**Tremblant**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Snowboarders

Families

Non-skiers

Après ski

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

18

**Intermediate Runs**

31

**Advanced Runs**

46

**Total Runs**

95

**Lifts**

14

**Chairs**

8

**Drags**

3

**Gondola Cable Cars**

3

**Parks**

3

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

3.8m (12.5ft).

**Overview**

Tremblant has been the leading ski resort in eastern Canada for three quarters of a century and, in addition, has consistently been voted the best ski resort in eastern North America by North American ski magazine readers for the past decade.

So what are the reasons for its success? Easy access from Montreal is a big plus; as is its northerly latitude; while skiing on the region's highest mountain and an arsenal of more than 1,000 snow guns is also big advantage. But the billion-dollar spend by Intrawest – the company behind Whistler Blackcomb and more than a dozen other top North American and European ski resorts – is arguably the key factor. Much of its money has gone on an ever-expanding, well laid-out pedestrianised resort village at the base of the slopes, which has since also spawned a second settlement.

The resort endeavours to offer something for all tastes and budgets, including a huge choice of accommodation, eateries and shops each designed in faux Quebecois architecture with carefully determined sight lines and vistas.

**Location**

Tremblant ski resort is located in the heart of the Laurentian Mountains, 145km (90 miles) north of Montreal in the French-speaking Canadian province of Quebec.

**Website**

http://www.tremblant.ca

**Piste Map**

http://tremblant.ca/ski-and-golf/mountain/trail-map.aspx

**Hit The Slopes**

Tremblant receives nearly 4m (13ft) of natural snowfall annually; but any shortage of snowfall is topped up by impressive snowmaking facilities, which rely on the resort’s northerly latitude for long periods of low temperatures. The season typically runs from late November to early April.

Skiing is easy here. It's possible to drive in beneath the apartment, drop cases, put on your ski gear, and then walk to the front of the building straight to the lifts within minutes of arrival. Those who haven't brought their own gear will find efficient rental outlets that feel more like fashion outlets than the usual basic ski shops.

The ski slopes directly above the resort are known as the South Side and many skiers start the day here in the queue-gobbling Express Gondola, with eight-seater cabins that whisk skiers and boarders to the top of the slopes. Here, there’s the option of heading back down the wide open, easier runs above the village or dropping down on to the North Side, which has tougher terrain and the best of the sunshine in the morning.

Half of the North Side area is graded advanced level (although much of it is suitable for confident intermediates), with pitches reaching up to 42 degrees on the Dynamite piste. If there are queues for lifts, theme-park-style ‘wait time' signage advises accordingly. Advanced skiers can also head to the Versant Soleil ski area, which is the resort's newest and has three quarters of terrain suited to experienced skiers. Beginners can learn at the Équilibre nursery area at the foot of the slopes near the South Side village, before advancing onto easy, green slopes further up the mountain.

Snowboarders have three terrain parks to enjoy: The Adrénaline Junior Park on the South Side for beginners, the Rope Tow park on the North Side for intermediates and the Adrénaline Park on the South Side between the Promenade and Curé Deslauriers runs.

**Tremblant**

**Resort**

265

**Base**

265

**Top**

875

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Tremblant is one of the few ski resorts that’s truly a year-round destination. A high percentage of visitors here are happy to just stroll around the shops and pavement cafés and take in the regular resort entertainment.

On-snow and ice alternatives to downhill sliding include ice skating, ice climbing, horse riding, snowmobiling, dog sledding, snowshoeing and sleigh rides.

Off the white stuff, visit the indoor pool or cinema or take a day trip to Montreal, which is around two hours away by car. Those who like a spot of pampering should try Les Bains Scandinaves (tel: (819) 425 5524; [www.scandinave.com](http://www.scandinave.com)), a complex of wooden sauna huts, pools and spa areas in the middle of the countryside just south of the resort (reservations must be made at least two days in advance).

**Family Fun**

Tremblant is an excellent choice for families with its pedestrianised centre, easy access and wide range of family-friendly activities and eateries on and off the slopes.

The Kidz Club day care accepts children aged one to six, with the ski school an option for children who want to learn to ski from the age of three.

The indoor pool complex, Aquaclub La Source (tel: (819) 681 5668), is a particularly good family attraction. The multi-million dollar complex is designed to resemble a Laurentian lake, but with the bonus of having a subtropical atmosphere and the latest spa facilities on site.

**Retail Therapy**

The 50 boutiques and shops in Tremblant put it amongst the world’s top 30 for retail choice at a ski resort, which is unsurprising considering the village has itself been designed as something of a mountainside mall.

Among the boutiques is Acme Jouets et Cadeaux (tel: (819) 681 4600), which sells unique gifts and toys, while Tremblant & Co. (tel: (819) 681 5956) is the place to head for resort-branded souvenirs.

**Splashing Out**

Take to the skies for magnificent views of Mount Tremblant and the Diable River with Héli-Tremblant (tel: (819) 425 5662; [www.heli-tremblant.com](http://www.heli-tremblant.com)). Among the options is the 60-minute ‘Aventure’ flight, which stops on a mountain summit.

**Apres Ski**

There are more than a dozen lively nightspots, as well as a good choice of quieter bars for après-ski in Tremblant.

Among the most popular options, La Diable Microbrewery (117 Chemin Kandahar; tel: (819) 681 4546; [www.microladiable.com](http://www.microladiable.com)) often hosts musical entertainment to go along with its home-brewed beers, while Le Shack (3035 Chemin de la Chapelle; tel: (819) 681 4700; [www.leshack.com](http://www.leshack.com)) is a sports bar with a big-screen TV. Le P’tit Caribou (Vieux-Tremblant; tel: (819) 681 4500; [www.ptitcaribou.com](http://www.ptitcaribou.com)) is one of the busiest nightlife sports in Tremblant and has even been voted the best in eastern Canada by the locals.

For some alternative night-time fun, the casino in Versant Soleil is linked to the resort by a shuttle bus and is a popular place to while away an evening or two.

**Eating Out**

Tremblant has restaurants to cater to all budgets and tastes. Spag & Co. (161 Curé-Deslauriers; tel: (819) 681 4444; [www.spagandco.com](http://www.spagandco.com)) is a good family-friendly establishment, while the Mexican Puesta Del Sol (Rue des Remparts; tel: (819) 681 4606; [www.puestadelsoltremblant.co](http://puestadelsoltremblant.com/)m) serves simple and affordable cuisine. For a special occasion, the French-influenced Aux Truffes (tel: (819) 681 4544; [www.auxtruffes.com](http://www.auxtruffes.com)) serves the likes of game and truffles.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airports: Mont-Tremblant International Airport (YTM); Montreal Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL).

Distance to resort: 35km (22 miles); 140km (87 miles).

Driving time: 30 minutes; 1 hour 40 minutes.

**Getting Around**

Most of the accommodation, off-mountain facilities and ski lifts are within the main resort village, which is designed for pedestrian use. The two base villages are linked by a gondola lift. There is a regular free shuttle bus linking the outlying areas.

**Hotels**

There is a good range of apartments and hotels in Tremblant, the majority of which are located within vibrantly coloured buildings lining the narrow, cobbled streets in the village.

**Place Saint-Bernard Les Suites Tremblant**

This hotel has a perfect location just steps from the lifts and nightlife hotspots. Free entry to Aquaclub La Source is included in the room rate and underground parking is available to guests for an additional fee.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Place Saint Bernard

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Tremblant

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Canada

**Telephone**

1 866 253 0093.

**Website**

http://www.lessuitestremblant.com

**Hotel Mont-Tremblant**

Tremblant's original hotel – having first opened its doors in 1902 – is now a bed and breakfast and sits on the shores of pretty Lake Mercier. On-site dining is available in the cosy pub/restaurant Au Coin.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

1900 Chemin du Village

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Tremblant

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Canada

**Telephone**

(819) 717 1410.

**Website**

http://www.hotel-monttremblant.com

**Fairmont Tremblant**

This slopeside ‘pamper palace’ has in the past been voted the best ski hotel in Eastern North America by a number of magazines. Among the facilities are two restaurants and a spa area.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

3045 Chemin de la Chapelle

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Tremblant

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Canada

**Telephone**

(819) 681 7000.

**Website**

http://www.fairmont.com/tremblant