

Winter Sports

If you are a Skiing or Winter Sports enthusiast, then you are going to be really spoilt for choice with 13 Ski resorts with 2 hours drive of the Villa, all offering a wide range of activities, and all having a unique charm.

So whatever your winter passion is, be it Skiing, Snow Boarding, Sledging or Nordic Trekking, and whether you

are just starting out as a beginner or have many seasons under your belt, you'll find a resort that suits you perfectly.



Camurac. 34Km 1500m-1800

This is the nearest to the villa, and probably the smallest resort. The resort prides its self on being a small human sized resort, and mixes the charm of a mountain village with the pleasures of skiing

Resort Information

11 Runs: 2 Green, 5 Blue, 2 Red & 2 Black. 4 Ski lifts, a Ski School - A Nordic area for Cross Country Skiing, a beginner's area, and a sledging slope. At the top of the pistes, there is a heated Picnic Room, a snack bar, and a First Aid Post. Equipment rental is available between the resort and the village.

Tel: 04 68 20 32 27

Web Site Currently Down 24/10/14

Mijanès Donezan, 36KM 1530m-1730m

Known as the 3 village resort, is ideal for the whole family. The snowy fields of Donezan allow skiing and snow activities close to nature. Because of its location and altitude, good snow conditions are pretty much guaranteed from Christmas to March.

Resort Information

6 Runs totalling 25km, including 1 Green, 2 Blue, 2 Red & 1 Black. All start in the Resort, there's a restaurant, Ski Rental, and there's even a sled lift to take you up to the sledging slope at 500m

There's a Child Care centre available during the holidays.

Resort/School Tel 04 68 20 40 44

<http://www.donezan.com/>

Le Chioula 44KM, 1240m - 1650m

A Nordic/Cross Country Ski area, a stone thrown from Ax3 Domaines, between the forest, plateaus and valley. All the pistes run down to the refuge, and then on to the entrance of the villages

Resort Information

13 Trails ranging from 1km to 17Km, offering Skiing, Snowshoeing, Nordic Hiking, 1 play area for kids with 2 luge pistes. Its also disable friendly. There are restaurants, a heated picnic room, and equipment hire

Resort Tel: 05 61 64 20 22

<http://www.chioula.fr/>

Puyvalador 50Km 1700m - 2400m

Located in the heart of the Pyrenees, known as Capcir. Puyvalador, is a unique site with beautiful panoramic runs lined with a pine forest and facing a lake. They have invested in 63 snow guns, ensuring exceptional snow cover, and first class skiing.

Ascou 52Km 1500m-2000m

Located in the middle of a pine forest, this is the ideal resort to spend some quality time with family and friends, as there is loads to do. Also the resort does not forget about the dedicated skier, with some of the Red and Black runs, which can easily compete with the best. The web site also has "live feeds" from a number of webcams

Formigueres 54Km 1500m - 2400m

A charmingly authentic mountain village resort that combines mountain life with the traditions of the Catalans, all set within 46 hectares of a truly spectacular protected natural environment. This small family friendly resort, has an astonishingly large number of different activities, that there is really something for every one.

Resort Information

19 Pistes, 6 Green, 4 Blue, 7 Red & 2 Black. 2 Snow Parks, 8 Ski lifts and 1 Chair lift. There's an E.S.F. Ski School, Ski Hire Shop, plus a heated picnic room. There is a dedicated children's area, at the foot of the pistes.

Tel: 04 68 04 44 83

www.puyalador.com

Resort Information

14 Pistes, representing 20Km of marked out runs, and 5Km of Snowshoe trails. 5 Ski lifts, and 1 Chair lift. There's a Ski School, an equipment rental shop, a cafeteria, and a heated picnic room. At the nearby At the nearby adventure centre, you can try out new things like Kite Surfing, or Dog Sledging.

Resort Tel: 05 61 64 28 86

www.ascou-ski.com

Resort Information

17 Pistes; 3 Green, 7 Blue, 6 Red & 1 Black. 2, 4 person Chair Lifts, 4 Ski Lifts, and 2 tow rope's. At the foot of the runs there is a Restaurant, a Bar/Café with a Panoramic terrace, a heated picnic area, and equipment rental shop. The ESF Ski school caters for all, including very young children who have a range of activities professionally supervised at the Piou-Piou Club, there are even specially trained instructors for those with disabilities who would like to learn to Ski.

Resort Tel: 04 68 04 47 35

<http://www.formigures.fr/> French only

Les Monts d'Olmes 57Km 1500m - 2000m

Located in the heart of the Cathar Pyrenees, this is the ideal resort if you value peace, quiet, and want to be at one with nature. There is usually good quality snow, and you can enjoy skiing in a pleasant environment. One very important thing to note however...There are **NO** ATM cash machines in the village, the nearest one is in the village of Lavelanet

Les Angles 59Km 1600m - 2400m

Although Les Angles is very much an old world Catalonian village grouped around the Church Steeple, in Winter it becomes a haven for Winter Sports. If you have skied in the bigger Alpine Resort's or in the US, you'll feel right at home here. Not only do you have the usual down hill runs, and cross-country skiing, but also a host of other activities, including snowboarding, off-piste skiing. There is even 36km of free packed pistes through the forests so grab a pair of ski's or snowshoes and go for a wander. The resort also has a lively nightlife.

Ax-3 Domaines 62Km 1400m - 2400m

Made up from 3 resorts, Ax-3 or Ariege provide a variety of skiing, you can swap between smooth skiing thru fir trees, a beginners plateau, or high altitude skiing, as well as a host of other activities

Resort Information

21 Pistes; 8 Green, 3 Blue, 8 Red, 2 Black. 11 Ski Lifts, and 1 Chair Lift.

There's a Ski School offering courses, both for beginners, advanced and children. Guides for Snowshoe hike's or you can go on your own, and Skidoo trips Its strongly recommended that you book your ski passes prior to arrival.

Resort Tel: 05 61 01 22 20

<http://www.montsdolmes.com/> In French

Resort Information

40 Pistes;13 Green, 9 Blue, 16 Red, 2 Black and 36Km of packed snow paths, which are free to use. 19 lifts, including a cable car, 4 Chair lifts, 12 Ski Lifts, and 2 moving carpets. There are also 2 high altitude restaurants, and the Heated Picnic room.

For young children from 3 months to 2.5y there is a Nursery (Tel 04 68 30 92 25) or the outdoor centre for those aged 2.5 to 12 (Tel 04 68 30 92 32) The ESF ski school has a children snow garden (Tel 04 68 04 47 82). They also provide skiing lessons for the disabled, as well as equipment rental. Ski Passes start from €36 per adult per day. For booking or reservations contact the Tourist office on Tel: 04 68 04 32 76 or via the web

<http://www.lesangles.com/>

Resort Information

36 Pistes totalling 80Km; 9 Green 10 Blue, 10 Red, 6.Black. 9 Ski Lifts, 2 Chair Lifts, and 2 Cable Cars. There is an ESF SKI School, a sledging area, High Altitude restaurant, and a heated picnic room. At the bottom theres a day care centre for children aged from 3 months to 6 years Booking advised (Tel 05 61 64 29 64).

Resort Tel: 05 61 64 60 60

<http://www.ax-ski.com/> In French only

Capcir 66Km 1500m - 1900m

This resort located on the high plateau in the middle of the Pyrenean Regional National Park, is a Nordic/Cross Country skiers paradise. Whether you just want to relax and take it easy, and just breath pure mountain air while being wowed by the majestic landscape that changes every turn of the path, or have some fun by shooting down the slopes at top speed, this is the perfect spot for you.

Espace Cambre d'Aze 70Km 1600m - 2400m

Located between the villages of Eyne and Saint-Pierre dels Forcats, this is a very friendly down hill skiing area. The resort generally enjoys a natural snow cover, but just to be sure, there is a large number of snow making machines, to make sure that conditions are as perfect as possible. The resort combines being an authentic village, but having all Mod-Cons extremely well

Font-Romeu Pyrenees 2000 76Km 1700m - 2213m

This is made up of two resorts, using a common Ski Lift Pass, giving you 58K of downhill skiing, and 111km of Cross Country Skiing. This is another fully fledged Ski Resort, providing numerous activities, either within the resort area, or close by. Font-Romeu, is the Downhill Skiing bit, while Pyrenees caters for the Cross Country Skier

Resort Information

11 Cross-country skiing loops. 2 play areas, with Nordic tow ropes. 5 free Nordic trails. 8 free marked snowshoe trails. 1 Dogsled trail. Nordic instructors can be contacted direct via website. Snowshoes and Skis can be rented from Reception, which is located at the start of the pistes, where there is also a snack-bar and a heated picnic room. The resort is disabled friendly, and has child care facilities.

Resort Tel 04 68 04 49 86

www.capcir-nordique.com

Resort Information

21 Pistes covering a total of 35Km; including 9 Green, 3Blue, 7 Red, 2 Black. There is also a beginner's area, along with 2 ESF Ski Schools. 15 Ski Lifts. The resort also offers Snowshoe walks, Cross-country skiing, and Horse Back riding on snow-covered hills. There are 2 day care centres for the children. There are restaurants in the villages, along with equipment rental shops.

Resort Tel 04 68 04 08 01

<http://www.cambre-d-aze.com/> French

Resort Information

Down Hill: 43 Pistes; 15 Green, 10 Blue, 9 Red, 9Black. And a total of 23 Lifts. Nordic/Cross Country; 22 Loops made up of 7 Green, 10 Blue, 5 Red.

For **Font-Romeu**, contact the Tourist office on Tel: 04 68 30 68 30

<http://www.font-romeu.fr/> In French

For Pyrenees 2000, contact the Tourist office on Tel: 04 68 30 12 42

<http://www.pyrenees2000.com/en>

English Version

Beille 82Km 1800m - 2000m

While this Cross-country/Nordic resort maybe the furthest from the Villa, it can easily be classed as one of the best. Snuggled high up between the mountain peaks, the Beille plateau, is said to inhabit the place between heaven and earth, and even the snow is happy. Plus the views are amazing. The resort caters for all, young or old, Skier or non-Skier, Experienced or Novice, this is the place to come and have some fun.

Resort Information

13 Cross-country trails; 1 Green, 4 Blue 5 Red and 3 Black, ranging from 1.5km to 8Km. 1 Downhill Ski Slope reserved for Children. 6 Snowshoe or pedestrian walking routes ranging from 2.5Km to 12Km, and 3 Dog Sleigh Ride routes, there is even a separate sledging area. There is a restaurant with a terrace, a heated picnic are, and a equipment hire shop.

Booking are done via the Tourist Office
Tel: 05 61 64 68 10 or the Resort directly Tel: 05 34 09 35 35.

<http://www.brille.fr/> In French only except for the pdf map of the resort.

For dog sleigh ride's Tel 05 61 01 75 60

<http://www.angaka.com/> in French only