The best hotels and chalets in Val Thorens

Where to stay in Europe's highest ski resort, from ski-in/ski-out convenience to indulgent five-star hotels

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Pashmina Le Refuge, one of the best hotels in Val Thorens, defies typical five-star glitz and blends adventure with luxury Credit: Xavier Ferrand

Perched in the Tarentaise valley at the foot of the Péclet glacier and bordering the Vanoise National Park, Val Thorens started life in the 1970s as a bastion of pioneering spirits; a Wild West of Alpine development where young, dedicated skiers were packed into tiny apartments in then-futuristic concrete blocks.

Today, as Val Thorens' high altitude brings greater snow reliability in uncertain snow conditions, the resort is attracting a wealthier set, who appreciate a dash of luxury alongside ski-in/ski-out convenience.

As such, Val Thorens offers a raft of places to stay – every single one of which boasts a pisteside location – remaining true to its affordable roots with self-catered apartments and a flagship UCPA centre, while also offering a litter of indulgent four- and five-star hotels, which typically come with lower price tags than similar properties in the other Trois Vallées resorts. Here's where to stay in Europe's snow-sure giant.

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The best hotels and chalets in Val Thorens

Hôtel Le Sherpa

Run by the Chambérots since 1976, Hôtel Le Sherpa exudes understated, authentic charm. Home to 59 bedrooms and suites, it feels intimate and, as guests linger over drinks in the cosy wood-clad bar and candlelit dining room, it channels convivial chalet more than slick hotel. Bedrooms are snug but characterful (family rooms add bunk beds for kids under 12); the so-called Cosmic Sauna invites guests to a panoramic rooftop sauna; and the chef serves generous local specialities that make half board an excellent option.

Le Sherpa (0033 479 000070; lesherpa.com) has double rooms from €690 (£596) for three nights (minimum stay), including breakfast.

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Le Sherpa's cosy wood-clad bar and candlelit dining room Credit: Christine Haas

Résidence Hermine

Set just paces from the base of Plein Sud piste, Résidence Hermine comprises 19 smart self-contained apartments ranging in size from two to 6 bedrooms. The four-star rated apartments are decorated in restrained Alpine style and boast well-appointed kitchens and ensuite bathrooms. Residents further benefit from access to the sizeable wellness area, laundry room and on-site equipment hire facilities, as well as the option to request daily bread and pastry deliveries for breakfast and covered parking.

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Chalet des Neiges (0033 479 390290; chaletdesneiges.com) offers seven nights' accommodation in a two-bedroom apartment, sleeping four, from €1,388 (£1,200), departing 29 November 2025.

Fahrenheit 7

Located near the Peclef lift, slightly above town, Fahrenheit 7 is the go-to address for those looking to ski and party. There's live music at the popular gastrobar Le Zinc three times a week, boisterous après-ski gatherings every day on the Terrace from February, and monthly concerts throughout the season. Beyond the party scene, there are calmer spots to retreat to like the fire-warmed La Cheminée lounge, outdoor Nordic bath and tranquil wellness area. Bedrooms, small yet stylish bubbles of tan wood, blue fabrics and furry cushions, afford sweeping views and offer various family-friendly options.

Fahrenheit 7 (0033 479 00 0404; fahrenheitseven.com) has double rooms from €204 (£176) per night, including breakfast.

Fahrenheit 7 has stylish and modern rooms Credit: Jerome Carret

Pashmina Le Refuge

The Pashmina is the labour of love of Cédric Gorini, one of the first people ever born in Val Thorens. Proudly defying typical five-star glitz, its décor of Tibetan prayer wheels, sleeping bags swagged around the windows and snowshoe imprints on the carpets reflects Gorini's passion for mountains and blending adventure with luxury. This extends to dining, with hearty Alpine classics enjoyed at Base Camp (also a popular lunch destination) and global Michelin-starred cuisine in Les Explorateurs. Choose from chic rooms, capacious suites and/or opt for a night in an Igloo Pod on the rooftop.

Hotel Pashmina (0033 479 000 999; hotelpashmina.com) has doubles from €1,180 (£1,020) for three nights, including breakfast. Prices from €360 per night, including breakfast, when staying in an Igloo Pod.

Pashmina is built on a love for the mountains and all things Alpine Credit: GERARD COTTET

UCPA Val Thorens

The French non-profit UCPA, originally established in 1965 by the French government, works to make outdoor sports accessible to guests aged between 18 and 40. The distinctive circular UCPA building in Val Thorens is a flagship property, blending ski-in/ski-out convenience with a free shuttle service into town. Pricing includes full board in shared or private rooms, and ski or snowboard instruction, with guests pre-selecting their desired level and number of lessons.

UCPA Val Thorens (0041 33 856 5200; ucpa.co.uk) offers seven nights' full board in a shared dormitory from £884pp, including lessons (approximately 12 hours over the week), lift pass and equipment hire, departing 13 December 2025. The same stay in a twin bedroom costs from £1,086pp.

Fast facts | Val Thorens, France

Resort height	2,300m
Total ski area size	600km (3 Vallées)
Slope height	1,260 - 3,230m
Number of lifts	163 (3 Vallées)
Lift pass price *	From €306 (Val Thorens-Orelle only); from €355.50 (3 Vallées)
Nearest airport	Chambéry (122km), 90 minutes; Geneva (200km), two hours, 30mins
Nearest station	Moûtiers (37km), 45 minutes. A regular shuttle bus runs from the train station to Les Menuires and Val Thorens
Resort webcam	valthorens.com/en/webcams

* six-day adult lift pass price for 2025/26

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The best ski holidays in Val Thorens

As one of France's most popular resorts, Val Thorens features in every UK operator's portfolio. All the key players feature a variety of hotels and apartments, many of which offer a range of catering options, from self-catered and daily bread and pastry deliveries to the all-inclusive convenience of Club Med. There's a more limited choice of catered chalets here than in other Trois Vallées resorts, but the Koh-I-Nor chalets are notable for offering bed and breakfast or half board, with dinners served in the hotel's restaurants.

The likes of Crystal and SNO Ski Holidays package up most of their Val Thorens holidays with flights to Chambéry airport, making for a shorter transfer time (approximately 2.5 hours from Geneva and 1.5 hours from Chambéry). SkiLine is a top UK agent for all-inclusive Club Med packages. Peak Retreats adds Eurotunnel crossings for those keen to drive (although Val Thorens is largely car-free, some hotels and residences offer included car parking).

December

Crystal Ski Holidays (020 3451 2821; crystalski.co.uk) offers seven nights in a self-catered studio apartment (one double sofa bed and a bunkbed) in Le Chamois d'Or apartments from £748pp, including return London Stansted to Chambéry flights and shared transfers, departing December 20 2025.

A testament to its popularity, Val Thorens features in every UK operator's portfolio Credit: Thibaut Loubere/OT Val Thorens

January

Ski Weekends (023 8020 6971; skiweekends.com) offers five nights in a piste-view double bedroom in Fahrenheit 7 from £1,030pp, B&B, departing January 3 2026. Excluding flights and transfers included, but transfers can be added for a supplement.

February

Erna Low (020 3011 1222; ernalow.co.uk) offers seven nights in a junior suite at the four-star Hotel le Hameau de Kashmir from £2,033p, B&B, including flights, transfers and lift pass, departing February 7 2026.

HAMEAU DU KASHMIR

Hotel le Hameau de Kashmir is a top choice for ski-in/ski-out convenience

March

Peak Retreats (023 9283 9310; peakretreats.co.uk) offers seven nights in a two-bedroom apartment in the piste-side Residence Chalet Cocoon, from £5,638 total, self catered, including return FlexiPlus Eurotunnel tickets, departing March 7 2026.

April

Ski Solutions (020 3930 1222; skisolutions.com) offers seven nights exclusive use of the five-bedroom Chalet Koh-I-Nor Orlov from £3,495pp, based on 10 adults sharing, including half board at the neighbouring Koh-I-Nor restaurants, flights and private transfers, departing April 4 2026.

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Every hotel or chalet in this curated list has been expertly chosen by our ski expert, following years of experience on the slopes. We cover a range of budgets, from cosy apartments to luxury hotels – to best suit every skier's taste – and consider the location, rooms, service, food, atmosphere and price in our recommendations. We update this list regularly to keep up with the latest opening and provide up to date recommendations.

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Gabriella Le Breton, Telegraph Ski's St Anton expert

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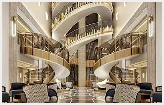

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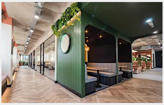

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