



**Florida Ski
Council Trip**

Chamonix France 2023

Daytona Beach Ski & Travel Club

March 10-18, 2023



An authentic European experience awaits you at this iconic destination!

Treat yourself! There are many opportunities for skiing, shopping, sightseeing, and après-ski fun. We will join with many of the ski clubs in Florida to enjoy the week. The Florida Ski Council activities include a reception party, and a Gala evening Cocktail party with local entertainment, and daily sightseeing optional non-skiing tours available.

Chamonix is a vibrant town known as both a world-class ski resort and tourist destination. Situated in the Haute-Savoie region of France, it is bordered by Switzerland and Italy and dominated by the incredible Aiguilles de Chamonix mountain chain peaking at the top of Mont Blanc (4810m).

With these vast, jagged mountains towering over the town, the scenery here is arguably the most spectacular in the French Alps. The snow-capped peaks soar into the bright blue sky, ancient glaciers sweep down towards the valley floor. The natural beauty of this valley is the main draw for those who love the outdoors whether skiers, mountaineers, hikers or sightseers. There is a real international vibe here.

Price of \$3,789.00 per person to Chamonix France includes:

- *Priced based on double occupancy of a hotel room.
- *Round-trip air from Florida to Chamonix including taxes/surcharges.
- *Seven nights lodging at the 4 Star Hotel Alpina Eclectic.
- *Roundtrip airport transfers to Chamonix.
- *Full breakfast daily and five nights full dinner in Chamonix.
- *Wine, cheese, welcome reception and orientation party in Chamonix.
- *FSC Gala Party Evening with local entertainment & DJ for dancing.
- *All local taxes and surcharges and all air surcharges.
- * FSC Decorative pin and optional daily tours priced separately.



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The main attraction that brings tourists to this picturesque town is Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Western Europe at 4810m. Visitors either come to view it from the station at the top of the Aiguille du Midi cable car (3842m) or take it in from the valley floor. Another popular place to visit is the huge Mer de Glace glacier, accessed by the vintage Montenvers train. From the top, you can descend to an ice cave excavated into the glacier via a gondola and a series of walkways and steps.

SIGN UP EARLY: LIMITED AVAILABILITY

DEPOSITS: \$300.00 initial deposit per person (\$32.00 non-refundable). \$1,500.00 additional due by November 15, 2022. Balance due on or before December 31, 2022.

>DISCOUNT LIFT Tickets available.

>Single supplement: \$742.00 additional for Chamonix.

Cancellations: Non-refundable:\$200 up to November 15, 2022. Between Nov 16, 2022 and Dec 31, 2022, \$1,000 plus any Cost to Club. Jan 1, 2023 to departure non-refundable.

Trip insurance is available. Check with the trip leader for details.

Price is based on \$1.15 to 1 Euro. Final cost is subject to any air, ground, or exchange rate cost changes.

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Hotel Alpina Eclectic: Four star hotel Chamonix France

Clean lines, large, open, and communicating volumes, contemporary natural material, contrasting colour plays, and designer furniture... The Alpina Eclectic Hôtel**** offers a **relaxing chic spirit**, subtly combining urban and mountain styles. Result: an eclectic ensemble never seen before! Perfectly equipped in a revisited **mountain style, with breathtaking views** of Mont Blanc, the Brévent, and the Aiguilles rouges... A spectacle you will never tire of. During your stay, look out for the dahu and yeti; they are not far!

The Alpina Eclectic offers a unique experience right in the heart of Chamonix.

The Vista Restaurant with 180° views and the French Boulevard bar/café.

The spa & wellness center with sauna, hammam, jacuzzi, solarium, steam room, and fitness center.

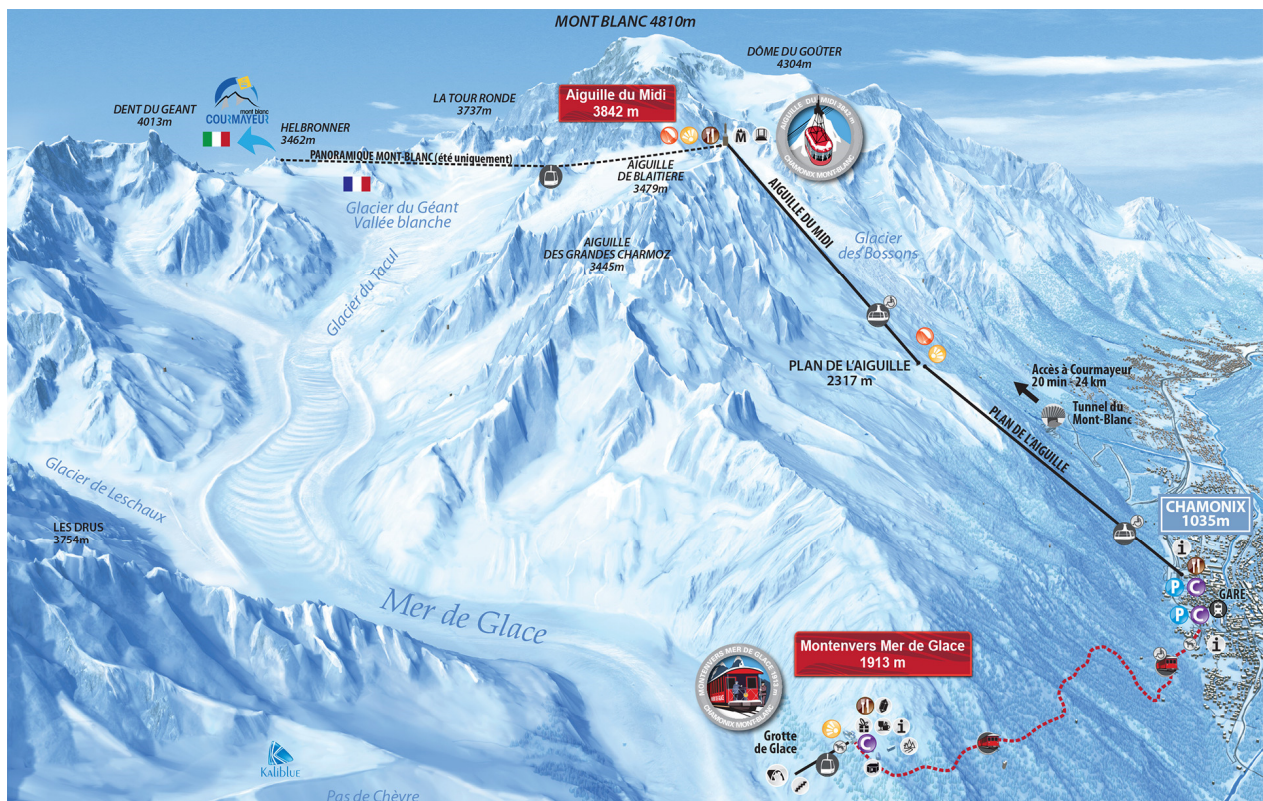
The hotel includes a full service ski shop, ski lockers, 2 bars, a grocery store, game room, and free internet,



Chamonix Vallee Ski Map



Aiguille Du Midi and Vallee Blanche



Optional Excursions: Many travelers either do not ski or only want to ski part of the time available. Therefore the Florida Ski Council arranges for optional day tours during the vacation. Below is information regarding some of the day-trip options. This is a great way to see other areas while in Europe. We will be adding information regarding these and other activity options.

Sunday March 12: No Tour: Ski, enjoy and explore Chamonix, or tour the Aiguille du Midi!

Monday March 13: Tour to Annecy.

Tuesday March 14: Tour to Courmayeur.

Wednesday March 15: Tour to Montreux & Castle Chillon

Thursday March 16: No Tours: FSC Gala party in the evening.

Friday March 17: Tour to Evian/Yvoire

Saturday March 18: Return home.

Optional tour to Verbier France to ski: Planned is a day tour for skiers. What an exciting opportunity to experience another world class resort while in Europe. The day of the tour is TBD.

All optional tours are reserved and paid for in advance.



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

ANNECY: Monday, 13 March

Visit the “Venice of the Alps”, with its pristine alpine lake and quaint city center. Based on 100-year-old photographs, you will discover the essential treasures of this magically Romantic city. From the esplanade « le Pâquier » with its breathtaking views to the heart of the old town, you will get to know the town hall, St Maurice Church, the Thiou river and its banks, the fountain of Madame de Warrens, the ancient prison and the castle. Admire and experience Annecy from the inside while taking a trip back in time through different periods of the city of Annecy, in front of the different emblematic monuments.

Includes transportation and guided visit

Departure Chamonix 9:00am

Arrival Annecy 10:00am

Guided visit 2 hours, lunch on your own and free time

Departure Annecy 5:00pm

Arrival Chamonix 6:00pm

TOUR COST:..... \$95.00 p.p.



COURMAYEUR: Tuesday, 14 March

Travel from Chamonix through the 7.3 mile long Mont Blanc Tunnel connecting France and Italy. Shortly after entering Italy we come to Courmayeur which lies on the Italian side of the Mont Blanc mountain range in a verdant atmosphere surrounded by pine woods, mountains and glaciers. Even though it is an internationally well-known destination, Courmayeur still keeps its authentic Alpine atmosphere, which is noticeable both when shopping in the town center and when having a stroll among the hamlets surrounding the town center that arrive until the beginning of the central valley, where the Veny and Ferret streams flow in the Dora Baltea.

Visit the city center of this beloved ski resort and the highest city in Italy.

- Option: Afternoon visit Skyway gondola ride to 11,000ft highest point of Italy – 65€ extra cost

Departure Chamonix 9:00am

Arrival Courmayeur 9:30am

Guided visit 2 hours, lunch on your own and free time

Departure Courmayeur 5:00pm

Arrival Chamonix 5:30pm

TOUR COST:..... \$75.00 p.p.



MONTREUX/CASTLE CHILLON :

Wednesday, 15 March

After a picturesque ride from Chamonix along the shores of Lake Geneva we arrive in Montreux. Stroll the streets of this famous Swiss city where the world comes to celebrate jazz music every year in July. The town's promenade is lined with flowers, sculptures, Mediterranean trees and grand Belle Époque buildings. Nestled between the majestic Lake Geneva and the Swiss mountains, this town benefits from a truly exceptional natural environment and has managed to preserve all the richness of its heritage.

Enjoy a lunch on your own of locally sourced products, a unique opportunity to discover the local gastronomy! In the afternoon, you will visit one of the jewels of the local heritage: the Chillon castle, former residence of the counts and dukes of Savoy. The Chillon castle has the particularity of being built on its own little island. Set off the shore, it gives an interesting perspective. The placement of the castle is strategic: it guards the passage between the Vaud Riviera, which allows access to the north towards Germany and France, and the Rhone valley, a quick route to Italy, and offers an excellent viewpoint over the Savoyard coast on the opposite side of the lake. A garrison could thus control (both militarily and commercially) access to the road to Italy and apply a toll. One of the most visited castles in Europe and very Instagrammable, Chillon offers visitors a blast back to the past.

Departure Chamonix	9:00am
Arrival Montreux	10:45am
Guided visit 2 hours, lunch on your own	
Visit Château Chillon	3:00pm
Departure Chamonix	5:30pm
Arrival Chamonix	7:00pm
<u>TOUR COST:..... \$178.00 p.p.</u>	

EVIAN / YVOIRE: Friday, 17 March

Visit Evian les Bains, a high-market holiday resort and spa town on the shores of Lake Geneva. It has been visited for over two centuries by royalty and celebrities for its famous golf course and even more famous spring waters. Discover this magnificent walled in medieval village located in a strategic point on the shores of Lake Geneva. You will wander through its picturesque and stone laid streets while observing its quaint homes and shops in the heart of the village.

Departure Chamonix	9:00am
Arrival Evian	10:45am
Guided visit 2 hours, lunch at leisure	
Departure Yvoire	1:30pm
Arrival Yvoire	2:00pm
Free time	
Departure Yvoire	5:00pm
Arrival Chamonix	6:45pm
<u>TOUR COST:..... \$95.00 p.p.</u>	



VERBIER SKI-DAY (Skiers): (Date/s/ to be advised)

As if there isn't enough skiing in the Chamonix Valley, today the skiers will get the chance to take advantage of the proximity to Verbier, Switzerland and spend the day skiing The 4 Valleys. The bus will travel over the mountain range into the Valais Valley of Switzerland, home to such famous resorts as Zermatt, Crans Montana, Le Diablerets and of course, the 4 Valleys region that includes Verbier (**265 miles of marked runs!**).

The bus will drop the group off at the Le Chable Cable Car which you can take to the village of Verbier and spend the day skiing this massive resort. At the end of the day, take the cable car back down to the coach for the ride back to Chamonix.

Those who purchase a 6-day Mont Blanc Unlimited pass will receive 50% off the daily Verbier Ticket.

EPIC Pass holders will receive a free lift pass

Seniors over the age of 76 Ski free

Departure Chamonix 8:00am

Arrival Verbier 9:30am

Departure Verbier 4:00pm

Arrival Chamonix 5:30pm

TOUR COST:..... \$49.00 p.p.



NOTE: Due to the fact that the transportation requires that the bus go over the pass, this tour may be canceled at the last minute due to inclement weather. In the event this happens, Verbier will be substituted with Megeve as the destination. No refunds will be given on the tour. Megeve is included in the Mont Blanc Unlimited Pass

