

# VAL D'ISERE

The famous Church in the old village was built in 1664, making it 112 years older than the United States of America!

Val d'Isère guarantees snow from November to May thanks to the largest snowmaking facility in Europe - The Snow Factory. It cost €3 million to build and can produce 2,500m<sup>3</sup> of environmentally-friendly artificial snow in just one hour - enough to cover an entire football pitch in two metres of snow!

Val d'Isère and Tignes have 300km of pistes - equivalent to skiing from London to Sheffield!

The Val d'Isère - Tignes ski area is huge! It covers an area of 10,000 hectares - about the size of Liverpool!

On the brink of extinction in Europe, the bone-eating Bearded Vulture was re-introduced to specific areas of the Alps. Two males and one female now live in the cliffs above La Daille.

Val d'Isère was a hot setting for video games! 1994 saw Val d'Isère Challenge released for the Super Nintendo, Val d'Isère Skiing and Snowboarding followed on the Atari Jaguar in 1995, and in 2002 Val d'Isère Park Manager for Windows '98.

Val d'Isère has often been the backdrop for features on both the big and small screens including Absolutely Fabulous, Top Gear, and several of famous French director Luc Besson's films including The Big Blue.

Inhabited by farming communities since before Roman Empire existed, the farming tradition continues today in Val d'Isère. At the restaurant L'Étable d'Alain (better known as The Fromagerie) you can see the local cows who produce the cheese for your fondues and raclettes through the window as they live right next door!

When you ski in Val d'Isère you are literally following in the tracks of legends as Val was home to triple Olympic gold medallist Jean-Claude Killy, has hosted Olympic events (1992), the World Championships (2009), and the World Cup Critérium de la Première Neige (every year since 1955).