



**Alpe d'Huez** is a sizeable, modern French resort known for its sunny, extensive terrain and spectacular views across the Southern Alps. The efficient lift system whisks skiers up to the vast, high-altitude area of the Alpe d'Huez Grand Domain Ski with its wide choice of varied runs, which are well-suited to all levels. There are few single resorts to rival it for extent and variety of terrain. Families are particularly fond of Alpe d'Huez for its friendly, laid-back atmosphere and wide choice of accommodations, but it is also one of the liveliest resorts in the French Alps making it popular with skiers who like to enjoy the après-ski scene too.

## Top Runs

- For experts, there are plenty of black runs and off-piste. The piste between the Pic Blanc cable car and the Fare piste to L'Enversin are worth a visit and Balcons is steep and quiet, often with good snow.
- Intermediates have a fine selection of runs all over the area. Challenging reds can be found in the Signal de L'Homme sector, where it is often quiet so the snow stays good. Fearless intermediates will enjoy the super-long Sarenne black run.
- For beginners, there is a large network of green runs just above the village and above the Les Bergers area has great nursery areas. In each area, two short beginner lifts are free and a special lift pass covers more lifts to progress to.



## Best for Après Ski

- **La Folie Douce**  
Following in the footsteps of Val-d'Isère, Val Thorens and Méribel, expect wild après-ski parties, DJs, dancing on the tables and beer flowing a-plenty. Kicks off from 3pm each day.
- **Smithy's Tavern**  
This British-run bar is a great venue for a lively evening. Live music and a fantastic atmosphere. Great Tex-Mex menu if you get peckish!
- **Underground Bar**  
A popular place to go post-Folie Douce, with live music on most nights from the owner's very own band. Snowboards decorate the ceilings!
- **L'Igloo**  
One of the two clubs in Alpe d'Huez, this is the place to go if you want to dance the night away until the very early hours (4.30am to be precise).

## Recommended Restaurants

- **La Plage des Neiges**  
Located at the top of the Babars chair, this mountain restaurant has a wide ranging menu including a creamy, rich tartiflette. The service is efficient and friendly and it has a nice rustic ambience both inside and out.
- **Signal 2108**  
Possibly one of the best views of any mountain restaurant in the Alps. Downstairs is self-service and upstairs is a restaurant. The service has been described as attentive, professional and friendly and it has a good wine list.
- **Au Grenier**  
A great place for dinner after a day's skiing. It has a varied menu, cosy and warm atmosphere and quirky decor.
- **Edelweiss**  
Has an excellent choice of Savoyard food, served in ample portions. Not a huge restaurant, so book early.