



SWITZERLAND
**LES
ELFES
INTERNATIONAL**



**WINTER
•VERBIER**

Girls and boys
8-18 years old



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THE LEGEND OF THE ELVES

Designed for students from all corners of the world, our Les Elfes Camps offer unique and enriching experiences to young people aged 8 to 18.

Holidays which combine the discovery and practice of exciting new sports and activities with learning and brushing up on languages.

At Les Elfes every guest is a young adult, with each and every one expressing his or her individuality within a truly international circle. Children and teenagers come from over 45 different countries to have an unforgettable holiday trying new sports and activities, discovering other cultures and making new friends.

From the programme of activities to the quality of accommodation, sports instructors, language teachers and administrators, everything has been provided for so that you can entrust your children to our care with a feeling of security. They will return with everlasting fantastic memories of their holidays, whether in spring, summer or winter.

*Dear Nicole
I had a wonderful
experience in Les Elfes!!!!
Thanks very much, I'm looking
forward to visit you next year
Best regards*

Becky

ORGANIZATION

Les Elfes is run by **Philippe and Nicole Stettler**. Philippe focuses on marketing, public relations, supervises the organization and travel programmes away from Verbier. Nicole is in charge of the administration.

At each camp they are supported by a **Resort Manager** & a **Camp Activities Director**. Whose job is to co-ordinate the instructors & counsellors, supervise the activities, manage security, and in general keep things running smoothly at the camps. **The camp programmes are fully supervised, with an average ratio of 1 adult per 5 children. During the day, students are divided into small groups of similar ability and have a qualified ski or snowboard instructor accompanying them at all times on the mountain.** On top of this we use professional instructors for certain activities and the language teachers are university graduates.

Finally, there is a team of kitchen staff, house cleaners, drivers, and others, all of whom watch over the well-being of our guests during the camps.



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We endeavour to provide the perfect mix of guardian, friends and teachers to all of the students, and, while we are there to ensure student's happiness, parents can be reassured that nothing comes before student safety. We are fully aware of the enormous responsibility of taking care of children and are completely focused on their well being. Having said that, in case of illness or accident, we are only minutes away from world class professional help. Our instructors and sports experts coach the participants in each of their activities. Skiing, snowboarding and certain other sports are only run in suitable weather conditions. A complete file, including a detailed description of activities offered by Les Elfes, is sent for approval in

response to the student registration. Mountain guides inform us constantly of the snow condition and all runs are well marked and groomed. Every monitor has a mobile phone for emergency, off-piste skiing is forbidden and our Activities Manager is on hand to supervise all the time.

Even beings as extraordinary as Elves can face difficulties. At all our camps we have a Camp Mother who is also the camp nurse, a 24 hour reception and guard. We have 3 up-to-date medical clinics in Verbier, with access to a regional hospital and two University hospitals only 40 minutes and 75 minutes away respectively or just 10 minutes by helicopter.

*Hi to all
staff at Les Elfes!
I'm writing to let you
all know what a fantastic trip.
You all made it great for me,
and I think I can say quite
honestly a brilliant time.
Thanks again, hope to see
you again next year*

James Mulvaney



MEALS

Les Elfes Camps offer large buffet breakfasts and varied lunches and dinners designed to satisfy all students based on our experience with camps and student travel programmes since 1987. Meals are prepared with fresh products and the wide-ranging international menus are well balanced and tailored to the youngsters' needs, requirements and wishes. Together the chefs and their teams prepare a variety of meals that also cater for the special needs of each individual. Vegetarians, Religious preferences, food allergies and different Ethnic diets are catered for. We have children visiting us from all over the world and are well used to catering to different menus.



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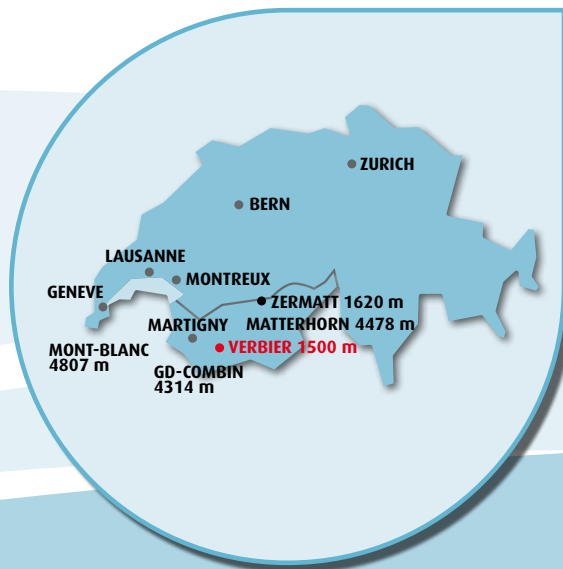
VERBIER, SWITZERLAND

Verbier, the original home of Les Elfes, is situated in the heart of one of the most beautiful regions of the Swiss Alps. Directly opposite Le Grand Combin which rises to 4300 m, Verbier's stunning location on a south facing plateau guarantees an exceptionally sunny climate in both summer and winter.

Verbier, set in a breathtaking panorama, is one of the most famous resorts in Europe and offers the best in sporting and leisure activities all year round in a cosmopolitan and relaxed atmosphere. The domain comprises

more than 450 km of skiing and 3300 metres and has more than 100 ski lifts connecting the four valleys. The high altitude guarantees that there will be snow from December to April. Verbier also has many shops and restaurants, from the most informal to the most sophisticated.

Verbier is in the French part of Switzerland, 1 hour and 45 minutes from Geneva (a magnificent journey), 2 hours and 45 minutes from Zürich and 30 minutes from the Italian and French borders.



*Hello everybody!!
It's Fernando and
I writing from home.
I had a great time and
I hope to here you are
having a great time.*

Fernando Aznar



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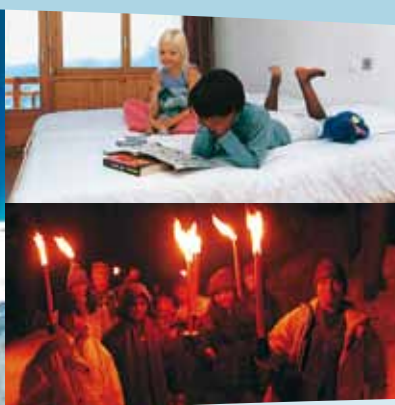
ACCOMMODATION IN VERBIER

Our two purpose built wood and stone chalets follow the Swiss Alpine tradition and offer charm and comfort to our guests. Both chalets are situated in green, peaceful surroundings and only five minutes from the centre of Verbier. The girls and boys are separated in each of the two chalets, which are completely equipped for holiday camps:

- Large rooms with two to four beds and all with en-suite bathrooms.
- Two spacious, sunny dining rooms with an open-planned sitting room and an open fireplace leading onto a south facing terrace with a barbecue.
- Professionally equipped kitchens staffed by our own chefs in both buildings.
- A library, games hall, cinema, music room (or discothèque), classrooms, conference rooms and internet room.
- A permanently staffed and welcoming reception hall.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guaranteed snow from December to the end of April thanks to the high altitude of up to 3330 m, the 450 km of slopes and, more than 100 cable cars to take you to the best slopes.
- Fully qualified ski or snowboard instructors.
- Low ratio of students and instructors in ski and snowboard classes.
- Fully supervised after-ski activities and night activities with different activities each evening.
- High quality chalet accommodation, en-suite bathrooms with shower and toilet cleaned every day.
- All our language teachers are young university graduates.



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ACTIVITIES

Your stay here focuses mainly on snow sports. The goal is for our guests to discover new mountain sports, and to improve in those they already know. Together we'll learn to master different snow conditions in safety. The programme for the international Winter camp includes the following activities depending on weather conditions and the length of stay:

- Skiing or snowboarding lessons with qualified instructors.
- Sledging, torch walk, ice-climbing.
- Figure skating, ice hockey, curling.
- Swimming, squash.
- Computing with internet connection with assistance from our instructor.

Ski and snowboard with your qualified instructor for 3 hours in the morning and again in the afternoon. Have a packed lunch and hot meals in our two mountain restaurants in the middle of the day. Groups are small in

order that our students are able to ski or snowboard down from the mountain to Verbier Village by the end of their week's stay.

After skiing, enjoy afternoon tea before a choice of "après - ski" and evening activities. Our young elves just do not have time to be bored!

Beside the sports and linguistic activities, other special events (theatre, dance, etc.) and cultural visits are organized by Les Elfes. Their originality and interesting nature contribute to the student's memories of the camp.

Private sports or language classes can also be organized upon request.

Our official
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Equipment can be hired
directly at les Elfes

- Ski Equipment
- Snowboards
- Ski wear
- Helmets / wrist protectors

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Ski Service

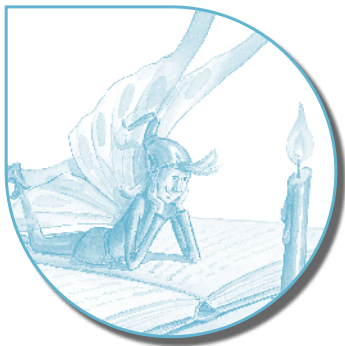


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SPECIAL EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS

Elves are naturally curious, with a desire to explore! Once a week the students can also go on an excursion to visit famous Swiss cities such as:

- **Lausanne** with its Olympic museum, the old town of Ouchy.
- **Geneva**, the old town, the Botanical Garden and, the United Nations.
- **Bern**, the Swiss capital, the Federal Parliament and the Bears' Den.
- **Gruyère** where we visit the cheese dairy and chocolate factory.
- **Montreux** and Château de Chillon.
- **Vevey** and the Alimenterium.



LANGUAGE

The programme includes eight hours per week of conversational language courses in French, German, English or Spanish (optional). They are not compulsory and take place instead of the "après-ski" activities. Language programmes will be taught by Verbier Language School.

Intensive language courses of fifteen hours per week can also be selected which focus on writing and grammar. Three hours of lessons per day (9h00–12h00 5 days per week) are divided into two parts, with two hours devoted to grammar and writing, followed by an hour of conversation practise. There is a maximum of 7 students per class for the intensive programme. The teachers are young, helpful and enthusiastic university graduates, and the students are separated into appropriate groups based on an ability test on the first day.

As part of the language programme the students will receive a certificate signed and graded by their teacher and will also produce a weekly camp newspaper which will be published on our internet site.



Verbier is located in a French speaking area of Switzerland, and French is widely spoken in and around the camp. However, being an international camp, English is the second language spoken in the camp and during their stay at Les Elfes, students will be able to practice the language of their choice with their friends, which is surely one of the most natural ways to any language.



SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

From Educational tours and travel experiences in a variety of different countries, to ski / snowboard camps in Switzerland, we have a range of programmes and services designed to fulfil the needs of the international school community.

DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE

Travel is an education. Support your students learning with LEI's cultural, language and sporting trips to Paris, Italy, London, Spain, New York, China, Morocco, Egypt and Jordan. Explore destinations like Peru, Tanzania, Indonesia, Australia and Oman with our adventure trips and treks. Contribute to local communities and undertake service in Kenya, Philippines, Cambodia, Maldives and India. LEI arranges school trips all over the world. Let us broaden your horizons and enjoy the experience of a lifetime.

SKI & SNOWBOARD CAMPS

Through LEI, schools can ski and snowboard in Verbier, La Tzoumaz, Villars and Crans-Montana, Switzerland and Faraya in Lebanon, fully guided and supervised by our experienced staff. The weekly programme is run in the exciting Les Elfes format. During the day students are divided into small groups of similar ability. Each group will have a Les Elfes staff member accompanying them at all times on the mountain and receive lessons from qualified ski / snowboard instructors. Later we all join together for a selection of après ski options, complemented by a varied evening activities programme run entirely by the Les Elfes team. The holiday will keep your students enraptured and your teaching staff relaxed.

We can customise an exciting yet affordable programme to meet your needs, and reduce the stress and risk of your next school trip.



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"The purpose in life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences" Eleanor Roosevelt

All information and catalogues are available from our Les Elfes Verbier Head Office, or from your local agent. Please feel free to contact us.

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