



10 of the best all-inclusive ski resort hotels

Make the cost of holidays on the slopes more manageable with resorts that offer a one-stop shop for all of your skiing needs. Our ski expert picks out his favourites

Skiing may be God's gift to winter holidays: the best possible use of your free time when there's snow on the ground and everyone's up for an adventure. But it's also a demanding sport, practised in a cold and inhospitable environment, and can take a lot of faffing about to get you and/or your children fed, geared up and out onto the pistes. Booking an all-inclusive resort hotel takes away the hassle of deciding where to eat and drink along with the stress of wondering how much it's going to cost. With everything paid for up front, you just turn up, tuck in and eat as much as you want, before getting back to what matters most: the snow. Most all-inclusive ski resorts are in France, where Club Med has revitalised the all-inclusive scene and UCPA provides a budget-minded alternative. But the idea is spreading — here are the best all-inclusive ski resort hotels to put on your shortlist. Become a subscriber and, along with unlimited digital access to The Times and The Sunday Times, you can enjoy a collection of travel offers and competitions curated by our trusted travel partners, especially for Times+ members This article contains affiliate links, which may earn us revenue 1. Club Med La Rosière, France In the peak weeks of the school holidays Club Med is far from cheap. Its prices include the usual meals, snacks and a broad range of drinks but also cover lift passes, childcare, fitness and yoga classes as well as group ski lessons, both morning and afternoon. The only extra you'll pay for is the on-site ski hire. Meanwhile, its big, state-of-the-art hotels occupy some of the most privileged sites in their resorts and La Rosière is one of them. It's ski-in, ski-out and has own nursery slope too. You drop your children off at their kids' club (where the staff get them geared up), walk into the boot room, and emerge out onto the snow to meet your ski instructors, who are waiting outside; thereby compressing an hour of rushing hither and thither into ten seamless minutes. The buffet breakfasts, lunches and dinners are uncommonly good and that's mostly that's down to the on-site cooking stations where much of the food is freshly-prepared. 2. Hotel Bergland, Seefeld, Austria Not everyone wants to spend their whole ski holiday bombing down a mountain and Hotel Bergland makes a canny spot for those in search of a wider range of winter experiences. It's only a short bus ride from Seefeld's two pocket-sized areas of pistes and it's also close to pretty cross-country ski trails and ice rinks beside the Seekirchl chapel. Here you can take a lesson, try your hand at shooting in the biathlon stadium, or have a game of Bavarian curling (all booked and paid for separately). In between the action, you'll be dipping in and out of the Bergland's spa and refuelling in its restaurant which offers coffee and cake in the afternoon, as well as light lunches, four-course dinners and breakfasts that last till 10am. Meanwhile, the all-inclusive drinks menu stretches from Prosecco to gin and tonic and on to organic teas. 3. Hotel Le Mottaret, Méribel, France For the best all-inclusive experience in the mountains, your hotel needs to be more or less ski-in, ski-out, so that dropping back to base for lunch doesn't involve a long walk or a bus ride in your boots. In this respect, Le Mottaret scores highly, being just a few steps from Méribel's Perdrix piste. This easy, green-rated run descends to the heart of the vast Three Valleys ski area and from here lifts will whisk you up the magnificent Mont Vallon as well as over into Courchevel, Les Menuires and snowsure Val Thorens. In other words, days and days of scintillating, intermediate-friendly descents await. Meanwhile, back at base, you'll find **Ski France**'s English-speaking staff at the ready, serving you unlimited food and drink from 10am to 10pm, with breakfast on top, and a five-course buffet lunch on the terrace (you can also eat for free at partner restaurants). There are no kids' clubs, but if your children bunk down with you in one of the larger rooms or suites their stay is free of charge. 4. Club



Med, Tignes, France Ski-scraping Tignes is seen as one of France's most reliable resorts for snow, with most of the skiing above 2,100m and glacier pistes that top out at an eye-watering 3,456m. It's no wonder, then, that this is the site of Club Med's most popular all-inclusive ski hotel, which opened in 2022. The resort is set in the village of Tignes Val Claret, with lifts beckoning in three directions and giant glass windows giving you the sense of being in the thick of things, even when you're sitting in the lounge or swimming in the indoor pool. As ever, Club Med's packages cover everything except your ski hire, with plentiful food, drinks and snacks available throughout the day as well as free kids' clubs and its own nursery slope. The separate Exclusive Collection rooms, bar and lounge deepen the sense of luxury but all guests feel privileged here — especially at Easter, when lower resorts turn slushy and Tignes is still a joy to ski. • Best ski trips to book this winter • Best ski chalets in France 5. Belambra Club Panorama, Flaine, France Opened in December 2023, with bright, fresh bedrooms, an indoor pool and a forest-and-mountain views, the Belambra Club Panorama is a rising star of the all-inclusive scene. Linked by an easy ski run to the main hub of Flaine's lifts and pistes, this big, 212-room complex offers free childcare as well as monitors to accompany your kids to ski school (although lift passes, lessons and ski hire cost extra). The food and drink is bountiful too. Live cookery demonstrations add zest to the mealtime buffets, while thoughtful extras include cheese fondue on the sundeck before lunch and fresh, après-ski pancakes. Meanwhile, between the feasting, there's plenty of skiing to be done: Flaine's big mountain bowl has its own snowy micro-climate and is well-stocked with intermediate pistes. 6. Hotel Ibiza, Les Deux Alpes, France Lofty Les Deux Alpes has recently replaced its cranky, top-to-bottom gondola with the speedier Jandri 3S lift and has updated several of its pistes too. So if you haven't skied it before, now's the time to try its energetic mix of vibrant nightlife, feisty snowpark and easy, top-to-bottom skiing, which drops through more than 2,000 vertical metres. In between the skiing, Hotel Ibiza makes a comfortable and unpretentious base. As well as a spa and indoor pool, you'll find a generous buffet at breakfast, lunch and dinner. Another reason to book is the brilliant south-facing sun-deck, designed to make full use of the resort's climate, which sees 300 days of sunshine a year. 7. Die Sonne, Saalbach, Austria The Sonne, set on the edge of the buzzing valley resort of Saalbach, isn't ski-in, ski-in out. However, it is connected to the nearest lifts and pistes by its own minibus shuttle as well as regular public bus services. This makes popping back at lunchtime for its extended buffet perfectly feasible — before a second helping of Saalbach's wide-ranging area of mid-level pistes. Back in the hotel there's a spa with an indoor pool and lots of fragrant, unvarnished wood panelling in the bedrooms. The all-inclusive bar is cosy too — though you may want to head up into the town centre to see what's cooking in its après-ski bars such as Off Piste. 8. Club Med Val d'Isère, France Got some serious skiers in your team? Then they're going to love the view from the door of Club Med Val d'Isère's boot room. On one side are the plunging lower slopes of the pudding-shaped Solaise. On the other is the vertiginous Face de Belvarde. Both are notoriously steep. Both have hosted World Championship racing, and both are within easy reach of this Exclusive Collection hotel. What's more, because five full days of tuition is included in the holiday price, they can get plenty of expert tuition to help them ski these famous descents with more confidence and control. As for everyone else — well, it's Club Med. They can do as much or as little as they want, dipping in and out of kids' clubs, relaxing in the spa, or making their own skiing breakthroughs on the resort's less famous (but also excellent) greens and blues. But whatever you do, no one's going hungry. The buffets offer everything from oysters and sushi to pizza fresh out of the oven, and there are snacks waiting whenever you return from the slopes. 9. UCPA, Val Thorens, France UCPA is a not-for-profit, sport-for-all organisation that's long been committed to making skiing affordable — especially for young adults who are happy to stay in purpose-built bunkhouses in France's top resorts. While there are no frills, you can expect a spectacular setting, plentiful buffets and the electric atmosphere that comes when so many like-minded people are in one place, buzzing from a day on the slopes. Your holiday price includes ski



lessons, lift passes and equipment too (but not alcoholic drinks) and there are discounted weeks available for 18-30-year-olds. Not surprisingly in an age of global warming, this high-altitude branch in Val Thorens is always popular. Do note that its set apart from the main village and its best for those whose priority is skiing rather than partying. ucpa.co.uk 10. Adler Lodge Alpe, Alpe di Siusi, Italy The Adler Lodge Alpe is set on the largest high-altitude meadow in the Alps, high above the Val Gardena. It's a rustic-luxe cocoon of smooth, unvarnished spruce and larch, floor-to-ceiling windows and a deep sense of quiet (the hotel is off-limits to children under eight). All the rooms are either suites or free-standing chalets and, in part because of its isolation, the lodge provides all your meals. Expect a proper gastronomic tour — mixing the best of the Alps and the Mediterranean with delicious local wines such as full-bodied Teroldego reds. Expect plenty of easy but spectacular skiing too. The Alpe di Siusi is part of the vast Dolomiti Superski region, set beneath sheer cliffs and towering pinnacles of Dolomite rock. adler-resorts.com • Best ski resorts in Europe • Best ski resorts in Switzerland Sign up to the Times Travel newsletter for weekly inspiration, advice and deals here