

#3 PLACES TO GO IN LA PLAGNE

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I'M LOOKING FOR... A REFINED & ORIGINAL RESTAURANT (1)

La Table du Cocoon is like its chef Régis: he likes good things and that shows in what he serves. The products are fresh and local, the dishes are delicate and epicurean.



The alternative dining area is outside, with Finnish kota huts set right on the mountain side. These small private chalets offer a particularly convivial Scandinavian ambiance with the clients sitting around the brasero with the chef. Meat lovers will especially appreciate the huge and tasty cuts of meat.

Practical info: Hôtel le Cocoon - Plagne 1800 - hotel-lecocoon.fr - +33 (0)4 79 55 00 06 - +33 (0)6 14 62 91 39. Please remember to reserve, this family-run establishment does not go in for industrial production.



I'M LOOKING FOR... A VEGGIE-FRIENDLY RESTAURANT WITH AN ITALIAN TOUCH (2)

See you in the Chalet de la Roche where vegetarians will not feel like they are on a diet! The chef is Italian so the pasta is fresh and the pizzas are cooked on a wood fire. The cooks don't skimp on the quantity but they certainly don't forget the quality either. There is a large terrace but it's worth taking a look inside where the decor will remind you that you are just next to France's only bobsleigh track (it ends just 200m from the restaurant). Omnivores often have to be fast to get the dish of the day which is always simple and tasty. As for the desserts – they are simply ir-res-sis-tible!

Practical info: Le Chalet de la Roche - Plagne 1800, bottom of La Roche chairlift - +33 (0)4 79 09 05 99



I'M LOOKING FOR... A FAMILY-FRIENDLY SAVOYARD RESTAURANT (3)

Le Forperet is the perfect place if you want to dive into some melted cheese. Roland, the owner, uses his own cheese in the renowned Fondue Savoyarde and in a tartiflette made according to his own secret recipe, somewhere between a cake and a gratin. The view across the valley is fabulous both in the daytime and at night and children will enjoy meeting Galopin, who supervises the mini-farm attached to the restaurant,

Good to know: Roland proposes cheese-making demonstrations on Wednesdays.

Practical info: Le Forperet - forperet.com - forperet@gmail.com - +33 (0)4 79 55 51 27

Plagne Montalbert, accessible on skis, by car and on the free shuttle in the evening



I'M LOOKING FOR... A RESTAURANT ON THE SLOPES WITH A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW (4-5)

The 360 is La Plagne's latest addition. It has a panoramic view of the Tarentaise and windows throughout for a thoroughly modern look. As far as the menu is concerned, the "piste level" proposes a pasta bar, a huge cauldron of soup and a free-range chicken grill amongst other possibilities; upstairs, there is a restaurant with table service and a cosier atmosphere. The menu reflects the restaurant's sponsor, Michelin-starred chef Jean-Michel Bouvier; your taste buds will be tingling!

The + points: If you are always hungry, the 360 will be serving through to the end of the afternoon, so you can get your strength back after a day of skiing (or not...the restaurant is accessible to non-skiers).

Practical info: Le 360 - le360.montalbert@gmail.com

Plagne Montalbert, accessible on skis or on foot via Montalbert gondola.



The Chalet des Verdons Sud is an ideal south-facing version where skiers can admire the Vanoise glaciers since La Plagne faces both north *and* south. On a sunny day you will definitely need your sun cream! The prices are reasonable and there is a different dish of the day every lunchtime.

Practical info: Le chalet des Verdons Sud - +33 (0)6 13 10 33 31 - Champagny en Vanoise



I'M LOOKING FOR... A SMALL COSY RESTAURANT (6)

La Spatule offers something a little different in this mountain setting: a great choice of crepes! This couple from Brittany settled in La Plagne to make crepes and enjoy the skiing, creating a small restaurant with a calm, almost timeless atmosphere.

Practical info: La Spatule - Plagne Villages - hotel-lecocoon.fr - +33 (0)4 79 09 05 80.

Remember to reserve, especially during school holiday periods.

I'M LOOKING FOR... A GASTRONOMIC RESTAURANT FOR A ROMANTIC DINNER (7)

Le Carlina, a 4* hotel, has a beautiful restaurant right on the slopes where the evening menu is particularly refined. This is not the place to come for a raclette, the chef loves preparing crunchy vegetables and delicate sauces.

The + points: the cheese trolley that includes a Beaufort cheese with parsley that is not bad at all!

Practical info: Le Carlina - Belle Plagne - + 33 (0)4 79 09 78 46



I'M LOOKING FOR... A GOOD FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT (8)

Overlooking Plagne Bellecôte, this completely glassed-in building is visible from a way off. Le Bonnet is in a strategic location for skiers (just above the lifts in Plagne Bellecôte) and has been designed with them in mind. You give your order at the bar, the service is fast and the terrace is sunny. Since French fries go down better when you eat with your fingers, don't hesitate to try the menu. A special mention for the burgers, made from 'real' mincemeat.

Practical info: Le Bonnet - Plagne Bellecôte - + 33 (0)6 83 28 66 29



I'M LOOKING FOR... A MOUNTAIN VILLAGE RESTAURANT (9)

La Bovate restaurant in the old village of Montchavin is ideally located between the children's area and the typical little streets. Low-temperature cooking is preferred and there is plenty of advice on wine. If you prefer, there are also local specialities on the menu.

Practical info: La Bovate - Montchavin la Plagne - + 33 (0)9 83 54 44 94



I'M LOOKING FOR... A NEW FAMILY-FRIENDLY HOTEL (10)

The Araucaria has undergone a metamorphosis – it was already in an ideal spot just at the bottom of the slopes but now also has a trendy design for a fun, chic new look. The 4* hotel, which is part of the same family as the RockyPop and Héliopic hotels, is perfect for parents and children who love winter sports. There are child-friendly areas everywhere: in the bedrooms, the aquatic area and the bar...and don't forget to check out the sweet dispensers in the lounge!

Practical info: L'Araucaria - Plagne Centre - +33(0)4 79 09 20 20 - www.araucaria-hotel.com - contact@araucaria-hotel.com



I'M LOOKING FOR... A COSY HOTEL WITH SPECIAL TOUCHES (11)

Le Cocoon has been listed above for its cuisine, here it is again for its rooms. There aren't many of them so you are sure of a special welcome. The small hotel feels like a family chalet with the touch of interior decorator, Dado Robino, and everything is meant to make you feel at home: right down to the slippers!

Practical info: Hôtel le Cocoon - Plagne 1800 - hotel-lecocoon.fr - +33 (0)4 79 55 00 06 - +33 (0)6 14 62 91 39



I'M LOOKING FOR... AN AUTHENTIC MOUNTAIN ATMOSPHERE (12-13)

One thing is clear: when it's freezing, your thoughts naturally turn to igloos! La Plagne's igloo village, managed by Blacksheep, consists of two types of igloos: one dug out of snow and ice, like real ones and the other heated and totally transparent so you can see the mountain peaks and the stars.

The + points: you can eat there (fondue) without having to stay the night

Practical info: Village igloo - Plagne Villages - www.blacksheep-igloo.com - +33 (0)9 51 38 88 15



Refuges are appreciated nowadays more than ever and Le Sauget is authentic as regards both its decor and its owners! You should make your way there at the end of the afternoon to get settled in by the fire. The impressive forest of fir trees contrasts with the cosy atmosphere inside.

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