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## **LES 3 VALLEES (8 Ski Resorts) offer the best conditions for skiing in EUROPE**

**From Dec 10, 2016 to April 21, 2017**

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Les 3 Vallées are home to eight ski resorts that are linked together by a unique network of ski lifts and ski runs. Firstly, the Saint-Bon valley : with four resorts altogether, located at an altitude of 1300 to 1850 metres and between them forming Courchevel ski resort. The second and neighbouring valley is that of Les Allues. It comprises two resorts that make up the heart of Les 3 Vallées, Méribel and Méribel-Mottaret, located at an altitude of 1500 and 1700 metres respectively. Then, Brides-les-Bains (at an altitude of 600 metres) is a spa resort that is linked by cable car to Méribel, the main town in the Allues valley.

Between the two large valleys nestles the smaller one of La Perrière. It recently joined the successful ski area with the construction of the resort of La Tania (at an altitude of 1350 metres). Next is the largest valley in the ski area - the Belleville valley is home to three resorts : St-Martin-de-Belleville (1400 metres), Les Menuires (1850 metres) and Val Thorens (2300 metres), the highest ski resort in Europe. Not forgetting Orelle, at an altitude of 900 metres) in the Maurienne valley which enabled the southern slopes to be equipped for skiing, providing access to the top of Les 3 Vallées®: la Pointe du Bouchet (3400 metres).

- Opening Times For Each Resort :

- \* Courchevel : December 10, 2016 to April 23, 2017
- \* La Tania : December 10, 2016 to April 17, 2017
- \* Méribel : December 10, 2016 to April 23, 2017
- \* Brides-Les-Bains : December 16, 2016 to April 14, 2017
- \* Les Ménuires & Saint-Martin de Belleville : December 10, 2016 to April 21, 2017
- \* Val Thorens : November 26, 2016 to Mai 1, 2017
- \* Orelle : November 26, 2016 to Mail 1, 2017

- Kinds of skiing in Les 3 Vallées :

- \* Chic skiing in COURCHEVEL, France's most prestigious resort and one of them most renowned in the world.
- \* Fun skiing in LA TANIA, with its mountain village atmosphere and doorstep skking through the forest.
- \* Traditional skiing in MERIBEL, an elegant, cosy, traditional chocolate-box resort nesling amidst fir trees.
- \* Well-being skiing in BRIDES-LES-BAINS, a renowned thermal year-round resort served by a gondola lift.
- \* Family skiing in LES MENUIRES, voted Family Resort of the Year at the 2015 World Snow Awards.
- \* Intimate skiing in the authentic village of SAINT-MARTIN-DE-BELLEVILLE.
- \* Passionate skiing in VAL THORENS, twice voted Best Resort in the World at the World Ski Awards and the highest resort in Europe.
- \* Serene skiing in ORELLE, an unspoilt village resort just a stone's throw from Italy and the Fréjus Tunnel.
- A surface area similar to the size of PARIS, with 85% of the runs situated above 1,800 metres and boasting 329 runs, 25 summits and 6 glaciers. Optimal snow cover throughout the season, spanning the Tarentaise and Maurienne regions.

Thanks to a reciprocal agreement, Les 3 Vallées has partnered with the resorts of SHINGA KOGEN (Japan), MOUNT BULLER (Australia), VAIL RESORTS in the USA (Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Park City, Canyons, Heavenly, Keystone, Afton Alps, Kirkwood, North Star, Rockresorts, Grand Teton Lodge Company, Mont Brighton, Wilmot Mountain).

Skiers who purchase a Les 3 Vallées season pass can enjoy the following (totally free of charge) :

- \* Mount Buller (Australia) : 3 days
- \* Shiga Kogen (Japan) : 3 days
- \* Vail Resorts (USA) : 3 X 2 days
- \* Paradiski : 2 days
- \* Tigne-Val d'Isère : 2 days

Les 3 Vallées in 3D by FATMAP : a forerunner in digital technology. A map that allows you to discover, prepare and explore the largest ski areas in the world (browsing on your computer or smartphone).

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