

'I spent a weekend at France's best ski chalet, and it lived up to the hype'

Unlimited Veuve Clicquot and a hot tub with panoramic views? I'm listening...

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How is this multi-award-winning, ultra-luxurious and highly coveted chalet going to be able to live up to my sky-high expectations? That's exactly what I thought to myself before stepping into Chalet Machapuchare, the two-time winner of France's Best Ski Chalet award.

Nestled in Val-d'Isère's exclusive Le Crêt area, this ultra-luxurious oasis promises a fully catered experience, breathtaking views, and seamless service. From airport transfers with champagne to an in-chalet chef and a private hot tub overlooking the picturesque mountains, it seemed almost too good to be true.

But after my weekend stay, I can confidently say this: Chalet Machapuchare doesn't just meet expectations, it far, far surpasses them. Here's everything you need to know if you're planning a stay yourself.

Is the chalet really *that* nice?

When I saw that the chalet had nabbed the coveted World Ski Awards accolade of France's Best Ski Chalet not once, but twice, my aforementioned already high expectations skyrocketed. Which makes it hard to believe that they were well and truly surpassed during my stay.

When I say everything is taken care of you at Chalet Machapuchare I mean *everything*. They can organise your transfer from the airport (including champagne to be popped once you cross the border into France), in chalet ski hire so you don't even have to leave the residence to get kitted out, chef-cooked meals and an unlimited supply of Veuve Clicquot champagne. That already sounds like a lot, and I've barely scratched the surface of how catered of an experience this was.



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The cosy sitting room was my favourite place to spend an afternoon

The chalet itself is stunning, and I spent most of the first evening in absolute awe of my surroundings. Situated in the private area of Le Crêt, you get the best of both worlds: proximity to the slopes and Val-d'Isère town, along with tranquillity and an uninterrupted view of the entire valley.

Despite feeling so inviting and cosy, the chalet is deceptively large: able to sleep 14-15 guests in its seven en suite bathrooms plus a children's bunk room. The sitting room was my favourite area of the house, a place to enjoy the panoramic views by the fireplace.

A close second favourite place in the house was the hot tub, enjoying a glass of champagne while taking in the insane views is something I'll never forget.

The staff are friendly, attentive and detail-oriented, and I often found myself presented with a glass of Champagne or a cup of tea before it had even occurred to me to ask.



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I'll be dreaming about this hot tub for years to come

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How much would a stay at Chalet Machapuchare set me back?

The level of luxury you can expect at Chalet Machapuchare doesn't come cheap, with a seven-night catered stay in Val d'Isères starting at €55,370 or about £46,000.

Your stay will include a private mini-bus service, unlimited champagne, fresh breakfast and afternoon tea every day, pre-dinner canapes followed by incredible chef-cooked meals five nights, a family-style or traditional Savoyard dinner one night, and a whole lot more.

While the price does reflect this level of opulence, the Chalet has thought of every single possible accommodation to make your stay as incredible as possible.