

TRAVEL TIPS



HIP HOTELS

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'Tis the season to wrap up and hit the slopes











I can't think of anywhere I would rather go than The Three Valleys. There's nothing quite like a visit to Chalet Harmony in Méribel - enjoying a privileged position in Méribel's central Duo du Pont area. The chalet is spread across four floors, featuring everything from an in-chalet cinema, swimming pool, spa and gym, and impressive wine cellar. Undoubtedly, the gem in the chalet's crown is the 70 square metre penthouse suite housed on its own floor. It is one of the largest in Méribel, inviting guests to wake up to panoramic views from the top of the chalet each morning. Each of the six additional bedrooms also boast their own balconies, with magnificent views across the mountains, positioned perfectly for catching the sunrise.

An amazing escape for a group of friends or a large family, the chalet features an elegant master suite with its own floor and six further en-suite bedrooms including one with an additional children's bunk area. The chalet's entire first floor is devoted to post-ski relaxation and entertainment, boasting an impressive cinema room with

tiered seating, perfect for the whole family to escape to after a tiring day on the slopes. For post-ski relaxation, there really is no chalet to rival Chalet Harmony, with the spacious 200 square metre first floor devoted to entertainment and tranquillity. Guests can spend the late afternoon watching the world go by from the warmth of the spa, with unmatched views of the skiers and mountains from the hot tub. The sauna and steam room is the perfect place to ease sore limbs, and there's plenty of space in the fitness room to work out or stretch. A celebratory evening with friends and family is always the order of the day after hours spent on the slopes, and Chalet Harmony's magnificent living area is the perfect setting for evening champagne and canapes beside the warming log fire, before moving into the dining area for a delicious meal prepared by the dedicated Purple Ski chef. For wine lovers, as well as unlimited Veuve Clicquot and Tattinger Champagne throughout the stay, the wine cellar is extensively stocked, and even includes Purple Ski's very own Viognier wine created using grapes picked from the Château de Candie in Chambéry - perfect paired with local charcuterie.



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Get to know: Méribel

Méribel is a small, traditional hamlet of chalets and converted barns and is a popular destination for those who prefer a tranquil, village atmosphere. Services include restaurants and bars with sun terraces, supermarket, bakery, and sports shops. Activities include sledging, walking, skiing, and nearby dog sledging. The chairlift can also be used by non-skiers.

From traditional Savoyard to gourmet French cuisine, you should be able to find something to suit every taste and budget. Méribel is located in the Tarentaise Valley in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region and is part of the Three Valleys, one of the largest ski areas in the world.

Flights available to connect from Newcastle airport. Transfers can be arranged for the whole party to and from the airport.

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