

St Jean D'Aulps

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St Jean d'Aulps is situated just 6km or a 10 minute drive from the ski resort of Morzine on the Grande Route des Alpes. It is 30 minutes south of Lake Geneva, making it perfect for holidays all year round.

It is surrounded by beautiful countryside and mountains; St Jean d'Aulps even has its own ski station, La Grande Terche. The lift is also open in summer for biking and climbing. The other side of the valley remains completely untouched and Chalet Abbaye is the perfect starting point for stunning walks at all levels. The other 8 nearby villages also offer many attractions and activities for both summer and winter in the form of fetes and local events, natural and religious sites, museums, expositions, guided visits, sports, bars and restaurants.

St Jean d'Aulps is a fairly small French village of 1070 inhabitants with a friendly community spirit. It has its own school, church and Marie so continues to function out of season unlike most resorts.

Chalet Abbaye is just a ten minute walk from the centre of the village where there is a tourist information centre to help with all your requests and involve you in the local programme of events.

As well as restaurants, bars and all the facilities at the ski station, the village boasts two very good restaurants, bars, take-aways and a cafe.

The shops in the centre include two boulangeries/patisseries, a butchers, deli, huit a 8, pharmacy, two banks, sports shops, equipment hire shop, tabac, newsagents and souvenirs shop.

St Jean d'Aulps also has a doctor's surgery, nurse's practice, two estate agents, a laundrette, post office, hairdressers and garage. There is a large "Champion" supermarket 5 minutes drive away.

The Abbey

Just across the road from Chalet Abbaye is the Aulps Abbey, a major site in the valleys history and beautifully positioned in the mountains. The Benedictine Monks came from Burgundy to the Aulps Valley in 1095. They lived a peaceful life here for seven centuries until 1793 when the last monks left. In 1823 the abbey became victim to the destruction of the inhabitants of the village who wanted its stone. The ruins have been classed as a historical monument since 1902.

There are weekly tours of the abbey by the local tourist office or you are free to wander around the ruins or to walk in the beautiful natural grounds, which include a botanical garden of herbs and plants used for medical purposes.

The abbey grounds host several outdoor musical events in the summer, Thursday evening comedy for children, fantastic Bastille Day celebrations with fireworks and a medieval festival in August.