

# ESCAPADE AT TIGNES 1800 AND LES BRÉVIÈRES

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## Discover the walkers' itinerary!

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Follow the guide for an alternative way to explore the ski area!

Located at the geographical centre of Tignes, the resort of Tignes 1800 Les Boisses includes, in its upper part, the ancient village of Les Boisses and, lower down, the plateau of Tignes 1800. Tignes 1800 was created when the dam was built, to accommodate the new community centre as well as housing for inhabitants of Tignes who were impacted by the project.

A top destination until 1975, the area lost its sparkle for a while but has since re-emerged with a new dynamism and all the assets of an international resort that offers a peaceful village atmosphere into the bargain.



MAP

1. Shuttle bus stop
2. Spectacular viewpoint over the artificial lake of Le Chevril
3. Le Chevril Dam
4. Tignes Les Boisses Church
5. Tignes 1800 Base Village
6. Les Brévières Gondola Lift (two-way lift, free for pedestrians)

## 1 SHUTTLE BUS STOP

## 2 LE CHEVRIL ARTIFICIAL LAKE

The artificial lake of Le Chevril covers a surface area of **270 hectares, contains 235 million m<sup>3</sup> of water and reaches depths of up to 150 metres**. This reservoir is fed by 18 water inlets installed all over the catchment basin, tapping water mainly from the Clou valley and the Ponturin mountain stream. The dam used to be emptied for maintenance once every ten years, revealing the foundations of the ancient village. This is no longer necessary, but the remains can still be seen sometimes at the end of the winter season, when the water level is at its lowest.

## 3 LE CHEVRIL DAM

The dam of Le Chevril is a colossal structure and a symbol of France's post-war reconstruction. This arch dam, which reaches a **height of 180 metres at its external wall and 160 metres on the lake side, and measures 300 metres in length, was built with a volume of 630 000 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete**. At the time, it was the highest dam in Europe and the third highest in the world, behind the Hoover and Shasta dams in America.

Designed by André Coyne and **inaugurated in July 1953** in the presence of Vincent Auriol, the President of the Republic of France, its construction mobilised powerful building equipment and substantial human resources between the summer of 1947 and November 1952. Indeed, around **5,600 workers** were present at the site during the summer of 1949. However, this construction of international importance was achieved at a price and the inhabitants bore the scars of this episode for many years.

## 4 TIGNES LES BOISSES CHURCH (CLOSED IN WINTER)

Bearing the name of the patron saint of Tignes, the Church of Saint-Jacques de Tarentaise which stands on the glacial sill of Les Boisses, is still the municipality's most remarkable building, thanks to its history, its architectural structure and its ornamentation. With the Romanesque style of its external architecture and its low-built volume which contrasts with the tall steeple, it is a loyal reproduction of the church of the original village, which was submerged in 1952. Yet in some ways it remains modern, notably through the remarkable association of concrete panels with the rest of the masonry. This blend of traditional know-how and modern expertise earned it the official status of "20th-century heritage" in 2003.

The steeple houses six bells whose names are references to the ancient village of Tignes and the surrounding hamlets, demolished for the construction of the dam: the administrative centre, Villarstrassiaz, Ronnaz, La Chaudanne, La Milleguaz, Lilaz and Le Grand Pré. As for the furniture, all of the original items, including some altarpieces and statues dating from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, were transferred to the new church. The "welcoming Christ" statue standing in the church forecourt is the work of Jean Toure. It represents Jesus Christ standing with arms stretching towards the valley as a sign of mourning for the submerged village but also to welcome newcomers.

## 5 TIGNES 1800 BASE VILLAGE

This recent base includes a ski carpet that enables inexperienced winter sports enthusiasts to practise safely. Or you can head for the square to enjoy a pleasant moment on one of the terraces of the two restaurants.

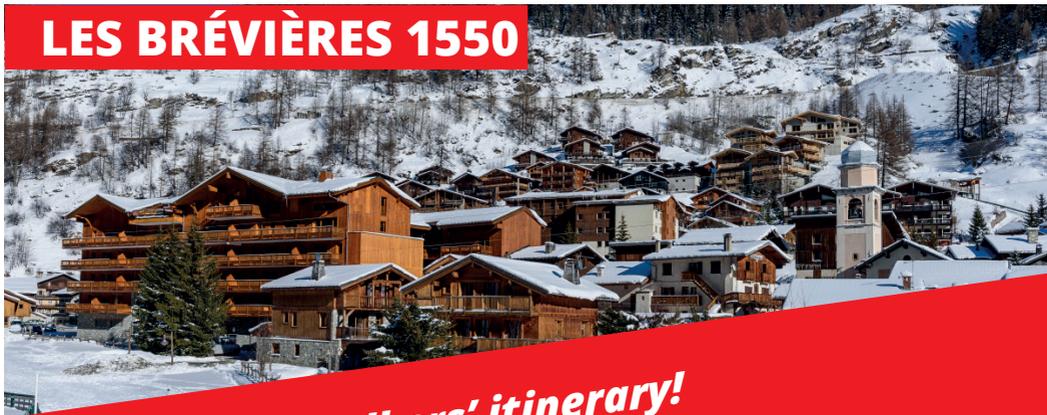
## 6 LES BRÉVIÈRES GONDOLA LIFT

Pedestrians can travel free to the village of Les Brévières on this lift which operates daily and offers fabulous views of Mont-Blanc.

 *Please ask lift operators about opening times, which vary with the time of year. Accessible from the base village and carpet lifts of Tignes 1800.*



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Spared by the dam project, Tignes les Brévières has developed in a spirit that respects the atmosphere and traditional style of the hamlet. As an authentic village resort at an elevation of 1,550 metres, Tignes 1550 Les Brévières is the gateway to Tignes-Val d'Isère.

The itinerary cannot be reached by the resort's free shuttle bus, but access is easy via the ski slopes "pavot" (red slope) or "myrtilles" (a blue slope along the road which is closed to traffic in winter).



1. Base station of Les Brévières gondola lift
2. Ice racing track
3. Les Brévières inclined lift
4. St Pierre des Brévières church

5. Le Jardin du Souvenir
6. Les Brévières lake
7. World's best new ski chalet 2014 (Quezac)

## **1 TWO-WAY GONDOLA LIFT STATION**

## **2 ICE RACING TRACK**

With 800 metres of approved, modular track in an area of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup>, this circuit boasts a range of bends covering all categories. It provides a safe environment and a fun way of learning to drive on ice under exceptional climatic conditions. Not only that but, thanks to its great location close to Les Brévières power station, it also offers breathtaking views of the dam.

## **3 LES BRÉVIÈRES INCLINED LIFT**

This mountainside lift serves the chalets above the village and offers beautiful views of the resort.

## **4 SAINT-PIERRE AUX LIENS CHURCH IN LES BRÉVIÈRES (CLOSED)**

Separated from the ancient village of Tignes by the perilous gorges, the inhabitants of Les Brévières had for a long time requested for a parish to be established in their village. Thanks to a donation from Pierre-Henri Martin, a former resident of Les Brévières who had made his fortune in Turin, the church of Saint-Pierre-aux-Liens was built in 1727, irrevocably strengthening the argument for a parish, which was created a few years later. The lintel reminds visitors of the founding date of the church and the name of its patron. This baroque church features a bulb-shaped bell tower whose Germanic inspiration, commonly found in the Tarentaise valley, bears witness to the exchanges generated by migrations between Tignes and the rest of Savoie.

## **5 LE JARDIN DU SOUVENIR**

This ancient cemetery was inaugurated as a site for contemplation and remembrance in 2016, highlighting some painful episodes in the village's history.

## **6 LES BRÉVIÈRES LAKE**

The waters of this pleasant natural lake display a reflection of the summit and valley of La Sache, making this the perfect spot to enjoy a break with the family. There is a children's play area and you can watch the ducks on the River Isère just down from the dam. The lake's perimeter was the stage of the biathlon event at the Paralympic Games in 1992.

## **7 WORLD'S BEST NEW SKI CHALET 2015**

Nominated at the World Ski Awards, the Chalet Quezac won the title of World's Best New Ski Chalet. The chalet was designed by its owner, Tignes-born Guerlain Chicherit, a freeride skiing champion, passionate racing-car driver and adrenalin addict who decorated his chalet in a Fast & Furious blend of rock, heavy metal, punk and sporting styles. There's even a motorbike taking pride of place in the living room...

## **DON'T MISS: THE CHEVRIL DAM ILLUMINATIONS**

Once again this year, EDF is putting up illuminations on the Chevril dam every evening from 17 December 2021 to 15 March 2022, from dusk to 11pm.

This year, the illumination is placed under the sign of joy, emotional encounter and the strength of the collective with 6 scenographic tableaux which follow one another in turn.



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**PRACTICAL  
INFORMATION**

## HOW TO GET TO TIGNES 1800?

From Tignes le Lac bus station:

1. Take the shuttle bus towards Tignes 1800
2. Alight at the bus stop located on the village roundabout

Free shuttle service departing every half-hour.

## HOW TO GET TO TIGNES LES BRÉVIÈRES?

For direct access to Les Brévières:

1. Take the shuttle bus towards Tignes 1800
2. Alight at the bus stop located on the village roundabout

Free shuttle service departing every half-hour.



*At the bus stop, you are 200 metres from the base station of Les Brévières gondola lift. Head for the base village.*

*The lift may be closed in adverse weather conditions. Please check opening times with the lift operator.*

# SKI LIFTS

## LES BRÉVIÈRES GONDOLA LIFT:

From 24/11 to 01/02: open from 8:55 am to 4:30 pm.

From 02/02 to 01/05: open from 8:55 am to 5 pm.

## SHUTTLE BUSES

### TIGNES 2100 / GARE ROUTIÈRE



### TIGNES 1800

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GARE ROUTIÈRE  
Maison de Tignes  
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MAISON NEUVE

TIGNES 1800  
Vers TC Boissons  
et Buvettes



#### HORAIRES MATIN / MORNING SCHEDULE

|       |   |       |
|-------|---|-------|
| 07h15 | > | 07h30 |
| 07h45 | > | 08h00 |
| 08h15 | > | 08h30 |
| 08h30 | > | 08h45 |
| 09h00 | > | 09h15 |

Départ tous les ¼ d'heure de 9h15 à midi  
/ Departure every 15 minutes from 9.15 am to noon

#### HORAIRES APRÈS-MIDI / AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

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|-------|---|-------|
| 12h30 | > | 12h45 |
| 13h00 | > | 13h15 |

Départ tous les ¼ d'heure de 13h30 à 17h45  
/ Departure every 15 minutes from 1.30 pm to 5.45 pm

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| 18h00 | > | 18h15 |
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| 20h30 | > | 20h45 |
| 22h00 | > | 22h15 |
| 00h00 | > | 00h15 |

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Consult all shuttle bus timetables with the Tignes app!  
Available for download via AppStore and Google Play





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