



Ski The French Alps March 2006!

TROIS (Three) VALLEES: Meribel, Courchevel, Val Thorens, LES ARCS/ LA PLAGNE, VAL D'ISERE. HUGE names. HUGE SKIING... MORE SKIING TERRAIN IN THESE FRENCH RESORTS THAN ALL THE RESORTS OF COLORADO, UTAH, AND CALIFORNIA COMBINED! MORE SKIING TERRAIN IN THESE FRENCH RESORTS THAN ALL THE RESORTS OF COLORADO, UTAH, AND CALIFORNIA COMBINED!

THE STATS for Courchevel, Meribel, Val Thorens, Les Arcs, La Plagne, Val d'Isere:

Vertical drop: 33,732 ft Lifts: 488

Trails: 1,280 km

Off-trail Expert Terrain: Limitless!

Weeks of **March 3** and **March 10, 2006**

AIR on Continental or SAS. 7 NIGHTS LODGING, TRANSFERS, DAILY BREAKFAST AND DINNER:

from **\$1269**

Bonuses: Pre-trip to Paris (2/28-3/4) : air, 3 nights hotel in 4 star hotel 1 block from Eiffel Tower, high speed bullet train to ski village, brkfst... \$539

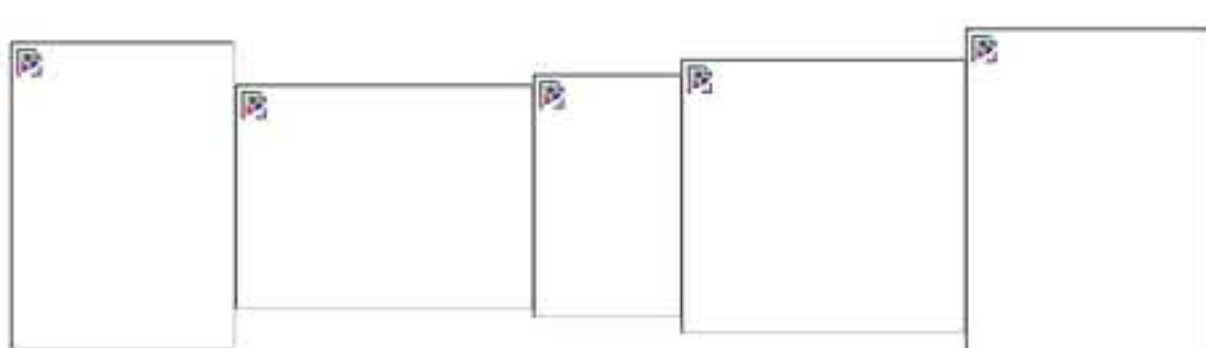
Post-trip to Lisbon (3/18-3/24) : Air, 3 nights 4 star hotel, bkfst... \$549

Deposit to hold space: \$100 NOW. Click on "Nuts and Bolts" link below for full deposit and pricing info.

*WORRIED ABOUT THE EXCHANGE RATE?

No Worries! We have bought forward the Euro and the base prices of our tours are locked in... no currency increase surprises!

Strongly consider doing both ski weeks. The second week is amazingly affordable since you don't pay for the air (you are already in Europe). Go to the [Nuts and Bolts](#) page for full costing details on both single and multiple week pricing.



WORRIED ABOUT THE EXCHANGE RATE? You can lock in the rate NOW guaranteeing your price against currency fluctuation. And you can do this FOR FREE! Simply make your first deposit BY MID-OCTOBER and your package price will be guaranteed!

France has the biggest ski resorts in the world. No question about it. Skiman has only skied one of the biggest (Val d'Isere)... Not acceptable! Something must be done to rectify this grievous omission and '06 is the year to do it. Val d'Isere is the biggest ski resort Skiman has ever skied. You cannot ski it in two weeks. And, believe it or not, Val d'Isere fits snugly into the skiing complex of Trois Valles and Les Arcs/ La Plagne many times over. No kidding! Give us the area stats above and try to wrap your brain around the enormity of the numbers. You cannot ski all of the terrain in these resorts in 2 months, let alone two weeks! Skiman has dreamed for the past 11 years of skiing these areas, but they were so expensive that the dream remained a dream. But when he found out that Les Arcs had been connected to La Plagne with a new tram last season, creating the single largest ski resort in the world, he became rabid to go there had to be a way! And we found it. In between Les Arcs and Trois Valles is a charming French spa village, Evrie de Bain. It is connected by lift to Trois Valles, is a 15 minute drive from Les Arcs, and is 50 minutes away from Val d'Isere. We approached a couple of hotels in the village and promised to fill them up for two weeks IF they made us an offer we could not refuse. It worked! We got the best prices I have seen for this normally expensive region. Usually, to stay for a week in these ski resorts costs \$2500 from the Eastern U.S. Our trip is less than half that. So, here's the deal. Stay in a cool village where you can take a 15-20 minute bus or tram ride to access the biggest skiing in the world at half the "normal" price. The skiing in these areas is too huge to tackle in one week. So, the week of MARCH 3 we will ski at LES ARCS/ LA PLAGNE, with a day trip to Val d'Isere. The second week (MARCH 10) will focus on skiing the Trois Valles areas of Courchevel, Meribel, and Val Thorens. BEST BET: STAY FOR BOTH WEEKS! That way, you can ski all the complexes and you will save SUBSTANTIAL money on the extra week as you won't pay for the air that week, saving \$420 off that week's cost. NOTE TO EXPERT SKIERS: Skiman has skied for 37 years and he unequivocally feels that the best backcountry off-trail skiing to be had is in the Alps. Hire a guide, and there almost no areas that are out of bounds. LAST YEAR IN SWITZERLAND, WE SKIED RUNS THAT WERE 7000+ VERTICAL FEET AND TOOK 1 1/2 HOURS TO COMPLETE! We skied on glaciers, down narrow chutes, and always in knee to waist deep powder! Sometimes a 10 minute hike will get you 2 hours of untracked wilderness skiing in freshies ALL DAY LONG! If you are an expert skier, you MUST SKI THE ALPS BACKCOUNTRY with a guide. It is like nothing else you have ever skied! Call Skiman any time and he will regale you with ample tales of the epicsness he has skied in the past 11 years in the Alps!

Our two hotels are in a old French spa village of Evrie de Bain (renowned "Bred la boe"). The village is perfectly situated between the Three Valleys and Les Arcs, as well as being only 50 minutes from Val d'Isere. It has a big advantage over the other accommodations at the ski resorts. There lack any charm, as they are cement purpose-built towns that are, for the most part, ugly and cold. Evrie de Bain is a real French village with class and ambience. So, you will be able to experience the genuine French countryside as well as world-class skiing and not have to stay in cement condos! The hotels: The hotels are 3 and 3 1/2 star category. All rooms have private baths. Breakfast and dinner is included every day! This represents a huge savings in and of itself! And the food in France is about as good as it gets. Skiman's favorite food is in Italy, but France is a very close second. We have never had a bad meal in France. And the wine? Don't even go there! It is beyond description. We will find out more about our hotels in June as we are going over to organize everything. We will give you a first hand report on our next page in July about all we find. We will post our impressions of the hotels and provide some photos of each property as well.

Pre and Post Extension Tours

Paris and Lisbon

Paris is considered the capital of Europe and is famous for its architecture, wine, and food. The Louvre museum is considered by many to be the best in the world. And floating down the Seine River as Notre Dame drifts by is an experience everyone should strive to have at least once in their life! Our package, AIR, 3 NIGHTS IN A 4 STAR HOTEL, ONLY ONE BLOCK FROM THE EIFFEL TOWER!, BREAKFAST DAILY... \$539. We will be providing more information about Paris and our hotel after our scouting trip and it will be available in July on our site.

Lisbon is a place we have tried to go for several years. Everyone who has been loves it. It is a bit out of the way and has been expensive to fly to. But we have overcome that in this package. Packages include air, 3 nights lodging, daily breakfast, all transfers... \$549. We will be providing more information about Paris and our hotel after our scouting trip and it will be available in July on our site. *Must spend night of 3/21 in Copenhagen to connect with return flight home. Cost of hotel not included in package price, but will be @€70 per person. Bonus: We get to spend 1 1/2 days in Copenhagen before our flight leaves! It is a great place to visit... simply beautiful!

There are 60 SPOTS FOR EACH SKI WEEK and they will sell out. SEND \$100 PER PERSON / PER TRIP... DEPOSIT NOW. Another \$175 must be in by mid-November. GOTO www.morningstarkitours.com for full pricing and deposit details.

DATES:

Paris, 2/28-3/4
First ski week, 3/3-3/11
Second ski week, 3/10-18

Lisbon, 3/18-22* must spend night of 3/21 in Copenhagen to connect with return flight home. Cost of hotel not included in package price, but will be @€70 per person.

PLEASE NOTE: Air taxes are not included in the prices listed for Europe, but at time of final payment.

Lynn and Skiman will be leaving for our scouting mission to the French Alps, Paris, and Lisbon on June 1 and will be gone until June 26. If you have questions, it would be best to get in touch before we leave or after. We will, of course, offer a full report of what we find at our scouting page on our site by early July.

Go to our [SCOUTING](#) page to see what we found on our summer inspection trip to our ski village and to Paris and Lisbon. It will be available by early July after our trip!

Link to [credit card form](#) page..... Link to [Waiver/Release](#) page

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This year, we have very limited air and hotel space for both ski weeks, DO NOT wait too late to deposit! Space will be allocated on first come, first served basis. We don't want to leave anyone behind. The sooner we get deposits, the better chance we will have of increasing our air and hotel allocations.

SKIING THE ALPS TOTALLY ROCK!!!!



WONDERING WHAT A TRIP WITH MORNINGSTAR TO THE ALPS IS REALLY LIKE? CHECK OUT LAST YEAR'S [ALPS MEMORIES PAGE](#).



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SKIING! EUROPE, THE ROCKIES, CANADA, SOUTH AMERICA



Dan the Ski Man, President of Morningstar Ski Tours



Morningstar's goal: Ski the best resorts in the world with as many of our friends as we can. Want to join the quest?



Morningstar Ski Tours' Mission: to offer fun, affordable, group ski tours to the world's premier resorts. Dan the Ski Man is President of Morningstar. Taking ski tours to the European Alps, the American and Canadian Rockies, as well as New Zealand and South America over the past 23 years has been our unending passion and source of joy. Our tours are perfect for every level of skier, from the beginner to intermediate to the extreme expert. You will have no problem finding plenty of friendly folks to ski with. For the experts, Skiman will hook you up with guided backcountry and helicopter skiing that you will never forget... guaranteed! Because our tours to Europe offer many day trips and extension tours to European cities that do not involve skiing, many non-skiers join us as well. There really is something for EVERYONE!

Dan and wife Lynn go on every one of our ski packages to make sure everything possible is done to insure a well-run ski tour. OVER 2,500 SKIERS have joined us on our European Alps Ski Vacations over the past 12 years and countless thousands more have come along on our domestic and Canadian tours. This March, we are offering ski vacations to **Austria and Andorra** for our March 2007 Euro Adventure. Starting at **\$1,399** for everything (air, 7 nights 4-star hotel, meals, transfers), it is easy to see why 2,500 skiers have traveled with us on our European tours over the past 12 years. You can also add on a 3 night extension tour to **Berlin** and/or **Madrid** before/after our European ski vacations. We will also be offering ski packages to Canada (**Lake Louise NEW YEARS**) and numerous American Rockies resorts. Please use the links below to find information that will start you dreaming and planning. Our skiers are the friendliest people on the slopes and you are most welcome to join us.

Ski ya soon! Dan the Ski Man

Please scroll down for all links.

Europe: March 2007

Austria &/or Andorra, Berlin and Madrid

includes air, 7 nights lodging, daily meals, transfers from **\$1399**

Canada for New Years 2006-07: Lake Louise

Air, 6 nights in Banff, lift passes... **\$889**

September 2006 Newsletter

Chile! July 2006

Skiman skiing a glacier in Italy on a hill-day last year during our Europe tour... Thumbs up to skiing around the base of the Matterhorn. Thumbs up to skiing, period!



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[CANADA: LAKE LOUISE / New Year's '06-'07](#)

trips to Colorado, Utah, New Mexico

[Europe March 2007](#) / Austria & Andorra, Berlin, Madrid

[Europe 2007: Scouting Report...](#) What we found out this June/July about our '07 destinations.

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What is our track record? See [HISTORY](#) of ALL our ski destinations so far!

[Morningstar Waiver/Release Form](#)

Morningstar trips are not all skiing. There is plenty of time to eat, drink, and make friends. These happy campers enjoy a wonderful meal on one of our Italy tours.



PHOTO GALLERY from recently past European Alps Adventures:

[Europe 2006:](#) 3 Vallees, France | [Europe 2005:](#) Engleberg, Switzerland and Kitzbuehel, Austria

[Europe 2003:](#) Zermatt, Switzerland and La Thuille, Italy | [Europe 2004:](#) Bad Gastein, Austria and Gressoney/Alagna, Italy

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European Tours to SWITZERLAND AND ITALY March 2003...

August Scout Report: See what we discovered about our March 2003 European Resorts of Zermatt, Switzerland and La Thuille, Italy

Europe 2002

Photo album of our trips to Davos, Switzerland and Cortina, Italy, March 2002.

Europe on your own: Can't join our group to Europe? Check out our tailor-made packages to the Alps that save you money.

New Years trip:

BIG MOUNTAIN, MONTANA!

Sept. '03 Newsletter: Details on all our 2002-2003 tours.

SKI MOVIE 2002-03 POSTER: Warning, extreme injury stuff!

Fun & interesting bits

DUMBEST THING JIMAN HAS DONE IN A WHILE.

MORNINGSTAR PARTNER with **COWBOY CIGARETTES** FOR THE UPCOMING JAZZ!

GREAT HELI-KI PHOTO...

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