**La Tania**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Environmental awareness

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

54

**Intermediate Runs**

34

**Advanced Runs**

8

**Total Runs**

96

**Lifts**

55

**Chairs**

18

**Drags**

26

**Gondola Cable Cars**

11

**Parks**

2

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

5.3m (17.4ft).

**Overview**

La Tania is one of the newest ski areas in the world, created only a little over 20 years ago to host journalists and athletes during the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville.

Located in the world’s largest ski area, the Trois Vallées (Three Valleys), La Tania is a very different prospect to its elite neighbours (Meribel, Courchevel) with their luxury chalets and 5-star hotels. La Tania is a much more down-to-earth prospect with a relaxed atmosphere and friendly mid-range accommodation and dining options.

La Tania’s modern design placed a large emphasis on slopeside convenience, meaning virtually all accommodation is located very near the foot of the pistes. This emphasis on design is also evident architecturally, with the resort's buildings reflecting a traditional style, integrated into the local architecture of the Savoyard villages.

As would generally be expected of a relatively modern development, La Tania ski resort is also an environmentally friendly centre. From the time the resort was conceived, all the ecological and environmental aspects have been integrated into its design. La Tania's local power is supplied by hydro-electric energy, as are the lifts, snowmakers and trail groomers of the Trois Vallées.

**Location**

La Tania is located in the Courchevel Valley, between Méribel and Courchevel in the Trois Vallées. The resort is situated in the French Alpine region of Savoie, in the southeast of the country, and is close to the Italian and Swiss borders.

**Website**

http://www.latania.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.latania.com/pdf/Plan\_Pistes\_3Vallees.pdf

**Hit The Slopes**

With the world's largest ski area on its doorstep, it would be hard to imagine a better location than La Tania's. What’s more, the relatively low number of guest beds usually means that access into this vast domain is queue-free too.

The local skiing is within the Courchevel Valley, which has 150km (93 miles) of pistes; a quarter of the Trois Vallées' total. There are lots of green and easy blue runs directly above La Tania that are ideal for beginners and intermediates.

Experts also have a huge choice, with quick access to the Saulire area and its steep chutes. There's a massive choice of off-piste skiing too, which the local ski school can help skiers to discover.

The wider area does, of course, open up plentiful opportunities, particularly for intermediates with the two neighbouring resorts of Méribel and Courchevel easily accessible by lifts. Cross-country skiing also links La Tania to Courchevel’s ski area, with a shared 70km (43 miles) of trails available.

Despite its comparable low altitude to its neighbours, the slopes here are generally reliable with snow-making facilities available on the slopes leading down to the resort when cover is sparse. The ski season in La Tania runs from early-December until late April.

**La Tania**

**Resort**

1400

**Base**

1300

**Top**

2738

**Trois Vallées**

**Resort**

1400

**Base**

1300

**Top**

3230

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Indoor entertainment facilities in La Tania are limited mainly to a small cinema and a swimming pool and gym in the Hôtel Le Montana (tel: +33 479 088 008). The resort organises a lot of events, however, particularly during the French school holidays. These may include torchlit descents, big-air displays, sledge races, concerts, ice sculpture or an introduction to biathlon. Some of the bars also put on live music events, and throughout the season new arrivals can try a free 'green chaud' drink every Sunday at 1700 while discovering what's on that week.

There's also the chance to follow in the tracks of Olympians on the major cross-country ski trail that passes through the village en route from Méribel to Courchevel. This track was the venue for Nordic events at the 1992 Winter Olympics.

**Family Fun**

The intimate and friendly nature of La Tania combined with its pedestrian ethos, affordable dining and good nursery slopes, make it a good choice for families - the fact that it is largely car free is another bonus.

The Chez Nounours kindergarten (tel: +33 479 084 040) is a non-ski service welcoming children aged from four months upwards, while the resort can also provide a range of activities to keep older children aged up to 11 entertained while off the slopes.

The resort also holds regular child-friendly events and even puts on a ‘children’s week’ of fun-filled activities during the Christmas holiday period.

**Retail Therapy**

Shopping in the resort is limited to holiday essentials. There’s a baker, minimarket, newsagent and a delicatessen that stocks regional specialities, including a wide range of local cheeses, wines, sausages and hams. There are also four ski shops in La Tania stocking the latest gear.

Nearby Courchevel, which is a free shuttle bus ride away, dramatically increases the range of shopping outlets on offer, with one of the world's leading selections of luxury boutiques in a ski resort.

**Splashing Out**

Pamper Off Piste (tel: +33 617 608 902; www.destinationpamper.com) operates a mobile massage and beauty service that can visit customers in their chalets or hotels. Among the treatments available is the three-hour Beautiful Beginnings package that includes a manicure and pedicure.

**Apres Ski**

As with most French purpose-built resorts, the choice of après-ski in La Tania is rather limited, and the liveliness of the resort generally depends on who's in town.

Of the handful of bars, Le Chrome Bar (tel: +33 4 7907 2583) and Pub Le Ski Lodge (tel: +33 4 7908 8149; [www.publeskilodge.com](http://www.publeskilodge.com)) often have live music and big screens, whilst La Taïga (tel: +33 4 7908 8033; [www.easytaiga.com](http://www.easytaiga.com)) is a great cocktail lounge that also serves food.

The tourist office organises activities throughout the week. For a wider choice of après-ski activities and bars, take the shuttle bus to Courchevel or Méribel.

**Eating Out**

There’s a moderate range of restaurants in La Tania, most of them cheerful, friendly and relaxed establishments, with crepes, fondue and pizza commonly gracing the menus.

La Ferme de la Tania (tel: +33 479 082 325; [www.laferme.latania.fr](http://www.laferme.latania.fr)) located slopeside at the foot of the Folyères piste is a family friendly venue with great crepes, fondue and raclette.

Among the other restaurants in La Tania, The Telemark (tel: +33 450 327 121) and Les Chanterelles (tel: +33 479 082 325) both offer Savoyard specialities – the latter is famous for its buckwheat crêpes oozing with delicious fillings. While Les Marmottons (tel: +33 479 088 163) is best for pizza and offers a handy take away service.

For a really special evening, head to Le Farçon (tel: +33 479 088 034; [www.lefarcon.fr](http://www.lefarcon.fr)) for a true tantalising treat. This gourmet restaurant has held a Michelin-star rating since 2006.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airports: Chambéry Airport (CMF); Geneva International Airport (GVA); Turin Airport (TRN).

Distance to resort: 105km (65 miles); 140km (87 miles); 245km (152 miles).

Driving time: 1 hour 30 minutes; 2 hours 30 minutes; 3 hours.

Nearest railway station: Moûtiers.

Distance to resort: 20km (13 miles).

Driving time: 20 minutes.

**Getting Around**

As a car-free ski centre, most of La Tania's facilities are within walking distance. A free shuttle bus circulates around the wider areas and to neighbouring Courchevel and Méribel.

**Hotels**

With only 4,000 guest beds available, accommodation in La Tania is somewhat limited for a ski resort, though this does aid the resort’s reputation as one of the most intimate and cosy resorts in the Trois Vallées (Three Valleys). Accommodation is mostly in catered chalets and apartments built in the traditional style, with only a couple of mid-level hotels in La Tania itself.

**Maeva Residence Grand Bois**

A large wood clad slopeside apartment complex in a central location, the apartments at Maeva Residence Grand Bois are generally larger and better equipped than the average in the resort.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

F 73125

**Country**

France

**Telephone**

+33 158 215 550

**Website**

www.pierreetvacances.com

**Hotel Telemark**

A slopeside complex housed above a bar and pizzeria, the Hotel Telemark provides 12 en-suite bedrooms including twins, doubles and larger family/group rooms.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

41 Route du Plan du Saz

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

F 73125

**Country**

France

**Telephone**

+33 964 273 038

**Website**

www.ski-inn.co.uk/ch\_telemark.html

**Chalet Topaz**

A comfortable chalet, which sleeps up to 16, located just 60 metres (200ft) from the slopes, Chalet Topaz houses an on-site restaurant and also has an outdoor hot tub - perfect for alleviating those aching post-ski muscles.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

F 73125

**Country**

France

**Telephone**

+33 1737 306 029

**Website**

www.silverski.co.uk/chalet-topaz-la-plagne

**Chalet Beauvallon**

A homely chalet offering spacious rooms and an excellent location next to the foot of the blue Folyers piste, Chalet Beauvallon offers breakfast and dinner at the on-site restaurant, a private nanny service and complimentary Wi-Fi.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Courchevel 73120

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

F 73125

**Country**

France

**Telephone**

+33 1737 306 029

**Website**

www.chaletsdirect.com

**Hôtel Le Montana**

A 3-star hotel at the base of the slopes, Hôtel Le Montana offers satellite TV, a small pool and a fitness room. Guests here have the added benefit of being able to ski straight to the doorstep.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

F 73125

**Country**

France

**Telephone**

+33 4 7908 8008

**Website**

www.alpineelements.co.uk

**Residence Le Britania**

A basic apartment complex, well located in the resort centre, Residence Le Britania offers compact rooms and a lively bar downstairs, which is open until 0100 – a good or bad thing depending on your preferences.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

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