

Ski Basics

Our Childcare guide

Childcare

Holidays are precious, we want you to be able to relax and have some time for yourselves, as well as time together as a family.

If you're looking into arranging some childcare during your stay, the below information should be useful.

When should I book my childcare?

Whilst there are several companies operating in Meribel, childcare is frequently in high demand, so the earlier you book the better!

If you are travelling during a peak week (Christmas, New Year, half-term, Easter) then booking early is particularly important.

Do I have to book full days for the whole week?

Not necessarily. Information on individual companies can be found below. Some companies offer a flexible package or can offer just mornings/afternoons.

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What if I just want some baby-sitting during the staff night off?

No problem. Any of the companies below (apart from ESF) will be able to arrange a babysitting for you, just contact them directly.

Will the nanny ski with the children?

No, nannies will happily drop off/collect your children to and from ski school but they will focus on other activities when looking after your children.

What activities do childcare companies usually do with the children?

If you have requests, companies will look to accommodate them, however in general activities may include; sledging, snowman building, bus rides to parks and inside activities (painting, drawing, board games, puzzles etc.).

Will the nanny come to the chalet?

Yes, with the exception of ESF Club Piou Piou, Mini Club Piou Piou and Les Saturins, the nannies will come to your chalet and take care of your children from there. You can speak to the childcare company about the arrangements and they will accommodate you.

Will the nanny feed my child during the day?

The short answer is yes. However, each company works differently and may require extra money for lunches/snacks throughout the day. It's best to discuss this directly with the childcare company.

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Will my child get to play with other children?

If you decide to use the ESF Club Piou Piou, Mini Club Piou Piou or Les Saturins then your child will be with other children.

If you decide to go with a private nanny you can discuss this with them, but generally if there are other children of a similar age with other nannies, they are often happy to meet up during the day to run joint activities.

How many nannies do I need?

This depends on the number of children you have and their ages, and it varies between the companies. Details for specific companies can be found below.

Which company should I use?

The company you decide to use will depend on your own preferences, requirements and their availability.

Can Ski Basics provide cots and highchairs?

Yes - just let us know before your arrival and this can be arranged for you.

Below is information on each childcare company along with their contact details.

Childcare companies



Meribel Nanny Services

Meribel Nanny Services is a fantastic company set up by Nicole, who prior to founding Meribel Nanny Services, spent 8 years working as a nanny in the French alps.

Meribel Nanny Services offer highly reliable and friendly nannies who are all qualified and experienced, CRB checked and First Aid trained. As well as this, the nannies are trained in resort so that your children get to experience the best places to have fun in Meribel.

Number of children per one nanny

- One child up to six months
- Two children from six months to three years
- Three children from three to six years
- Four children from six to 13 years

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Meribel Nanny Services (continued)

Prices (prices with * indicate peak week pricing) – these prices are a guide and Meribel Nanny Services should be contacted for confirmation.

- 6 Full Days with 8 Consecutive hours between 8.30 - 19.00. 1- 2 children €1080/€1356*
- 6 mornings/afternoons between 08.00 - 13.00/13.30 - 17.00 1- 2 children €612/€744*
- Babysitting – 20 – 25 euros per hour, minimum of 3 hours.

Meribel Nanny Services also offer flexible packages and special offers may be available and if you require something other than the above then we recommend contacting Nicole at Meribel Nanny Services.

Email nicole@meribelnannyservices.com

UK phone +44 7500 159 112

French phone +33 6 33 52 18 95

Website <http://www.meribelnannyservices.com>



Merinannies

Merinannies is a small English qualified agency established in Meribel in 2003 by Kat Pozerskis, a qualified teacher and mother of two children. Merinannies now runs across various resorts and offers a flexible service with qualified, experienced nannies who are CRB checked. Care is available for children from the age of four weeks to 14 years old.

Number of children per one nanny

- Two children under the age of two years
- Three children over the age of three years
- Four children over the age of four years

Prices – These prices are a guide and Merinannies should be contacted for confirmation

- 6 days (8 consecutive hours from 8.30 – 19.00 or 9.00 – 19.00) – from £725
- 6 days mornings or afternoons (8.30 – 12.30 or 13.30 – 17.30) – from £410

Merinannies is flexible with the above and may be able to offer 6 hour days or alternative timings. Contact Katia with your specific requirements.

Email nicole@merinannies.com

UK phone +44 7860 925 055

Website <http://www.merinannies.com>

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Jelly and Ice Cream



After several successful years in Val d'Isere and Tignes, Jelly and Ice Cream now also operate in Courchevel and Meribel. Jelly and Ice Cream nannies will come to your chalet so that your children are in a familiar environment, and they are all DBS/CRB checked and first aid trained. Jelly and Ice Cream also offer equipment hire if there's anything you'd rather not travel with but would like the use of in resort.

Prices - These prices are a guide and Jelly and Ice Cream should be contacted for confirmation.

- 1 full day (8 hours per day, flexible hours) – €208 / €261 (peak weeks)
- 1 full week (8 hours per day for 6 days) – €1181 / €1549 (peak weeks)
- 1 half day (9.00 – 13.30/13.00 – 17.00) – €124 / €148 (peak weeks)
- 6 consecutive half days – €683 / €850 (peak weeks)

Prices are per 1 nanny. For alternative arrangements to the above, booking or further information please contact Jelly and Ice Cream directly.

Email enquiries@jellyandice-cream.com

UK phone +44 1483 338 601

Website <http://www.jellyandice-cream.com>



Creche option: **ESF - Club Piou-Piou (4-5yrs), Mini Club Piou Piou (3-4yrs) and Les Saturins day care (18mths - 3yrs)**

ESF Meribel offer childcare options for your little ones to get them playing in the snow and for the 3 – 5 year olds, starting to familiarise themselves with skis. ESF Meribel also offer indoor and outdoor activities for the very little ones, aged 18 months – 3 years old.

Club Piou-Piou, Mini Club Piou Piou and Saturins are more of a crèche set up rather than a private nanny service, so your children would be able to play with others in a group setting. You also have the flexibility of either morning, afternoon or full-time care. You're not constrained to booking the full week, you can pick and choose what works for you.

There are three Club Piou-Piou areas you could meet at. The most convenient for you as Ski Basics guests is the Chaudanne.

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Creche options (continued)

A typical day at Club Piou-Piou.

- 9:00 to 9:30 am: Welcome parents and children.
- 9:45 to 11:30 am: Discover and learn to ski + snow games. A small snack will also be offered during the morning.
- 12:00 am: Parents return to collect their child if they are not staying for Meals.
- 12:00 to 2:00 pm: 'Stay for Meals' lunch is supervised along with rest and relaxation until 2:00 pm.
- 2:00 to 2:30 pm: Some morning and lunch children may leave and welcome to the afternoon children.
- 2:45 to 4:45 pm: Same program as morning session.
- 4:45 to 5:00 pm: End of activities, children are returned to their parents.

A typical day at Les Saturins.

Toddlers are looked after by qualified professionals who offer a wide variety of activities throughout the day from reading books, singing and arts and crafts to snow games, sledging and playing in the garden.

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- 6 mornings and afternoons – from €279
- 6 supervised lunches Club Piou-Piou – €155
- 6 supervised lunches Les Saturins and Mini Club Piou Piou – €142

Single sessions are available to book in resort subject to availability.

Detailed information on what to bring and booking procedure can be found online:

Club Piou-Piou <https://www.ski-school-meribel-mottaret.com/little-ones/club-pioupiau>

Mini Club Piou-Piou <https://www.ski-school-meribel-mottaret.com/little-ones/mini-club-pioupiau>

Les Saturins <https://www.ski-school-meribel-mottaret.com/little-ones/nursery>

Website <https://www.esf-meribel.com>

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