

What's New at La Rocaille - Summer 2010



Well here we are the summer is upon us again, I think! The winter season was very successful at La Rocaille with guests skiing through until the very last day of the season. In fact, because spring didn't arrive until very late this year, the snow was still excellent right until the end.

We are now in the full throes of summer with all the various summer events beginning to kick off! The beginning of the summer season is marked by La PassPortes du Soleil in Châtel, a mountain bike extravaganza, on the 26th and 27th June. This event is open to anyone who enjoys mountain biking and involves a 75km trek around the Portes du Soleil area at altitudes of between 1000m and 2250m. The participants choose either 26th or 27th June to do the trek and the cost is 20,50€ In the village itself there are many other events taking place during the two days.

At around the same time is the beginning of the Montreux Jazz Festival. Having been a few times it is definitely an event not to be missed with many craft stalls, live outside music, food from around the world and some amazing artists including, this year, Phil Collins, Simply Red, Norah Jones and Billy Idol to name but a few. The Montreux Jazz Festival is from 2nd July to 17th July and is well worth a visit. For more details the website is www.montreuxjazz.com.

Other big events in the mountain calendar are the Evian Masters, 22nd to 25th July, with some of the biggest current names, in competitive golf, playing. The Tour de France passes close by La Rocaille's doors with two legs taking place in Avoriaz and Morzine on 11th, 12th, 13th July and on 16th August L'Alpes Open Tour invites you to discover a leg of the circuit in the presence of professional cyclists.

Other more local events include, in Abondance, the Fête des Bûcherons on 25th July and Fête des Chardons Bleus, including floats and lots of outdoor games and music, on 15th August. In Châtel there is the Fête de la St Laurent which only happens every two years. This year it will be held on 8th August. The well known Belle Dimanche takes place on 22nd August. The summer season is rounded off with the Foire d'Automne on 3rd October in Abondance.

In addition to all these wonderful events why not try buying a Multi Pass for 1€ per day, when staying in participating hotels such as La Rocaille. The Multi Pass allows you to use swimming pools, chair

lifts for walkers, tennis courts, ice rinks, tourist train, shuttle bus, 850km of paths for walkers and much more. It also lets you benefit from a 20% reduction on certain other activities like the Fantasticable, Devalkart and Adventure obstacle course in the trees. All of this for 1€ per day you can't go wrong!

In addition to all of this down on the lake in Thonon or Evian you can go sailing, waterskiing, wind surfing, canoeing or just take a gentle boat ride to see the lake from a different angle. For those who are a little more dare devil you can go rafting down the Dranse, canoeing or hydrospeeding. The Dranse is a fast moving river that runs from the mountains and joins Lac Léman at Thonon and Evian.

Well now you know what happens in the mountains during the summer there is no excuse! Come and experience a true mountain holiday, it is beautiful here, we don't have the crowds or the packed beaches of the Med just peace and tranquillity and plenty to do.

And the icing on the cake.....

Stay for 3 nights at La Rocaille and we will offer you the 4th night for free!!

We hope to see you soon. Have a great summer.