Alpe d'Huez, 9-16 January 2005

Alpe d'Huez is the capital of Les Grandes-Rousses, the fifth largest ski area in France. It's not a purpose-built resort, however the additions to the original village means it has all the convenience of one.



Alpe d'Huez can justifiably be described as a genuine all-round ski resort, with plenty of action both on and off-piste. 230 kilometres of piste, (including 16 kilometre run), 10,000 hectares of skiing, 86 lifts, 2,200 metres vertical drop, 700 snowcannons covering nearly 40km of piste and a snowpark set amongst Alpine fir trees, means there's something for everyone. If you don't feel you've had enough skiing during the day, head to the Signal Slalom stadium for night-time action and get the most out of your Visalp pass!

The pistes are designed for skiers of all abilities. The ratings (out of 5 stars) in the *Good Ski and Snowboard Guide 2004* speak for themselves:

Snow	****	Beginners	*****
Extent	****	Intermediates	****
Convenience	****	Experts	****
Queues	****	Mountain restaurants	****

rated **** or ***** for Boarders in other guides

Alpe d'Huez is probably the sunniest resort in the Alps, due to the large number of south-facing pistes. This can be a problem late in the season, but January is the ideal time to visit the resort while the temperature is still low enough to keep the snow in good condition. The slopes also have a huge array of snow cannons which mitigate against the risks of low snowfall or too much sun.

The resort itself is large and good for those who enjoy a bit of après-ski. Whilst not particularly architecturally appealing, the town is more pleasant than many French purpose-built resorts.



Most of the runs in the bowl just above Alpe d'Huez are green runs. The 16 km run is the black Sarenne piste which has a total drop of 2000m - steep at the top, shallow at the bottom - "a demanding and highly satisfying run (with stunning views)".

Ski Facts & Costs

Resort Altitude	1860m
Skiing Altitude	1120-3330m
Pistes	230km

Number of Lifts:

Chair	23
Drag	45
Gondola	10
Cable car	5

Number of Runs:

Green:	38
Blue:	34
Red:	29
Black:	14

Snowboard Parks	1
Half Pipes	1
Cross-Country Trails	50km
Non skiers suitability	Good

Lift Pass

A 6 day lift pass includes 1 day in Les Deux Alpes, Serre Chevalier, Puy-St-Vincent and the Italian Milky Way, as well as use of the public swimming pool and ice rink. Passport photo required for all lift passes.

6 day local pass (2004 prices)

Adult 16-59 yrs	178€ / £126
Adult 60-69 yrs	126€ / £89
Adult 70+	FREE
Child 5-13 yrs	126€ / £89
Child under 5 yrs	FREE

Ski Pack (2004 Prices)

Adult Skis 6 Days

Standard	£41
Sport	£51
Superior	£62

Adult Boots

Standard	£24
Superior	£29

Kids skis, boots & helmet

4-6 yrs	£37
7-12 yrs	£44

Group Lessons

Adult 5 mornings £80 - max 10 per group
For children aged 4-15, 6 mornings £75
5 full days £100 - max 12 per group.
(Not exclusive to Mark Warner guests)

Transfer time from Geneva Airport:
2 hours 50 mins

Prices may increase or decrease in the resort and/or fluctuate depending on the exchange rate.

The Hotel

Sleeps 63-71.

The Chalethotel Le Mariandre is situated in the heart of the old quarter of Alpe d'Huez. This cosy family hotel is just 25 metres from the Telecentre ski lift, which connects into the main skiing area and the many easy beginner pistes, and just 25 metres from the ski bus stop. Snow conditions permitting you can ski back almost to the door for most of the season. Within short walking distance are both an indoor and open air swimming pool, ice rink, sports centre offering tennis, squash, aerobics, gym and the numerous shops, bars and restaurants.



Le Mariandre is built in an attractive chalet style and the use of pine-panelling in many areas gives a snug and homely ambience. On entering the hotel, the carved pine staircase takes you up to the first floor with bright, south-facing lounge and private bar with balcony and spectacular views of the nearby mountain ranges. The crèche is on the second floor. Move downstairs to the the ground floor with a small public bar and private restaurant which offers tables of mixed sizes for dining.



The bedrooms are a variety of shapes and sizes spread over the first, second and third floors. Some are quite compact, but all are furnished to a comfortable standard. All have ensuite bathrooms and wc, telephone and TV and some have balconies. Some rooms can take an extra bed and/or cot and there are 3 family suites which are ideal for families with two or more children.



RBSG Ski Club (South) Prices:

Adult:	under £450
Single room supplement:	£200
Child reductions:	
Age 2-4	£60
Age 5-10	£50
Age 11-15	£40
Childcare:	
Nursery	£220
Crèche	£220
Childminding	£145

Children's ski school	
Mornings	£75
Full days	£100
Flight supplements:	
Gatwick	nil
Heathrow	£25
Edinburgh	£25
Birmingham	£20
Manchester	£20

Childcare: An all-day nursery, crèche and childminding service is open six days a week for children aged 4 months to 12 years old.

The final adult prices will be dependant on the ski club subsidy that is available (for full and associate members), but will be less than £450 for members and non-members.

Mark Warner are holding 40 places in the Chalethotel Le Mariandre until their brochure comes out, which is usually in early July. Any bookings above that number can probably be accommodated provided we receive them by the 1 July deadline, but after that date it depends upon whether there are other bookings at the Hotel.

As those of you who have joined us on Mark Warner holidays in the last two years will know, the benefits are terrific:

- full English and/or continental breakfast
- evening meals 6 days per week
- free ski hosting for abilities from slow intermediate to advanced
- free unlimited wine with evening meals
- afternoon tea with home-made soups and cakes
- all English-speaking staff

In addition the ChaletHotel Le Mariandre features:

- skiing back to the door (snow-permitting)
- central location
- full childcare facilities

Note that Mark Warner applies no price differentials to different sized rooms, or those with balconies, baths or showers. The better rooms will be allocated to the first to apply. If you specifically require a bath or shower please specify which on the back of your booking form. Your preferences are more likely to be met the sooner you book.

In order to ensure that you fulfil the Mark Warner booking conditions, and so that you are covered for cancellation, we need you to provide full details of your current holiday insurance cover, as set out on the booking form. A summary of the cover offered by Mark Warner is given below.

Mark Warner Insurance Policies

More details can be found in their 2003/04 brochure, or at www.markwarner.co.uk.

Summary of Cover	**Standard**	**Excess**	**Super**	**Excess**
Personal Accident	Up to £10,000	N/A	Up to £25,000 (£50,000 in flight)	N/A
Medical & Air Ambulance	Up to £2,000,000	£50	Up to £5,000,000	£50
Hospital Benefit	£15 per day up to £700	N/A	£30 per day up to £1,000	N/A
Baggage & Personal effects Single item limit Valuables limit in all Delayed Baggage	Up to £1,000 £200 £500 £50 per 12 hours up to £150	£50	Up to £2,000 £350 £700 £75 per 12 hours up to £255	£50
Money and Travel Documents Cash Limit Cash Limit under 18 years old	£500 £200 £50	£50	£750 £350 £50	£50
Personal Liability	Up to £1,000,000	£250	up to £2,000,000	£250
Travel Delay	£20 for 1st 12 hour delay & then £10 for each 12 hours thereafter up to £250	N/A	£30 for 1st 12 hour delay & then £20 for each 12 hours thereafter up to £250	N/A
Cancellation	Up to the contracted holiday cost	£50/£15 Loss of deposit	Up to the contracted holiday cost	£50/£15 Loss of deposit
Curtailment	Up to the contracted holiday cost	£50	Up to the contracted holiday cost	£50
Missed departure	Up to £500	N/A	Up to £750	N/A
Legal Advice & Expenses	£10,000	N/A	£10,000	N/A
Hijack	No cover	N/A	£100 per day up to £1000	N/A
Ski Equipment Owned Single Item Limit Hired equipment limit in all Ski Hire	 £500 £350 £250 £20 per day up to £300	£50	 £750 £500 £500 £20 per day up to £400	£50
Ski Pack	Up to £75 per day up to £300	N/A	Up to £75 per day up to £450	N/A
Piste Closure	£30 per day up to £300	N/A	£40 per day up to £400	N/A
Avalanche Closure	Up to £200	£50	Up to £200	£50

Booking Form - Ski Club holiday to Alpe d'Huez – 9-16 January 2005

Return to:	**Stuart Mazdon, Depot Code 028, Group Risk Sys Dev, Level A/2 West, Goodmans Fields, 74 Alie Street, LONDON, E1 8HL** **by 1 July 2004**
Please keep the holiday details, and a copy of this booking form, for your future reference.	

Group Leader's Name : (Must be a club member)		
Contact address :		
Telephone:	Work:	Home/Mobile:

		No.	per person	**TOTALS**
Holiday deposits			x £150	=£
Insurance deposits	A. Mark Warner Standard Insurance (Adult)		x £40	=£
	B. Mark Warner Standard Insurance (Child 2-17)		x £30	=£
	C. Mark Warner Super Insurance (Adult)		x £50	=£
	D. Mark Warner Super Insurance (Child 2-17)		x £35	=£
Total of deposit cheque(s) enclosed (payable to "RBSG Ski Club (South)")				**£**

***Please note:**

Own Insurance. You must provide a copy of your insurance certificate and the latest renewal notice at the time of booking or take Mark Warner cover. The Mark Warner insurance prices quoted here are approximate based on last year's figures. The amounts shown should be paid now.

Single rooms will be subject to payment of £200 supplement. Avoid this extra cost by sharing - list age and relevant habits etc. overleaf so you can be matched with a compatible (same sex) sharer.

Childcare/Junior Ski School. Mark Warner offer nursery, crèche and childminding services 6 days a week for children aged 4 months to 12 years and Junior Ski school (Mark Warner exclusive) is offered for children from 4 yrs – 12 yrs. Prices are quoted on page 4 of the newsletter. List your requirements overleaf.

Special diets can be catered for. List requirements overleaf.

Final invoices will be issued in September/ October. Balances will be payable in October.

	Your details (for additional rooms, please photocopy this sheet)							**Your preferences** (these cannot be guaranteed)		
Room	**Full Name as on Passport**	**Daytime Contact Number (Mobile no. preferred)**	**Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number**	**Insurance (A/B/C/D/ Own)***	**Age (if under 18)**	**Ski Club Member**	**Own Skis**	**Room type (Twin/Double/ Single/Family*)**	**Departure Airport**	*** Special Requirements (list overleaf)**
1st										
2nd										
3rd										

Declaration (by Party Leader on behalf of each person in party): We agree to the Mark Warner booking conditions (copy available from organiser on request or can be viewed at ski.markwarner.co.uk/markwarner/terms_conditions). We have applied for Mark Warner insurance or already have insurance providing at least the same cover as Mark Warner's Standard cover. We accept that deposits cannot be refunded once the booking has been made, unless a suitable replacement person can be found and any change of name charge is paid.

Signature: ..... Date: .....