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FRENCH SKI RESORTS REPORTED TO BE 'BACK TO NORMAL'

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Bookings are almost at pre-pandemic levels according to a new report. PlanetSKI has been on the slopes of France and can report it has been busy over the February holiday period. UPDATED

The report comes from the holiday firm PAP Vacances.

It claims booking are up 88% on last winter when the ski lifts were mainly closed, but resort facilities opened to a degree.

More importantly it says bookings are up 8.2% on 2020 when Covid-19 struck.

It found that bookings were almost back to pre-pandemic levels.

Resorts in the Alps account for almost 65% of ski holidays taken and they were 5% below their 2020 levels

The Pyrenees accounts for much of the rest and reports a 70% increase.

"With no testing required to enter France, there has been a large surge in bookings again in the last few weeks," said Zac Brown from **Ski France**.

"There seems to be great appetite to get away this spring.

"At Ski France, nearly all of our chalets and hotels have been fully booked for March, with just a few left remaining towards the end of the Month, but they are booking up quickly.

"In resort, for those who are vaccinated, life is almost back to normal, with very few restrictions remaining.





"We're thrilled to have so many skiers and snowboarders back in the French Alps."



PlanetSKI was in Morzine and Les Gets during the main French holiday period in February – the slopes and restaurants were busy.