

TVT Apartment 7 LE VALLON

Apt. 7, Le Vallon, 73550 Meribel Les Allues France

Directions to le Vallon

From Calais use the Michelin route planner and enter the destination of Meribel Les Allues. If you just enter Meribel you may end up at the Meribel near Geneva (as there is a "Meribel" near there too). Here is the link (from the Euro tunnel) as at the beginning of the 2016/17 season: https://bit.ly/2z3gGkP

From Moutiers, go up the mountain through Les Allues. At the roundabout go right towards Meribel, and not left towards Meribel Village. After entering outskirts of Meribel (see yellow route on map), go up hill (passed O'Sullivan's (formerly Dicks Tea Bar) on the right), take the left turning up the hill (signposted to Altiport). (For information: if you followed the road down to the right instead of turning left, it would take you to Chaudanne (main ski lift area) and is the direction of the way to the car parking). Follow it round to the right. At the T junction turn right to enter the top end of Meribel towards Meribel Centre. At the bottom of the hill, before turning the corner to the right, and with Le Pub, Dorron Hotel and Scots Bar straight ahead, and Sport Boutique diagonally to your right and the Tourist Information Centre on your left (marked with a red "i" on the map), pull off the road straight in front of you (to the left of Sport Boutique) to drop bags off. Do not park on the road except in parking bays where you have to buy a ticket, as otherwise the municipal police will book you! The escalator up to the slope, where the apartment is, is just in front of you, to the left of le Pub. The escalator does not run after 7 p.m.

<u>Parking</u> - Go back onto road, and with Le Tavern on your right and sport Boutique on your left, go down 10m or so to junction, turn right (you can't turn left) and at next junction (50m) turn left, carry on down the road a bit and

there is a new roundabout at which you take the first exit on the right, which leads you into Le Ravine open air car park, which is FREE. Once parked, there are some steps which lead up to the road which you cross and walk up some steps which take you back up to the street where you just drive down. Turn right, cross road diagonally back towards Doran Le Pub to the escalator. As an alternative to parking in Le Ravine, take the second exit at the roundabout and then just on your left there is an underground car park (not cheap but it is an option). Once parked, there is a lift which takes you back up to Meribel Centre (opposite the Tourist Information Centre). There is some on street parking on the road that you came in on at the top of Meribel but there are not many spaces.

Be aware that at least once a week, when there is snow about, the road clearers put up notices, without warning, that they will be clearing snow and ice (usually Sunday early hours) and cars left in the road/car parks may be towed away. Make sure you move it before the deadline.

Getting to the apartment - At the top of the escalator through the doors, Le Vallon is the big building straight ahead of you across the piste (circled in orange on the map). The entrance is on the right, up a few stairs. The code (A) will be provided on booking, though you could use the pink key. Go through both sets of doors. This is level "-1". The lights come on by sensor, but there are also switches. The lift is straight ahead and left. Go up to level "+1", out of lift (at night there is a light switch just on left of lift as you exit the lift), straight ahead through door, turn right and right again. The entrance to Apartments 7 and 8 is the first door on the right. (See "Keys" section below for access to keys arrangements) To open the front door, use the red key from the outer key safe (Code B). Apartment 7 is on the right. Using the keys from the second key safe which is just inside the outer door on your right as you go in (Key safe code C) unlock top lock first (green key), then bottom lock (black key). PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT THE OUTER KEY AND APARTMENT KEYS BACK IN THE RESPECTIVE KEY SAFES ONCE YOU HAVE LET YOURSELF IN AS THERE ARE KEYS FOR DAILY USE INSIDE THE APRTAMENT. Minimal noise in the hallway please.

* Definitely NO BOOTS OR SKIS in the building - only in the locker room *

Electricity Supply

Once inside apartment, the light switch is just inside on the left. Although the power supply should not be off, (as this also powers the internet and satellite system for Apartment 8) if it is, then the power supply is in the small cupboard, straight ahead to the right of the toilet door. Turn mains power supply on by twisting the switch.

Mains water supply This is in the toilet, in the small concealed cupboard on

the left. (If the supply is off, turn both taps anti-clockwise 90 degrees to vertical, and vice versa to turn off when leaving at end of stay if you have been asked to do so (usually the last guests of the season).

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Bedding

There is 1 double and 5 single duvets. There are 14 pillows.

Bedroom

- For the bunk beds there is a set of pillows and single duvets on each of the bunk beds.
- For the single bed (in the bedroom), the duvet and pillows are usually on the bed or may have been put in the left side of the wardrobe in the bedroom.

Living Room

- For the blue and white stripped pull-out sofa bed, the double duvet is on the second shelf up, in the right hallway cupboard. 4 pillows (2 sets of 2) are on the top shelf of the left hallway cupboard in the boxes
- For the red/cream sofa/seat, the two single duvets are in bags on the top right hand shelf in the hallway. 4 x pillows are on the top left hand shelf in the wardrobe in the bedroom in two boxes.

<u>Please ensure that all bedding is put away in the correct place.</u>

Bed linen

Bed linen is available, but due to time constraints on getting it washed and dried before you leave, most people bring their own – note the bed sizes, 5×1 x double. You will need duvet covers, pillowcases and fitted sheets to suit.

If you do want to use the linen provided, use from the appropriately labelled boxes on the shelves in the hall cupboard and bedroom cupboard.

If you use the bed linen supplied then beware you will have to set aside time to wash and dry it.

Please ensure that all linen is put away in the correct

boxes.

Beds

There are three beds in the bedroom (one bunk and one single). In the living area there is a double pull out sofa bed and another sofa which converts into two single beds. The blue/white sofa pulls out to form a double bed. This will need to be pulled out about 6 inches, or so, from the wall, to allow room for it to be fully opened.

The red/cream sofa has a pull-out single bed underneath (if not loaned out to the guests in apartment 8). The main seating area acts as a single bed itself (when the cushions are removed). When you pull out the lower bed the legs will spring out automatically when lifted. Push the legs under, when putting away. **Don't trap your fingers.**

See attached pictures of possible living room bed layouts

<u>Bin</u>

Attached to the door under the kitchen sink are a couple of attachments (gizmo) to affix plastic bags or bin liners. Attach bin liner/plastic bag to gizmo. Tie a knot in the bottom of long bin liners to shorten them if necessary!

<u>Bose</u>

There is a Bose ipod speaker which has the old style flat adapter socket BUT there is a Bluetooth adapter to be able to play music form your iphone or other device. Simply push the button on the adapter until it beeps then link your phone/device to it to be able to pay music- (Not too loudly of course!)

Cave

If you have skis/boots etc stored in our cave then this is located on Level -1, through the door on the right, just inside the entrance doors. Cave 7 is right at the end on the left. Two keys to unlock the cave are in the key safe to the right of the door. (Key safe code D)

Coffee Maker

There is a Tassimo coffee maker. There is a basic supply of coffee and milk pods but if you have your favourites then please bring some.

Dishwasher

Dishwasher tablets are under the sink. To operate, turn control to "3" then shut the door. There is rinse aid and salt in the cupboard but you should not need to have to top up. Just let us know and we will do it when we are

next there (unless you are inclined to deal with it). It's a noisy beast!

<u>DVD/Video</u> To play this through the flat screen TV, press "DVD/VID"

on the start box selector.

<u>Games</u> There is a selection of games in the corner cupboard in

the living area.

Golden Rule Leave a bottle of wine and some beers in the fridge ready

for the next guest's arrival!

Heaters Please do not cover and do not leave on high when going out.

<u>Heated radiator</u> This is in the bathroom. To work, there are three buttons.

The <u>right-hand</u> button needs to be pressed – a light comes on in the middle of the button. You do <u>NOT</u> need to turn the <u>middle_heater</u> control on at all; if you do, then the heater will be on permanently! To dry items, simply turn the <u>left</u> control timer to the desired time, this will heat to 60

degrees for the period the timer is set for (2 hours max).

To turn on press top sensor switch until the light comes on, then press and hold down the next sensor switch until the light comes on, then press the temperature

control for the desired hob.

To turn off press top sensor switch. Red lights stay on,

on left, as the hobs are cooling.

<u>Instruction manuals</u> These are in a folder on the shelf near the wine in the kitchen.

<u>Internet</u> There are two internet connections:

TVT — this is linked to the French Internet (very fast)
TVT UK — This has a UK VPN which can be used if you wish to use things like BBC IPlayer on your personal

devices.

The password for both connections (E) will be provided on booking. It is case sensitive.

The TV system is automatically connected to the TVTUK connection, so you can use 'catch-up' facilities automatically.

Hob

Keys NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR 2016/17

There will no longer be need to be in possession of keys prior to arrival at the resort. All keys are now in 'Key Safes' at the apartment and then inside the apartment.

Pink Main external entrance to apartment

building and outside door to locker room

Red Outer door to joint entrance to apartments

7 and 8

Green Upper apartment lock
Black Lower apartment lock
Yellow Ski locker and mail box
Dark purple Upper lock on cave door
Light purple Lower lock on cave door

On arrival – to gain access to the main entrance door (up the metal steps at the front of the building). Level -1

The code is: (A) will be provided on booking

- ➤ Take lift to Level 1
- Go through door and turn right and right again
- ➤ The entrance to TVT apartments is then on the right.
- ➤ The outer door is generally unlocked during the season. But if it is locked then just above head height on the right hand side is a key safe (B) will be provided on booking.

ONCE THE DOOR IS UNLOCKED PLEASE REPLACE THE KEY TO THE KEY SAFE AND TURN THE KEY CODE DIALS, SO THEY ARE NOT LEFT ON THE OPEN CODE.

Getting into the apartment

- Keys to the apartment are in the 'Key Safe on the right hand side – just inside the outer door -Code C will be provided on booking
- ➤ Green Key top lock
- ➤ Black Key bottom lock

ONCE THE APARTMENT DOOR IS UNLOCKED

PLEASE REPLACE THE KEYS IN THE KEY SAFE. YOU WILL HAVE TO RE-ENTER THE CODE TO SHUT THE SAFE.

Once at the apartment, it is not necessary to lock the outer door (red) only the inner door (black and green).

Once inside the apartment, there will be a set of keys for use during the duration of your stay at the apartment. To recap:

- the main outer doors (pink)
- the outer door to the apartment (red)
- the apartment door keys (black and green)
- the locker key (yellow)

There are some extra/spare keys in the key cupboard just inside the apartment to the right of the toilet door. Please remember to return the spare keys to the key cupboard and leave the main set of keys on the kitchen top at the end of the holiday.

During your stay, may we recommend that you leave the main keys in the basket on the corner unit just inside the living room on your left, so you know where they are.

Light bulbs

These are in the cupboard in the toilet.

Locker room

This is outside on Level O. Locker 7 is opened with the yellow key. There is a shelf for boots/shoes and plenty of space for skis and poles. If the outer door is locked, the pink key opens it.

If you wish, whilst out skiing you can store/hide the key in a little box that is accessible through the gap above the right hand side of the door to locker 8. This box may be used by guests in number 8 also! IN THE INTEREST OF SECURITY THE LOCKER KEY SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE BOX OVERNIGHT.

Microwave/Grill

Set top dial straight up, and power dial to 750W for conventional microwave heating. For cooking/roasting, grilling etc, best to refer to the instructions manual which is user friendly (see above)

<u>Personal Possessions</u> As you will appreciate, there are some of our personal items in the apartment, which we trust will not

be in your way and we would be grateful if you could leave them where they are. This does not apply to supplies which you are welcome to use; just replace them if you finish them or if they are nearly finished

Raclette

There is a raclette (heated stone) for cooking meat at the table). It is on the top shelf above the TV and SKY box shelves) if you want to have a go. It needs to be switched on and left to become very hot before using it and <u>it</u> takes a LONG time to cool down, so be careful. Needs a good clean after but great fun if you have the time.

Rubbish

On level -1, outside the lift on the left as you come out is a door where the communal bins are, with separate recycling of bottles.

<u>Safe</u>

This is in the wardrobe in the bedroom. To unlock, make sure lock is turned fully to anti-clockwise, then put in code (F) – to be supplied when booking. To lock just turn the dial anti-clockwise. Instructions are to the left of the safe. If you can't open it, ring us.

Satellite dish

You do <u>NOT</u> need to take the cover off the satellite dish. **Take care not to move the dish**. Please do not move it. Standing in front of the dish will stop the signal being received and there will be no picture.

If the satellite system stops working then it MAY need rebooting. This is done by <u>switching it off at the mains</u>. Leave it for a minute and then switch on again and make sure the red power is on the front of the SKY box. BUT BE PATIENT, it can take several minutes to reboot and the light on the SKY box to go green again.

<u>Supplies</u>

Feel free to use supplies such as loo rolls, tea, coffee, sauces, preserves, cooking stuff, etc. <u>Just replace</u> anything that runs out **OR HAS NEARLY RUN OUT**, and replace the loo rolls you use. There are bottles of wine and beer, which feel free to use; just replace with same type before leaving. If things are not there, then those staying before you haven't "played the game" fairly. (See Golden Rule)

Ski Passes

Purchase these at the Forfait Lift Passes office which is under the Tougnette lift station in the Chaudanne area (where all the lifts start at the bottom). It is the far one on the left. You do NOT need a photo.

If you buy a rechargeable pass, you can then purchase your pass on-line for future visits.

Tea Towels These are in the to

These are in the top right cupboard in the kitchen area.

<u>Telephone</u>

There is a landline at the apartment. Telephone number

is:

+33 479 091105

<u>Towels</u> There are towels in the toilet on the shelf, but please

wash and dry and return them to the shelf before you

leave.

<u>Transfers</u> We recommend Andy Brown (originates from

Chelmsford). Mention my name. +33 631 551721

info@mymountaintransfer.co.uk

Alternatives: (They come and go out of the business so

may not be available when you try and contact them)

Skihame transfers-Annie +33 621 11399

info@skihametransfers.co.uk

Anthony Simon Byrne +33 642 726344

Dave +33 613 971652 info@pleasure.co.uk

Dave +33 770 487606

TV for PlayStation This is played through the small Sony TV. On the TV

remote control – press a number then the bottom left

button to switch on.

<u>TV (flat screen)</u> Power on and activate from the remote control. If

necessary, press the scart box letter A or B for the desired input, Sky or DVD & Video. On the TV remote control, you will need to make sure TV is set on AV1. If you want to play a camcorder through the TV, then the yellow, white and red connectors are accessed on the left side of the TV. Set the TV to AV3. THERE IS SOMETIMES A DELAY BEFORE THE SKY TV CHANNEL

KICKS IN, SO BE PATIENT.

The code for watching films on the SKY TV is (G) – code

to be provided on booking

<u>Tumble Dryer</u> Please ensure that you push the door to open – **DO NOT**

PULL IT

Waffle maker Top shelf in kitchen cupboard) if

you want to bring some waffle mix.

Walkie Talkies There are two walkie talkies. They require 3 AA batteries

each. There are rechargeable batteries, and a charger. They will save your mobile phone bills, but have limited

range.

Washer machine Washing tablets are under wash basin in cupboard. DO

NOT OVERLOAD THE MACHINE to try and save time! Washing tablets go in the middle compartment in drawer. If the machine has a too small or too large load, it will not spin. There is a laminated instruction sheet on

the slide out shelf between the washer and drier.

Generally

. This is a very French apartment block (only 1 English owner other than us - Mr. and Mrs. Crook, apartment number 2), and we need to "fit in", so please be mindful of noise etc.

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What there also is there:-

IPod Bose base unit with an old style flat fitting but there is a Bluetooth adapter.

Battery recharger unit and AA and AAA batteries

Hair dryer.

Hair straighteners.

Selection of DVD's/videos/CD's

Selection of medicines/tablets etc. in bathroom drawer.

Iron and ironing board

Torch in key cupboard

And of course a vacuum cleaner and cleaning materials!

Known problems

The canopy lights in the bathroom go out if left on, due to overheating. Just switch off for a short while. Hint – don't leave them on for long periods!

<u>Around Town</u>

Ski/board/boots hire -Loads of shops to choose from. Ski Boutique at bottom

of escalator 20m to left, (I think they do discounts for guests of Tony Clough, if you mention his name, but not me!), or Georges Mauduit, 40m to right of escalator, (they give a 10% discount if you mention me ("Paul Fenton

from Le Vallon")) are the closest.

Bakers This is at the bottom the escalator passed Ski Boutique on

your left and cross the road onto the other side; but the

supermarkets also do baguettes.

Church This is in Les Allues, down the mountain.

Supermarkets Take plastic/shopping bag/rucksack (in hall cupboard)

with you to carry stuff back. There are 3 to choose from: (1) Bottom of escalator, straight on, take road up to right for about 100 yards. It is on $1^{\rm st}$ floor level. (2) Down road to right 50 yards on right, or (3) 200 yards down

road on right is a larger Spar.

Pharmacy This is located just round corner from Sport Boutique at

bottom of escalator on opposite side of road (going down

to Chaudanne).

Medical Centre This is right at the bottom of Chaudanne over where the

ice rink is (big white building).

What's on There is usually a weekly newsletter outlining "What is

on" for that week. Pick one up from the Tourist office at

the bottom of the escalators on the right.

When leaving

- Make sure the balcony door is locked shut.
- Empty bins.
- Clear fridge of out-of-date items.
- Close curtains.
- Turn off heaters in living room and bedroom.
- Clean kitchen, bathroom and toilet surfaces

- Sweep/vacuum (with nozzle) kitchen and bathroom floors before cleaning with cloths. Leave disinfectant in cupboard in bathroom or toilet.
- Vacuum/clean all other areas, mirrors and surfaces (except the flat screen TV screen)
- Make sure heated radiator in bathroom is turned off. Right hand button.
- (If requested by us only- usually at the end of the season only-) -Turn mains water supply taps (2) in cupboard in toilet off (clockwise 90 degrees to horizontal).
- (If requested by us only- usually at the end of the season)- Turn off electrical power by twisting the switch in the fuse box in the cupboard opposite the front door (see 'Electrical Supply' on page 1). If the power is being turned off then please remember to remove all perishables form the fridge and leave the fridge door slightly ajar.
- Laundry –Wash used linen, towels and kitchen tea towels. Cleaned bed linen to be put in appropriate plastic boxes.
- Duvets and pillows Please return to where they came from
- Leave safe open, and unlocked.
- Close bedroom window shutter and fix closed from inside. Close and lock window.
- Double-lock both locks to apartment (and outer door to entrance to both apartments if apartment 8 is not being used.
- Empty vacuum cleaner.
- MAKE SURE KEYS TO OUTER APARTMENT DOOR AND APARTMENT DOOR ARE REPLACED IN THE RESPECTIVE KEY SAFES.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Apartment Block Management Company – Meribel Agence (Now known as CIS Immobilier). They are located just down the hill to the right, opposite the bus stops under Le Tavern, on the same side as the bakery. They also have an office to the left towards Chaudane) opposite the pharmacy just passed La Flambe restaurant. In an emergeny they will be able to put you in contact with an electricialn or plumber.

+33 (0)479086111 or +33 (0)479008679 or +33(0)479086521 or +33 (0)479086006

Electrican/TV/Internet/Sky-Jamie Burns-Running Repairs +33 (0)685503170

General builder contact somebody who will know someone who can help: Andy Brown- +33 (0)631 551721

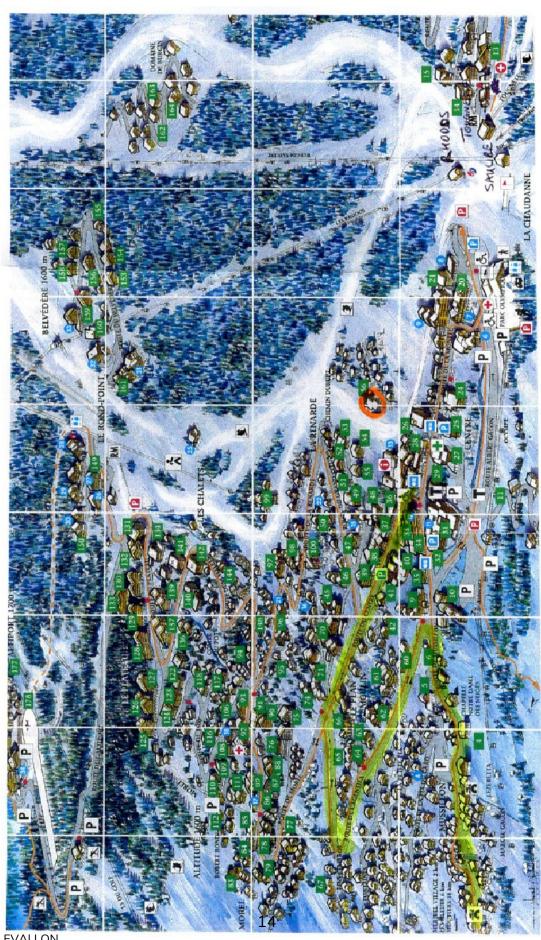
Friendly local chalet owner Tony Clough (owner of Chalet Tapia and Chalet Neve (opposite front entrance of Le Vallon and up path a bit – Tapia 2nd chalet on right; Neve at end on right)

Plumber Serge Crusaz +33(0)603015730) Mention they were) recommended by Electrician Phillippe Contramine +33(0)662165393) Tony Clough

HAPPY SKI-ING

Codes:

- A. Main Entrances
- B. Outer apartment door key safe
- C. Apartment 7 key safe
- D. Cave key safe
- E. Internet password
- F. Safe
- G. Sky film code.



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BED CONFIGURATION IN THE LIVING ROOM



Double bed (Blue/White Stripped sofa)



Two single beds (red/cream Sofa)



Dormitory!