Chalet Houches

Region: Chamonix **Sleeps:** 7

Overview

In the Chamonix valley, this stylish chalet enjoys magnificent views of the forest and mountains from its terrace and hot tub, close to Les Houches and cosmopolitan Chamonix.

Whether you are seeking a summer getaway in the foothills of Mont Blanc or a family-friendly skiing destination, Chalet Houches offers the opportunity to unwind in beautiful surroundings. With a great sense of open-plan space as you step into the chalet, cosy up by the woodburning fire, watch TV on the second sofa or dine together after preparing meals in the contemporary and well-equipped kitchen. Doors open to the wonderful terrace ideal for summer dining or relaxing in the hot tub at any time of year.

Sleeping up to seven guests, there is an attractive master bedroom with a queen-size double, single and en suite shower room alongside two further doubles (one of which can be made up as a twin) and a family bathroom. Back downstairs in the basement, chill out in the TV and games lounge with comfy sofas and board games, an especially fantastic space for families.

From winter sports to summer mountain biking, there is so much to do across the area at any time of year. Admire the incredible landscapes as you ascend on the Mont Blanc tramway from Saint-Gervais-les-Bains or drive to Chamonix for its après-ski and lively summer ambience. From Chamonix, ride on the charming red train to discover the Mer de Glace and appreciate yet more stunning scenery as you take the cable car up to Aiguille du Midi.

The chalet is available year-round, but facilities, property and local amenities may vary depending upon season.









Winter | Ski Chalet

December - April

During the snowy months, Chalet Houches is a great base for skiing across the Chamonix valley with Bellevue and Le Prarion cable cars just a short drive away for beginner and intermediate slopes as well as gorgeous snow trails through the forest. With the Mont Blanc tramway also close by as well as the much-loved town of Chamonix, this chalet offers a range of winter experiences and sight-seeing yet is also away from the bustle of a busy skiing resort. Return to your charming chalet, warm up by the wood-burning stove and chill out in the games and TV lounge, then soothe your aching muscles in the outdoor hot tub surrounded by Alpine landscapes.

Summer | Alpine Chalet

July - August

As summer approaches, this area is a mecca for mountain bike enthusiasts with a fantastic downhill trail from Le Prarion whilst there are so many idyllic walking, hiking and cycling possibilities through the mountains. Enjoy a summer trip on the Mont Blanc tramway or spend time appreciating the vibrant atmosphere of Chamonix with its restaurants, bars and terrace cafes – the Mer de Glace and Aiguille du Midi are must-sees in the summer months too! On summer evenings it's wonderful to be able prepare Savoyard feasts in the kitchen or by the barbecue to serve on the al-fresco dining terrace overlooking the forest – there are even sun loungers to soak up the rays as well as the inviting hot tub.

Facilities

Bus/Shuttle To Slopes • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Ski Chalet • Cycling • Historical Sites • Watersports • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Special Offer • Has Offer • Has Discount • Cots (Cribs) • Modern • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Lakes and Mountains • Summer Chalet • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Indoor Games • Hot Tub • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Heating • Board games • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Changing mat • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









The Chalet

Interiors (200m2)

Main Floor

- Open-plan lounge with TV and woodburning stove. Doors lead to terrace with hot tub and al-fresco dining area
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped including gas hob, electric oven, microwave, fridge, Nespresso machine, raclette maker, fondue set, kettle, toaster and small table
- Open-plan dining area
- WC

First Floor (via open-tread stairs)

- Master bedroom with queen-size double bed, single bed, balcony access and en suite shower room with WC
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed and balcony access
- Bedroom with twin beds (can be joined as queen-size double) and balcony access
- Bathroom with bath and WC

Basement

- TV/Games lounge
- Utility room
- Ski room with heated boot rack

Outside Grounds

- 4-person hot tub
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Gas barbecue (plancha)
- Garden/grounds (steps/sloping)

Facilities

- Woodburning stove
- Electric central heating
- TV (French and Amazon/Netflix)
- Heated boot rack
- Ski storage
- Bathrobes
- Board games
- Xbox console and games

Location & Local Information

In the Chamonix valley, Chalet Houches (887m in altitude) is in a neighbourhood between Les Houches and the forest, only 12km from Chamonix itself. Whether skiing in the winter or hiking, cycling and mountain biking in the summer months, this is an ideal base in the foothills of Mont Blanc.

Car hire is necessary and the chalet is located only 400m from the *route nationale* towards Chamonix – do note that the road up to the chalet is gravel (in the summer) and snow tyres are needed in the winter. There is one parking space at the chalet (and two more 50m away) but in the case of heavy snow and ice, it will be necessary to park around 50m from the chalet at the bottom of the drive and walk up.

There is a free bus service that runs throughout the year between Les Houches and Le Tour near the Swiss border whilst the nearest train station is less than a 5-minute drive away. The nearest ski and public bus stop is 800m away.

Make the most of a small handful of bars and restaurants in Les Houches (6km) alongside a winter ice-skating rink with gorgeous views towards Mont Blanc and an indoor climbing centre. On the other side of the valley, Parc de Merlet (11km) is a wonderful place to spend the day (May to September) with its animals and stunning scenery. In the snowy period, snowshoe hikes through the animal park are possible by reservation.

Close to Les Houches' village centre, Prarion Ski Lift/Cable Car (5.5km) and Télécabine de Bellevue (5km) offer beginners slopes at the very top (less steep than some other resorts) alongside tree runs ideal for poor weather. There are ample skiing and snowboarding opportunities across the Chamonix valley from freeriding to glacier skiing and more.

In the summer months, Le Prarion is especially loved by keen walkers, hiking enthusiasts and mountain bikers. Furthermore, admire the idyllic summer landscapes as you ride the Mont Blanc tramway from Saint-Gervais-les-Bains (12km) and take advantage of the magnificent walking and cycling trails through the mountains.

The cosmopolitan town of Chamonix (12km) is loved for its après-ski with lively bars as well as atmospheric terrace cafes during warmer weather. Of course, the winter skiing and summer hiking opportunities are endless whilst the natural beauty of the glaciers will take your breath away. Look out for the little red train to visit the glaciers (Mer de Glace) and the incredible cable car up to Aiguille du Midi.

All-Year Activities	Winter Activities	Summer Activities
- Paragliding	- Skiing	- Trekking and Hiking
- Ice Skating	- Ski Off Piste	- Mountain Bike / eBike
- Mountaineering	- Ski Touring	- Trail Running
- Heritage Tours	- Ski la Vallee Blanche	- Rock Climbing
- Fitness Courses	- Snowboarding	- Road Cycling
	- Cross Country Skiing	- Water Sports
	- Ice Climbing	- Golf / Mini-golf
	- Dog Sledging	- Via Ferrata
	- Heliski	- Horse Riding









- Snowshoeing - Speed Riding - Ski Joering - Adaptive Skiing - Telemark		- Adventure and Fun Parks - Tennis - Squash - Lake Swimming - Fishing - Paintballing

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Geneva Airport (88km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Chambéry (116km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Vaudagne (1.3km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Les Houches (6km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Super U et Drive (6km)**
Nearest Village	**Les Houches (6km)**
Nearest Town	**Chamonix (12km)**
Nearest City	**Geneva (71km)**
Nearest Golf	**Chamonix Golf Club (15km)**
Nearest Piste	**Piste verte des Houches (5km)**
Nearest Ski Lift	**Bellevue (5km)**
Nearest Ski Hire	**Skimium - CYPRIEN SPORTS (5km)**
Nearest Track	**Piste verte des Houches (5km)**
Nearest Equipment Hire	**Intersport Les Houches (5km)**
Nearest Lift	**Bellevue (5km)**

What we love

- Sit back in the hot tub with incredible mountain and forest views
- The TV lounge and games area is a great spot for families to chill out after a busy day
- Les Houches is ideal for beginners and intermediate winter skiing as well as forest routes
- During the summer, it's a paradise for hikers, cyclists and especially keen mountain bikers with fantastic trails through the mountains
- Admire the magnificent scenery as you ride the Mont Blanc tramway
- The cosmopolitan town of Chamonix is only 12km away

What you should know...

- In the winter, please note snow tyres are necessary in order to reach the chalet and its neighbouring roads. There is one car parking space outside the chalet (not accessible in the case of heavy snowfall and ice) and two more at the bottom of the drive around 50m away.
- In the summer, please note that the path up to the chalet is a gravel/unmade surface (best suited to a car with high-ground clearance).
- Please be cautious with young children around the open-tread staircase and the vast, open surroundings.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation by the owner approximately 8 days prior to arrival and refunded after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 16:00 - 19:00

- **Departure time:** 10:00

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and high chair available on request.
 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 your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
 In the winter, please note snow tyres are necessary in order to reach the chalet's parking space and surrounding roads. In cases of severe snow and ice, it may be necessary to park around 50m from the chalet and walk up. In the summer access is via gravel (not suitable for a low car).
 Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday - all other changeover days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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?:** Not allowed.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **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).

- **Internet access?:** Yes, included in the rental price.