



Skiing & On Mountain Dining Suggestions

Skiing Out from the apartment

Join the piste from outside the apartment and there are 4 options

- 1) To the village centre
Just after you have passed the Club Med building on the left you can ski down off the track between the buildings and down to the top of the village. You can then ski down to the right of the tourist office – this is a useful way of getting to MirFamose but is not recommended as the best way down to the main lifts unless you need to go to MirFamose as it involves poling up to MirFamose.
- 2) All other routes continue down the piste past Club Med go past the Yeti restaurant and on towards the car park. You will see the top of the button lift on your left – stop here and regroup - the slowest members of your party may have had to pole the last bit. To the left of the button lift the piste goes down to the village (an alternative to 1 above).
- 3) The recommended route is to the right of the button lift which goes down past the Prodains Telepherique on the right (get your lift passes here if you have not already) and onto the main 3 lifts out of the resort.
- 4) If you want to go to Morzine / Les Gets leave the top of the button lift behind you and ski down with the arrival station on your left and through the tunnel under the road. This is the best option if you have beginners as the top runs are the easiest in the area.

Skiing into the apartment

From the Avoriaz area – ski down to main lifts and take the **Tour** lift

From the Morzine/Les Gets area – once you have arrived at the top of the last lift, ski down keeping right of the button lift and take the **Tour** lift

From the Chatel / Linga / Mossettes area – return on the **Brocheaux** or **Prolays** lift

The piste to the apartment is the first left turn after the top of the Tour lift. Take care on this turn it can be very busy and you can get some speed merchants trying to overtake on the left while you are turning, as well as some stopping just around the corner (not advised as poling will ensue). Our nickname for this turn is “Dangerous Corner”. A gentle schuss right back to the door of the ski locker room is the prize for getting this corner right. A few more steps and your boots are off after a great day’s ski!



Our favourite ski days out

1) The Campbell Tour

Les Lindarets, Mossettes, Les Crosets, Champoussin, Morgins (walk across the village), Super Chatel, Chatel (walk from lift to bus station), bus to La Linga, Plein Dranse and return via Les Lindarets (Prolays). A memorable day's ski which is possible for most intermediate skiers.

2) Chavannette

The Wall and Grand Paradis – 2 very contrasting and enjoyable runs. The Wall is only for good skiers – a steep and unpisted itinerary run.

3) World Cup Run

From Les Haut Forts down to the bottom of La Prodain Telepherique.

Over 1000m vertical drop with some excellent black & red runs. The black bowl at the top offers the advanced skiers a challenge (some say greater than the Wall). If you have a mixed party the black run which runs around the ridge of the bowl is the easiest black in the area and should be OK for any intermediate skiers. The reds lower down are great and look out for the Vin Chaud sign at **La Chalet du Verad** for a well deserved Vin Chaud stop.

4) Les Gets Bowl

Down to Morzine, across on the road train (can be a scrum at busy times), up the bubble and make your way to the bowl – our favourite is to keep left out of the Belevedere lift, taking the left hand piste (lovely wooded run) to the Charniaz lift. Once at the top you can descend down into the bowl. This is a great day out for a mixed party as the bowl offers blue, red and black runs all returning to the same 5 lifts. Suggest you return via Nyon. On a good visibility day you will see Lake Geneva from the summits on this tour. The restaurant we normally stop at is at the top of La Rosta (I am sure there are better so let us know if you find a good one)

5) Linga

Ski to the Swiss border (keep right at every junction out of the Tours lift) using the Mossettes lift. Warm up by skiing along the ridge on the French side and keep on going all the way down the Abricotine to Ardent (this is the longest piste in the area and offers some great roller coaster schussing). Take the bubble back to Les Lindarets and up Chaux Fleurie. Ski down and return on the Plein Dranse lift – at the top turn right (despite the sign telling you to go left). Carry along the ridge and you will find Rhododendrons which is one of our favourite runs (it is steep at the top so be warned). Ski down from here and return on the Pierre Longue lift. Then up the Tete du Geant – the runs down to the Les Combes lift are great fun and if conditions are right venture off the pistes for some great powder skiing. At the top of Tete de Linga ski down the long red to La Linga. Depending on your progress there are a number of stopping points – there is a small lodge restaurant on the right of the Les Combes piste – keep an eye out as it off the main piste – this is a great example of keeping it simple – there is no mains water so they have to improvise. Our favourite restaurant in the area is the **Vieux Chalet** run by the larger than life Babeth – the restaurant is decked out in Christmas decorations all year round, has a massive collection of teddy bears and the seats



are decked out in sheepskin rugs – very cosy and good food. This is a great ski day with loads of variety in the skiing.

6) **Switzerland**

Ski to the Swiss border (keep right at every junction out of the Tours lift) using the Mossettes lift. Ski down the Swiss side and keep left following signs to Champoussin (do not take the left turn to Morgins as this is a very slow green path which takes you miles off your journey) The blue runs on this first section are bliss on a sunny morning. Return from Champoussin to Les Crosets and head for L'Eschereuse area . If it is lunch time our recommendation is **Le Toupin** which is just above the the Tbar lift. After lunch take the T bar (Ripaille 1 & 2) and enjoy the blue runs which are either side – if some in the party are desperate for steep they can do the Wall from here whilst the others continue to enjoy the Ripaille runs (if the conditions are good then those who have not done much powder skiing should venture to the side of these runs to try and develop their powder techniques – head plants don't hurt in powder!). When you have finished ski on down to the button L'Eschereuse. If you did not have lunch ski down to **Le Toupin** and eat while you watch the skiers attempting the Wall. In the afternoon try out the slopes under the Grande Conche before returning to Avoriaz either via the Chavenette or Mossettes lift.

7) **For the Freestylers/Boarders**

The Avoriaz parks are awesome – the biggest jumps are usually at Arare. The newest snowpark is the Stash through the trees down to Les Lindarets . This is extremely popular. At the end of the day when the rest of the party have had enough join the party at Chapelle.

8) **Beginners**

The best place for beginners is the pistes towards Super Morzine – really wide and not steep at all.

9) **The Ultimate Ski Experience**

If you have a car then Chamonix is around 90 minutes away which means the Vallee Blanche is in reach. You need a mountain guide (our recommendation is the Association Internationale des Guides du Mont Blanc <http://www.guides-du-montblanc.com/> +33 (0) 450538319) You ski down from the top of the Aiguille du Midi Telepherique at 3842m down to Chamonix – 22km of breathtaking scenery and skiing – possible for most intermediates. The walk across the first arête to the start of the ski is character forming and a memory you will have for life – an unforgettable day.



Your skiing and mountain restaurant suggestions

Please add your own suggestions here

Where did you find the best powder?

What was your favourite run?

How were the mountain restaurants you tried?



Restaurants in Avoriaz

Please let us know your thoughts and others to add. Most of the restaurants are good.

First night convenience – **L'Igloo** – near the bottom of the lift – good food and English owners.

Jazz and Great views down to Morzine – **La Crepy**
Lovely atmosphere summer or winter

Special Occasion – **Hotel du Dromonts** – cocktail in the Piano Bar and Table d'Hote by Christophe Le Roy. The drinks are expensive and when we went the food was excellent with the service being a little below standard. The lobby and cocktail bar are lovely and as this is the best restaurant in town you should have a memorable experience.

Tell us if you had any really good or bad experiences.