The 15 best family ski resorts, ranked and rated

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Anyone who has ever tried to wrangle a ski boot on a young child understands that family ski holidays can be an extraordinary faff. Not only that, they can be extraordinarily expensive. The annual Ski Resort Report released by Post Office Travel Money revealed that the cost of a family ski holiday in the French Alps has almost doubled in a decade.

The good news is that not only is it still possible to enjoy a reasonably priced ski holiday but a hassle-free one too. You just need to know where to look.

Big resorts often come with equally big price tags and when travelling with beginner skiers it pays to look at smaller, less popular ski domains. Not only will there be fewer skiers on the slopes, but accommodation and lift passes will also inevitably be cheaper. If, however, you have your heart set on a well-known resort, then there are still ways to save money. Switzerland, one of the more expensive destinations to ski in Europe, has free lift passes for children under six and good discounts for children under the age of 19.

France has long been the number-one destination for British families looking to hit the slopes thanks to ease of access, well-equipped resorts and family-friendly amenities. But good value deals to Italy mean that the *Bel Paese* is becoming increasingly popular. Similarly, Sweden's snow-sure slopes are attracting more families every year.

The following family ski resorts have all been assessed according to a set of criteria. These include the cost of a family ski package, the choice of ski schools available, what kind of après-ski activities are on offer for kids, the transfer time from the nearest airport and availability of ski in/ski-out accommodation, and the number of beginner and intermediate-friendly slopes.

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Book it

Ski France offers a week's stay at Hôtel Les Cimes from £1,209 for a family of four, B&B, departing March 6, 2025. Excluding travel.



South-facing La Rosière is a sunny choice

There are few better places to be a beginner or an intermediate skier or snowboarder than La Rosière on a sunny day. This high-altitude ski domain sits in the same valley as Tignes and Val d'Isère but, thanks to its south-facing position, the slopes are bathed in sunshine even when much of the valley is in shadow.