

St Martin de Belleville, France



Key Facts

- Part of the largest linked ski area in the world
- With 600km of slopes up to 3200m
- State of the art modern lift system
- Only 2 hours from Geneva and just over an hour from Chambéry
- Traditional village just a short way away from the lively resorts of Val Thorens and Les Menuires
- Excellent restaurants and charming atmosphere
- Plenty to do in the summer





Trois Vallees

One of the best kept secrets in the Trois Vallees, St Martin de Belleville is a quaint, traditional resort only a few miles below Les Menuires. The least commercial of the Three Valleys resorts, St Martin is a world away from the nightlife of Val Thorens above it. With more traditional French charm in its little village square than most resorts have across a whole mountain, St Martin offers something different to the other Trois Vallee resorts.

Getting there

The most convenient airport is Chambéry which is just over an hour away, but you can also fly to Grenoble (1hr30mins), Geneva (1hr45mins) and Lyon (2hrs 30m). You can also take the high speed TGV train to Moutiers and a taxis or bus transfer up to the resort.

The new Eurostar train to the Alps also stops at Moutiers, making Courchevel and the rest of the Trois Vallees easier to enjoy than ever before.





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Resort Information

Having been a farming village until the 1980s, St Martin completely missed the years of purpose built resorts and modernist design. As a result, it has been allowed to retain its' character and still looks like the same peaceful village today. The striking 16th Century church in the centre of the village serves as its' most distinctive building, while a selection of good local shops and charming restaurants offer more than enough character.

La Bouitte, a short way outside the village, is a hotel with a three Michelin star restaurant that is worth visiting by anyone visiting St Martin de Belleville, while the main ski lift is slightly above the village square, accessed by a drag lift. There are a couple of good bars in the village, including The Dahlia at the bottom of the gondola and Pourquoi Pas? close to the central square.

Although the ski lifts are not directly attached to Les Menuires and Val Thorens, there are a number of shuttle buses that run up and down the valley. Taxis up to Val Thorens from St Martin cost between £20 and £25, making getting to the highest resort in the Trois Vallees ski area easier than you might think.



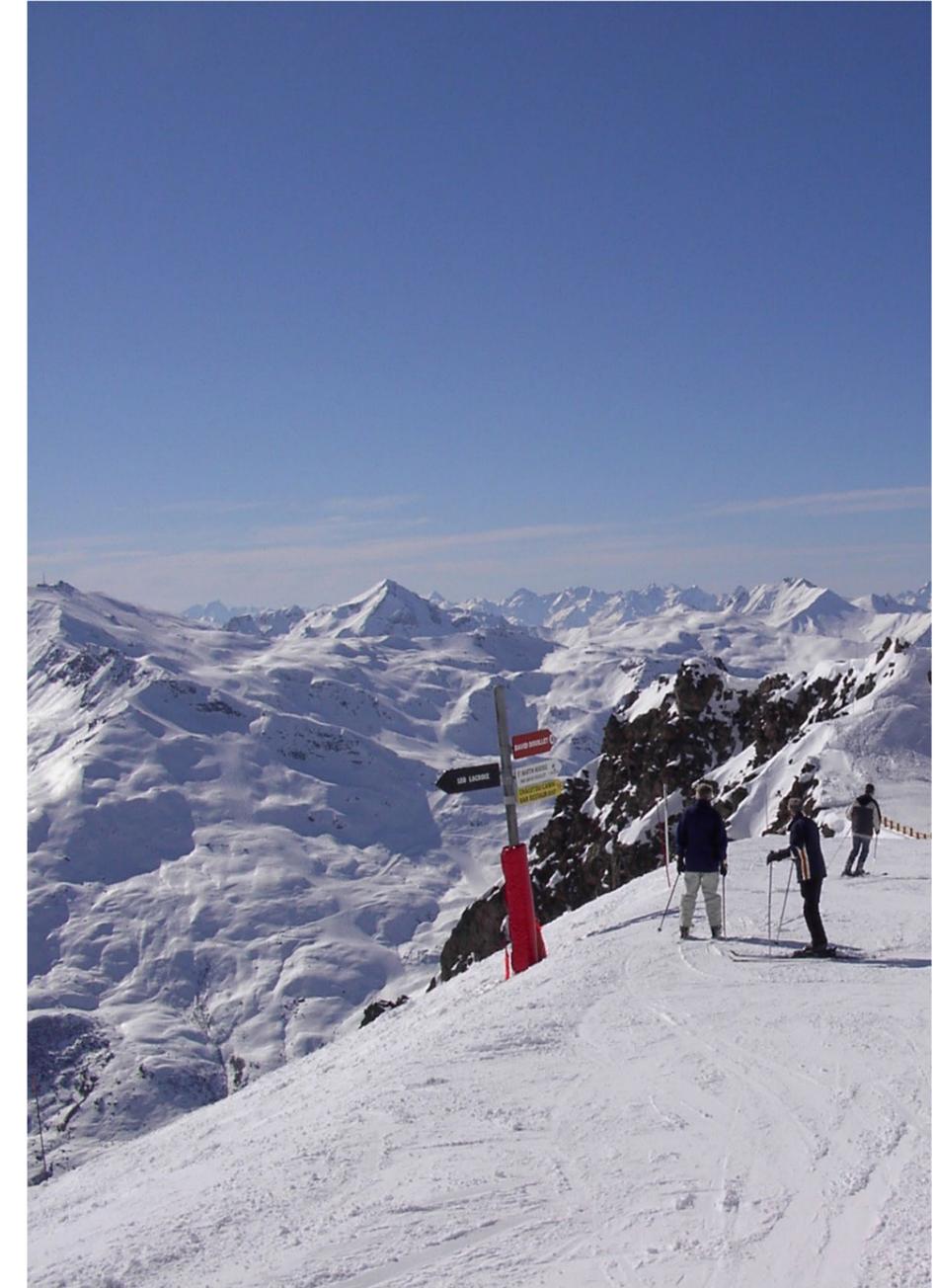


Winter

As a part of the Trois Vallees ski area, St Martin de Belleville has an excellent amount of skiing on offer. The slopes in St Martin tend to be quieter than those in Courchevel, Meribel and Val Thorens, making this an ideal place to start the day, with little to no queueing at first lifts. The Trois Vallees is the largest fully connected ski area in the world, with 600km of skiing spread across its' three valleys.

The ski area can boast something for everyone, with the Couloirs in Courchevel offering exciting skiing for experts and a good selection of blues and reds across the ski area. The immediate ski area has large areas of gentle and often deserted off piste that can be enjoyed by anyone who enjoys skiing the powder, while a number of long, rolling runs are also quiet.

The Jerusalem red run from the ridge heading down into Meribel down to the gondola up from the village is usually quiet and is the best intermediate ski run in the immediate 'home' area. There are a number of parks and boarder-crosses in the Meribel and Val Thorens ski areas, which will keep teenagers happy.





Summer

An authentic Savoyarde village, St Martin holds appeal all year round. With its' shops and restaurants open in summer as well as winter, and a huge amount of hiking and mountain biking available, St Martin de Belleville retains its' charm in the quieter season.

Visitors who find they aren't so keen on hiking, biking or horse-riding can relax at the spa at La Bouitte hotel or enjoy the crafts fair and the live music that is put on periodically. There are 200km of walking paths and 120km of mountain bike trails in the area, while nearby Les Menuires runs paintball, canyoning and white water rafting.

Horse riders will enjoy the mountain trails and breathtaking scenery, with outings going from St Martin and Les Menuires alike, while petrol heads can swap the horse for a buggy in Les Menuires. Zip lines and Via Ferrata are available for anyone not averse to heights, offering high adrenaline activities for summer sport beginners.

A number of kids clubs are on hand, making this one

of the most family friendly summer Alpine spots in the Trois Vallees. Between St Martin and Les Menuires, there are more than enough activities on hand to keep you occupied for whole summer.

Expert's Opinion

According to our Trois Vallees expert, Fenella Hunter-

"St Martin de Belleville is probably the most traditional of the resorts in the Three Valleys, and offers the kind of authentic French Alpine charm that is tricky to find elsewhere, with easy access to the skiing and stunning scenery."





Viewing

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