



Chalet Le Chardon Val d'Isère, France



What we love...

We love the impressive outdoor area, with large pool, 2 hot tubs and lots of space to lounge beneath patio heaters while you drink in the mountain view.

If for you, the outside is as important as the inside, Chalet Le Chardon in Val d'Isère could just be the perfect Alpine playground. Endless vast windows invite the mountain indoors wherever you are, but that's not the only way you can soak up the snowy vista here: outside, a fabulous private outdoor swim spa and 2 hot tubs await, as well as a vast deck littered with couches and outdoor heaters.

Of course, when there are 20 of you staying here, all this space to play is in just as well. And 'space' really is the operative word here: with five floors to explore, there's not one but two huge living rooms, both with roaring fires sunken into rough stone walls, and lots of big squashy sofas. All the bedrooms are spacious and beautifully decorated, and most lead onto various balconies and terraces.

The dining room sets the perfect scene for a glamorous feast; vast and grand, with views of the floodlit

slopes outside. And if you want to snuggle up in front of the TV after you've had your fill, the cosy TV room comes with a big plasma screen and lots of DVDs to choose from.

Chalet Le Chardon is south-facing with amazing views of the Manchet Valley and the snowy peaks of Vanoise National Park beyond. Located right on the slopes, it has ski-in/ski-out access – so just moments after you clip out of your skis, you could be relaxing in the chalet's sauna, or indulging in a massage in one of the private treatment rooms.

Come blizzard or fair-weather powder day, for large parties this is one of the most luxurious and desirable chalets in Val d'Isère. Once you arrive, you probably won't see any reason to leave, but with a driver on hand to whisk you off to the thriving resort centre just two minutes away, you might be tempted away – just for a while.



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Rooms

Chalet Le Chardon sleeps 20 guests in 10 bedrooms across 5 floors.

Bedroom one - Dornoch
Double/twin bedroom on the first floor; en-suite shower room. Direct access onto the terrace with swim spa and hot tubs through patio doors.

Bedroom two - Dunvegan
Double/twin bedroom reached via its own private staircase on the second floor; en-suite shower room, private balcony.

Bedroom three - Ardgay
Double/twin bedroom on the second floor; en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower and double basins, direct access onto the main balcony via glass sliding doors.

Bedrooms four and five - Brodick and Brora
Double/twin bedrooms on the second floor; en-suite shower rooms, direct access onto the main balcony.

Bedroom six - Cawdor
Double/twin bedroom on the second floor; en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower, direct access onto the main balcony.

Bedroom seven - Edzell
Double/twin bedroom on the third floor; en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower, direct onto a balcony.

Bedroom eight - Moniak
Double/twin bedroom on the third floor; en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower, direct access onto a balcony.

Bedrooms nine and ten - Oykel and Uist
Double/twin bedrooms located in the eaves; en-suite bathrooms with bath tubs and showers.

Eating

Catering for 20 people is a serious business – which is why you’ll be looked after by three hosts and not one but two professional chefs.

While you enjoy a freshly prepared afternoon tea after skiing, your chefs will be beavering away in the kitchen preparing gourmet evening meals tailored to your party.

You will enjoy exquisite cuisine served with fine wines on five evenings. On the chefs’ nights off, your hosts will happily recommend restaurants and make reservations for you.

Everyone can eat together, but if you have children and you’d prefer for them to eat earlier, this can easily be arranged.

Whatever you want, your staff will accommodate you – from delivering gin and tonics to the poolside, to serving up popcorn in the TV room.





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Kids

Watching your kids' reaction upon arrival at Le Chardon will be a bit of a treat. Little eyes will pop out of little heads as they take in the outdoor pool and hot tubs... just don't forget to pack their swimmers.

Indoors, there's loads of space for them to make their own – you could even designate one whole living room to them if you like, or at least the TV room complete with DVD library, books and toys. All the rooms work either as king doubles or twins, so the configuration here is completely flexible for parties with children or single travellers.

Location

Chalet Le Chardon is located in private grounds on the side of the Solaise Mountain in Val d'Isère. With ski-in/ski-out access, it's ideal for those wanting to get on the slopes in seconds.

There are two options when skiing back to the chalet; the first is via a red run know as Piste M which runs just above the chalet, from here it is possible to cut through to the chalet via a short section of tree lined off piste track.

The second is via a blue run called Santons which runs just below the chalet.

Alternatively, your chauffeur is on hand to whisk you to and from the slopes and in and around resort if you would rather be taken directly to the lifts.

The nearest airports are Chambéry, just under 2 hour's drive and Geneva and Lyon, both of which are approximately 3 hours away.

Staff

Firefly pre-arrival concierge service

Chalet staff include:

Chalet manager

Head chef

Sous chef

Chalet hosts

In-resort driver service (8am - 2am)

In-resort concierge service

Additional staff such as nannies and massage therapists can be arranged on request.

Facilities

18ft outdoor swim spa

2 outdoor hot tubs and sauna

South-facing terrace

2 private treatment rooms

TV room and study with PC

TV/DVD player/DVDs and Sonos

Ski and boot room with heated racks

Toys, sledges, games and books

Open fireplaces

Wifi

