

Chalet Saphir

Region: Chamonix Sleeps: 15

Overview

In a stunning setting in the Chamonix Valley, this jewel of a chalet offers beautiful accommodation alongside a high-end level of service, with a ski-in ski-out location at the foot of one of the region's most famous pistes.

As you are greeted on arrival with a glass of champagne, this sets the scene for your days ahead. Gather in the open-plan living space, admire its contemporary elegance and gaze out towards the snow-capped mountains that are perfectly framed by the floor to ceiling windows.

The hospitality at Chalet Saphir is second to none – imagine returning to your chalet for warm drinks and afternoon cakes by the open fire, then being served a high quality three-course evening meal with fine wines on the long dining table. A delicious breakfast is also prepared each morning and bathrooms are cleaned four days a week, allowing you to sit back and relax during your time in this stylish abode.

A fantastic chalet for families or friends, there are flexible sleeping options across the ground and upper floors ranging from a spacious family room with 4 single beds (that can be arranged in other formats) to six welcoming double or twin bedrooms, most with en suite bath or shower rooms.

Other ultramodern features include two contemporary kitchens (one with incredible views), underfloor heating, a Sonos music system and of course Wi-Fi throughout. The beautifully designed sauna is yet another treat or experience more alpine luxury in the outdoor hot tub on the lower decked terrace.

Set in Les Houches, a popular skiing area around 8km from Chamonix, you are within walking distance to shops and restaurants whilst even closer is a ski-lift and cable



car, making this a perfect location in so many ways. Les Houches offers a variety of runs, including the renowned Kandahar piste as well as more leisurely slopes through charming woodland, always surrounded by spectacular scenery. There are also some great options for families with an enchanting snow park and sledging.

Shuttles buses will whisk you towards other skiing spots close to Chamonix and beyond, even across the Italian border to Courmayeur, just 25km away. Wherever you decide to go, the chalet's staff can help arrange equipment hire, ski passes and lessons for you to make the most of your time in this glorious valley.

Facilities

Wellness • Ski-In/Ski-Out • Romantic • Catered • Historical Sites • Skiing • Hairdryer • Ski Chalet • Weddings • Lakes and Mountains • Walk To Slopes • Ski Lift Nearby • Wi-Fi/Internet • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • DVD • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Village • Chef/Cook Included • Modern • Transfers Available • Breakfast Included • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Hot Tub • Walk to Restaurant • Sauna/Steam • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Chalet Interiors (300m2)

Main Level (First Floor)

- Open-plan living area with open fireplace and large windows
- Open-plan dining area with long table and chairs for up to 20 guests
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped and with panoramic views
- Access to wrap-around balcony and terrace with table and chairs
- Sauna

Lower Level (Ground Floor)

- Bedroom 1 with double/twin bed and en-suite bathroom with shower and WC. Doors lead to terrace
- Bedroom 2 with four single beds (Can be arranged in other formats)
- Bedroom 3 with double/twin bed and en-suite bathroom with shower and WC.
- Bedroom 4 with double/twin bed
- Bathroom with bath/shower and WC (next to bedroom 4)
- Second kitchen with door leading to decked terrace and hot tub
- Boot room
- Garage access for washing machine and dryer

An extra single bed can be requested in the quad bedroom

Top Floor (some sloping ceilings)

- Bedroom 5 with double/twin bed, balcony access and en-suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom 6 with double/twin bed, balcony access and en-suite bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom 7 with double/twin bed and en-suite bathroom with bath, walk-in shower and WC. Ladder leads to mezzanine level (with very low ceilings)



Outside Grounds

- Hot tub
- Decked terrace with table and chairs
- Wrap around balcony with table and chairs
- Alpine garden
- Off road parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Underfloor heating
- Fireplace (and logs)
- Sonos sound system
- TV and DVD
- Hot tub
- Sauna
- Bathrobes
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Chalet Saphir can be found in Les Houches in the Chamonix valley, France, just under an hour drive from Geneva Airport and close to both the Italian and Swiss borders. The views of the nearby piste and surrounding valley are truly spectacular.

This is a fantastic location for ski-in ski-out, just a very short walk from a chair lift and cable car as well as a small handful of restaurants, bars and shops. You are also within a 10-minute stroll to Les Houches centre where you find moew restaurants, cafes, bars and shops as well as shuttle buses that take you through the Chamonix valley to many of the region's other ski areas. There are numerous places to hire ski and snowboarding gear, alternatively equipment hire and ski passes can be arranged via the chalet staff, as well as skiing lessons, guides and other services.

The nearby Kandahar piste is well known amongst professionals across the world with its bi-annual downhill race yet there are also many options for beginners as well as more experienced skiers across this area. There are 55km worth of pistes across Les Houches, as high as 1900m in altitude, passing forests, always surrounded by the incredible scenery of the Chamonix Valley. As well as four black runs, there are 13 red runs, 8 blue and 2 green as well as snow parks and sledging opportunities, making Les Houches especially ideal for families.

Other skiing areas across the Chamonix Valley include Les Grands Montets, up to 3300m altitude, the Brévent area, close to Chamonix town centre and the challenging yet amazing off-piste Aiguille du Midi for the most experienced of skiers. You can even reach Courmayeur in Italy via the Mont-Blanc tunnel for more intermediate pistes and beautiful vistas.

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Geneva Airport (90km) |
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| Nearest Village | Les Houches (900m) |
| Nearest Restaurant | (Within 200m) |
| Nearest Shop | Boulangerie/Tabac (Within 200m) |
| Nearest Bar/Pub | (Within 200m) |
| Nearest Piste | Two access lifts (Within 200m) |
| Nearest Supermarket | Carrefour Contact (1km) |
| Nearest Ski Hire | Skiset Serge Cachat Sports (95m) |
| Nearest Ski Lift | Bellevue (50m) |

What we love

- Chalet Saphir is all about contemporary elegance and style with incredible views of the Chamonix valley
- Relax in the beautifully designed sauna or head outside to the inviting hot tub
- Champagne on arrival, high-end cuisine and knowledgeable staff are just some of the excellent services included in the catered package
- Enjoy the ski-in ski-out setting as well as being within walking distance to a number of restaurants and shops
- Les Houches offers skiing for every ability from the challenging Kandahar piste to gentler slopes through Alpine forests as well as plenty to appeal to families

What you should know...

- For catered guests, Wednesday is the staff's day off but a self-service breakfast is still provided for guests on this day.
- Self-catering is also an option on request – please enquire for prices.
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that any event rental may be subject to additional charges, venue hire fees and to a higher security deposit, which will be in addition to any published rental rates and fees.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2000 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation before arrival and refunded a week after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4 pm.

- **Departure time:** 10 am.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including bathrobes.

- **Pets welcome?:** No.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Hot tub heating is included. The catered package is for six days a week, excluding Wednesdays which is the staff's day off (breakfast will be pre-prepared for self-service on this day). Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. A cot and highchair are available on request. All events are on request only and subject to prior agreement from the owner, who reserves the right to refuse all events without their prior authorisation.

- **Changeover day:** Sunday.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes including logs for the fire.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).