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Chamonix offers a multitude of slopes for all levels, each ski area having its own merit. Tremendously long slopes, skiing through the trees, freeride and off-piste, beginners slopes : an infinite number of possibilities for snowriders and mountain lovers alike.

Whatever your skiing style or choice of ski speciality, come and join the ski professionals who know how to teach you the essential techniques whilst making it a pleasure all the way.

Chamonix's skiing extends over 3 main areas : Brant/Flée, offering south-facing slopes and exceptional views of the Mont-Blanc chain, the Grands Montets, high altitude north-facing slopes which dominate the village of Argentière and the Balme area, wide open slopes at the top of the Chamonix valley, bordering on Switzerland. The sister resort of les Houches lies at the opposite end of the valley and is accessible with the Mont-Blanc Unlimited ski pass.

The Chamonix Valley stretches from Servoz to Barberine on the Swiss border. The main towns (working up the Valley from Servoz) include Les Houches, Les Bossons, Chamonix, Les Praz, Argentiere, Mont Roc / Le Tour, and Vallorcine.

Ski areas: Chamonix is not a ski in - ski out purpose built resort, but rather a town which became the world capital of mountaineering and developed into a world re-knowned ski resort. It is actually 5 ski resorts and one famous off piste lift access (the Aiguille du Midi).

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