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## From self-drive cars to luxury spas – what's happening in the world's biggest ski area next winter



The Freeride Lab, a dedicated area for off-piste skiing opens in Courchevel this winter CREDIT: COURCHEVEL TOURISME/DAVID ANDRÉ/DAVID ANDRÉ



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With 600km of slopes, [Les Trois Vallées](#) is the world's biggest linked ski area. Home to such world-class resorts as [Courchevel](#), [Méribel](#) and [Val Thorens](#), it's hard to think of a better place for intermediates, beginners and experts alike.

Each of the main resorts – from [glamorous Courchevel](#) at one end, through chalet hotspot Méribel and family-friendly Les Menuires in the middle, to [high-altitude Val Thorens](#) at the other end – has about 150km of local slopes, but links, in the form of lifts and pistes,

## Méribel

Across in the middle valley of Les Trois Vallées, and Méribel is opening two new red runs in the Roc de Fer area, which has previously been mainly home to beginner-friendly blue runs. The new Gypaete and Daguet pistes will be accessed by the existing Cherferie and Olympic lifts.

Méribel will also see three new accommodation options opening this winter. The founders of fashion brand Naf Naf are opening a five-star hotel, Le Coucou, newly built by the Rond-Point des pistes, the resort's bustling centre, so it's ski-in/ski-out. It'll have 55 rooms, of which 39 are suites, plus two private chalets for rent, two restaurants, a spa and two kids clubs.



There's new accommodation on offer in Méribel CREDIT: DAVID ANDRE/DAVID ANDRE