

## Best location in Méribel: Hotel Le Mottaret ticks so many boxes



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The bartender is in tuxedo and is expertly shaking up a cocktail, I wasn't expecting such formalities in a three-star hotel but [Hotel Le Mottaret](#) just outside the centre of Méribel is anything but predictable.

From the outside its looks like a traditional French wooden chalet but checking into the open reception, the lobby is unapologetically bold and very unique.

The decor is like something out of a boudoir. Red velvet curtains drape the walls, flock wallpaper adds an edgy opulence and a red pool table punctuates the space with flair. It is just not what you would expect at all from the outside.



HOTEL LE MOTTARET

Every single person sitting around me in the cute corner bar is a repeat visitor, the solo skier beside me tells me this is his fifth stay at the hotel.

The decor here is daring and, as manager Katie Blatcher explains, completely intentional. 'The owner Richard Green wanted it to feel plush, glitzy, somewhere you can sink into after a long day on the slopes,' she shares. And sink in you will, whether into one of the squashy sofas or a hot tub surrounded by snow-dusted pine trees.





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Ski-in/ski-out access is the dream, and the hotel delivers it flawlessly. Within a minute of clipping on your skis, you're whisked up the mountain by Méribel's modern lift system, ready to explore the 600 kilometres of interconnected pistes that make up Les Trois Vallées of Courchevel, Val Thorens and Méribel. Forget trudging through the village in heavy boots or getting up early to get a bus to the lifts, this is convenience at its best.

The hotel offers 75 rooms, split between the original 1970s building and the newer extensions completed in 2018 and 2021. The 'comfort' rooms in the original structure are cosy while the 'prestige' rooms in the newer wing bring modern touches like larger layouts, balconies, and updated amenities. The Elemis toiletries are a nice touch and the gondolas go right by your balcony so close you can wave to the skiers going by.



HOTEL LE MOTTARET BEDROOM

After a day carving through Méribel's pristine powder, there's no better way to unwind than at the hotel's spa which has an outdoor hot tub that does fill up fast in the evenings so make sure to go early to get a space.

Inside, the wellness centre offers a small heated pool, sauna, steam room, and a range of treatments from deep-tissue massages to facials. It is not huge but does the job.





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The hotel's bar continues the après-ski magic with a lively atmosphere. The bartenders are as skilled at shaking up drinks as they are at entertaining guests, occasionally performing magic tricks behind the counter.

The dining experience is a highlight in itself. The all-inclusive option includes a breakfast buffet, après-ski snacks ( the kids will love the plates of all day doughnuts), and dinners that celebrate local cuisine.

Think raclette, tartiflette, and other Alpine staples (they have a fondue night) served in a traditional setting. Tuesday is Abba night with live music and dancing waiters dressed in costume.

What makes **Hôtel Le Mottaret** stand out isn't just its location or amenities it's the personality that runs through every detail. From the retro-chic interiors to the genuinely warm service, this isn't your cookie-cutter Alpine hotel. It's a place that invites you to fully immerse yourself in the magic of the mountains, both on and off the slopes.



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With temperatures at ski resorts rising annually leaving some villages without snow on lower ground the smart move is to book a hotel on the slopes with ski in and ski out facilities.

Direct access to the snow can push your price point up but the three star Le Mottaret Hotel is good value for its location on the mountain.

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Lead in prices for a week's stay at [Hôtel Le Mottaret](#) in the 2024/25 ski season costs from €242 per night per person including breakfast.

A return private transfer for up to four people from Geneva to the Meribel costs from €352. MV Transport: <https://mvtransport.fr/en>

A four-day Three Valleys ski pass for 2024/25 cost from €316 per adult.

Intersport has a ski hire shop right beside the hotel renting award-winning skis and snowboards. Average rental is €8 per day including skis, helmet, poles and boots. Book via [www.intersportrent.com](http://www.intersportrent.com)

Return flights (Dublin to Geneva) cost from €165 pp with Aer Lingus.