



**Avoriaz** is one of the most distinctive ski resorts in the French Alps. Perched high up on a snowy shelf, it looks down over a cliff edge towards Morzine and beyond. The village is made up of striking angular wood clad buildings, giving the place a modern feel and making it instantly recognisable. The car free resort is the highest and one of the most high profile resorts in the huge Portes du Soleil region, renowned for being the largest international ski area in Europe, spanning both France and Switzerland. The high-altitude slopes offer fantastically wide pistes, an excellent snow record and spectacular views. Avoriaz has a lively après ski atmosphere too, with plenty of great bars and restaurants to occupy your evenings with.

## Top Runs

- Intermediate and advanced skiers are spoilt for choice with the whole of the Portes du Soleil ski area on their doorstep. The blue runs are extensive and allow for miles of cruising bliss, while more challenging terrain can be found on the reds and blacks that culminate in the infamous Swiss Wall.
- There is some fantastic off-piste skiing to be had in Avoriaz, in particular the four snowcross runs that are all marked and patrolled, yet left un-pisted for your powder enjoyment!
- Exploring the many resorts of the Portes du Soleil and crossing between France and Switzerland is an absolute pleasure and one of the highlights of skiing in Avoriaz, especially if you enjoy stopping off at the traditional mountain bars and restaurants, of which there are many.



## Best for Après Ski

- **Chapka**  
Chapka is a great spot for a relaxed evening with friends, with a lively atmosphere and a trendy bar.
- **Fantastique**  
This friendly and welcoming bar is great for drinks and a bite to eat at the end of the day. They have a varied cocktail menu and live local bands, as well as DJs on select nights.
- **Yeti**  
With a variety of cakes, sweet crepes and savoury snacks, the Yeti is a great choice if you want some food with your drinks. The bar can be found right at the top of Avoriaz, in the middle of the Portes du Soleil ski area.
- **Le Yak**  
A great bar/night club if you want to stay out dancing until late, this place usually stays open until 4am during the season. Find it on the Place du Snow at the lower end of the main road, Place Central.

## Recommended Restaurants

- **L'Étage**  
This highly recommended restaurant serves excellent French cuisine in a small and intimate setting. The service is fantastic and prices are very reasonable for a mountain resort.
- **Les Trappeurs**  
Found right at the foot of the slopes, Les Trappeurs serves delicious and hearty Savoyard dishes on its sunny terrace.
- **Les Fontaines Blanches**  
If you like your alpine meals with a side serving of Savoyard cheese then this place is for you! The fondue and raclette here are excellent, just like the welcoming staff.