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20 clever hacks that will save you money on your next ski holiday

Value for money is one of the most important factors when planning a ski holiday, here's how to avoid blowing the budget this winter

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Whether you're planning your [first trip to the slopes](#) or are a seasoned pro, travelling with the [family](#) or on your own, it has never been more crucial to find ways to save money on your ski holiday. [Prices are rising across the board](#), from accommodation to lift passes, and the cost of living crisis continues to squeeze holidaymakers' budgets.

There's no denying that ski trips come with unavoidable additional costs. It's easy to blow the budget on extras such as lift passes and equipment hire and often the price of lunch on the mountain in some popular resorts is eye-watering.

If you're planning for the season ahead, here are our top hacks to help save money on your trip, including what accommodation to choose, alternative resorts to consider, how to cut the cost of extras once in resort and what to pack.

Before you go

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For the journey

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On the slopes

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In resort

16. Go self catering, but think it through first. Will you actually want to cook every night, and will you be able to buy what you need at a good price in resort? To spare added cost, use a meal delivery service, such as [Huski](#), or if you're driving, pack ready-made (home-cooked or otherwise) meals.

17. Chalet companies, such as [Chalets1066](#) and [Ski France](#), offer the classic accommodation choice but on your own terms – pick and choose the level of catering you want to budget for.

18. One of the most notoriously expensive extras once on holiday is buying lunch up the mountain – particularly if you're staying in a pricey Alpine resort. Rather than stumping up €20 for a burger and chips every day, buy sandwich ingredients and snacks in the local supermarket and do it yourself. Don't just head to any old picnic spot for lunch, head to one like [Serre Chevalier's](#) three planchas – outdoor grills with no need for charcoal, and resort staff on hand to clean them between uses.

In your suitcase

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