



La Source Samoens, France

A rare creature indeed, this converted Savoyard barn not only caters well for vegetarians, but it does so in a way that meat-eaters will also find tasty, with dishes such as wild mushroom ragout and beetroot cake. This chalet comes with a hip interior and serious eco credentials: there's a €50 discount for visitors who come by train or shared car; any meat served is organic, and the hot tub is wood-fired. Foodie activities abound, with cookery courses, producer visits or fondue in a yurt on offer. The village itself is beautifully unspoilt and skiing in the Grand Massif is fantastic. Best for lunch is the Gîte du Lac de Gers – call them from the phone halfway down the Cascades piste and they'll bring a Ski-doo to tow you to your tartiflette.

Sleeps 14. From £570pp, excluding travel. La Source (+33 450 58 61 07; source.alps.com). Easyjet.com flies to Geneva (transfer time 1 hour). Visit snowcarbon.com for train tickets to Cluses (La Source offers free transfers from the station).



Chalet Killy Val D'Isère, France

Fish & Pips, a young company that has already won awards for its 'delicious skiing' in Méribel, has branched out to lively Val d'Isère with three chalets, including the charming Killy – timber beams and well-chosen antiques mixed with iPod-generation mod cons. Homemade muesli is among the breakfast options, while five-course dinners offer delights such as wild boar terrine and braised rabbit-leg ravioli. The chalet is 200m from the nursery slopes and lifts up to the Espace Killy ski area. For lunch on the mountain, Edelweiss is a good spot, while Les Marmottes is that rare combo of cheap and tasty. Head to the legendary Folie Douce for après-ski followed by fondue at Les Clochetons.

Sleeps 8. From £565pp, excluding travel. Fish & Pips (0845 474 1054; fishandpips.co.uk). Flybe.com flies to Chambéry (transfer time 2 hours).

Chalet Artemis St Anton, Austria

If you want the sort of chalet that's likely to inspire 'Do we have to?' feelings about hitting the piste, this is the one. There's a 12-seater cinema, spa with pool, sauna, steam room and hot-tub, mountain views and a huge wine wall. Laurent-Perrier provides the fizz every evening and five-course dinners might include pork belly braised in Stiegl beer and vanilla topfen cheesecake. Those

Left, go green and visit eco chalet La Source in France. Below, St Martin de Belleville. Below left, five-star luxury at Chalet Artemis in St Anton, Austria

who do decide to head out onto St Anton's challenging slopes should reward themselves with a visit to the ski-museum-cum-restaurant, Museum, in St Anton, or lunch and a cellar tour in the Hospiz Alm in St Christoph.

Sleeps 12. From £1,645pp, excluding travel but including private transfers from the airport. Scott Dunn (020 8682 5450; scottdunn.com). Easyjet.com flies to Innsbruck (transfer time 1 hour).



La Ferme de Belleville St Martin de Belleville, France

Take a 400-year-old Savoyard farmhouse in a traditional village, buff up the vaulted stone ceilings, add cow-hide rugs, discreet mod-cons and great food, and you end up with this idyllic hideaway. Five-course dinners here might include honey-glazed pigeon followed by beef with reblochon dauphinois. Close by, Michelin-starred restaurants snuggle up to family-run auberges offering local specialities such as pasta-like *crozets* and *reblochonnade* – a raclette of the local cheese. It's a one-minute journey to the Tougnet gondola with the chalet's on-call driver.

Sleeps 12/13. From £745pp, excluding travel. SJ Villas (020 7801 4010; sjvillas.co.uk). Flybe.com flies to Chambéry (transfer time 2 hours).