



## 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).*