



Chamonix is a French resort with exceptional range and versatility, with a resort height of 1,035m and a top lift height of 3,842m. It features long runs below the tree line, which are ideal in bad weather, as well as big glacier runs at high altitudes that really come into their own in the spring. This is a landscape built on a heroic scale that makes other resorts seem tame in comparison. The steep-sided valley, draped with tumbling glaciers beneath a crown of rocky spires, is where snowsports and mountaineering meet. Chamonix's setting beneath Mont Blanc massif is tremendous and the traffic-free town centre is full of charm.

Top Runs

- The famous Vallée Blanche is an unmarked, unmaintained, unpatrolled off-piste run through the glaciers to Chamonix, delivering some of the most spectacular scenery Mont Blanc has to offer. The run itself is fairly easy but dangerous; there are a few gaping crevasses. Whilst there is a 'tourist' route, it makes sense to attempt it with a guide.
- Le Tour/Vallorcine is a delightful sector, with gentle open slopes and reliable snow at the head of the valley; perfect for confidence building.
- On Les Houches side, there are long runs through the woods and La Verte – Chamonix's World Cup downhill race course. Whilst it is graded black, it is not particularly difficult, especially if attempted at a regular speed.



Best for Après Ski

- **Vert Lodge**
Equipped with a pool table, UK Sky TV and a projector to watch your day's ski footage. At weekends, the bar hosts top international talent.
- **L'Amnesia**
For those who like to burn the candle at both ends, this is Chamonix's biggest club and is open from midnight until dawn. Featuring international DJs and themed nights.
- **Les Caves**
Right in the centre on Rue des Moulin, this is a great wine and cocktail bar. It features regular DJs and live bands with low-key jazz/blues early in the evenings, as well as more upbeat tunes later on.

Recommended Restaurants

- **Les Vieilles Luges**
This rustic 18th century barn can be found near the bottom of the Maisonneuve chairlift and is a great spot for lunch. With friendly owners and a cosy atmosphere, this is the place to go for hearty Savoyarde food on the mountain.
- **Casa Valerio**
Found in Chamonix town, this Italian restaurant is a firm family favourite thanks to its homely feel and hearty food. Whether it's one of their award-winning pizzas or a sumptuous pasta dish; there is something for everyone.
- **Restaurant Albert 1er**
With a Michelin star, this is one of the world's best ski resort restaurants. Situated in the elegant Albert Premier hotel complex, expect subtle, simple yet modern cuisine, inspired by its region.
- **Cap Horn**
This is a fine French restaurant serving modern and innovative cuisine, with seafood the star of the menu.