



resortbars

OUR GUIDE TO THE BEST BARS IN THE ALPS

1 BAR L'ALPEN, Monetier, Serre Chevalier

Monetier - one of Serre Chevalier's tiny French villages - hides a well-kept secret...Bar L'Alpen.

Run by local Englishman Paul Smith (not the designer) and Dukey (the dog), Bar L'Alpen is renowned for its warm, friendly atmosphere. Locals, as well as guests, flock to this gorgeous little bar for après into the early hours. A speciality of the house includes this reporter's favourite - 'hot pants' (hot chocolate and baileys) - exactly what you need at the end of a long day on the hill. This bar feels like a proper pub, with all the heart and soul of the resort. You can go to town, dressing up for Mardi Gras, St Patrick's Day and any other party day you care to mention - you'll be welcomed with open arms.



2 THE BOOMERANG, Les Gets

A classic Aussie bar in the middle of the French Alps - sounds odd but it works. Decorated with surf and snowboards, it's always lively. There are Aussie themed BBQ's throughout the season, and Australia Day is celebrated in style.

Not only is it a bar, but they also have a hostel/hotel and small restaurant. It's open year round, and is a haven for mountain bikers in the summer.



3 THE JAM BAR, Tignes

Even though it has only been open for two seasons, the Jam Bar is as much a part of the scene in Tignes as the lake, snow, and the man selling Tartiflette outside Spar.

Squeezed into the centre of Tignes Le Lac you wouldn't believe such a small place was capable of producing such a buzz. Jamie and Morgan are your hosts and seem to know the names of every season worker (and all visiting Natives reporters!). Serving huge burgers, great sandwiches and the venue for 2 for 1 cocktails on a Friday night, the Jam Bar should be a part of any visit to Tignes.



4 EVOLUTION BAR, Meribel

Evolution offers something for all times of the day, whether it be a full English, a bistro lunch or an a la carte dinner! They also offer season worker nights with curry/Thai/Chinese buffets, when resort bands, and anyone else who'd like to give it a try on their famous open mike nights entertain you.

'Evo' lays on loads of events throughout the season, and it's even open in the summer - so you can get your fix year round.

This year Evo will be the venue for many of the performances for the Altitude Festival (see Tribal Talk for more details of this event). 