



# Snowbizz

*The Family Ski Specialist*



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At Snowbizz we have one simple aim - to make your holiday a fabulous and memorable experience. That is our mission, and the proof of our success is that so many of our original guests return every year to ski with us.

Even some of our original staff are still with us. And we have superb memories of all the people down the seasons who make the whole Snowbizz experience unique.

Many early guests are now parents or grandparents themselves and their family groups become bigger by the year.

Without all this loyal support and recommendations Snowbizz wouldn't exist - so an enormous thank you from us. We're looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

If you are new to Snowbizz, then a huge welcome - we're sure this will be the first of many holidays to come with us.

And don't forget, even when you're not in the mountains with us, you can follow the season's exploits on Facebook and Twitter.

**Wendy, Michel and Elodie**

## Family Skiing with the Personal Touch

From your first phone call you will immediately experience the difference. We care and it shows. The level of personal attention that goes into every family's ski holiday sets us apart - all the way from the planning and booking stages to your experience in resort. If you take lessons you will find that our carefully selected and highly qualified instructors go out of their way to make your holiday special - and your skiing or boarding will come on in leaps and bounds too. And if you have youngsters who need childcare, you'll find our hand-picked staff will give you complete peace of mind.

### The Company

- \* Formed in 1986
- \* Family run - Wendy, Michel and Elodie Lyotier
- \* Fully bonded members of both ABTA and AITO and holders of ATOL Licence 2463

### Ski School

- \* Managed by Michel
- \* Small classes
- \* Beginners to Race training
- \* Exclusive Children's classes

### Childcare and Clubs

- \* Exclusive licensed nursery
- \* Age range 6m to 6yrs
- \* Flexi-hours to suit
- \* Evening baby sitting
- \* Evening Kiddie Club

### The Team

#### IN THE UK

- \* Wendy, Elodie, Sarah and Jo

#### IN RESORT

- \* Michel
- \* Snowbizz Instructors
- \* Kiddie Reps
- \* Qualified British nannies



## Your Peace Of Mind

We are fully bonded members of ABTA and all the flights and flight-inclusive in this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked is listed on it.

Please see our booking conditions for further information or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: [www.atol.org.uk/atol/Certificate](http://www.atol.org.uk/atol/Certificate). Our ATOL licence: 2463

Self drive and accommodation only packages are protected by our ABTA membership V1411.

We are also members of the Association of Independent Tour Operators who not only monitor our quality standards but also re-inforce the ABTA and ATOL bonds with regular checks on our financial security and quality control.





# Puy St Vincent 1400m – 2750m

## The Perfect Family Resort

“Underrated... varied slopes...low prices...good for families who haven't been spoilt by mega-resorts”

Where to Ski and Snowboard



The skiing in Puy St Vincent comes as a big surprise. It's hard to believe that a single unlinked resort can have the scale and variety that it packs in. Puy genuinely has something for everyone and has been listed annually by "Where to Ski and Snowboard" in their Top Ten Family Resorts.

In the most stunning setting on the edge of the National Park "Les Ecrins", Puy St Vincent's early popularity revolved around its extraordinary snow record and location. It has an authentic micro-climate, north, north-east facing slopes and, surrounded by even higher mountains, is protected from high winds.

In the early 80s, when snow cannons were still evolving, Puy became famous for hosting three World Cup races, due to lack of snow in Val d'Isere. It subsequently became the early season training base for the French Team.

The Snowbizz base at 1600m is at the heart of the skiing, with the nursery areas right on the doorstep. From here two chairlifts access the top of the mountain at 2750m, from where long red and black runs frame a huge confidence-inspiring blue bowl. Here there's plenty of space to put in turns and hone the style. There's also a range of gentler slopes linking the ski station at 1600 with the old village at 1400.

Expert skiers will find the red and black runs a pleasant challenge. There's an impressive 1350m vertical drop from 2750m down to the old village at 1400m and the off-piste available is a delight - much more than you would expect and totally out-of-scale for a so-called smaller resort. The valley of Narreyroux is most breathtaking in every sense - but a guide is absolutely essential here.

Beneath the snow-bowl, red and blue runs snake through and around the larch forest. There are infinite options to vary the route down - but with the comforting knowledge that all runs eventually arrive back to 1600m. The runs through the forest are great fun and children find them delightful with their bumps and jumps - they'll want to revisit them after discovering them with ski school.

It's easy to see why skiing families love Puy: Everyone can have their own time and space to do their ski thing - but meet up easily for some family time. Then add the snow record, 300 days of sunshine, quiet pistes and for most of the season minimal queues - no wonder so many families return year after year.



# Snowbizz Children's Ski School



## Snowbizz Adult Ski School

Whether you are a nervous mum happiest on blues or an expert going for blacks we have the right class for you. As with our children, adult class sizes are small and friendly with the accent on good quality teaching in a fun atmosphere.

Beginner up to Competition classes	Hours
<b>Ski Classes</b> – 11am to 1 pm	2 hrs x 6days
<b>Private Lessons:</b>	1 hour

## Snowboarding Lessons

We recommend private lessons in the afternoon. They can be pre-booked from the UK or booked directly from the ski school website.

## Free Ski Guiding - Timed Slalom - Picnic

Several times a week our instructors invite you to ski with them on family afternoons – discovering areas you might not have found alone. Every week there's an easy off-piste picnic lunch and at the end of the week a timed Slalom or Boardercross competition. Everyone is welcome and medals are awarded at the end of the week.

## Guided Snowshoe Afternoons

A great fun family afternoon! Snowbizz mountain guides will tell you more about the wildlife of the beautiful National Parc Des Ecrins.

Bookable at your welcome drink.



## Snowbizz Children's Ski School – Simply the Best!

Snowbizz have one of the largest independent ski schools in the Alps. All our instructors are fully qualified, hand-picked, speak excellent English and most importantly share our belief that lessons should be fun and properly taught and that every child is treated as an individual.

Michel works closely with all the instructors and is in permanent radio contact throughout the lessons, constantly monitoring the children's progress and creating confident, happy groups. Movement between classes is all part of our normal week as we never let children struggle or be held back.

For many children, progress can be quite dramatic – and that is one of the reasons so many families return and recommend us to their friends.

Classes	Age	Time	Tuition	Levels	Average Class Size
<b>Toton Ski Club</b>	3 - 4	9am to 1pm	1hr x 6days	Beginner to Flocon	4 to 5
<b>Junior Ski Club</b>	5 -13	9.30am to 1pm	2hrs x 6days	Beginner to Three Star	6 to 8
<b>Mini Champs</b>	7 -13	9.30am to 1pm	2hrs x 6days	Bronze	6 to 8
<b>Race Training</b>	From 11	9am to 11am	2hrs x 6days	Gold	3 to 10

93% of guests rated Snowbizz instructors excellent!

### Toton Ski School Ages 3 – 4

Creche based with one hour of skiing. A nanny assists the instructor throughout the lesson which takes place in the ski garden just opposite the crèche.

### Junior Ski Club Ages 5 – 13

Meet at the Junior Clubroom/snow garden on the ground floor of the Sun Vallee apartments. Age group activities/competitions take place until the instructors arrive for the lesson.



"The Snowbizz staff are the real stars; friendly, competent, helpful (above and beyond), flexible. They love their job and it's this attitude which makes the holiday."  
**McHugh Family**



# Puy St Vincent

## Doorstep Skiing – Very French – Very Friendly

With just a handful of restaurants and bars Après ski is limited.....but for many that's part of the attraction. Puy is small and friendly and unlike some larger resorts eating out is still very affordable.

### The Resort

#### Entertainment

- \* New – Heated Swimming Pool at 1600
- \* Outdoor Ice Skating
- \* Floodlit snowboard park (Dec - Feb)
- \* Floodlit sledging (Dec - Feb)
- \* Floodlit skiing (Dec - Feb)
- \* Snow Scooters
- \* Paragliding
- \* Cinema

#### Evenings at 1600m

- \* 7 Bars / Restaurants

#### Shops and Facilities

- \* Boutiques and ski
- \* Delis and Patisseries
- \* Supermarket
- \* Newsagent and gifts
- \* Launderette
- \* Photographer
- \* Doctor and Chemist

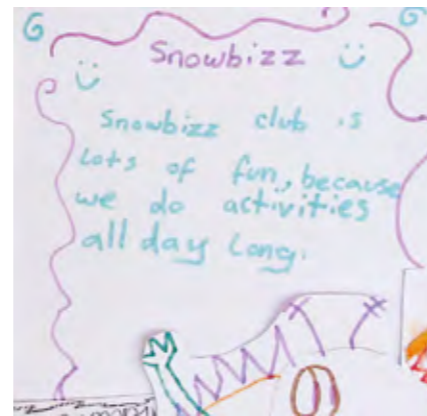
#### Lunchtimes

- \* Several sunny restaurant terraces at 1600m
- \* Restaurant L'Altitude at 2000m
- \* L'Etoile Des Neiges at 1800m
- \* Low prices by ski resort standards

Puy St Vincent	
Highest Point	2750m
Lowest Point	1400m
Km of Piste	75km
Black Runs	2
Red Runs	12
Blue Runs	14
Green Runs	6
Chairlifts	7
Draglifts	5
Lift Capacity per hour	14,049 Skiers
Vertical Drop	1350
Slopes Facing	North & NE
Snow Cannons	40%
Off-Piste	Extensive
Floodlit Skiing	Yes
Floodlit Snowboarding	Yes
Floodlit Sledging	Yes
Snowpark	1
Boarder Cross	1



# Snowbizz for families



"Puy just ticks all our boxes year after year. It's so lovely seeing our daughter's progress. We cannot imagine going anywhere else."  
Ferguson Family

## Flexi Crèche Sessions

Every family has differing skiing/childcare needs so we offer flexi sessions to suit. However, numbers are strictly limited and we can only guarantee crèche places booked in the UK. We suggest a call to Sarah and Jo who will help you tailor a package to suit your family.

## Baby-sitting

A baby-sitting service run by your same crèche nannies is also available from 6pm. Please book with our Head Nanny at your Welcome Drink.

The number of crèche staff on duty varies throughout the day but is always within these ratios.

- Babies up to 2 years:** 1 nanny/2 babies
- Crèche + Toton (2-6yrs):** 1 nanny/6 children



## Snowbizz Crèche

- \* Purpose-built licensed crèche.
- \* Large, bright, with dedicated play areas.
- \* Separate sleeping room
- \* Tiny tots purpose built bathrooms
- \* Operates alongside Toton Ski School
- \* The only British crèche DDASS licensed
- \* Qualified British nannies

**Age range:** 6 months - 6 years  
**Open:** 9.00am to 5.00pm - Monday to Saturday

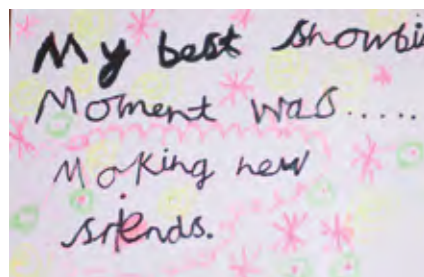
The children are at the heart of all we do, and our reputation for being great at this means the world to us. With Snowbizz your child will soon feel settled, in a proper nursery, run by fantastic staff who you will instantly like and trust and your children will adore.

We run the crèche exclusively for Snowbizz's smaller guests and for parents' peace of mind we are registered with the highly respected French childcare authority, DDASS. With their input we have created a model crèche: large, bright and spacious with stunning views of the surrounding mountains and everything you would expect of a top private nursery. Our yearly unannounced spot inspections report: "Well organised - with excellent staff".

The crèche day is structured to be so entertaining that your children can't wait to get back, with a big accent on arts and crafts and plenty of time spent outside in our snow garden.

For the older crèche children our nannies work closely with the ski school so the transition from nursery to snow garden is seamless and all part of the fun. These same nannies are in attendance throughout the duration of the Toton Ski Club.

With the crèche right next door to our Sun Vallée residence and just opposite the nursery garden you couldn't be more conveniently located.



## Kiddie Club

**Age range:** 4 - 11 years  
**Time:** 2 hours every evening (Times vary)

### Regular activities:

- \* Face Painting
- \* Sledging
- \* Treasure Hunts
- \* Awards Night
- \* Pizza party
- \* Winter Olympics
- \* Disco and much more...

**This has to be everyone's favourite club - including the parents!**



# Puy St Vincent 1600m

## Sun Vallée Apartments

Sun Vallée apartments offer simple, comfortable accommodation on piste in the most central part of Puy St Vincent 1600 at the heart of all the skiing. It would be hard to find more convenient accommodation in any ski resort. Shops, restaurants, bars and the Snowbizz office and crèche are just beside the apartments. Two of the three chair lifts on your doorstep give fast access to 2000m or ski down to the old village at 1400m. Ski to and from your locker room.

Ski to and from your locker room

### Flights and Transfers

Included in our prices are Sunday early morning flights with Thomson Airways from Gatwick, Stansted and Manchester. The transfer is 2hrs 20mins accompanied by one of our childcare staff.

**We have one coach per flight so there is no unnecessary waiting at Turin.**

**EARLY BIRDS**  
Please book early! Places tend to fill up really quickly, so the sooner you book the better!

### Sun Vallée Apartments 1600m

Each apartment features separate bathroom and wc, dishwasher, microwave, hot plates, TV and balconies facing east (Piste) or west (Valley). Floor plans are on our website. All apartments have free wi-fi.

**T2 – 2/4 persons – 25m<sup>2</sup>**

Bedroom with double bed. Two single sofa beds in lounge/kitchenette. (Shower or bath)

**T3 – 4/6 persons – 35m<sup>2</sup>**

Two bedrooms - One with double bed, second with bunk beds. Two single sofa beds in lounge/kitchenette. (Bath with shower)

**T4 – 6 persons – 45m<sup>2</sup>**

Three bedrooms - One with double bed, two with bunk beds in each. (Bath with shower)

### Snowbizz Lounge

Snowbizz have exclusive use of the downstairs lounge area facing out on to the ski slope.

We hope you'll join us there in the evenings for a glass of wine and some of our usual après-ski events.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY – Places tend to fill up really quickly so the sooner you book the better!

### DOOR STEP SKIING

Most skiers hate walking anywhere, especially burdened down with skis and poles! And who wants to catch a bus to the first chairlift every morning?



**Sun Vallée apartments are right on the piste**

Ski to and from your locker room.

### Join us!

**Evening Meals at Tire Bouchon**

Tire Bouchon Restaurant is a favourite with our guests. This season Alain and Katy will be hosting a six night three courses evening meal option including wine, beer or a soft drink.







# Snowbizz

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

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