

Val Thorens, France

March 19th thru 27th, 2010

\$1,784 Per Person (double occupancy)

Known for snowfall through mid April, Val Thorens is the highest ski resort in Europe, it lies at the top of the 3 Valleys the largest ski region in the world. Because of its altitude, the snow is as perfect as it can be, and the terrain is suitable for almost any level of ability. With Méribel and Courchevel accessible by ski lift, there really are plenty of pistes to keep you busy all season, let alone one week! It is as good as it gets when it comes to skiing or snowboarding.

The Three Valleys is the home of eight ski resorts that are linked together by a unique network of ski lifts and ski runs. The area boasts 200 ski lifts that can transport 260,000 skiers hourly. As implied by its name, the area originally consisted of three valleys: Saint-Bon (Courchevel & La Tania), Allues (Val Thorens & Brides-les-Bains), and Belleville (Val Thoren, Les Menuires & St Martin de Belleville).

The Val Thorens & Belleville Valley is vast and wide open, with almost all the skiing above the tree line. Starting from the bottom of the valley we come first to the village of St Martin de Belleville (a great lunch stop). The runs are wonderful; easy, rolling blues and reds. Les Menuires' best-known ski area is La Masse with its long, challenging reds and blacks. On the opposite, eastern side of the valley is a massive network of blues, reds and blacks, which alone would keep most intermediates happy for a week and gives access to Val Thorens, St Martin and the Meribel Valley.

There's a snowpark, a boardercross, a slalom stadium that hosts the most prestigious of events, a junior park entirely dedicated to the younger set, a 6 km-long luge track and yet another smaller one for kids... Remember: you're in Val Thorens, glisse heaven – for all tastes, all ages and all abilities!

What's Included?

- RT air via Continental Airlines from Newark to Geneva
- Deluxe motor coach transfers between hotels & airports
- SEVEN nights 3 star lodging Hotel Val Chaviere
- True Ski on Ski off accommodations
- European buffet breakfast & dinner daily including Gratuit
- Welcome reception/ Orientation upon arrival
- Baggage Tags and travel packets for all participants

What's NOT Included?

- Lift Passes – a 6 day pass runs approx \$320 US dollars
- Optional Day Trips/ other activities/Trip Insurance
- Drinks with dinner and Hotel room tip
- Dinner in Annecy

Hotel Accommodations

3* Hotel Val Chaviere** is situated in a quiet environment in the Alps ski resort of Val Thorens, close to both shops and the sport center and with direct access to the slopes. The Val Chaviere has 49 rooms, all providing a view over the impressive mountains. Direct access to the slopes allows you to leave and reach the hotel on your skis. Rooms a balcony, a TV and a telephone.

http://www.hotel-valthorens.com/val-chaviere/?language=en_US



Space Availability

All 42 spots on this trip will be filled on a **first come - first served basis**, and are secured ONLY with payment of the initial deposit of \$600 dbl per person plus 2009/2010 AE Ski Club membership dues. Single rooms are not available for this trip. If you do not have a roommate we will assign one for you. A waiting list will be formed, if necessary.

Trip Leaders

Cheryl Parmelee (parmeleec@aeskiclub.com). 860-322-0137

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Please feel free to call for additional info.

Payment

You can pay by check or money order payable to the AE Ski Club. Sorry, we don't accept credit cards. Checks returned as unpaid by the bank will be assessed a \$10.00 fee per occurrence. The following payment plan has been set up:

- **Deposit – Due At Sign Up - \$600** – plus membership fees for **2009/2010 season**
- **Installment 2 - Val Thorens: \$592 dbl occupancy.**
- **Installment 3 – Due November 30, 2009 \$592 dbl occupancy** *(plus optional trip insurance, if desired)*

FUEL SURCHARGES/CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS/LUGGAGE CHARGES: Airlines can impose fuel surcharges or luggage fees which were NOT part of the original trip cost and which are out of our control. The AE Ski Club is negotiating with our airline and tour provider to keep these surcharges as minimum as possible. In the event of such extra charges, your trip leaders will provide additional payment information as needed. Thank you for your understanding.

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel, you must provide written notice to the trip leader. The following charges will apply (per person) based upon the date of receipt of written cancellation notice. Every effort will be made to substitute from the waiting list (if there is one) for anyone who must cancel. Cancellation fees will be automatically deducted from any applicable refund. Any questions about the cancellation policy should be directed to your trip leaders.

Receipt of Written Cancellation Notice	Amount Charged for Cancellation
On or Before September 14, 2009	\$95 Airline Fee to Transfer Seat
On or After September 15, 2009	\$295pp & Airline Fee to Transfer Seat
On or After December 15, 2009	\$495pp & Airline Fee to Transfer Seat
After February 5, 2010	FULL TRIP PRICE - NO REFUND

Val Thorens, France Enrollment Form

Already a Member for 2009/10 (Y/N): ____

If you are not already a Member: Please include Membership Dues with Payment:

Send this form and check/money payable to The AE Ski Club:

2009/ 2010 Membership Dues \$30 Single Adult \$25 Senior 65+ \$40 Adult with 1 Child <18 \$50 – Adult with 2 Children <18 \$55 Adult Couple \$60 Household <input type="checkbox"/>	AE Ski Club Attn: Val Thorens 78 Parmelee Road Haddam, CT 06438	\$ _____
Val Thorens – France <input type="checkbox"/> (trip deposit)	Mar 19 -27 2010	\$600 dbl occ pp \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>		Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) (please print): _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Interested in optional Trip Insurance? ____ Yes ____ No

Email Address (please print): _____

Home Address: _____

Rooming With: _____ or Need A Roommate? _____

Room: ____ 1 bed ____ 2 beds Continental Sky Miles # _____