



Club Holiday 2017

Alpe d'Huez, France

Dates: Saturday 1st April – 8th April 2017

(First week of 'Spring break')

Price: £490 – Children under 12 (Subject to availability)

£625 – Adults & aged 12+ (Over £150 off brochure price)

Price Includes: Half board at 3+* chalet-hotel, Free wine with 5 course evening meals, Return flights from Manchester (other regional airports on request), Transfers, All taxes & supplements.

The holiday is open to all club members, however under 18s should be accompanied by an adult member who will be responsible for them at all times.

www.ovalskiclub.com

Alpe d'Huez

The village of Alpe d'Huez lies on a high plateau, surrounded by an amazing snow bowl. It enjoys the record as the sunniest ski resort in Europe. However at an altitude of 1860m, with the skiing rising above that, it also has an enviable late season snow record.

The village developed as a purpose built resort in the 1960s, and as such is not the most attractive of alpine villages, with rather a lot of concrete on view. However in recent years the area has begun to undergo a makeover.

An ice rink, indoor and outdoor heated swimming pool are some of the amenities available in the resort, entry to which are covered by your lift pass.

The first ever drag lift in Europe was installed in Alpe d'Huez during the 1930s, since then the resort has continued to develop and now is one of the world's top ski destinations. It's fame however extends beyond it's skiing, with one of the most famous and gruelling hill climbs of the Tour de France ending in the village.

The Ski Area

Alpe d'Huez offers some of the highest skiing in Europe, extending up to the Pic Blanc summit at 3,330m. The Sarenne Glacier, excellent snow making provisions, combine



with high altitude, to provide excellent late season skiing. There are few resorts to rival Alpe d'Huez for extent and variety of terrain. From vast, gentle nursery slopes, to extensive, high, sunny slopes, split into different sectors, with some very long runs, the area is well suited to experts as it is to beginners, while confident intermediates will have a ball.

The ski area has a impressive set of stats, boasting an area with 249km of pistes, and the longest single run being 16km in length. The

area is served by almost 80 lifts and 900 snow cannons; and of course the usual snow parks, half pipes, and ski/ boarder cross runs. Snowboarders are very well catered for in this vibrant resort.

The lift pass also covers the neighbouring resorts of Les Deux Alps and Serre Chevalier. These resorts are not linked directly to Alpe d'Huez, although a bus service does connect them. However a popular, and not too costly option as a one off treat, is to get a helicopter ride between the resorts (around €75).

To complete the areas offerings, one of the famous La Folie Douce mountain bars is also available for any ravers.

Historical snow reports:



Accommodation

The Chalet hotel Les Cime is the highest rated hotel in Alpe d'Huez on Trip Advisor. It is an incredibly popular hotel, with customers usually having to book in excess of 12 months in advance to secure bookings. It is a comfortable chalet hotel, with a good position, just 50m from the Grande Sure chairlift, and less than a 5 minute walk to the resort centre. It is possible to ski back to within 30m of the hotel.



One of the accommodations most striking features is the fantastic views down the Oisans Valley, viewable from the hotel's sun terrace, and many of the bedroom balconies. Les Cime also boasts a sauna, steam room, bar with pool table, and lounge with log fire. Free wifi is also available.

The bedrooms all have en-suite facilities, and are equipped with flat screen TV, safe and hairdryer.

The highly regarded Ingham's team will always be on hand to help you enjoy your stay to the full. It is a great testament to the service provided that many guests return year after year.

A generous buffet breakfast, with cooked options, can be expected each day; afternoon tea welcomes you off the slopes with tea, coffee, hot



chocolate, home made soup, and a selection of freshly baked cakes. An aperitif and canapes precede a 'culinary choice' five course evening meal, served for 6 of the 7 nights (chef has a night off), with a choice of complimentary

quality wines, concluding with tea / coffee and chocolates. An alternative children's menu can be offered to younger guests, however all children can dine with the



main party if they choose. Vegetarians, and any special dietary requirements are also expertly catered for.

The quality of the food served at the Les Cime will be really appreciated after a day on the slopes, and provide another talking point to rival the tales from the pistes.

Flights & Other Information

The outbound flight is a mid day charter from Manchester to Geneva (2 hr flight.) The transfer time to the resort is a little over 2.5 hrs. The return flight will get to Manchester in the late afternoon.

The holiday is booked with Inghams, through the ski club's travel agent, Iglu. Both are established companies with ABTA and ATOL bonding. Further holiday details can be viewed on the operator's website: www.inghams.co.uk

Additional and Optional Costs

Holiday Insurance (NOT included in the package price)

A suitable travel policy is advised soon after booking to protect against unexpected insured cancellation.

(All prices below are approximate & based on information in the tour operator's brochure.)

Lift Passes

Children age 5 and under:	Free
Age 72+:	£70
Age 6—12; & 65 –71 (inclusive):	£142
Adult age 14—64 (inclusive):	£180

Ski/Board Hire

Skis/board & boots
Skis/board only

Under 12

£55
£30

Aged 12+

£90-£125
£70-£95

Ski/Board Tuition

There are a variety of options available for boarding and skiing: Please tell us what you require and we'll discuss the options and costs.

Carriage of Own Skis/Board

The tour operator charges £35 (return) per ski/board bag, for carriage of this additional luggage on the plane.

Further Information

Places booked on a first come basis, secured with a part deposit of £50/ person (cheques payable to 'Oval Ski Club'). The second part of the deposit (£100) payable by the end of September 2016. Balances must be settled no later than 27 December 2016, and can be paid by cheque, credit/debit card; by post or online. To book you must be a current member of the Oval Ski Club for the 2016/ 17 season.

Any further questions, please contact Andy Kearney (PD) on 07855 662891.