



The village name Les Diablerets came from the Summit of Les Diablerets mountain in the Swiss Alps which is best known not only as a ski resort area but also for hosting various types of outdoor activities such as sledging, curling, ice skating, hiking, biking, paragliding, canyoning, swimming, golf and tennis. All year round skiing is available due to the region's glaciers, the most popular of which are the small Glacier des Diablerets on the summit and the much larger Glacier de Tsanfleuron commonly known as Glacier 3000.

Many destinations are easily accessible from Chalet Les Pavots which is just a ten to fifteen minutes walk from the bus station and the Les Diablerets train station which connects to all desired destinations.

## Places to see

### Glacier de Tsanfleuron (Glacier 3000)

See the Glacier de Tsanfleuron, commonly known by tourists as Glacier 3000, a large glacier that can be accessed via the Scex Rouge by an aerial tramway from Col du Pillon.

### Lac de Sanetsch

Lac de Sanetsch is a reservoir below the Sanetsch Pass in Valais. Hiking in well defined mountain trailway, discover the source of the river Sarine. Other activities include climbing, biking and dining in Auberge Sanetsch.

### Taveyanne

During summer, this lush green setting is surrounded by spectacular rock formations and gleaming colored prairies making it a "must see" destination. In addition, the place has restaurants that serve deliciously melted raclette cheese with potatoes and pickles. Located in Gryon, Taveyanne is easily accessible by train, bus or car.

### Villars - Gryon

Enjoy visit to the Villars-Gryon region located between the plains and the mountains, with vineyards and pastures, typical villages and world famous destinations. Activities in the area date back to the 12th and 13th centuries during which the monks of Abbey Saint Maurice were motivated to help the peasants who had set out to systematically conquer the mountain pastures of the region.

### St. Maurice

Drive by picturesque St. Maurice, a town that was originally the site of the Celtic settlement of Agaunum. The legend has it that St. Maurice and his companions were martyred by Roman soldiers about 300 AD.

### Grand Chamossaire

Looking for panoramic view of Bernese, Valais and Savoy Alps and Lake Geneva? Ascend Grand Chamossaire via chairlift from Col de Bretaye by walking approximately 45 minutes. During summer, you may also take a chairlift to Lac Noir and the Chaux Ronde.

### Medieval Castle in Monthey

Visit Monthey, a busy little town with about 11,000 inhabitants where you can see a medieval castle rebuilt in the 16th and 18th C, now a museum locally known as Musee du Vieux – Monthey.

### Gstaad

Approximately 20 minutes drive from Chalet Les Pavots is the village of Gstaad, well known for its high society life style, exclusive shops, excellent restaurants and famous celebrities. It is also the location of Institut Le Rosey winter campus since 1916. Gstaad is the site of the famous Menuhin Festival, a unique and prestigious musical event that promotes young talented musicians for all religions and nationalities. It runs from mid-July to September every year and a must for all music lovers.



### Gsteig

While on the route to the Col du Pillon, pass through the village of Gsteig which was formerly known by its French name Chatelet . The municipality lies in an upper valley of the river Sarine (in French) or Saane (in German) which is one of the largest rivers in Switzerland starting from the foot of Sanetschhorn flowing through several towns. Here, you may see a number of outlying farms and reservoir Arnensee .

### Montreux

The beautiful Montreux is only about forty minutes away from Chalet Les Pavots. Montreux boasts one of the most beautiful walks along the lake, stretching from Villeneuve all the way towards Vevey. The main square of the town, Place du Marché, features a statue of Freddie Mercury facing Lac Lemman known by tourists as Lake Geneva. Some of the numerous small villages around Montreux include La Tour-de-Peilz, Clarens , Territet and Villeneuve . The Chateau of Chillon provides a marvelous view of the entire Lake of Geneva and can be easily accessed via bus, walk or boat. Montreux hosts several famous festivals one of which is the best known and prestigious Montreux Jazz Festival every July held at the Montreux Music & Convention Centre which was built in 1973. Montreux also has a casino and is the home of Mountain Studios, the recording studio used by several artists.

### Villeneuve

Villeneuve is a little harbor town at the end of Lake Geneva. Founded in the 13th century, it is the site of early Celtic and Roman settlements. The triple-naved Romanesque St Paul parish church originated in the 12th century.

### Le Bouveret

This charming village offers a multitude of events like free concerts by the lake, lakeside markets, International Steam Festival or the Swiss Jet Skil championships. Le Bouveret is haven for water sports with its well known amusement parks, Aquaparc and the Swiss Vapeur Parc.

### Gruyere

Well known for its Gruyere cheese, this mountainous region shows harmonious summits, high pastures, streams and forests. Early civilization in Gruyere dates back to 12,000 B.C. based on various small objects made of silex used by early reindeer hunters. The region maintains its harmony with nature amidst charming mountains. Gastronomic pleasures await visitors of Gruyere.

## **Culinary Delights**

Switzerland is well known for its culinary delight. Near Chalet Les Pavots are culinary schools as well as restaurants that offer Swiss specialties. As you travel, you will find different cities and villages holding a market once a week with the freshest foods from farmers, butchers, bakers and cheese makers. From spring to autumn, you can watch butchers, bakers, cheese makers and chocolate makers at work.

### Cheese Lovers

For culinary delights, go to Les Mazots on the Col de la Croix . It is a restaurant well known for its cheese specialties and mountain cuisine. Cheese lovers may observe how they make cheese or may even be allowed to help make them during summer time. Don't forget the Malakoff cheese fritters! The restaurant may also organize fondue and toboggan evenings for your delight. It is also the starting point of 7 km toboggan run.

### Chocolate Lovers

Switzerland is for chocolate lovers. Swiss chocolatiers make milk chocolates at its best with such delights as truffles, pralines, cakes and mousses. Visit chocolatiers where you can watch how chocolates are made or visit the Cailler Nestle factory on the Swiss Chocolate Train running June to October operated by Golden-Pass Services.



## Activities

### Skiing

Novice or experts alike can enjoy skiing in Les Diablerets. You may start practicing by the hillside of Chalet Les Pavots or move to the village ski school a few minutes away from the chalet. Or experienced skiers may ride via the "telecabine" to go 13 kilometers to nearby mountains - Isenau and Meilleret which have main ski runs. The train station is about ten to fifteen minutes walk from Chalet Les Pavots.

### Water Sports

Chalet Les Pavots is near exciting locations for water sports. The lively flow of the River Saanen with its hidden gorges with its mystical and narrow rocky ravines gives delightful experience for rafting. Or, take a spin on a paddleboat or on the "big banana", or go pike-fishing, motor boating, water skiing, wake boarding, kayaking or catamaran sailing on Lac Lemman.

## Fun Things to do with Kids (or the Young at Heart!)

Explore, hike, walk along streams.

Mini-golf at one of the hotels; take a dip in the community swimming pool; visit the playground.

Take the train to Aigle, have lunch, visit the castle and come back.

Visit the Chateau de Chillon - great castle right on the lake. Could take the train there.

Take the "télécabine" up to the Isenau and visit the cows in summer, or ski/snow play in winter.

Take any télécabine anywhere!

Go to the Glacier.

Rent peddle boats in Villeneuve.

Visit the Swiss Vapeur Park in Le Bouveret, near the French border. Follow signs from Villeneuve. Miniature trains circulate in a re-created railway decor in the midst of lush vegetation.

Take the Rive-Bleu Express, a steam engine dating back to Edwardian times, from Le Bouveret to Evian (according to Michelin).

Take a boat ride on Lake Geneva - especially the older boats with the side paddle wheels.

Drive to Gsteig and take the télécabine to lake Sanetsch. Beautiful glacial lake - easy hiking.

In winter, rent sleds at a sport store, take the lift up to the Meilleret and sled down the road. Fun for all ages!!

Visit the organ museum in Roche - has great whimsical organs.

Lausanne - the old town with winding alley ways and stair ways, plus the cathedral.