

## Ski France

France is an incredibly diverse country boasting glorious cities and charming little towns, as well as landscapes of snow-capped mountains, rugged Atlantic coast and picturesque Mediterranean shores. The most dramatic mountainous region is the Alps, bordering Switzerland and Italy, and offering an array of exciting ski slopes. The Pyrenees are a mountainous region bordering Spain, also offering good skiing. July and August are the busiest times in Paris; however, there is skiing all year round at some resorts, with the busiest times from November to April.

Les Trois Vallées is located around 160kms from Geneva, in the famous Savoie region of the French Alps. It is one of the largest ski areas in the world and encompasses seven resorts: Courcheval, Meribel, Les Menuires, La Tania, Orelle, Val Thorens and Brides-les-Bains. Courcheval is the largest resort in the region and boasts one of the worlds biggest armies of ski teachers (over 550 of them in six schools), offering classes in eight languages for every standard and discipline.

Located at the foot of Mont Blanc, Europes highest peak, and sheltered by a closed valley, Chamonix is one of the best known ski resorts in the Alps and is Frances oldest. The first Winter Olympics were held here in 1924. A picturesque Alpine resort, Chamonix has 76 ski runs. From most points in town, you can admire the magnificent Mont Blanc (4,785m).

Les Deux Alpes is a charming resort at the summit of the Venosc Valley, in the centre of the Oisans. Frances second-oldest ski resort after Chamonix, Les Deux Alpes combines world-class ski areas, the largest skiable glacier in Europe and an array of après-ski options. With summer skiing available from June to September, the resort is busy throughout the year. There are a plethora of other ski resorts in France, including Alpe d'Huez, Argentière, Avoriaz, Flaine, Isola 2000, Les Arcs, Montgenèvre, Morzine, Pralognan, Tignes and Vars.

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