

BEGINNER SKIING

Verbier 4 vallées



Because Every Skier Starts Somewhere

Verbier is known for its iconic peaks and expert terrain, but look a little closer, and you'll find a softer, more welcoming side.

Here's the secret: Verbier is just as inviting to beginners.

From sun-drenched village slopes to quiet, tree-lined runs, this is a place where first turns feel effortless and the mountain unfolds gently. Whether you're learning from scratch or returning after a break, Verbier offers space to build confidence, breathe in the alpine air, and begin something new — with style, grace, and just a little thrill.



Village Slopes Where Confidence Begins

1. Les Esserts (Located just above Verbier Centrale)

Type: Dedicated beginner zone

Piste Colour: Green

Lift: Les Esserts drag lift (free)

Best For: Total first-timers

Amenities: Cafe Restaurant situated at Bottom of Piste

Notes: Wide and gentle with a magic carpet for easy returns.

A peaceful, sunny slope a favourite starting point for ski schools and new learners alike. Perfect for snowploughs, wobbly first turns, and wide smiles.

2. Moulin, Children's Snow Garden (Located in the heart of Verbier)

Type: Enclosed beginner area for young children

Piste Colour: Green

Access: Snow garden open to Swiss Ski School students only; slope and rolling carpet open to public (at applicable rates)

Best For: Children enrolled in ski school or very young skiers

Amenities: Cafe Restaurant and Daycare Centre situated at Bottom of Piste

Notes: A charming, secure environment designed for little learners, complete with magic carpet, playground, and gentle terrain. Easily accessible and ideal for families staying central.

A magical place for mini skiers to begin, play, and learn in total comfort and safety.

3. Le Rouge (Located at the upper edge of Verbier Centrale, accessible on foot or via shuttle)

Type: Gentle progression slope

Piste Colour: Blue

Lift: Le Rouge drag lift

Best For: Graduating from green to blue

Notes: Slightly steeper than Esserts but still very manageable. A key transition slope for beginners building confidence—and home to one of Verbier's most iconic après spots.



Once you've mastered the village slopes,
it's time to head higher.

To sun-drenched pistes and forest-lined blues designed for quiet
progression. These areas offer more space, longer runs, and panoramic
alpine views, all without overwhelming newer skiers.



Beyond the Village, Mountain Blues & Gentle Progression

4. La Chaux (Verbier)

Located high above Verbier, accessed via Médran → Les Ruinettes → La Chaux gondolas

Type: Wide, open alpine bowl

Piste Colour: Easy blue

Lift Access: Gondolas from Médran via Les Ruinettes

Best For: Confident beginners craving high-altitude runs

Notes: Spacious and scenic, La Chaux offers mellow gradients and room to breathe — ideal for skiers transitioning from village runs to the wider mountain experience. The views of the Grand Combin massif are a quiet reward in themselves.

5. Savoleyres South Side (Verbier Side)

Located on the south-facing slopes above Verbier, accessed via the Savoleyres gondola

Type: Easy, panoramic blue runs

Piste Colour: Blue

Lift Access: Savoleyres gondola from the Savoleyres base station (above Patier)

Best For: Long, relaxed cruising at your own pace

Notes: Gently rolling terrain and spectacular views across the valley make this side perfect for linking turns and gaining mileage. Wide pistes and fewer crowds offer a more relaxed rhythm than central Verbier.

6. Savoleyres La Tzoumaz Side

North-facing side of Savoleyres, accessed via the Savoleyres gondola

Type: Tree-lined, tranquil blue runs

Piste Colour: Blue

Lift Access: Savoleyres gondola (Verbier) or La Tzoumaz gondola

Best For: Sheltered progression and peaceful practice

Notes: Les Etablons and Taillay runs are beautifully groomed, winding gently through pine forests. Quieter than Verbier's core, this area is ideal for beginners seeking calm surroundings and steady improvement.



Final Tips

Beginner Lift Passes

Beginner Pass: Grants access to Les Esserts, Le Rouge and similar local lifts—ideal for early stages.

Savoieyres Pass: More affordable than the full area pass; includes all terrain on both sides of Savoieyres

4 Vallées Pass: For when you're ready to explore further afield.

Recommended Ski Schools

Top-tier instructora makes all the difference.

We recommend

European Snowsport

Offering private beginner lessons that are calm, confidence-focused, and entirely tailored to you. With patient instructors, it's the perfect way to move from first slides to smooth turns, without pressure or overwhelm.

VIVID Snowboarding

Offering relaxed, highly personalised coaching for beginner snowboarders looking to build a solid foundation. With experienced instructors and a calm, progressive approach, it's ideal for learning at your own rhythm—whether it's your first day or your first turn.



