

TOP FIVE LUXURY SKI CHALETs

Treat yourself to a stay at a mountain chalet with a difference

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There's nothing quite like coming back to a cosy chalet at the end of a long day on the slopes. There's the afternoon tea, the relaxing sauna and dip in the hot tub, and then of course the gorgeous meal cooked by your own chef.

If it's luxury you're after, you won't be disappointed - the Alps has a fantastic range of high-end accommodation on offer. Here we pick out five of our favourites, from a charming two-bed mountain hideaway to a striking loft-style chalet perfect for those who love to party.



GREAT FOR: ROMANTICS

Petite Marmotte Lodge

Courchevel Moriond, France

Petite Marmotte Lodge is a former hay loft transformed into a one-bedroom mountain hideaway. This little chalet has lots of character and makes the perfect romantic refuge for a couple. It forms part of Hotel Le Portetta, where guests are offered use of the spa, and you can ski to the door.

Courchevel is at one end of the world's largest lift-linked ski area, the Trois Vallées. The resort, which is split into four villages, enjoys a pretty woodland setting.

Half-board costs from £5,550 for 2 people for 7 nights, inclusive of flights and transfers; scottdunn.com



GREAT FOR: FAMILIES

Au Coin du Feu

Les Prodains, Porte du Soleil, France

Au Coin du Feu is a 17-room chalet situated in the area of Les Prodains, which lies at the foot of the slopes of Avoriaz and a short drive from Morzine. Run by British couple Francesca and Paul Eyre, the cosy chalet is hugely popular with families thanks to its fantastic on-site childcare facilities, but also wins top marks for its five-course dinners. Guests can ski to the door and enjoy a sauna, outdoor hot tub, in-house massage, pool table, bar and open fire.

Porte du Soleil boasts 650km of slopes, straddles France and Switzerland and combines 14 resorts. It offers skiing for all abilities and a thriving apres-ski scene, particularly in Morzine and Avoriaz.

Half-board costs from £610 per person for 7 nights; chillypowder.com

GREAT FOR: FOODIES Chalet de La Cloche

Tignes, France

If you're as passionate about food as you are about skiing, then you'll love La Cloche. The 16-person chalet only uses chefs with Michelin experience, and guests are free to choose their own menu. But with dishes such as braised rabbit with white polenta, chestnuts, Alsace bacon, truffles and heirloom carrot you may want to stick to the one provided! La Cloche also features an outdoor hot tub, steam room, swim spa and open fire.

Tignes, which shares the Espace Killy ski area with Val d'Isère, is one of the most snow-sure resorts in the Alps and offers some fantastic skiing terrain.

The half-board 16-person chalet costs from £13,000 for 7 nights; ultimateluxurychalets.com



GREAT FOR: ULTIMATE LUXURY SEEKERS Chalet Artemis

St Anton, Austria

Possibly the most luxurious chalet in St Anton, Chalet Artemis is perfect for those looking for something with that wow factor. Guests can enjoy gourmet food, a relaxing spa and even

their own 12-seater cinema.

Popular St Anton has fantastic off-piste skiing and great nightlife.

The 12-person half-board chalet costs from £19,200 for 7 nights; skiboutique.co.uk



GREAT FOR: PARTY LOVERS The Heinz Julen Loft

Zermatt, Switzerland

The Times has called The Heinz Julen Loft one of the coolest chalets in the Alps, and it's not difficult to see why. With its concrete floor, steel beams and massive glass windows it certainly is striking and ideal for groups looking to hold a party or two. The living area has a suspended and illuminated table which can be raised from coffee table to dining table, and finally to ceiling height if you need a little extra space to dance.

Zermatt oozes Alpine charm and its slopes offer something for all abilities.

The 6-bed half-board chalet costs from \$9,500 for 7 nights; mountainexposure.com

