

## CHAMONIX FOR CHILDREN IN WINTER

**Chamonix town** is full of pretty cafés, shops and restaurants to enjoy hot chocolate whilst strolling around.

### Mont Blanc Family Fun

There is a really good website [www.montblancfamilyfun.com](http://www.montblancfamilyfun.com) with lots of current ideas for children in the Mont Blanc region, including toddler and children activity groups. They provide sledging ideas and there is a designated **sledging area** in the Bois du Bouchet, near the Ski de Fond circuit.

The Chamonix **Office du Tourisme** (tourist office) is also very helpful. **Download the App !**

The **Leisure Park and Winter Luge** at Les Planards are always popular as are the indoor **swimming pools** and the sports centre. There is an **indoor climbing** wall at the Sports Centre with 180m<sup>2</sup> of climbing surface and 800 holds.

At Les Chosalets in Argentiere, enjoy a dedicated track for **snow tubing** Free entry for children under 5.

The **Mont Blanc Express** train from the main station which runs up and down the valley so you can visit other villages in the valley or go over to **Martigny in Switzerland** (hourly service). This is **free between Servoz and Vallorcine** with the Carte d'Hôte.

There are some lovely **restaurants** here, including one of our favourites **Café Comptoir**. If you have skiers in your group, skiing at Le Tour/Vallorcine for the day, you could meet them here for lunch.

You can take the **Montenvers funicular railway** from Gare du Montenvers up to the **Mer de Glace** (glacier) and ice cave. There is a café and restaurant at Hotel Montenvers.

Or if you have car, you can take the **Tramway du Mont Blanc**, France's highest mountain rack railway. The easiest is to drive to the starting place at Le Fayet or Saint-Gervais (or there are trains to here from Chamonix), the Mont Blanc tramway climbs through snow fields and forests to Bellevue (above Les Houches) at 1800m.

This is the first stage for mountaineers on the ascent of Mont Blanc. The trip takes 60 minutes and the three engines are named Anne, Jeanne and Marie after a previous owner's daughters.



**If the weather is poor.... the library** (Médiatèque) is a great alternative.

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Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 2pm – 6pm, Wednesday: 10am - 1pm / 2pm - 6pm