



THE HIDEAWAYS CLUB

What Members Recommend

For Ski Chalet Stays





Chalet Lumiere

- **Having your own transport** is pretty much essential. Walking to ski lifts is possible, but not much fun. Same for evening dining and après ski in Morzine.
- For a great fun place for lunch, **Chez Babeth in Plaine Dranse** is fab, however you probably **will have to book**, we were lucky to get a walk-in slot.
- Either arrange a driver for the week – or investigate lockers at the lift stations.
- Get the **ski rental company to come to the chalet**; it is such a good service and takes out a usually painful process.
- **Parking Ardent** is the way to go skiing.
- Morzine's tree-lined slopes and broad cruisers are appreciated; especially for a comfortable skiing holiday with variety
- If exploring widely (into Avoriaz, Swiss side, etc), make sure your ski pass covers that and check the timing/logistics of moving between sectors. The terrain in the wider area is very extensive and rewarding, but more remote.



Chalet Soleil

- **Get a Carte d'Hôte from the tourist office**, because it provides free train rides and reduced fares on the buses. If you're lucky, you will get it for free, but even if you have to pay EUR10/week it is excellent value for money (one way from Les Tines to Chamonix Gare costs EUR3.70).
- Book restaurants well in advance as more popular ones were fully booked up. **Mammas food was excellent.**
- **Ski on Les Houches**, its lovely. Ice rink is good fun.



Chalet Petit Bechard

- We had two great ski days in Courmayeur. Different weather over there. **The Chamonix ice hockey team is fun.** Chamonix is not a straightforward resort. Lots of disconnected ski areas and driving but still fun. Good steep piste and off-piste skiing.
- We found **Courmayeur** on the Italian side to be our best skiing experience. Its a 40-minute drive including the tunnel but the runs are much better suited to family skiing. Chamonix which is fine for advanced skiers, but tougher for families with younger children.
- Supermarket around the corner **Super U is well stocked and has fresh produce.**
- **Bakery Le Forunil Chamoniard** in Chamonix has excellent bread and pastries.



Chalet Le Char

- There is **free parking at the top of the telecabine** by Yeti restaurant which saves the walk from the underground parking and allows you to skip the chavannes telecabine queues which waste a lot of time at the start of the day. **Lhotty's** is a great mountain restaurant which you can pre-book.
- If you hire skis and boots from Nevada you can **leave the skis and boots there every day**. This was a great find and made the daily trip to the lift easier. It is located over the road from the car park and 5 mins walk to the main lift so worth hiring from here.
- Familiarise yourself with the map of the ski area (lift layout & pistes). Knowing roughly where you're going helps avoid getting stuck or lost, especially if you're in a mixed-ability group
- For intermediates: The "Ranfoilly Bowl" off the Chavannes side is recommended for a mix of blue and red runs, tree-lined terrain and a good variety.
- Use the **Mont Chéry** side in Les Gets if you want quieter slopes and more challenge.



Chalet Kitsutsuki

- Always bear in mind that during the skiing season restaurants are small and often reserved so **get bookings in place early**.
- **Restaurants:** Ichi Ichi Kitchen, Ebisutei, Tomo, Loft. If you have previously dined at Ki Niseko, please note their menu has changed completely.
- Members' favourites: Rakuichi, Karabina, RIN, Loft Club, Rosso Rosso, J'ai La Patate.
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- **Niseko Black** guiding / lessons were great