

the DNA of an Alpine resort with a Mediterranean spirit

Orcières, located halfway between Marseille et Grenoble (2 hrs and 30 mins in both directions), has the sun and the warmth of the people of the South as well as the wilderness and preserved Alpes. Nestled at an altitude of 1850m, in the heart of the Écrins National Park, this family-friendly resort offers a wild and unspoiled scenery, surrounded by the most beautiful peaks of the Écrins massif: Vieux Chaillol, Pointe des Estaris, Grand Pinier, and Tête de Dormillouse. Its varied landscapes between larch forests, steep granite faces, beautiful snowy slopes, and vast high-altitude plateaus, provide

many playgrounds to explore for amazing nature experiences: dog sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, Nordic skiing, ice falls, etc. With its skiable terrain peaking at over 2725m in altitude and 100km of slopes, it is the largest resort of the Hautes-Alpes.

As a paradise for families, a base camp for sports enthusiasts, a haven for adventurers, and a pantry for gourmets, Orcières promises an unforgettable stay for families in a natural setting.

ORCIÈRES IN 5 KEY FIGURES

- 300 days of sunshine a year
- 28 ski lifts

- 100 km of slopes for ski enthusiasts
- 2725m
 - the ski area's altitude
- **1850**m guarantees excellent snow coverage

• A wide range of activities:

more than 50 non-ski activities: zip-line, dog sledding, paragliding, snow tubing, indoor 'Palais des Sports' indoor complex, Rocherousse nordic area and many others!

5 Good reasons

TO CHOOSE ORCIÈRES THIS WINTER

 A jam-packed program with numerous events!

• A unique region and authentic mountain villages:

> Prapic for a return to old-fashioned mountain life, Serre-Eyraud, for its unparalleled freeride spot among the larch forests.

 Southern Gateway to the Écrins National Park:

access to large well-preserved natural areas.

• A destination for families:

'Famille Plus' accreditation, regular free events, special family offers, and great accommodation deals



THE TOP 3 Highlights OF THIS WINTER

SANTA CLAUS COMES TO ORCIÈRES

In his big red coat, he arrives in Orcières at the children's home... Whether they were well behaved or did as they pleased, all of our kids deserve the greatest gift of all for Christmas. It's the perfect opportunity to have the favorite long-white-bearded grandpa at your home to distribute

presents the morning of December 25th! He's got everything planned for his grand tour: he knocks at the door of all the little children who are filled with wonder... There's no doubt about it: surprise and magic are in store! To experience this dream come true, you must register with the Tourist Office.

€ 20 / family

INFORMATION AND RESERVATION VIA: https://reservation.orcieres.com/



SKIING FOR BEGINNERS IS FREE!

Skiing for the first time or getting back on the slopes after many years, it can be a big deal... Especially when you are surrounded by skiers rushing down the slopes at full speed. For a gentle start or return to learning free of apprehension, the ESF instructors at Orcières offer apprentice skiers the opportunity to discover the joys of skiing on a green slope reserved entirely for them. And for this occasion, it's all free: access to the ski lift, equipment, and supervision! No more excuses this winter, we're putting on the skis (again)!

Info & reservation :

Register with the Tourist Office before Monday lunchtime. + 33 (0)4 92 55 89 89 Duration of supervision: 1hr

NEW "BAR À FONDUES" AT ORCIÈRES: A JOURNEY OF AUTHENTIC TASTE

The resort adds a new gourmet address with the opening of "Bar à Fondues", a one-of-a-kind restaurant. Led by a mountain enthusiast and former athlete specializing in trial running and triathlons. He fell in love with Orcières during altitude training courses to boost his performance and decided to settle here permanently. The restaurant offers a wide range of classic and innovative fondues, as well as aperitif platters, Champsaur plates, Orsatus bruschettas, meats, tourtons, and local cheeses from the

valley. Open all year round, the "Bar à Fondues" will also welcome hikers between seasons for a hearty breakfast or a take-away lunch, all in a warm atmosphere with its barrel tables. A challenge brilliantly met by its brilliant owner!

Reservation: + 33 (0)4 92 53 56 10, reservation of hiker's breakfasts and lunches the day before.

ORCIÈRES, writes a new page in its story...

Since 1962, Orcières has cultivated its own identity. An identity that is innovative, attractive and constantly evolving. Its dynamism earned it a pioneering role in many fields such as the creation of France's first Jardin des Neiges (1967), the launch of the Cartable à la Neige program (1970), the construction of a Palais des Sports et des Loisirs from 1986, the inauguration of France's first Télémix in 2003, the commissioning of Europe's largest zip line in 2009, a new concert hall, and the creation of Espace Écrins in 2017...

The resort is constantly innovating to offer excellent skiing and leisure facilities, family-friendly and out-of-the-ordinary activities, and a 5-star welcome in both winter and summer!

... in the resort

Modernization of the Palais des Sports

The Palais des Sports of Orcières Merlette 1850 is transforming and modernizing. Its in-depth renovation is designed to support the resort's diversification in tourism (in particular, offering sports courses), attract a new clientele, expanding the scope of the seasons, positioning the Palais des Sports as a differentiating feature of the resort while at the same time responding to the current climactic and economic challenges (the reduction of the building's carbon

footprint and the use of local materials). This huge facility will welcome visitors with new sports and recreational areas that meet the expectations of today's customers. Access to some of the facilities will be guaranteed during the renovations (spring 2025-2027).

Reinforcement of our 'Qualité Confort Hébergement' accreditation

Created in 2018 in Orcières, this accreditation is intended to help and support its rental property owners to better evaluate and show vacationers the value of their accommodations. It offers a reference system for rating lodgings from 1 to 5 'griffes' (like the star system) and 196 lodgings are now accredited.

This quality approach echoes the new 'Meublé de tourisme' classification system, a significant part of which includes environmental criteria. These include, for example, measures to

reduce energy consumption, water consumption, the existence of a waste sorting system, raising customers' awareness of eco-actions, the installation of charging stations for electric vehicles, a compost bin, the provision of at least two environmentally-friendly cleaning products and eco-friendly bathroom products.

... in the ski area 💈



A fleet of top-quality ski lifts

New this winter, an open-air carpet replaces the 'Lutins' ski-tow on the Queyrelet snow front, for a more gentle transition to skiing.

This new feature is part of a global initiative to optimize the different ski lifts of the ski area and to restore the resort's snow fronts to create a learning environment for those new to skiing.

In 2023, major work was carried out to improve the ski area. This work will continue in 2024 with the installation of new signage throughout the ski area (to find your way around without a map of the slopes), the renovation of the cabins at the start and finish of the ski lifts using a harmonious mix of materials (wood and stone), new furniture on the

panoramic terraces (wooden animals for young children to climb on, sun loungers for those who want to relax, and panoramic maps showing the surrounding peaks).

To capture your best poses and tan lines on the chairlift, a camera has been set up just a few meters from the arrival point of one of the resort's lifts. At the top, a screen displays your photo and you can enter your e-mail address to receive it instantly.

(i) Free, arrival at chairlift des Estaris.

The Rocherousse plateau is becoming a real "sliding" area.

This high-altitude plateau has become a must-see spot to spend long hours having fun. This open-air area brings together groups for different sliding boardercross cross-country ski trails for those who prefer a gentler pace, and snowshoeing or cross-country skiing for those who prefer to contemplate nature's

a whole day at the summit, from dog-sled rides to a

An assertive ski position

The Camile Ricou downhill track, named after the former mayor of Orcieres' and founder of the resort, hosts top-level international competitions in the speed disciplines (downhill ad Super G) as well as technical events (slalom), thanks to its FIS approval. The track is a fast and technical course with numerous changes in terrain, making the champions of these competitions very proud, like Valentin Giraud-Moine and Alizée Baron, not to mention an exceptional skier: Michaela Shiffrin, who came here to train between two sequences

during the 2023 World Championships. Orcières regularly organizes European Cups, which are commended and acknowledged by the international staff and athletes for the quality of their preparation, supervision, trails, and grooming of the slopes. This slope is also a base camp for training the champions of the French national ski team and preparing athletes for the Winter Olympics in 2030.

... focusing on the "Green" trend

A O-waste charter for a cleaner mountain

Orcières is aware of the necessity of preserving the surrounding environment, composed of fragile aquatic ecosystems and a significant biodiversity. In signing the, 'Montagne zéro déchet sauvage' charter, the resort is sending a powerful message in pledging to considerably reduce its waste production by 2030. This charter (in the writing) will be signed by five key parties in the resort; the Office of Tourism, the

Town Hall, the ski area, the ESF, and the shopkeepers' association. Starting this winter, these parties will be implementing a number of sustainable development initiatives such as continuing the paperless approach, reducing individual packaging in high altitude food service sites and at the ESF (particularly for children's snacks at the 'Jardin des Neiges'), and installing garbage cans in ski areas and communal ashtrays.

The Paris to Gap sleeper train for a car-free vacation

Leave your car in the garage and make the most of your vacation with a light spirit - that's what the sleeper train offers. Every evening at 9pm, a train departs from Paris to bring the fans of the mountains directly to the slopes the next morning (45-minute shuttle from the Gap train station to the resort, seven

departures on Saturdays). The return journey takes place in the same way on Sunday evening. In addition to offering you a peaceful experience, this mode of transportation is part of a slow tourism approach, generating up to 30 times fewer greenhouse gas emissions than a car.

starting at €38 / person for a round-trip train ticket Paris-Gap, booking in advance. Add €2.10 / bus journey

Sustainable management of the ski area

The artificial snow network covering 60% of the ski area consumes little energy, thanks to a gravity-powered circuit that allows us to reduce energy production - in contrast with systems that pump and cool - the main natural water source coming from the Lac des Estaris at an altitude of 2,600 m. Everything is done in accordance with the recommendations of the Écrins National Park. Here, the artificial snow is simply water transformed into snow crystals when exposed to low temperatures. The water drawn from the lake goes back to its source at the end of the season when the snow melts.

This winter, three snow groomers will be equipped with a snow height measurement system designed to provide precise information (to the nearest centimeter) on the depth of snow beneath the grooming machines that browse the slopes at night. The aim is to optimize the use of water resources - to produce the right amount of snow in the right place. The system with also be accompanied by an electricity management tool.

A region on the move towards a "green" attitude

Orcières is currently carrying out a number of renewable energy projects. In particular, the installation of a turbine in the pipes of the artificial snow network is being studied, with the aim of producing energy via hydroelectricity. The installation of a communal heating network to supply to several condominiums or public buildings will make it possible to dismantle oil and gas fired heating systems. In order to reduce the energy loss of the resort's collective buildings, many infrastructures have been built using ecological materials (wood, cellulose wadding, pellet heating systems, etc.). The program for the renovation of the exterior of the buildings (larch wood cladding), which began in 2014, is systematically accompanied by prior thermal insulation.

The 'Qualité Tourisme' brand becomes the 'Destination d'Excellence' label

This label is the only 'state-guaranteed' official trademark awarded to tourism professionals for their hospitality and service quality. Around the historic pillar of 'Qualité', new criteria have been added to expand the brand, henceforth including a level of requirement in terms of 'eco-responsibility': these criteria fall under the categories of sustainable

mobility, digital and energy sobriety, consumption, and waste management. Orcières' Tourist Office, holder of the 'Qualité Tourisme' brand since 2016, remains committed to this approach in order to adapt to the ever-changing tourism industry.

A closer look at the ski area...

The opening of the ski area is FROM DECEMBER 14, 2024 TO APRIL 13, 2025

(Early opening on December 7 and December 8, 2024, subject to snow conditions)

Orcières' ski area in 5 figures:

51 slopes : 9 + 18 + 18 + 7 28 ski lifts including 3 Télémix®

1 FIS-approved downhill run + 1 slalom stadium

2 ski schools

Prices for the 2024-2025 season:

6-DAY HORIZON PASS (ski + pool + ice rink)

2-DAY HORIZON PASS (ski + pool + ice rink)

1-DAY SKI PASS

from **€211.50** to **€249**

from **€93** to **€98**

€45

from **€179** to **€210.50**

from **€79** to **€83**

€37.50

Seniors from **€196** to **€230.50**

from **€87,50** to **€92** €42

1-DAY BEGINNER

€33,80



Great ski passes at more affordable orices!

At Orcières, the most proactive vacationers benefit by paying less for their ski passes! The earlier you buy your ski pass, the bigger the discount which is the best way to plan your stay with peace of mind. Orcières PROPULS', up to -25% discount for purchases made before midnight on the day before the ski day.

www.pass.orcieres.com

The Horizon pass - the tranquility package

To make life easier for vacationers, unlimited access to the swimming pool and skating rink is now included with the purchase of a 2-day or more ski pass. What better way to relax after a day on the slopes.

(i) www.pass.orcieres.com

Free skiing for children under 12 in the spring

From March 22 to April 13, 2025, Orcières invites the children to come and enjoy the joys of the slopes for free. As part of the, 'Springtime in the mountains' campaign, children under 12 are offered a free ski pass, no questions asked!

orcieres.com

DO IT LIKE THE PROS

Following in the footsteps of a patroller

Every week, the ski patrollers offer vacationers the chance to discover more about their profession as they join them in opening up the ski area in the morning. A perfect opportunity to explore the deserted trails and make the first tracks at dawn. Allow 2 hrs minimum.

free, registration and entry draw every Thursday at the Tourist Office + 33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

Climb aboard my groomer!

When the ski slopes close for the day, curious little ones are invited to hop aboard a snow groomer to help prepare the slopes for the following morning and discover this fascinating profession. Riding the snow-covered slopes on this incredible machine while admiring the sunset and appreciating the calm of the moment is every skier's dream.

Free, registration and entry draw every Thursday at the Tourist Office + 33 (0)4 92 55 89 89

Little snow professionals

Every Wednesday afternoon during the school holidays, young mountain explorers can set out to find out more about the professions of the mountains. A behind-the-scenes look at a ski area that includes riding a snow groomer, getting to meet the ski patrollers, discovering the snow production system, and more!

Free, ages 8 and up, during school holidays, from 1:30pm to 4pm. Registration form available at the Tourist Office + 33 (0)4 92 55 89 89



vertical drop, a panoramic view of the Champsaur and a unique playground for freeride enthusiasts... Welcome to Serre-Eyraud! Located a few kilometers from Orcières Merlette 1850, this small resort is nothing like your typical ski terrain. Here, you pick up your ski pass at the village bar-restaurant, the number of ski lifts is counted on one to ski, but more importantly, they allow you to slalom between the larch trees in the heart of a playground that could well be described as a ski paradise. When you choose to ski at Serra-Eyraud, you're opting for authenticity, unspoiled nature, and dream conditions offered by the resort's optimal north-east orientation.



ADULTS

CHILD AND OVER 65

1/2 - DAY PASS

€14,50 €11,50

1-DAY PASS

€18,00 €14,50 6-DAY PASS

€90,00 €72,50

THE JOYS OF CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING... SOLO!

This winter, cross-country ski enthusiasts will once again be able to take advantage of the resort's two marked itineraries. These trails are safe and well-maintained, offering skiers a beautiful skiing experience from the time the resort opens to the time it closes. An excellent opportunity to get away from it all and engage in some thoughtful reflection.

- > « Méollion » (3,4 km, 640m D+), with a duration of around 1 hr and 30 mins, starting from the Front de neige des Drapeaux (1850m) and finishing at the Pointe de Méollion (2474m).
- > « Estaris » (4,6 km, 800m D+) for a 2hr ascent, departing from the resort (1870m) and arriving at the summit of the Estaris chairlift (2670m). The return journey is on a blue piste in the ski area, for added safety.

A SNOWY GET AWAY: CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING IN THE ÉCRINS

Through the immaculate white mountains of the Écrins National Park, ESF monitors accompany lovers of wide opens spaces and nature on freeride/ freerando ski excursions. In the calm of the Orcières

mountains and in the heart of the region's most beautiful corners, skiers will plunge into a mountain dream, discovering the most incredible spots before skiing down fields of powder snow...





INTRODUCTORY GROUP COURSE (2hrs). €44 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OUTING (3 hrs 30 mins - 5 people max)......€225 ADVANCED LEVEL OUTING (7 hrs - 5 people max)......€367

RESERVATION:

+ 33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 www.esforcieres.com

CULTURE ON SKIS

Orcières puts art in the spotlight, by offering a photo exhibition right on the ski slopes! Put together by three talented photographers, the 65 large format photographs in the 'Grand Format' exhibition are displayed in the ski area (panoramic terraces) and in the resort. An original photo exhibition, where you

discover the magnificent work of the artists and the art of photography, all on skis. This visual and meditative journey guides the contemplative eye through Alexandre Sattler's Eloge du sourire, Laurent Ballesta's Planète Méditerranée, and Noémie Dagan's Fragments d'écrins.



Discover the mountains a different way

School for musher apprentices

Roam the pristine landscapes with the joyful barking of the dogs and the whistling of the sled on the fresh snow the dream! 'Nomad Esprit' offers children ages 3 to 12 the chance to experience life

as a musher for a few hours. After a few explanations, they'll get a taste of the joy of driving a sled and quickly become autonomous in handling the team.



€55 / child

RESERVATION: + 33 (0)6 87 37 48 30

€70 / child



Every Tuesday during the February school holidays at 9:30am.... €16

"I am resourceful in the mountains": discovering the life of a trapper

In the heart of the mountains, the children will discover all about nature and the most adventurous will experience the life of a trapper in learning the basics of survival. They will learn how to start a fire, build a shelter, recognize animals tracks and edible plants, equip themselves against the cold, use a rope, etc. - a very true-to-life experience!

RESERVATION:

Bureau des accompagnateurs du Champsaur (Champsaur's Guides Office)

+ 33 (0)6 63 64 05 97 accompagnateurs-champsaur.com

Discover nature by night in snowshoes

Snowshoeing to discover secret spots off the beaten path is great, but doing it at night, by the moonlight or headlamp is even better. Especially when the walk ends with a meal prepared with local produce served in a typical Champsaur lodge.

FROM SUNDAY TO FRIDAY ALL SEASON LONG, 9am to 12pm or 1:30pm to 4:30pm. AGES 8 AND UP.

NIGHT OUTINGS EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY From 5:30pm to 9:30pm. AGES 8 AND UP.

€29 HALF-DAY..... **NIGHT OUTING WITH MEAL....** €55 **RESERVATION:**

+ 33 (0)4 92 55 72 78 www.esforcieres.com



An introduction to ice climbing

Halfway between alpine mountaineering and climbing, ice climbing is the ideal playground to discover the joys of verticality. Equipped with spikes, ice picks, and a good dose of motivation, the budding mountaineers tackle the enchanting transparent-blue walls of ice, under the watchful eye and technical guidance of a high-altitude mountain guide. A unique experience to discover snow-covered mountain landscapes in a different way.

from €90 depending on the number of participants and level of difficulty.

RESERVATION:

+ 33 (0)6 89 88 04 31 guides2vallees@hotmail.fr



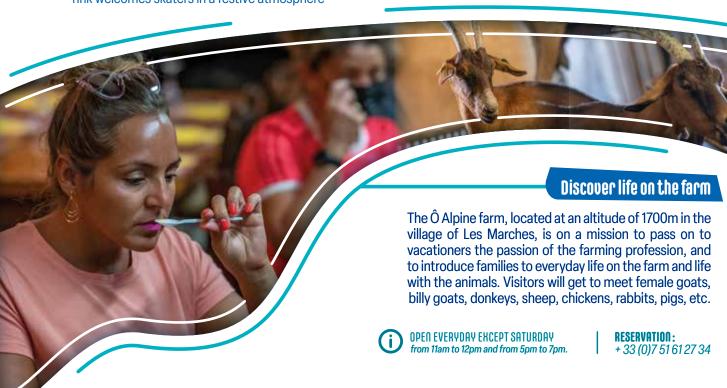
With the 10,000 m² of indoor space, including a bowling alley, skating rink, swimming pool with spa, and a cinema, Orcières is a pioneer in the 'après-ski' domain. Easily accessible from the heart of the resort, this is the place to be for families who want to relax and unwind after a day on the slopes. The aquatic area features two large pools, waterfalls, water jets, and a slide, plus swimming and aquagym classes. A few meters away, a 1,600 m² skating rink welcomes skaters in a festive atmosphere

with music and light shows. The little "green" bonus is that the energy produced but the rink's cooling system is used to heat the water in the swimming pool!

PRICES: POOL/ SKATING RINK

€5.50 / child

RESERVATION: + 33 (0)4 92 55 89 96 www.orcieres.com



The virtues of mountain plants in a culinary workshop

Stéphane Bertrand-Pellisson, chef at Les Gardettes restaurant, is passionate about mountain flowers. He shares his knowledge of their many virtues in a "Flavors of mountain plants" workshop. You'll leave with some great ideas for recipes to make at home!

This chef, in love with his region, likes to find new flavors in original creations. In spring and summer, he heads to

the heights of Orcières to pick larch flowers, the genepi, dandelions, poppies, wild carrot flowers. elderberries. He then transforms them into 'Délice' which is a unique sweetness somewhere between jam and jelly. The range is as wide as the picking possibilities around Orcières.

MEET AT 'LES GARDETTES' RESTAURANT Wednesday at 3:30pm.

Free, by reservation only. From 6 yrs of age and up.

RESERVATION: + 33 (0)4 92 55 71 11

www.lesdelicesorsatus.com

Address book

Les Cimes, the prestigious residence at the foot of the slopes

This beautiful Odalys residence is ideally located at the foot of Orcières' ski slopes (direct access to the Rocherousse télémix). It offers comfortable accommodation for two to eight people. All of our carefully-designed accommodations include a living and dining area, a fully-equipped kitchenette, one or more bedrooms, and a bathroom. The residence also has a heated swimming pool with a hot tub, a wellness area with a sauna, a hammam, a treatment rooms (extra charge), and a fitness room for maximum relaxation during your stay. Its location close to the village center means that vacationers can find everything they need without taking the car: bakeries, restaurants, bars, and supermarkets.



Prices start at €310 / week in 2-person studio

RESERVATION:

+ 33 (0)825 825 677 /+ 33 (0)825 273 273 www.labellemontagne.com/www.odalys-vacances.com





The reservation center is at your service!

Who hasn't dreamt of concocting a tailor-made vacation for themselves like we do for a delicious meal? Orcières' reservation center enables vacationers to book their stay from a wide choice of 'Qualité Confort' labeled apartments that suit their tastes! Accommodations, activities, and entertainment are all just a click away for a totally personalized stay! Camille, Alexis, and Nathalie, experts in the resort, are there to guide vacationers to the ideal apartment and to tailor-make their stay.



RESERVATION:

+ 33 (0)4 92 55 89 69 - reservation.orcieres.com

La Pastourelle - the bistronomic destination

This completely renovated restaurant offers a contemporary yet authentic decor and a breathtaking view of the peaks of the Écrins massif. Passionate about his craft, chef Kentin makes it his priority to work with products from local suppliers, such as arctic char and trout fario from the Champsaur valley, lamb from Prapic or Ancelle and cheese from the Laiterie du Col Bayard. This highly creative and promising chef devotes a great deal of his work to developing new recipes based on his inspiration and desire to delight the taste buds of his guests.



RESERVATION:

+ 33 (0)4 92 55 74 36

Le Chalet de Rocherousse - the gourmet break on the slopes

Perched at an altitude of 2289m in the heart of the ski area, the Chalet de Rocherousse, with its beautiful sunny terrace, offers a remarkable setting for all hungry skiers. The simple and authentic cuisine features local specialties, meats, salades, and hot crêpes. Concerts are organized all winter long on the restaurant terrace to provide a festive atmosphere while you are on skis. New this winter, two braziers await skiers to enjoy alpine slate skillet and fondus with friends.



THE ROCHEROUSSE PLATEAU, without reservation,





ATHLETIC ENVIRONMENT...

Men's European Cup Southern Region January 28-February 1, 2025

The speed events of the Men's Alpine Skiing European Cup will be held at Orcières Merlette 1850. They will take place on the famous FIS-approved "Camille Ricou" downhill slope. The vacationers will be cheering on the skiers during the two descents and a super G.

The 'Étoilé d'Orcières' Trail, January 11, 2025

Running in the snow under the stars with only the light of your headlamp is the crazy challenge proposed by the Trail Étoilé on the evening of January 11, 2025. As an added bonus, the 300 participants will be running through the magnificent landscapes of the Écrins National Park for this unique sporting experience.

www.trails-orcieres.com/le-trail-etoile

MUSICAL ATMOSPHERE

Synapson concert, January 18, 2025

On January 18. French DJs Synapson, best known for their hits "Djon maya mai" and "Fireball", will ignite 'Les Drapeaux' snow front for the delight of the vacationers with a 2-hour concert, totally free of charge.

Aldebert concert, April 09, 2025

The children's favorite singer (and their parents), Aldebert, will close the Orcières 2024-2025 winter season with a free concert on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. The concert by this singer-songwriter, who listened to the songs of Georges Brassens throughout his childhood, is part of a major tour organized throughout France until June 2025 which marks the release of his latest album, "Helldebert - Enfantillages 666". And its all free!



















