

Where to eat and après-ski in Savoie Mont Blanc this winter

New restaurants

Le Zinc is a wine bistro at the new hotel Fahrenheit Seven in Val Thorens. Full-bodied, tannic, robust, light, dry, sweet, sparkling... there's so much choice when it comes to quality wine, with over 150 choices on the menu! Served surrounded by the bistro's stylish vintage décor, wine tasting is accompanied by cheeses, cured meats and specialities to share.

There will be live music at Le Zinc three times a week.

<http://fahrenheitseven.com>

Le Beurre Noisette is a new restaurant owned and managed by Francine and Sébastien Vandenkoornhuysse, who used to work at the renowned La Remise in Argentière. Located in the centre of Chamonix, Le Beurre Noisette offers delicious and creative cuisine, including gourmet platters and wines from all around the world.

www.beurrenoisettechamonix.com

Michelin-starred chef Eric Samson, who previously worked at the Koh-I Nor in Val Thorens, is the head chef at the two restaurants in Les Arcs' new luxury hotel, Le Taj-I Mah. Le Diamant Noir is a gourmet restaurant offering a creative menu as well as panoramic views over the resort. La Rôtisserie offers family cooking, including grilled dishes.

www.hotel-tajimah.com

The new Hôtel Barrière Les Neiges in Courchevel offers three restaurants. Fouquet's is a traditional Parisian brasserie with a menu influenced by local products. Le BFire is a South American restaurant where Italian–French–Argentinian chef Mauro Colagreco (who gained two Michelin stars at the Mirazur in Menton) prepares a gastronomic and modern *asado*. The lounge and its terrace is the perfect place to have gourmet snacks and enjoy live entertainment in the evening.

<http://hotel-les-neiges.bebarriere.com>

The luxury Hotel Kilimandjaro, also in Courchevel, has been transformed into Le K2 Altitude and boasts several new restaurants. Le Montgomerie (after the British topographer who named the K2) is a gastronomic restaurant managed by the chef Gatien Demczynna. Les Terrasses du Kilimandjaro has become Le K2 Altitude's base camp, and a new Mediterranean restaurant, La Cima, has been created. The Stanley's Bar has become The 1865 Bar – a nod to the year in which K2 was summited for the first time.

<http://www.lek2altitude.com>

Hotel Courcheneige is opening a Champagne and tapas bar on its roof terrace, as well as a new restaurant offering an Italian menu and grilled meat.

www.courcheneige.com

The three-Michelin-starred restaurant at La Bouitte, located in Saint-Martin-de-Belleville, celebrates its 40th anniversary on 12 December. On that special day, the famous restaurant will organise cooking workshops and wine tasting.

For this winter the restaurant rooms have been enlarged and redecorated. A new terrace and lounge area have been created.

www.la-bouitte.com

Chalet White Eden in Sainte-Foy-Tarentaise has a new restaurant, Eden's Kitchen. Located on the edge of the slopes at the bottom of the chairlifts, it is a great place to stop for lunch. Enjoy refined food on the sunny terrace with panoramic views over Sainte-Foy.

New après-ski venues

In the Caron gallery in Val Thorens, a new area called Driv'Inn has been fitted out. It is dedicated to the joys of car racing and features three exclusive high-tech Ellip6 driving simulators – total immersion guaranteed! To relax after a good race, head to the elegant bar to chat about the incredible cars while enjoying the local wine.

Crewzer Riding is another new après-ski venue in Val Thorens and is the place to be for riders. Guests can enjoy beers from around the world, appetiser platters and burgers, all while watching live broadcasts of alternative sports competitions including snowboarding, skating and surfing.

In La Plagne, French skier Julien Lizeroux is launching a new après-ski concept with Bonnet that will be located on the slopes. There will be street food, live music, games, and more to be announced!

The restaurant Le Monal in Sainte-Foy-Tarentaise is opening Le 1888, describing it as a 'cave à manger', which translates as a cellar in which to eat! Le 1888 is a great new place to enjoy good wine, local charcuteries or grilled meat cooked on an open fire. There is also a corner shop for those who want to take some wine and local products back home.

www.le-monal.com

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