

Les Collons, Verbier Ski Area, Switzerland



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Les Collons - Essential facts

- Just 1 hour 45 minutes from Geneva
- Twenty minutes from Sion airport
- Part of the huge Verbier ski area
- Glorious un-crowded skiing
- 410km of pistes for all levels of skier
- East and South facing resort and slopes
- High altitude and snow sure
- Panoramic views of the Dent Blanche
- See the Matterhorn from your terrace



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Resort information

At 1800m Les Collons is the highest of the resorts which link into the Verbier ski system, the largest ski region in Switzerland with over 410km of pistes. Facing East and South Les Collons has magnificent mountain views looking up the stunning valley of the Val d'Herens to the famous Matterhorn. Les Collons has a couple of hotels, several restaurants, two supermarkets, ski shops and a few bars, but the real charm of the area is the feeling of traditional Switzerland as you gaze down at the larch forests with their delightful chalets dotted over the slopes and the spires of churches in the quaint villages on the other side of the valley.

This is one of the most stunning views in the Alps; you really feel that you are in the mountains, surrounded by alpine pastures and mountain peaks but you are just 20 minutes from the airport and busy town of Sion.

Getting there

Les Collons is just under 2 hours from Geneva airport. In the winter there are also flights from London to Sion 20 minutes away which makes this the fastest transfer time in the Alps. The fast and easy transfer makes Les Collons a good choice for a weekend visit but there is enough skiing to keep you busy for weeks.



Part of the Verbier ski area with 410km of pistes for all abilities



Winter

The "Prinze" ski pass covers Les Collons, Veysonnaz and the pretty village of Evolene just 15 minutes away is enough to keep most skiers busy for a week. There is so much skiing on your doorstep that you don't really need to ski over to Verbier. The connection to Verbier is always open as it is above 1700m and there are snow cannons on the slopes.

You can also buy a four Valleys ski pass which covers all 410km of piste or even a Valais ski pass which covers all the resorts in Valais except Zermatt and is the largest ski area in the world accessible on a single pass. You can reach the slopes above Verbier on skis in just over an hour.



You will enjoy your chalet at all times of the year



Summer

There is so much to do in the area, including tennis courts, mountain biking and walking. Lake Dix can be reached by taking a cable car from the foot of the dam (the highest dam in Europe) and then you can take a boat across the lake and admire the views from the restaurant or hike to the ski resort of Arolla.

In the Rhone valley there are golf courses and natural spas with pools and water slides. You will enjoy your chalet at all times of the year.



Panoramic views of the Dent Blanche and the Matterhorn



Investment

Les Collons has the most potential of all the villages which link into the Verbier ski system as there is still some land which could be developed and there are currently schemes to build hotels in the area including, Le Mayens d'Heremence, a 4* hotel with a spa, apartments, restaurant and commerce.

Most of the land between the lifts is zoned only for the construction of individual chalets so the essential character of the region will be maintained and we see Les Collons becoming more "up market" as the chalets being built are now larger and more luxurious than those built previously.

There is also an investment program to upgrade some of the ski lifts and the new high speed Etherolla Chair lift (2450m) opened this winter to improve the access to Verbier and there is a proposal to replace the old two man chair lift from Les Masses with a high speed new one.

Rental

A German tour operator which rents only chalets (not apartments) has been very successful renting chalets in the Pyramides Village, Chalets du Rhone and Matterhorn Village developments. These are all in Les Collons and were built by the same developer. Those owners who have chosen to rent their chalets have been able to rent them to a wide range of different nationalities who are attracted to the Verbier ski area and like to rent a chalet rather than an apartment. Please ask us for rental figures and running costs.

Legal Requirements

Demand for property in the Verbier ski area is so strong and prices were rising so fast that in January 2007 the Canton of Valais introduced a one year moratorium blocking sales to foreigners in this area as there were queues of 2 years or more to obtain a foreigner purchase permit. This ban has now been lifted and it is now possible to buy in the Valais again. Buyers may not resell within 10 years apart from in special circumstances.

Contact us for advice or to arrange a visit



Viewing

Viewing is easy - take a flight to Geneva (see www.easyjet.com). Why not stay at the Hotel Terminus in Sierre and treat yourself? The restaurant in the hotel is the "Didier de Courten", one of Switzerland's best new restaurants (2 Michelin stars, 19 Gault Millau points, and Chef of the Year 2006) but they also have a more reasonably priced brasserie next door. They also have some newly refurbished ultra-modern rooms. www.hotel-terminus.ch

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