

What to Visit and Do Within a 30 km Radius Around Chalets Heidi in Notre Dame de Bellecombe

Your guide to exploring the riches of a region from your <u>charming accommodation</u>. You can ask your hosts, Laurence and Laurent, or their daughter Heïdi, to refine your search according to your current desires.

Notre Dame de Bellecombe: An Authentic Village in the Heart of the Alps

Nestled at 1150 metres above sea level, <u>Notre Dame de Bellecombe</u> embodies the very essence of a traditional Savoyard village. Situated in an exceptional natural setting, this authentic village is located at the crossroads of three iconic mountain ranges: Mont-Blanc, Beaufortain, and the Aravis. This privileged position offers breathtaking panoramic views of snow-capped peaks and verdant valleys.

The village is an ideal starting point for all kinds of mountain activities, whether you are a nature lover, a sports enthusiast, or simply seeking tranquillity. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, with its traditional chalets with floral balconies, picturesque narrow streets, and preserved architecture that bears witness to its rich Alpine heritage.

A particular feature of the commune of ND de Bellecombe is that it is made up of numerous hamlets: places that are more discreet and set back from the crowds than the major tourist spots.

Heidi's chalets are located in the hamlet of Le Coin, on a quiet road, very popular in winter with pedestrians, especially for walking their favourite pets.

The view from Heidi's chalets is perfect for enjoying an unforgettable sunset.



Proximity and Amenities

- Village centre just 3.5 km from Heidi's Chalets
- Local shops: grocery store, bakeries, a butcher's much appreciated by lovers of quality meat, local produce...
- Numerous restaurants serving Savoyard specialities.
 <u>Pizzeria chez Maryse</u>: Italian and Savoyard cuisine, reservation recommended.
 - For refined cuisine, a special mention for <u>La Ferme</u> <u>de Victorine</u> (1 km from Heidi's Chalets, reservation recommended).
- A decoration shop: De jadis à demain

Gourmet Discovery: The Cheese Cooperatives of Val d'Arly and Beaufortain



Immersive Guided Tour

Immerse yourself in the heart of the Savoyard cheese-making tradition with a guided tour of the facilities. Discover the ancestral manufacturing secrets passed down from generation to generation, observe the master cheesemakers at work, and understand each step of the process, from milk collection to ripening.

Further Ideas: Sign up for the *guided* village tour (at the Tourist Office) and perfect your knowledge with Henri, the guide.

At 1.5km, <u>Au Bonheur des Fromages</u>: direct sales of goat's cheeses...



Tasting of Local Products

Savour the emblematic cheeses of Savoie: the famous creamy Reblochon AOP, Beaufort 'the prince of gruyères', Tomme de Savoie with its asserted character, and melting Raclette.

A selection of carefully chosen Savoie wines (white, rosé, red) to enhance the flavours: Chignin Bergeron, Gamay de Chautagne, Apremont, Roussette...

Suggestion: The wine route between Frontenex and Chambéry to meet the producers



Family Experience

Only 6 km (Val d'Arly) and 29 km (Beaufort) from Les Chalets de Heidi. Perfect for understanding the region's gastronomic identity, meeting local producers, and taking home authentic products to enjoy with your family.

To discover between May and November.

1 hour away, the <u>Roselend Dam</u> (passing through Arêches and the village of Boudin if you are comfortable with mountain roads) after a break in Beaufort.

Essential Nature Activities Around Heidi's Chalets

The region offers an extraordinary range of outdoor activities, suitable for all levels and all seasons. From majestic peaks to lush valleys, every outing becomes an unforgettable adventure in a preserved environment.

Hiking and Snowshoeing

Explore marked trails directly from the chalets or by car to reach them a few kilometres away. Varied routes lead you through pine forests, flowery alpine pastures and panoramic ridges. In winter, put on your snowshoes to discover the mountain under its white blanket, in a soothing silence punctuated by the crunch of snow. A path even starts at the foot of the chalets.



Additional Idea: Take the Mont Rond Chairlift, 350m from the chalet, to enjoy the view of Mont Blanc and descend via the snowshoe trail to reach the hamlet of Les Frasses. Shuttle return possible.

Winter Sports



Enjoy direct access (350m away) to the Mont Rond chairlift to quickly reach the ski area (Val d'Arly or Espace Diamant). Alpine skiing on slopes suitable for all levels, sledging (at the chalet) and snowboarding for varied pleasures. The area offers exceptional snow conditions and spectacular views of Mont Blanc.

Ski School (Mont Rond), Private lessons with Magali ((33) 04 79 31 76 32), Ski rental with heated lockers (Skiset and Intersport), Lift pass offices

Lakes and Leisure Areas

In Flumet, just 7 km away, discover a picturesque lake: supervised swimming in summer, shaded mini-golf, volleyball and football pitches, and picnic areas. The ideal place for a relaxing family day after mountain hikes.



In Praz sur Arly, 11km away, Les Belles leisure park: a vast leisure area with water games in one part of the lake, the other being reserved for swimming, supervised in July and August.

<u>Les Saisies Aquasports Centre</u> (8km, open seasonally) and <u>Megève Sports Palace</u>.

Thrills and Summer Activities

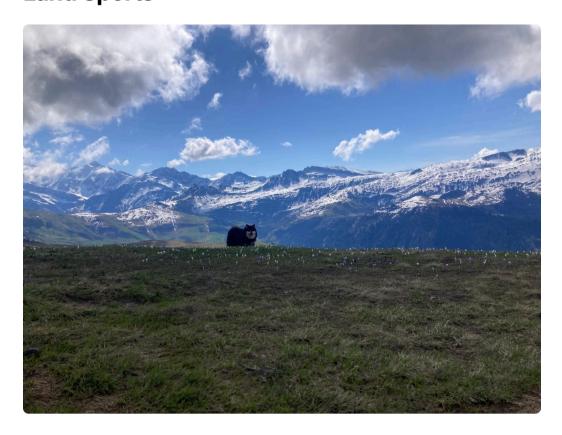
Aerial Activities



Soar above the peaks with a tandem paragliding flight (Les Volatiles, Les Saisies), an unforgettable experience offering a unique perspective of the Mont-Blanc, Beaufortain, and Aravis massifs. Bookings can be made directly in Notre Dame de Bellecombe with certified professionals. Hot air balloon flights at sunrise are also offered from Praz sur Arly, to admire the valleys bathed in golden light and the sparkling glaciers. Book in advance with Alpes Montgolfières.

Top Tip: Fly over Mont Blanc in a small plane from Megève altiport.

Land Sports



Mountain biking enthusiasts will be delighted by the numerous marked trails and paths winding through the mountains.

Good Ideas: Take the Mont Rond chairlift (open seasonally from Monday to Friday) to descend towards Plan Dessert and return to Mont Rond. Or buy a day pass for Les Saisies. The trails are very easy and there's a magnificent bike park. Enduro route connecting Les Saisies to Albertville. Returns are possible thanks to the Beaufortain nature line shuttles during the season.

For experienced climbers: the <u>Via Ferrata du Roc du Vent in Roselend</u> or <u>of Mont Charvin</u>, several climbing walls in Flumet, Crest Voland or Le Fayet, or for families: <u>Escalade Aventures</u>.

White Water Sports



The alpine rivers cascading down the slopes offer ideal conditions for canyoning (Megève, 15km) and rafting (<u>Adventures Payraud</u> in Passy, 30km). Equipped with a neoprene wetsuit, let yourself slide down natural slides, jump into crystal-clear pools, and navigate tumultuous rapids, supervised by experienced instructors. These water activities guarantee thrills in a spectacular natural environment.

Beginner Level

Introductory routes suitable for families and novice adventurers.

Intermediate Level

Sporting routes for those seeking more intensity.

Expert Level

Technical descents for adrenaline junkies.

Must-sees: nearby villages and cultural sites

The region is full of charming villages and heritage sites worth visiting. Each has its own identity and tells a unique story of the Savoyard Alps.

Megève (15 km)

A prestigious, world-renowned resort, Megève combines Alpine charm and sophistication: pedestrianised town centre streets lined with luxury boutiques, contemporary art galleries, a museum dedicated to local history. In the evenings, enjoy the many cultural events, concerts, and entertainments that liven up the resort during the season.

Other ideas: <u>Guided tour of Megève village</u>, Calvary path, chalets by architect Jacques Le Même...

The villages of the Mont Blanc region

The Mont Blanc region stretches from Praz sur Arly to Chamonix (50km), passing through Megève.

Combloux: The Hamlet of La Cry and views of Mont Blanc. Hike on the <u>Baroque Trail</u> to Saint-Nicolas de Véroce (20km)

Cordon: Baroque Church

Passy: <u>Contemporary Sculpture Route</u> Servoz:

Gorges de la Diosaz,

Saint-Gervais: Mont Blanc Tramway, the

thermal baths

The Beaufortain Region

The Hydroelectric Dams:

Roselend: A charming setting (at Cormet de Roselend, Le chalet du Berger restaurant), starting point for magnificent hikes.

Saint-Guérin: The Himalayan footbridge over the lake offers an easy hike.

La Girotte: above Hauteluce, accessible only on foot

The villages :

Hauteluce, Beaufort, Arêches and Boudin

A little further afield: Perched above
Albertville, the old town of <u>Conflans</u> is a
remarkably preserved medieval jewel. To see:
The Maison Rouge and its Museum of Art and
History.

Albertville itself is of little interest.

Well-being and relaxation: the Saint-Gervais thermal baths

26 km from Les Chalets d'Heidi, the Saint-Gervais-les-Bains thermal spa welcomes you in an exceptional Alpine setting, at the foot of Mont Blanc. Renowned for over two centuries for the quality of its naturally warm thermal waters, this well-being destination offers a complete relaxation experience.

The *Saint-Gervais thermal water* is recognised for its restorative, healing, and soothing properties. It calms sensitive skin, promotes relaxation...

Indoors and outdoors, enjoy a 3-hour well-being spa experience:

- Naturally warm thermal pools at 39 degrees Celsius
- Saunas and hammams
- Salt cave and halotherapy cave
- Alpine garden and seasonal alcoves
- Showers, jets, torrents, and thermal water cascades
- Contemplative herbal tea room with mountain view for refreshment

Numerous massages are also offered at an additional cost for total relaxation.

Thermal area

Whirlpools, therapeutic aquatic courses, and heated swimming pools

Spa & massages

Personalised body treatments, relaxing and energising massages



Access and Mobility around Heidi's Chalets

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Free Local Shuttles

During the winter season, a free and regular shuttle service runs to the village centre, ski departures, and the hamlets of Les Frasses and Le Lachat, starting points for walking and snowshoe trails.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

One in the village and one at Heidi's Chalets

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Road Access

Notre Dame de Bellecombe benefits from a privileged geographical location, easily accessible from the A43 (Albertville exit) and A40 (Sallanches or Megève exits) motorways. Albertville and Sallanches SNCF stations, located 30 kilometres away, offer direct connections to major French cities.

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International Airports

Several international airports facilitate access for visitors from abroad: Geneva Airport in Switzerland, 70 kilometres away (approximately 1h15 drive), Annecy Mont-Blanc Airport, 60 kilometres away, and Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport, 150 kilometres away. Private transfer services and shared shuttles are available by reservation.