

# Snow & More

## What to Do and See in Alagna in Winter

The scent of hot chocolate fills the air, fire crackles in the fireplaces of the huts, the mountains are covered in a snow-white coat ... but even if winter2015/16 was not very generous with snowfall to the south of the Alps, the opportunities Alagna are offering to tourists regarding recreation and relaxation are truly endless.

Let's find out in this guide!



### THE SNOW & MORE

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## Alagna, Monterosa Ski and Freerideparadise

**Monte Rosa** is among the most popular ski destinations in the Piedmont and the entire Alpine arc. Numerous ungroomed **Freeride Paradise** trails, a true paradise for off-piste skiing, flank kilometres of trails for all levels of experience. A starting point par excellence on the Italian side is the town of Alagna, where the **cable car Alagna-Passo Salati** is, and the access point to fantastic ski slopes on Monte Rosa. Hectares and hectares of snow to ensure maximum fun on skis or snowboard for a good part of the year.



### MONTEROSASKI

It is located between Valle d'Aosta and Piedmont, along the south and south-east side of Monte Rosa. The Monterosa ski area has **180 km of ski slopes** (almost all with artificial snow) divided into 26 blue runs, 51 red runs and 10 black runs. There are 44 ski lifts between the minimum height above sea level of 1,212 meters of Alagna to a maximum of **3,275 meters of Punta Indren** (AO). The area is renowned for picturesque sceneries and a wide choice of ski lifts that culminate in the spectacular Funifor of Passo dei Salati-Indren.

For more info: <http://www.alagna.it/en/the-monterosaski>

The snow proposal of Alagna and Monte Rosa unites a passion for **winter sports** with originality, slow pace and that typical countryside flavour. Two ski schools, a small team of taxi and car rental suppliers, a general store for equipment, the oldest Italian guide body after the one in Courmayeur, even bars and restaurants "like in days gone by", a lively town center that maintains the charm of the small Walser village ... all seasoned with a range of suggestive proposals for families with children, groups of friends, athletes or anyone who is looking for a vacation in the mountains with comfort and safety. Remember that all activities in Alagna aim for tourism without any danger, so make sure to entrust your safety in our qualified staff and **UIAGM mountain guides!**

## NUMBERS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR OUTDOORS IN WINTER

Ski Rental Sport Haus	Piazza Rolandi - Alagna / Tel. 0163 91308
Ski School Alagna	Casetta Scuola Sci al Wold / Tel. 0163 / 922993
Alagna Alpine Guide	Tel. 0163 922993 / <a href="mailto:guide@alagna.it">guide@alagna.it</a>
Taxi and car rental supplier	Vedi <a href="http://www.alagna.it/en/taxi-2/">www.alagna.it/en/taxi-2/</a>
Health emergencies	Dr. Alberto Merola / Tel. 328 2617206
Parking lots Alagna	Vedi <a href="http://www.alagna.it/en/parking">www.alagna.it/en/parking</a>



There are endless ways to enjoy the snow, sport and outdoor activities during the winter. Some people prefer to organize their holiday personally and there are those who don't. No doubt the **high altitudes in a snowy environment** are not comparable to summer walks on marked paths and thus require a certain physical preparation and a lot of experience. To enable everyone to participate in adventures outside traditional circuits, we in Alagna have prepared snow packages for a Freeride Weekend, Freeride Week, the Tour of Monte Rosa and the Tour of Valsesia.

Discover them in the section: strutture del luogo.

Scopri nella sezione dedicata: [www.alagna.it/en/snow-holiday-packages](http://www.alagna.it/en/snow-holiday-packages)

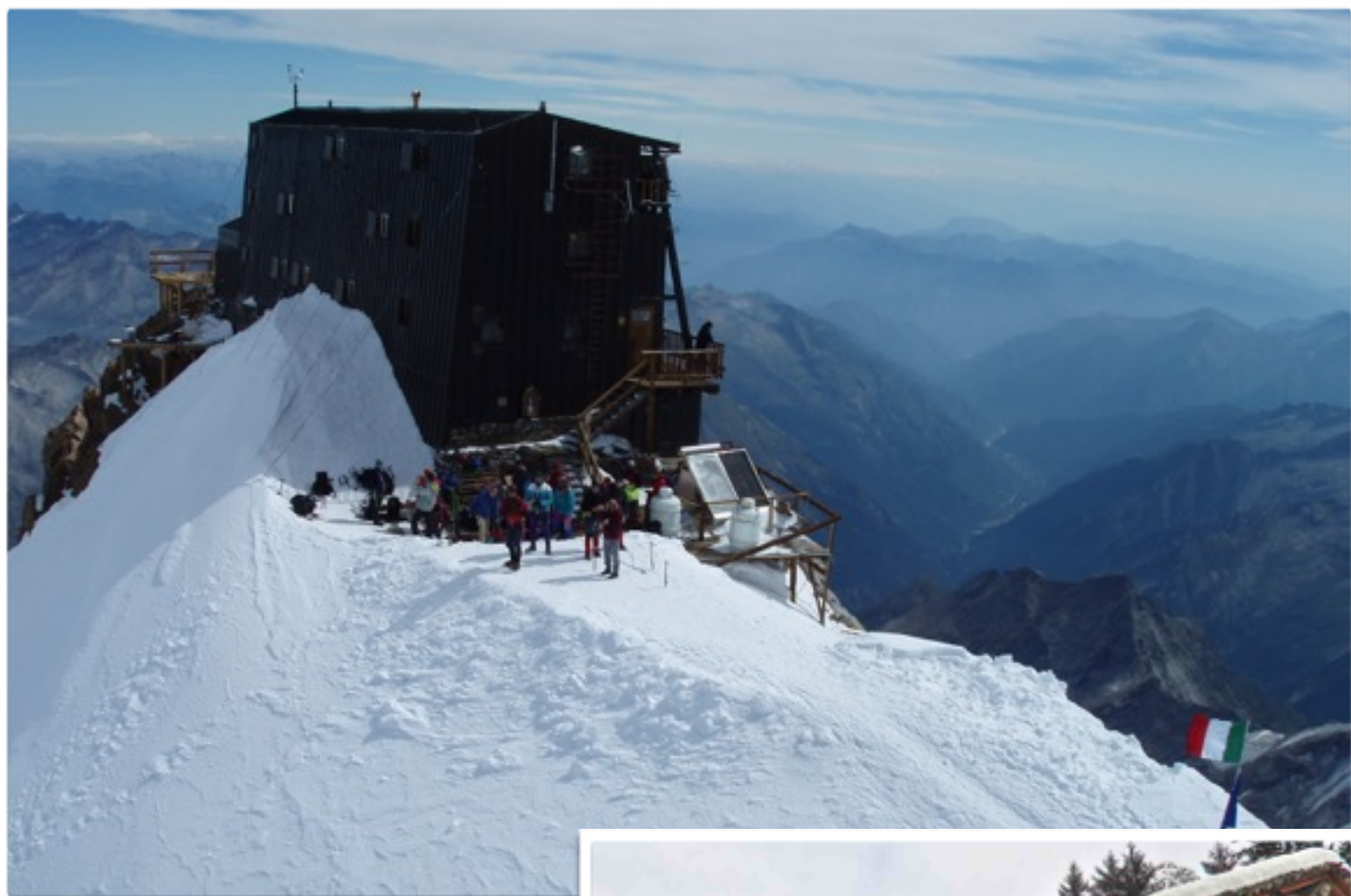
## THE FREERIDE PARADISE

This is the "alternative" name for the ski zone in Alagna Valsesia, the freeride mecca and alpine skiing at an international level. The starting point par excellence is the glacier Indren, on the border between the Gressoney Valley and Val Sesia. The slopes range from 30 ° to 55 °, with ski slopes which are difficult or extreme for many. Fun is guaranteed, but always pay attention to weather conditions and safety!

Per ulteriori info: [www.alagna.it/en/winter/freeride-paradise-monterosa](http://www.alagna.it/en/winter/freeride-paradise-monterosa)

## Not Just Skiing: All Outdoor Winter Activities

Alagna is known by Italian and foreign tourists as the **"Ski Different" destination**. The name is not accidental: skiing and snowboarding here are just one of the many winter entertainments on offer. In addition to Monterosaski and the Freeride Paradise trails, Alagna offers an environment where the **landscape is the protagonist**: deciduous forests, Walser architecture in perfect condition, views ranging from the Po Valley to the Maritime Alps to the Bernina ... Ultimately the best place to give free rein to your outdoor passion! Among the top events of the winter season is the Slittada Carnival and many more opportunities to learn about the wonders of a territory that has chosen to preserve the mountain light years far from mass tourism where the atmosphere is genuine and authentic as it once was. **An oasis of pleasure** to enjoy to the fullest according to your own taste and rhythm.



## 4 Proposals for a Mountain Experience in Winter:

### TREKKING

Alagna is surrounded by a swarm of pathways, marked paths and trails in the woods. Many **mountain huts** are open during the winter and offer hospitality and excellent typical dishes to the visitors of the territory, and not just on the slopes.

You can find our proposal here:  
[www.alagna.it/en/mountaineering-holiday-packages](http://www.alagna.it/en/mountaineering-holiday-packages)

### SNOWSHOES

Snowshoes are an excellent way to tackle deep snow. It is a slow tourism solution for every age, which does not require any special equipment and that allows you to rejuvenate body and mind at a slow pace.

Start with a simple trip here:  
[www.alagna.it/en/holiday-packages-alagna/snowshoeing-day](http://www.alagna.it/en/holiday-packages-alagna/snowshoeing-day)

### FAMILY & KIDS

Safe & happy (a treasure hunt to discover the snow and avoid the dangers), cross country skiing, a mini-cooking course to make the mythical “miacce”...so many outdoor and indoor proposals especially for **families and children**.

A calendar which is continuously updated to discover new things!

### FITNESS 4 ALL

Fitness trails and fun for everyone, from the most athletic **adults to children** who want to go out at night and enjoy some company. Choose from a walk in the center of Alagna with its ancient Walser core or the historic royal road of the Vogna Valeey which was the main connection with France for centuries and much, much more!

Follow the blog: [www.alagna.it/en/news-en](http://www.alagna.it/en/news-en)

## CAPANNA REGINA MARGHERITA

Located at the dizzying height of 4,554 meters, the Capanna Regina Margherita dominates Alagna and Valsesia since 1893. In addition to being a modern refuge and a scientific laboratory, Capanna Margherita is the highest situated building in Europe.

It takes about **7 hours walking** from Punta Indren (3,275 m) or two days with a stopover at Gnifetti Hut to allow for proper acclimatization. Capanna Regina Margherita has **70 beds in summer and 12 in winter** (then used only as a local shelter). Half-board in summer includes accommodation, breakfast buffet, dinner (2 starters, main course with a side dish, bread and dessert), thermos of tea, a disposable sleeping bag in TNT, while the B & B formula includes accommodation, buffet breakfast, thermos of tea, a disposable sleeping bag in TNT. For more info:

[www.alagna.it/en/booking/regina-margherita-hut](http://www.alagna.it/en/booking/regina-margherita-hut)



## Leisure Time in Alagna between Spa trips and Gastronomy

Once you have had your fill of skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and hiking, it's time to warm up your body and relax your muscles with a walk downtown or maybe a relaxing bath. Spend your free time in Alagna in winter means diving into a **whirlwind of emotions and pampering**. An absolute must is a trip to the Rose Spa Chalets with sauna, jacuzzi, turkish bath and massage. Or the Cranberry, where the outdoor heated swimming pool has a magical effect when it's snowing outside. Or a stay at the Relais Perello, historic hotel known for hosting **Sibilla Aleramo** as well as for the panoramic view directly from the sauna!



And for those who want to taste **our regional products** for themselves or buy some as a souvenir, in Alagna you can get your fill of delicacies and tasty tidbits. A must stopover is the Dairy, a tiny store specialized in the trade of selected products of the Muretto farm and other local entities. To Der Spicher, however, the gastronomy is the undisputed queen, with ready meals of all kinds (from meat to vegetable side dishes, from fresh pasta to delicious desserts), without

### TYPICAL RESTAURANTS IN ALAGNA

Are you looking for real, typical, regional restaurants? Here are some suggestions:

- Valle Vogna / Trattoria Fum Diss / Ca nosta;
- Montagna di Luce, perfect for dinner for two;
- Presmell and Dir und Don have a fabulous wine cellar;
- Ely's Baita, a restaurant on the ski piste where you can stop for an aperitif and ski downhill after dusk.

Spa and gastronomy are just two of the many ideas, but things that you can see and do in Alagna winter do not end here. In the hamlet of Riva, for example, there is an **original oven dated 1600** where the ancient Walser used to bake their bread. It is put into operation periodically and for the occasion taste samples of the bread prepared "as it once was made and baked" is distributed. In Riva Valdobbia, however, there is a large fresco by **Melchior d'Enricis**, which can be admired on your own or with a guided tour of the center of Riva, discovering hidden corners, curiosity and many surprises. And to close off, we divert your attention to a welcoming presence: **the legendary Crowned Deer** that lives in the surrounding woodland of Alzarella Cima. Accompanied by a gamekeeper the walk starts at dawn to see chamois, roe deer and maybe, who knows, the lone mysterious deer.



## ALAGNA CARD

Hotels, restaurants, bars, specialty shops ... In Alagna many structures have joined the Alagna Card circuit. The card is distributed free to people staying in the following hotels: B & B 3Alberi Liberi, B & B 10&Lode, Hotel Crystal, Mirtillo Rosso Family Hotel, Alagna2000 Residence , Residence Pietre Gemelle, Hostel La Minera, Hotel Montagna di Luce, Residence Indren Hus, Casa Smitt, Residence Casa dei Fiori, Alagna Agritourism, Residence Mirtillo Blu, B&B Borgo dei Folli, Residence Baite Rosa and Residence Baita Walser Reale. The card is activated online, and ensures many discounts and conventions. You can find the complete and updated list on our site. Ask for your card when you arrive!

For more info: [www.alagna.it/en/alagna-card-en/](http://www.alagna.it/en/alagna-card-en/)

## Maps, Skirama and Practical Winter Information

A good beginning is half the job done. In this final section of our guide you will find directions and interactive links to download the trail maps to explore on foot or by bike and the skirama Monterosaski and Freeride Paradise. In addition, some practical information so you are not surprised by **weather conditions**.

### MONTEROSA TREK MAP

<http://www.monterosa-ski.com/cartina-monterosa-trek>

### MONTEROSA BIKE MAP

[www.monterosa-ski.com/cartina-monterosa-bike](http://www.monterosa-ski.com/cartina-monterosa-bike)

### SKIRAMA MONTEROSASKI

[www.monterosa-ski.com/cartina-piste-monterosa-ski](http://www.monterosa-ski.com/cartina-piste-monterosa-ski)

### SKIRAMA FREERIDE

[www.alagna.it/http://www.alagna.it/immagini/varie/](http://www.alagna.it/http://www.alagna.it/immagini/varie/)

**If you use your car** for your trip to Alagna during the winter season, remember:

- you must have snow chains or snow tyres;
- you must verify that the diesel is alpine or arctic or it freezes;
- In case of snowfall, the roads are constantly kept clean, but black ice is always a big risk so remember to drive with care.

**Thank you for downloading this guide.  
We are waiting for you in Alagna  
to write the rest together.**