

# INFO ON FLAINE

Flaine is an architecturally modern, car free ski resort in the Haute-Savoie region, close to Mont-Blanc. It is the highest resort in the Grand Massif skiing area, one of the largest ski domains in France and offers 265km of linked pistes suitable for all abilities and levels.

The resort has a long standing excellent reputation for being family friendly with ski slopes literally on the doorstep and all the shops, services and amenities just a stone's throw from the accommodation. The large numbers of beginner and intermediate slopes makes it excellent for families who want to ensure their children ski in safety.



The resort is at 1600m with the highest point at 2500m. Both Skiers and non-skiers can take the cable car from the village to 'Les Grandes Platieres' where they can have an amazing view of the whole Mont Blanc chain of mountains. Flaine has one of the best snow records in the French Alps with excellent snow conditions throughout the season, often when other resorts are closed through lack of snow.

It is also one of the most easily accessible resorts in the French Alps from the UK. A short flight from Gatwick to Geneva followed by a 1 hour 15 minutes transfer by coach, car or private bus. It is an eight hour drive from Calais.



## HISTORY OF THE RESORT

Flaine was discovered in 1959 by a French geophysicist Eric Boissonnas. The American architect Marcel Breuer designed the buildings. He had designed many other famous buildings around the world such as the Whitney Museum, the Flushing Meadow Sports Park in New York and the Palais de l'Unesco in Paris. The aim was to create a ski resort that naturally blended into the surrounding mountains as far as possible, whilst still allowing for a good balance of functionality and innovative techniques. Flaine was one of the first French 'ski in, ski out' resorts.

The ski runs were designed by the champion Emile Allais. Famous artists such as Picasso, Dubuffet and Vasarely were commissioned to produce works of art which stand proudly at the heart of the resort.

## INFO ON OUR APARTMENT

- Our apartment is one of the largest in the resort (80m<sup>2</sup>) and sleeps eight very comfortably.
- It is in the block 'Betelgeuse' that was the first block of apartments to be built, opening with the resort in 1969. Eric Boissonas, the founder of Flaine, made his home there, in one of only five apartments identical to ours. The building is now one of a few in Flaine, alongside the Chapel, to have been listed by the French Government.
- It is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor with lift and stair access and is in the heart of the resort.
- It has been in the family since 1975 and was completely renovated in 2010 to a very high standard. The interior décor is modern and stylish.
- There is a large open plan kitchen, lounge and dining room and breakfast bar.





- The kitchen is fully equipped with oven, microwave, large fridge freezer, dishwasher and ceramic hob. It opens onto the lounge/dining room that has views over the lake and valley.



- In the lounge there is a satellite HD TV and DVD player and plenty of comfy chairs



- There is one large master bedroom that sleeps two (6' superking size bed) with fitted cupboards and chest of drawers/dressing table. This room has an east facing balcony with views of the village



- There is a large 'childrens' room that sleeps 4, two in bunk beds and two in single beds.



- There is a smaller double room with two single beds that can be joined to form a double bed with built in cupboards. This room has views over the lake.



- All the rooms have plenty of hanging space and drawers for clothes!
- There are two bathrooms with toilets, one with a power shower and one with a jacuzzi bath.





- There are two balconies, one East facing lookover over the village and mountains and one West facing overlooking the lake and mountain road.

