



Les2Alpes Studio Apartment

Les 2 Alpes Studio Apartment Guide 2017

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1. Getting to Les 2 Alpes

Flying – the best airport to fly into is Grenoble (GNB) which is served by budget airlines including Ryanair and Easyjet. If arriving at a different airport (Chamberey or Lyon for example) then try to get a bus transfer to Grenoble bus station (Gare Routiere), then see below about a bus from here to resort.

Bus transfers – These seem to change regularly, but details are kept up to date on the [Grenoble airport website](#). It might be possible to get a bus into Grenoble (Gare), then a VFD bus up to Les 2 Alpes. This is currently the line 3030 but please check. Hire care companies can also be found on the airport website.

By car it is about 8.5 – 9 hours direct from Calais. If using a SatNav then the address of the apartment block is Rue des Banchets in Venosc or check the [Google maps directions](#). One word of warning about using SatNav: these are notoriously unpredictable in the mountains. Before I got really familiar with the area mine tried to take me on two different routes which were frankly dangerous in the winter on narrow, steep, unfenced roads. The safest thing to do is to follow the main road from Grenoble to Bourg D'Oisans, then simply follow the signs from there to Les Deux Alpes. In particular, there is one right turn off the main road which appears on the map to be a “short cut” but there is a large sign on the side of the rock pointing you back along the main road to Les Deux Alpes: follow that sign!

2. Finding the apartment (follow the arrows in the photographs!)

If arriving by car you should jump to the section below from the Diable lift station unless you got lost! If you did, try and get to the Avenue de la Muzelle or the Diable lift station and try again from there.

Ben's Bus: again start from the Diable lift station, this is the last drop off point by them in Les Alpes. I have not tried Grenoble Altitude buses but I believe that they also stop here, please check with them.

On the Transisère/VFD bus you want to stay on the bus right until the last stop which will be either outside their ticket office or behind this next to a Petit Casino supermarket (I have been dropped off in both places in the past):



The VFD ticket office



Behind the ticket office

Make a note of the location of the ticket office if coming by VFD Transisère. You will need to come back here to book your return ticket, do this at least 3 days in advance to make sure you get a seat. The bus definitely leaves from the area next to the Petit Casino, from where you see the bus in the photograph.

After getting off and collecting your luggage, walk down the slope with the Petit Casino on your left to the junction with the Rue D'Oisans, then turn right.



View looking right down the Rue D'Oisans



At the end od the Rue d'Oisansgo
straight ahead here

(Ben's Bus people start from here!) If you look to your left you can just see the edge of the apartment block but do not try and take this short cut with your luggage unless you are feeling very energetic, particularly in the snow! The new Diable lift station is now here, much closer to the apartment! This can be a useful short cut though during your stay, see below.

Look to the right and you will see the Grain de Sel restaurant, and the lift pass building. Keep these on your right and continue down the Rue du Ser Palor:



View up to the apartment block



Ticket office, restaurant is to the right



Don't go up here: it looks like a short cut, and is called Rue des Banchets, but there is a fence at the end which means you can't get to the apartment this way.

Follow the road to a mini roundabout, although you may not be able to make out the road markings, it is a 4/5 way junction. Take a moment to notice the circular waste (dechet) and glass recycling (verre) bins, as well as the paper/card recycling boxes:



Continue straight ahead, the lift pass building is on your right



The roundabout/junction and the waste/recycling bins

As you can see from the arrows, turn left up here onto the Rue des Banchets and walk up to the top of the slope, you have arrived!



Rue des Banchets



Walk up the slope

3. At Residence Janremon

There is now a car park barrier, and if arriving by car my local rep will meet you with a remote to open this. You will also get a fob to open the main sliding doors, as well as the keys. Getting replacement remotes/fobs/keys is an expensive job so please take care with them!



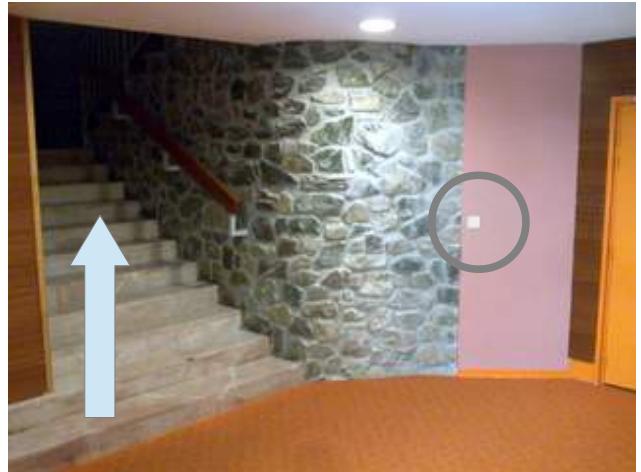
Janremon apartment block



Main front entrance



There is now a sensor for the fob on your keys here



Main entrance hall and timer light switch

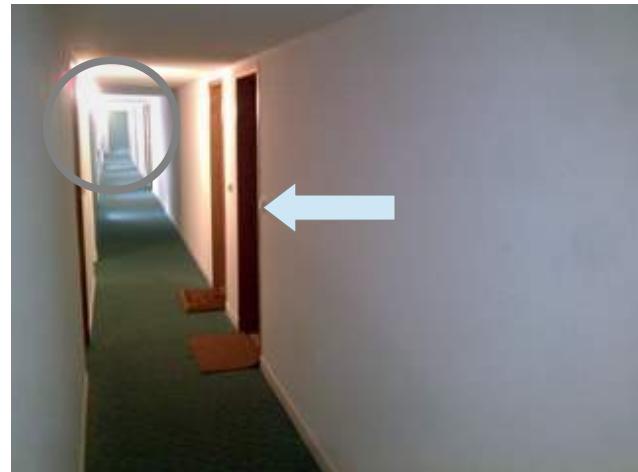
Upon entering the main doors the front way up is to take the staircase to your left to the first landing. Note the (green-lit) timer light switches which are common in France: press them and they will switch on for a time then go out. Make sure you press the switch even if the light is on or, from experience, it is bound to go out when you are mid way up the stairs with no switch in sight!

There is then a door ahead and to your left which leads to another staircase.

Go up here 2 more levels and at the top the green door leads to the main corridor. All the floors are colour coded and the one you want is green. The apartment number 343 (with a metal "Bienvenue" sign!) can be found by turning left into this corridor then the second door on the right. The small key opens this door. Also take a moment to note another way out in an emergency if you need it, through the door at the end of the corridor.

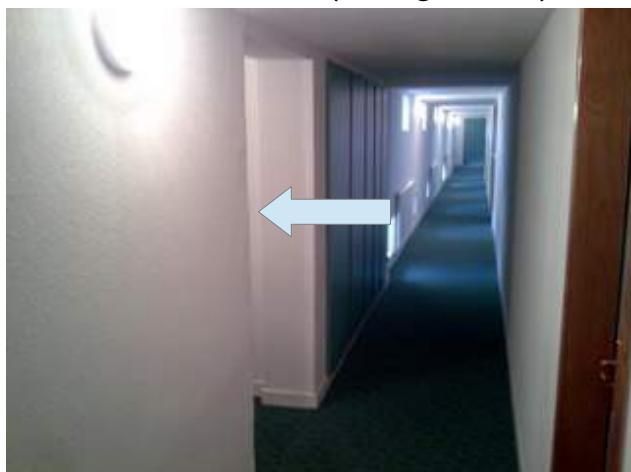


The door on the landing

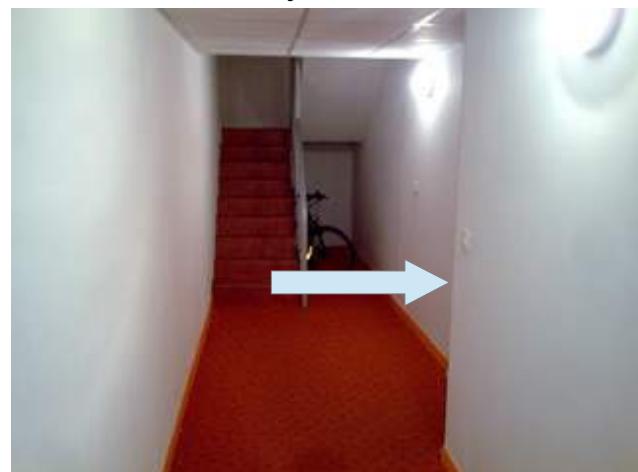


Apartment 343 and other way out at the end of the corridor

From here to get to the ski locker or out the back door, on leaving the apartment turn right then left into an alcove. Take the narrower stairs here down to the bottom (orange floor) and there is a door to your left.



To get to the ski locker/back door from the apartment



Then at the bottom of the stairs go through the door on your left



You will come through here and take the second door on your left



The ski lockers

Go through this and the locker area is the second door on the left. The locker for 343 (number on the door) is about 2/3 down on the right.

If any of these doors are locked the small key will open them. To get outside retrace your steps to the back staircase but turn left and the door at the end is the back door to the block. This might all sound a bit confusing but once you orientate yourself it is straightforward.

You will probably use the back door more than the front. The small key opens this door from the outside, if it sticks a bit then lean on the door and it should open unless there has been lots of snow! If so, you may need to use the front doors.

From here you get to the slopes which lead to the Diable lift station and the shops/bars/restaurants around the Place de Venosc. Please do take care if there has been a heavy snow fall, as the tracks can be hard to make out. For details on local ski hire see the sections below.

4. The apartment itself

On entering, there are hooks and a small area to your left for boots, shoes and jackets. Please do not walk through the block in ski boots, leave them in the locker.

To the right is the shower room and toilet through a sliding door where you will also find the washing machine. It is a French slimline top-loader and you may not be familiar with these machines, but they are easy to use. The inner drum opens and closes with a catch which you might need to locate by spinning the drum. Your powder/tablet/liquid goes into one of the compartments on the underside of the top door. I try to leave enough “all in one” powder or liquid for the season, just put enough so you can see it in the main compartment, then select your programme and press “depart”. There is a clothes airer in the cupboard behind the green door to your left as you come in. Also on the left are cupboards and wardrobes.

Entering the main living area, to the right is the kitchen area. You will find dishwasher, microwave, hob, and fridge/freezer all built in. To use the dishwasher put in an “all in one” tablet and select the normal program and “depart”. In addition there is a grill/griddle kept on top of the kitchen cupboards, if you do use this take care to use the wooden/plastic utensils and please clean it after use. The rest of the kitchen equipment should be self-explanatory.

There should be plenty of drawer and unit space for your use, the TV was new in 2012 and is on the TNT Freeview network, as well as being connected to a DVD player. This will play all DVDs including DivX. There is also a CD/tape/radio and an iPod/Phone/MP3 docking station (this will play iPhone but not charge, and connects to other players with a standard jack plug).

The Apartment shares free WiFi with the apartment next door although the “box” is in here. Please make sure it is left switched on to keep the connection. Please bear in mind that the network is effectively a public one due to being shared next door, for the purposes of security settings.

The codes are:

Network: NEUF_BED8
Network Key: oyft5shregveafrykep5

You should find several French/UK adaptors dotted around, please leave these when you go, but feel free to move them around during your stay.

There is a magazine holder in the main unit in which I try to keep useful information, both on equipment in the apartment and local attractions, please feel free to add to this and keep everything together in there.

There are 2 sofa beds and each one works a little differently. The larger one is on the left with the single bunk above. I have put a new mattress on this which does not fold. It is slightly larger than the base so will overhang a little, but we use this bed when we stay and it has never been a problem. If anyone knows where to get a 120cm width mattress then please let me know! As a result, we keep this down as a bed permanently, and use the "throw" and cushions to make it a day bed when not being slept in.

The smaller sofa bed is new for 2017, and replaces one which was tricky to open. To open, simply pull on the strap and the mattress will come out. We keep the mattress protector on permanently. The back of the sofa then folds down into the gap, put the sheet on and you're ready! Folding back up is simply a reverse of this. My private linen is stored in the base, please leave it there as you will be provided with linen on arrival. If you do have to use any of this linen in an emergency, please put in one of the storage bags with a note so that I know it has been used when I next visit.

Underneath the large sofa/bed bunk are 3 black storage bags which contain the duvets and pillows when not in use. If being used then of course you can use them or the space for something else.

The shutters and outside light are operated by the switches to the left of the balcony door. The top two switches open and close the shutters, the bottom switch is for the outside light. You will also find a light underneath the bed in the main bunk.

The apartment is non-smoking, if you do smoke then please use the balcony and the ashtray provided. There is a large apartment balcony below so please dispose of ash and cigarette ends responsibly. The owner of that one lives here all year round and is (understandably) keen not to be on the receiving end of things dropped from above: he will make a visit to press home his point if necessary!

On the balcony there is a small table and chairs, with more chairs in the storage box there as well. There is also a sun lounger. Please do not sit on the storage box, it will break and there are plenty of chairs!

For rubbish and recycling, there is no doorstep collection, please bag up and

dispose of in the circular bins you noted from the directions section. Most things can also be recycled there so try to separate your rubbish and preserve our environment!

5. Local shops and services

You will obviously want to explore the area yourself but these are a few suggestions and recommendations, only in order of where you will find them from the apartment.

With your back to the Diable lift station, ahead and to your right is Camp D'Base equipment shop, just after the free bus (navette) stop. If you want to arrange hire beforehand they do not have a website but can be contacted at campdbase@wanadoo.fr. A little further on past them is Jacques Sports which again offer all the necessary equipment probably at the higher price/quality end, and have reportedly the “best boot man” in the resort!



The free bus (navette) stop near to the Diable station



Camp D'Base ski/snowboard and equipment hire shop

To the left from Diable the first thing you get to is Grain de Sel pizza and grill restaurant (see photograph in the directions section). The owners are really friendly and they do a take away pizza, which is handy on the way back home at night!

Behind that on the corner is a fairly new boulangerie, again very friendly owners and you might find them in the Red Frog at the end of a working day!

From this corner you will also see the main steps leading up to the Place de Venosc. Here you will find a number of shops, bars and restaurants.



Steps up to the Place de Venosc

The Red Frog opposite the steps

Opposite the steps is the Red Frog pub, run by a French guy Naim, who is extremely helpful. Mention you are staying in Rob's place at Janremon and you may well get a complimentary genepi! There is Sky TV for sports, they show all English football games, and pretty much anything else on request, and you can also get breakfast here if you don't fancy cooking yourself.

Around the other side of the Place (at the bottom of the steps follow the shops around to the right) is a Spar supermarket which also has a small selection of English items like Branston pickle, cheddar cheese and marmite! Just past this is the bowling alley.



Spar supermarket



Bowling alley

Back up the Avenue de la Muzelle (facing the Red Frog around to the right up the slope) you will find a couple of gift shops and a tobacconist (tabac). Then further along “Crepes a Go Go” restaurant. Don't be put off by the name, they don't just do crepes and it is not a go go bar! The food here is excellent, do try the local raclette dishes including a vegetarian one if you like lots of cheese!



Gift shop/tabac



Crepes a Go Go!

A little further on the left is a creperie. This little tour then brings you back to the VFD ticket office as mentioned in the directions section. If you continue past here you get to the centre of the resort and there is simply too much here to mention. One thing though is the European Ski/Snowboard School, which is just off the main roundabout a little further up the Avenue.



Creperie



European Ski/Snowboard School

6. Contacts and Important Information

If you need to contact me then I am on +447817710139. Please bear in mind that with my work, there may large parts of the day when I simply can't access my phone. You can get hold of my local rep Sarah on +33 (0) 6 13 11 67 18. If it is a local or urgent issue then Sarah is usually the best one to call, as all I will do is call her anyway.

Once your holiday is confirmed, you should receive email communication from Sarah, but if you need to sort out anything about your arrival arrangements, you can email her at info@lales2alpes.com

Please also note the following in relation to arrivals, subject to anything else you might arrange with Sarah:

- **Saturday:** Check-In is between 3pm and 8pm. Arrivals after 8pm on Saturdays can collect keys from the Tourist Information Point at the entrance of town up until 4am Sunday morning.
- **Monday to Friday and Sunday:** Check-In for all apartments is strictly between 3pm - 8pm. If you plan on arriving late during the week arrangements will need to be made with me prior to your departure. Mid week late arrivals may be subject to an additional charge, to be confirmed direct with Sarah. This additional charge will payable on arrival.

Full terms and conditions in relation to Bookings can be found on the back of your Booking Confirmation Form.

Also at the end of your holiday please ensure that the following are done:

- Any items used or moved to be put back to where they were found originally
- Dishes washed and put away
- Microwave and hobs cleaned thoroughly
- Beds stripped with dirty linen/towels placed in a pile (leaving protectors on beds)
- Fridge emptied
- All rubbish removed from apartment

This significantly reduces the time taken by my rep to clean the apartment for the next guests, and again I reserve the right to withhold part of the deposit if

additional time or expense is required.

Sorry for all the “small print”, but experience and having to deal with situations that arise makes this necessary. I hope you have a fantastic time, if you have any queries before you go do not hesitate to contact me at

les2alpesstudio@gmail.com

Robert Pettitt

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