – with a local guide. You can start from near Morzine, or possibly down at lake Annecy itself.

White Water Rafting

Samoens is the best one for a mixed party with younger children. Good to do in iffy weather your wet keeps you warm and you were getting wet anyway. It is a beautiful gorge that you go through.

River Dranse, on the way down to lake Geneva is more challenging, and you need to be over a certain age, I think 8 years. Located on the way down to lake Geneva, heading out of Les Gets in the Morzine direction.

Walking

There are lots of good local walks. There are some lovely areas to explore. The Tour de France has passed through the area in summer, using roads that are impassable in winter, or used as ski runs. Look out for the Col Du Juex Plan.

Take the telecabin up Mont Chery for a view of Mont Blanc- Perhaps have lunch at Le Belverdere restaurant? If you want to go higher you can also take the chair lift up from near the restaurant. As you leave the chair lift turn left and follow the ridge to Mont Caly. There is a small restaurant at Mont Caly for ice creams etc. Then walk back down into the end of Les Gets village. Circa 4 hours walking with children!

It is also possible to walk on the Chauvannes side of the village, ascending on the bubble cars or by car.

Shopping

Super U at Taninges. The closest larger supermarket, good value food, with a small range of clothing and toiletries.

Carrefour at Cluses, Hypermarket with enormous food range, plus household electrical and large clothing section.

Swimming

Le Bouverte

The wet weather plan – Head down to Thonon les Bains and turn right for Evain Les Bains. Follow the road around the lake and over the border into Switzerland. The waterpark contains a number of scary water slides, and some you can float down in big rubber rings.

It's large, with lockers for your things, and a key fob system that means you don't have to carry cash around. All facilities are there. In good weather there are sun loungers outside.

There is a public outdoor pool at Morzine, with changing rooms, large grassy area to sit outside and water slide. Small café and toilets. Follow signs to Jardin du Sport, in Morzine.

There is a pool at Samoens, again with café toilets etc. Boys can't swim here in large baggy shorts, only speedo type trunks. Samoens is a nice village with cafes etc there.

Prays De Lys - Le Grande Ourse restaurant. If you eat lunch at this hotel they will let you swim in their pool in the afternoon. It is a fairly small pool, with terrace and wonderful view.

Horse Riding

There are stables in Morzine, near the swimming pool and sports stadium. They offer trails around the valley floor and in the trees.

There are also stables in le Praz De Lys Sommand, for a faster ride over the alps and the pistes themselves. The riding starts from Le Grande Ourse restaurant.

A Drive awaya full day out in the car.....but worth it!

Yvoire on lake Geneva is a beautiful medieval town. It has huge coppers outside the shops and restaurants just bursting with flowers. Roam the medieval streets leading down to the lake itself. If you have got kids who need to let off steam stop at the lakeside Excenevex. This has a shallow sandy beach, trampolines and fast food. Just roll out your picnic blanket and relax and enjoy.

Even just go to Excenevex on a hot sunny day to spend the whole day on the beach. There is a public pay and display car park here. Then head to Yvoire after the main tourists have gone home for an early evening stroll round.

Château Ripalle on the shores of Geneva offers tours and you may wish to purchase some of their wine.

Lake Annecy, Le Lac Blue. This is just a beautiful area, swim and dive at the public swimming area at Talloires.

Check out this link: <http://www.talloires-lac-annecy.com/beaches-of-the-rive-plein-soleil-c6-21-en.html> But there is other info on the website.

Later drive up to Col Du Forclaz, for an amazing view down over lake Annecy , watch the paraponters and hang gliders set off from there. In hearing distance of the cow bells sample some local cuisine and marvel that the tour de France went up the Col Du Forclaz, how can anyone ride a bike up here at speed?

Or cycle round lake Annecy, stopping for a swim. There are a number of bike rental places in the area. Notably one on the main road near to Doussard. From here you can head round towards Annecy town itself, it is a good and flat ride.

Parking in Annecy itself is quite limited, there are underground car parks. Again it is a medieval city, but just stunning. Buy ice creams and wonder around.

If you are more into culture try a tour around the Château Menthon Saint Bernard, overlooking lake Annecy. More info at www.chateau-de-menthon.com

Or drive over to Chamonix and make yourself light headed going up the cable car at the Aiguille Du Midi, followed by a mooch around the shops in Chamonix, great for sportswear and a spot of lunch in the town. You can make a reservation in advance , check the website www.compagniedumontblanc.com

Don't worry you can click on the English version.