



Courchevel is the capital of France's vast Trois Vallées ski area – the largest interlinked ski area in the world with 600km of pistes and around 200 lifts. Courchevel offers some of the best skiing within the area. There are lots of easy slopes for beginners beneath the Saulire cable car base station and there is a lot of choice for intermediates in both Courchevel and Méribel. Advanced skiers will enjoy the reds and blacks above La Saulire; there are also some challenging north-facing slopes above Val Thorens, which can be reached within a day.

Top Runs

- For children, head to the 'Pistes des Indiens', located at the bottom of signal chair in Courchevel 1650, a gentle run down a beautiful wooded ravine.
- Both 1850 and 1650 have excellent beginners' slopes, with the very best nursery area being at Pralong, above 1850 next to the Altiport. An easy green run links the Pralong area with the runs above 1650, giving beginners an early opportunity to ski a long way.
- For intermediates, the Pyramides/ Grand Bosses areas above 1650 provide easy cruising terrain, as does the Biollay area above the Jardin Alpin.
- For a long and cruising red run, try and get to Creux first thing in the morning if the pistes have been groomed.
- Perhaps the most exhilarating intermediate run of all is the Combe de la Saulire piste, right beneath the cable car. The very top section is quite steep and tricky, but the terrain quickly becomes less intimidating.



Best for Après Ski

- **The Seven Kings**
A vibrant, festive bar perfect for an end-of-day tipple. It also hosts an array of DJs and performers three nights a week, should you wish to continue your evening.
- **La Folie Douce**
The ultimate après spot. Famous for amazing slopeside parties, with daily shows and live DJs all amidst stunning mountain landscape.
- **Funky Fox**
A fantastic bar that serves delicious pub food and shows sports throughout the day and into the evening. The bar then transforms into a vibrant live music venue.

Recommended Restaurants

- **Le Kintessence**
This is a gourmet restaurant with two Michelin stars. The elegant menu is inspired by locally-sourced and seasonal produce.
- **Le Farcon**
Also has a Michelin star but offers great value set menus, serving a popular three-course lunch.
- **La Bouitte**
If you ski the full Trois Vallées circuit, stop for lunch in the beautifully converted farmhouse near Saint-Martin-de-Belleville, which features this Michelin-star restaurant.
- **Le Pilatus**
Huge chalet-style restaurant situated just below Le Cap Horn. One of the more expensive restaurants but is renowned for both good food and service.