

Courmayeur Mont Blanc Opens for 2022/2023 Ski Season







Welcoming the return of Peak of Taste & Design Week

2nd December 2022 ...// Today, 2nd December 2022, Courmayeur Mont Blanc opened for the highly anticipated 2022/2023 ski season. Alongside a season of hitting the slopes, Courmayeur will also be launching a jam-packed programme of exciting culinary and design events before the snowmelt. Situated in the heart of the Italian Alps, the luxury family resort is welcoming the return of their renowned culinary and design-led events to compliment their high end ski offering. Guests will be delighted to re-visit Peak of Taste, a culinary month featuring Canadian chef Jonny Lake and Master Sommelier, Isa Bal, which also welcomes back a selection of tasting dinners in Skyway Monte Bianco – a state-of-the-art cableway reaching the highest point of Italy, at 3,446 metres. Courmayeur Design Weekend will also feature for its third series, welcoming artists from across the globe for a creative and inspiring alpine getaway.

Courmayeur Mont Blanc is delighted to invite guests to immerse themselves in the great outdoors this winter, recentering in snow-capped mountains. It is the dream destination for travellers looking to experience adventure, get active and embrace alpine nature. December through to all the gloomier months in the UK, makes the renowned ski resort a vibrantly tempting destination filled with fresh-powered slopes, unspoilt trails, and peaceful views from the highest of peaks. Ideal for any mountain enthusiast, Courmayeur offers superb heliskiing, off-piste and cross-country skiing, as well as joy skating, fat biking, hiking, snowshoeing and climbing, ideal for non-skiers too. A regular Eurostar runs from London to Chamonix Mont Blanc, with an average total journey of 20 hours, so it is now possible to embark on this journey by rail and avoid the stress of flying.

Skiing, Free Riding and Spectacular Slopes

With over 100 kilometres of slopes and off piste on two sides of the mountain, Courmayeur Mont Blanc provides excellent offerings for experts and beginners alike. The resort offers ski and snowboard schools

for those wishing to brush up on skills; plenty of chalets and restaurants for excellent accommodation and cuisine; and with the evening opening of the cable car - aperitif or dinner at sunset overlooking Mont Blanc. On the slopes, the multitude of groomed runs and freeride tracks across 33 slopes with varying difficulties and changes in altitude allow for much variety, and with pistes as high as 2755m and snow-making systems, there is always snow. For those looking to push boundaries, Courmayeur Mont Blanc freeriders can experience adrenaline-fueled runs set amongst incomparable views. Making fresh tracks through Val Veny's winding off piste deep in the fir and larch woods, or racing through the chutes of Vesses, Arp Vieille and Youla is where the excitement begins. For those in search of even more fresh snow, the resort's expert guides are raring to skin-up and walk to new heights, or jump in and head up for a thrilling heliski adventure.

Accommodation ranges from 3 to 5^* , and there is something suited to all tastes and styles. For true alpine luxury, Le Massif is a modern mountain hideaway whilst Auberge de la Maison provides a traditional lodge experience. The newly renovated Gran Baita Hotel & Wellness Resort affords one of the best locations in town and offers a boutique feel.

Courmayeur Announces Second Edition of Peak of Taste

Courmayeur Mont Blanc is welcoming back its culinary month, Peak of Taste, for a second series from 16th - 19th March 2023. More than 10 culinary events will take place across the gastronomic resort, and Courmayeur is inviting guests to meet and eat at altitude with some of the most prolific chefs in the region. Canadian chef, Jonny Lake, previous Executive Head Chef at The Fat Duck in Berkshire for 12 years, will be in attendance, as well as Master Sommelier, Isa Bal, winner of the Michelin Guide Great Britain & Ireland's Sommelier Award 2022. Events will include Michelin Star curated dining experiences at Super G, an aperitif tasting at the highest peak in Europe – Punta Helbronner Station in Skyway – followed by a descent of 2,173 metres to the Pavilion for dinner in the mountains. Wine tastings and pairings will also take place throughout at recently opened restaurants with fresh and local ingredients.

Courmayeur Design Weekend

Courmayeur Design Weekend will yet again take place this spring, bringing together masters of design, creating an unmissable dialogue between exhibitors and visitors in an arena that is as inspiring as it is influential. This natural setting, characterised by snow, mountains and ski runs, will provide the stage for the creativity of both professional and emerging artists. Across the three days, the boutiques of Courmayeur and high end international brands will unite to present a compelling vision of interior design excellence, presenting new-season launches, a series of talks, sharing of ideas and expertise on what it takes to be the best of the best. Reflecting a commitment to creativity and connection, a curated programme of more than 10 events include workshops, talks and artisan demonstrations that dig deeper inside the stories behind the designs and provide opportunities to meet the people who shaped them.

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About Courmayeur Mont Blanc

Courmayeur Mont Blanc is a traditional yet sophisticated resort full of history and charm and surrounded by spectacular scenery. The centre of the village is car-free offering superb shopping, world-class restaurants and bars, a fantastic choice of accommodation for all budgets and a fabulous après-ski scene. The resort is renowned as a gourmet hotspot known for its local alpine dishes and for playing host to a variety of celebrity chefs.