

# Ski Supertravel

Staffed Chalet, Hotel, Self-Catering Apartment Holidays in France, Italy, Austria and Switzerland. Flights from Gatwick and Luton

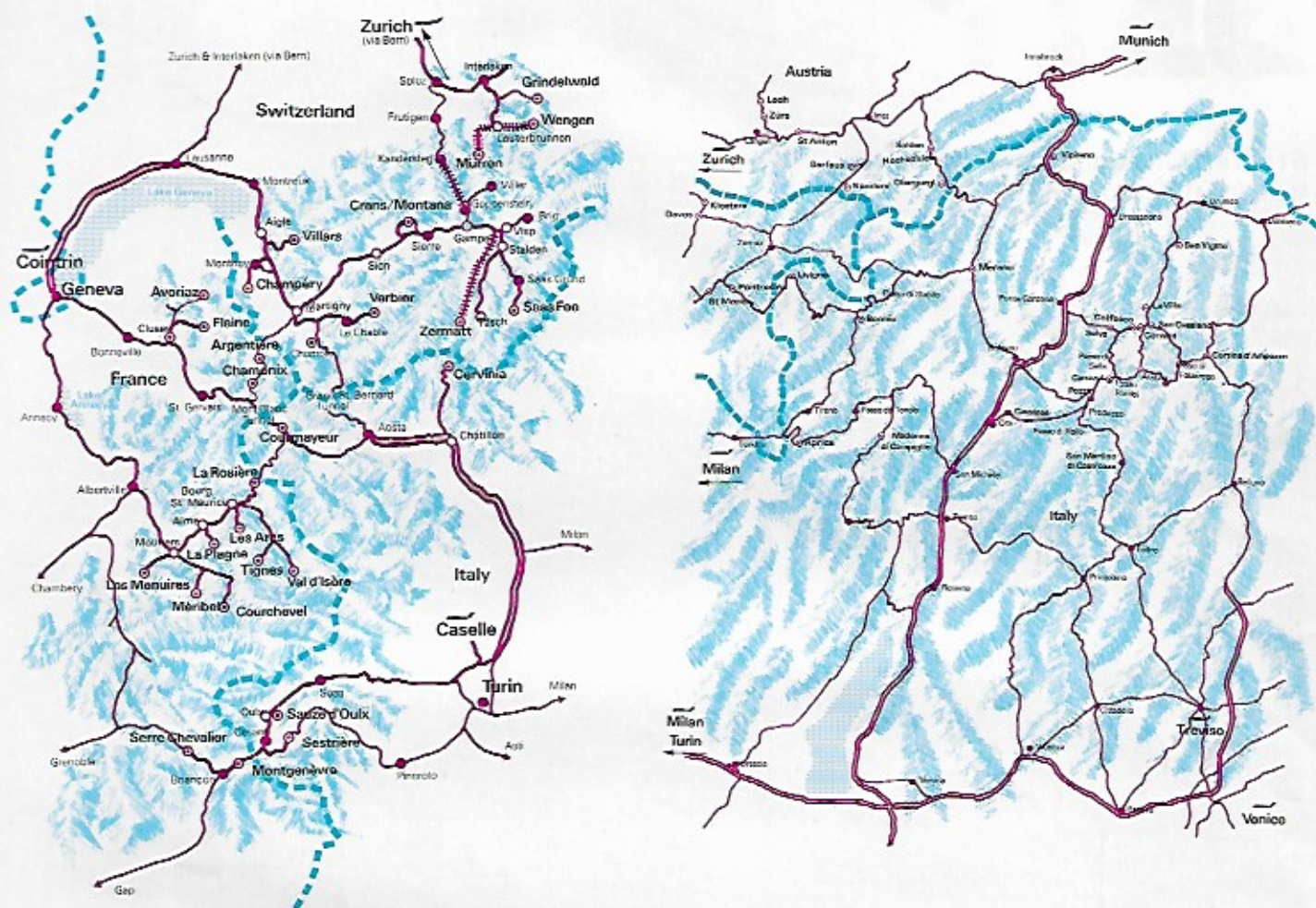
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Country	Resort	Page	Coach Ride (hrs)	Resort Height (ft)	Highest Skiing (ft)	Ski Lifts	Slopes Face	Ski Bob	Langlauf	Ice Rink	Kinder-garten	Swim Pool	Standard of Skiing
Austria	Lech	38	4	4,700	8,900	23	NE/S/W	Yes	Yes	Nat	Yes	In	Nov/Med
	St. Anton	38	4	4,300	9,200	25	S/N/W	No	Yes	Nat	Yes	In	Med/Adv
France	Argentière	13	2½	4,100	12,600	143	N/E/S/W	No	Yes	No	No	No	Adv
	Avoriaz	10	2	5,900	7,700	120	N/E/S/W	No	Yes	No	Yes	H/Out	Nov/Med
	Courchevel 1850	14	3½	6,000	8,900	132	N/E/S/W	Yes	1350	Both	Yes	H/Out	Nov/Med
	Courchevel 1650	14	3½	5,400	8,900	132	N/E/S/W	Yes	1350	No	No	No	Nov/Med
	Courchevel 1550	14	3	5,100	8,900	132	N/E/S/W	Yes	1350	No	No	No	Nov/Med
	Flaine	12	2	5,200	8,100	29	NE/S/W	Yes	Yes	Nat	Yes	In	Nov/Med
	La Plagne	18	3½	6,500	11,200	65	N/E/S/W	Yes	Belle	Yes	Yes	H/Out	Nov/Med
	Les Arcs	19	3½	5,200	9,800	42	N/E/S	Yes	Yes	Nat	Yes	H/Out	Nov/Med
	Méribel	16	3½	5,400	8,900	132	N/E/S/W	No	Yes	Art	Yes	In	Nov/Med
	Montgenèvre	24	3	6,100	8,600	68	N/S	No	Yes	Nat	Yes	No	Nov/Med
	Serre Chevalier	22	3½	4,500	8,400	36	N	No	Yes	Nat	Yes	In	Nov/Med
	Tignes	21	4½	6,900	12,000	96	N/E/S/W	Yes	Yes	Nat	Yes	No	Med/Adv
Italy	Val d'Isère	20	4½	6,100	12,000	96	N/E/S/W	No	Yes	Nat	Yes	In	Med/Adv
	Val Thorens	17	4	7,500	11,200	132	N/E/S/W	No	No	No	Yes	H/Out	Med/Adv
	Canazei	33	4	4,800	9,700	382	N/E/S/W	No	Yes	Nat	No	In	Med/Adv
	Cervinia	27	3	6,800	11,200	23	S	Yes	No	Nat	Yes	In	Med
	Courmayeur	26	3	4,000	9,000	23	S/E	Yes	No	Nat	Yes	In	Med
	San Cassiano	28	4	5,000	8,400	382	N/E/S/W	No	Yes	No	No	No	Nov/Med
	San Martino	32	2	4,800	7,300	35	N/S	No	Yes	Nat	Yes	In	Nov/Med
	Sansicario	24	2½	5,600	8,900	68	N/W	No	Yes	No	No	No	Nov/Med
	San Vigilio	29	5	3,900	7,500	30	N/E/S/W	Yes	Yes	Nat	No	In	Nov/Med
	Sauze d'Oulx	23	2½	4,900	8,200	20	N/E/W	Yes	No	Nat	No	No	Med
Switzerland	Selva	30	4	5,100	8,300	382	N/E/S/W	Yes	Yes	Nat	No	In	Nov/Med
	Champéry	11	3	3,500	7,100	120	N/E/S/W	Yes	Yes	Art	Yes	In	Nov/Med
	Mürren	35	4½	5,400	9,700	43	N	Yes	Yes	Nat	Yes	No	Med
	Saas Fee	37	4½	5,900	9,800	18	S/NF	Yes	Yes	Nat	Yes	In	Nov/Med
	Verbier	34	3	4,900	9,900	65	N/E/S/W	Yes	Yes	Nat	Yes	In	Med/Adv
	Wengen	39	4½	4,200	7,600	43	N/E/S	Yes	Grind	Both	Yes	In	Nov/Med
	Zermatt	36	4½	5,300	11,200	30	N/E/S/W	No	Yes	Nat	Yes	In	Med/Adv

**Key** Coach Ride is the average length of the journey from the Continental airport we normally use to the resort. **Heights** are rounded up or down to the nearest hundred feet. **Ski Lifts** are the number covered by the most extensive ski pass available (except in San Martino, San Vigilio and Saas Fee where we recommend a more limited abonnement). **Ice Rink** N= Natural, A= Artificial. **Swimming Pool** I= Indoor, H/Out= Heated Outdoor. **Standard of Skiing** categorises in one or two words the suitability in our opinion of the majority of slopes for skiers of different standards: Nov= Novices, Med= Medium, Adv= Advanced; however all resorts have some slopes well suited to skiers of each standard. **Although we have taken great care in the preparation of the above table we cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies in the information given.**



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Chalet Chanterelle, Val d'Isère—typical of many of our chalets, where holidays are very good value



Top: Residence Lastel, our Self-Catering Apartments in San Martino. Below: Hotel Savoyarde, Val d'Isère

## A Personal Introduction

from David Lewthwaite, Director of Supertravel Limited and Michael Rumbold and Jeremy Irwin, Managers of Ski Supertravel.

When the first Ski Supertravel programme was launched in Winter 1964/65 our objectives were to provide a high level of personal service for a discerning clientèle, a good standard of product at a fair price, and to concentrate on the top Alpine resorts—that is those with extensive skiing and reasonably varied après-ski.

Fifteen years and many thousands of clients later, our objectives remain the same and we have been rewarded with a faithful clientèle largely made up of people who have skied with us before, been recommended to us or seen our operation in the Alps. We would like to say thank you to those of you who ski regularly with us for your support and for all the letters of appreciation and useful comment you send us each winter; and to those who may be thinking of skiing with us for the first time—whether you be young, middle-aged or elderly—single, married or with children—beginner, intermediate or expert—we hope you'll find a Staffed Chalet, Hotel or Self-Catering Apartment holiday (as may suit your particular requirements) in this brochure.

We realise only too well that if we are to continue to achieve our objectives and maintain our reputation, it is of paramount importance that we keep up our high standards of personal service and product satisfaction—particularly as our programme grows in size, partly due to our desire to include for you more of the top resorts and partly due to the ever increasing client demand for our holidays. For this winter, therefore, we have greatly strengthened our London Office by bringing in a second line of management and by updating our systems, and we are instituting full time Supertravel Regional Reps in the Alps (see page 6) to supervise our Staff there and to regularly visit the properties we use. We feel sure these innovations on our part will enhance still further your enjoyment of your holiday with us.

Also for this winter we have added the resort of Canazei, just over the pass from Selva, to our programme. We have abandoned several chalets which we felt no longer conformed to our standards and we have reduced still further the number of three-bedded rooms in chalets. We have made arrangements with more hotels and we mention on page 7 the special emphasis of some of these. We have again priced our Self-Catering Apartment Holidays per apartment, quoting travel supplements for adults (with lower rates for children) so as to give you the freedom to use our charter flights and coach transfers or not as you please without financial penalty. We are re-instituting for the benefit of those coming down from the North our Luton-Geneva charter flights, and for those living in Scotland we are continuing the special flight arrangements from Edinburgh and Glasgow to connect with our charters from Gatwick to Geneva, Turin, Venice Treviso and Zurich. And, perhaps most helpful to you of all, we are again guaranteeing our holiday prices as explained elsewhere on this page.

We remain convinced our holidays are excellent value for money, we would like to thank all those who work with us in London and the Alps for their enthusiastic and untiring efforts, and we wish you a very enjoyable holiday with us this winter.

David Lewthwaite

Michael Rumbold

Jeremy Irwin

## Our Prices are Guaranteed

We guarantee our prices printed in this brochure for Staffed Chalet, Hotel and Self-Catering Apartment Holidays, as well as our Travel Supplements for self-catering holidays.

By this Guarantee we mean that we will not alter these prices due to changes in costs or the floating value of Sterling.

We must however reserve the right to alter our prices in the event of any action by a Government, such as the increase or imposition of taxes or levies, or the official revaluation or devaluation of their currency.

So this winter, once you've decided when and where to ski with us, you can go ahead and make your booking—instead of, as in recent years perhaps, feeling inclined to hold back until you knew how much the currency and aviation fuel surcharges were going to be.

Therefore why not book as early as you can and give yourself the best chance of getting the dates, resort and accommodation you want.

## A Knowledgeable and Personal Booking Service

A unique feature of our service is that the Sales Staff in our Winter Sports Department have first hand knowledge of the resorts and accommodation they are selling. We achieve this by taking them to the Alps each season and showing them any chalets, hotels and self-catering apartments we shall be using next winter which they do not already know. They sample the skiing and the après-ski life, and generally familiarize themselves with the amenities of the resorts they visit, and they are thus well qualified to answer your queries and advise on the most suitable resort and accommodation for your holiday. They will also give you requirements their personal attention throughout all the booking stages—so please note the name of the girl who answers your enquiry, address all future communications to her and give yourself the advantage of always dealing with the person familiar with your file.



# Staffed Chalet Holidays

with full board (breakfast with extras, packed lunch, afternoon tea, dinner with wine).



Chalet Elizabeth, Verbier, with Chalet Girl to smooth your path!



Top: Chalet Josy in the friendly resort of Montgenève  
Below: Chalet Fontana in picturesque Murren

## Staffed Chalet Holidays

We first introduced our Staffed Chalet Holidays in 1964. The concept immediately proved extremely popular and demand continues to increase every year. Here are some of the advantages:

You can stay in a chalet at a top resort on a full board basis for significantly less than it would cost you for a comparable holiday elsewhere in the resort.

You don't have to pay extra for fruit juice, porridge, cereal or a boiled egg at breakfast, for afternoon tea, for wine and coffee with dinner or for having a bath—they're all included.

You have one or more Chalet Girls, depending on the number of beds in the chalet, to plan the menus, do the housekeeping and shopping, prepare, cook and serve the meals, wash up, make the beds, do the cleaning and generally look after you—so you don't have any domestic chores, except on the Chalet Girls' day off once a week, and are completely free to enjoy your holiday.

You have a conveniently located base which, if you take over the whole chalet with your family or a group of friends, you can call your own for the holiday and where, within reason, you can do what you like, when you like, how you like.

You can come to meals dressed as you please, ask your friends in for tea without charge, enjoy your duty free in a civilised way in the living room, linger round the table after dinner and have a party or make your own evening entertainment in the chalet—where wine is available at reasonable prices and a gramophone or cassette player provided by Supertravel, but please bring your own records or tapes as applicable!

All in all a Staffed Chalet Holiday is reasonably priced, good value with many extras included, convenient and informal. You can take over a chalet for your family or friends, or book as an individual and join one of the mixed parties we put together.

## Supertravel Chalets

We have tried to take the best and most centrally situated chalet accommodation we could find available in the resorts featured in this brochure. In a few centres, where no chalets or an insufficient number were available, we have taken flats that can be run on a staffed chalet basis. When searching for our accommodation, we particularly look for:

A central location within comparatively easy walking distance of the ski lifts, shops, night

clubs and other amenities.

A reasonably sized living/dining room or, better still, separate living and dining areas. Where a living/dining area is mentioned, it means the seating is entirely round the dining table and there's no separate sitting area.

A convenient number of beds with preferably a majority of twin bedded rooms—although double beds and bunk bedded rooms are common in France and Italy, and in some chalets three bedded rooms cannot be avoided.

A reasonable standard of decoration and furnishings including bedside lights, mirrors and adequate cupboard space in the bedrooms or on the landings—although some chalets do not have curtains, particularly in Italy where it seems the custom to close the shutters at night.

A sufficient supply of hot water, assuming baths are kept to a reasonable depth and spaced over as long a period as practical.

A telephone—although the dial is kept locked by the Chalet Girl, so that outgoing calls can only be made when she is in the chalet. We state at the end of each Chalet description whether or not there is a telephone.

We have been using most of the accommodation featured in this brochure with great success for many years, and often clients have returned to the same accommodation several times. It must be remembered, however, that nearly all the chalets were constructed as simple holiday houses and they do not on the whole offer the standard of comfort one would create in one's own home or expect at an hotel. Many of the older and more traditional style chalets are largely built of wood and, as a result, floorboards may creak and bedroom walls may not be sound proof! Also, in some chalets, there may be a significant difference in size and standard of comfort between one bedroom and another; whilst we try to mention particularly small bedrooms and any other special characteristics in our descriptions of the chalets, we do not differentiate in price between one room and another; you can, if you so wish, enquire at the time of booking into the amenities of the various bedrooms still available. Bedlinen, bath towels and soap are, of course, provided but the linen is only changed fortnightly. It must also be appreciated that we do not own the chalets and, since most of the proprietors can easily rent their accommodation in its existing state, we find it virtually impossible to insist on any alterations or additions to the decoration, furnishings or hot water systems. Therefore if you have any particular requirements, please book early and we will suggest what we think might be the most suitable accommodation for you.

## Supertravel Chalet Girls

We recognise that your enjoyment of your stay in one of our chalets will depend to a very large extent on the standards of catering, cooking and cleaning achieved by the girl we install to run the chalet and look after you, as well as on her personality, application to duty and stamina. Therefore:

We try and recruit British girls with a Cordon Bleu or similar diploma and some practical catering or cooking experience.

We look for single girls of between twenty one and thirty, with a pleasant personality, the right attitude towards housework, a sense of self-application and the necessary stamina to maintain high standards throughout a long season.

We insist the girls accept that, by taking a job with us, they are agreeing to put your enjoyment of your holiday before their own skiing and social life during the season.

We make some girls prepare dinner and we also give them an extensive briefing before they leave for the resorts, we have them send us at the end of each holiday period a record of the menus they have provided and we visit them unannounced at irregular intervals during the season.

We warn the girls they will be dismissed if their performance falls below Supertravel standards and we have reserves prepared to take over at short notice, or in the event of illness or injury.

We have found our clients and our Chalet Girls alike appreciate our very serious approach to the way our chalets are run and our clients looked after. Ultimately, however, success is dependent upon a certain degree of understanding between all parties. **The Chalet Girls are not maids**, they are pleasant girls employed to housekeep, cook, clean and generally assist you during your holiday. It would be only natural if the way you treat them were to be reflected in the way they look after you—and, of course, vice-versa!

## Chalet Meals

We include many extra items and offer you certain flexible arrangements which we hope will add to the value and enjoyment of your holiday:

Breakfast will start at 7.30 am if you wish and go on for as long as you like, except that after 9.30 am it becomes a do-it-yourself affair. The Chalet Girls lay out on the table fruit juice, cereal, jam, marmalade, plenty of bread and butter and on some days rolls or croissants. They will make



# Hotel Holidays

Guaranteed  
Prices  
see page 3



Hotel Courcheville, a reasonably priced hotel on the slopes above Courchevel 1850

## Hotel Holidays

We believe the success of our Hotel Holidays is largely due to the care we take in selecting the hotels we use and, when choosing, we place particular emphasis on a convenient location and the quality of the food. In the main we find our clients prefer a reasonable standard of comfort and food, coupled with a pleasant atmosphere, rather than the lowest priced hotels available in a resort, and thus the majority of the hotels we use come within a two or three star classification. To help you choose which might suit you best, and to assist you compare prices between hotels and resorts, we have tried to give a rating to several hotels in each resort and you will find this in our Summary & Price Comparison chart on page (i).

Also, you may like to know, it is not our policy to take over whole hotels, or even the majority of the rooms, for our clients; we prefer small allocations of bedrooms, preferably in hotels not used by other British Tour Operators, so that you will feel more like an individual guest, rather than part of an enormous package tour group dominating the hotel, and you will have the chance of meeting people of other nationalities if you wish.

If you are planning a holiday for Christmas or New Year, please remember most hotels will not accept bookings unless they are for a stay of at least two weeks beginning at a week-end: although we quote prices for a week over Christmas, it is almost impossible to book for these dates until just before departure.

January and the middle two weeks in March are when hotel rates are at their lowest, snow conditions often at their best, and the resorts least crowded; it makes good sense to go then!

If you're thinking of skiing in France during the last couple of weeks in February or the first in March, don't forget that during the three weeks of Vacances Scolaires—and especially the week for the Paris Zone—the resorts are at their most crowded.

Also we'd like you to know that some hotels, particularly in France, organise special evenings once a week, often with fondue and dancing, and make a supplementary charge; these charges are not included in our prices since at most hotels you are not obliged to take part, except perhaps at Christmas and New Year.

The Holiday Prices quoted in this brochure are guaranteed (see page 3). However it must be understood that they are based on the types of rooms indicated at the top of the columns in our price charts; if you wish to book a different type of room, the price will, of course, be different—details on request.

## Hotel Meals

We find most of our clients prefer half board—breakfast and usually dinner—so they have the flexibility of being able to lunch wherever and whenever they feel like. We therefore show half board prices for all the hotels in this brochure unless, of course, the hotel offers only bed and breakfast or full board. However full board booked in advance almost always costs less than eating 'ad hoc' in an hotel and usually considerably less than eating either lunch or dinner out every day. We therefore quote for your information the supplements per week for full board, where they apply, at the end of our descriptions of the hotels on the resort pages.

## Hotel Reductions for Children

We would remind you that hotels usually only give reductions for children if the child occupies an extra bed in the room. Hotels in Avoriaz and Les Arcs and the Hotel Lindars in Flaine (which is specially organised for children) are the only exceptions of which we are aware.

## Single Rooms in Hotels

We have single rooms on allotment in Champéry (Beau-Séjour and De Champéry), Courchevel (Célibataires), Murren (Eiger), Saas Fee (Dom), San Martino (Colfosco), St. Anton (Arlberg), Val d'Isère (Savoyarde), Wengen (Alpenrose, Belvedere and Falken) and Zermatt (Alex and Mont Cervin). We know singles also exist in Avoriaz (Dromonts), Sanscario (Rio Envers), Sauze (Debili), Val d'Isère (Eau Vive and Tsantelina), Wengen (Regina), Zermatt (Monte Rosa and Nicoletta). In most other places they are extremely difficult to obtain; in low season January, however, some hotels will make available twin-bedded rooms for single occupancy on payment of a supplement.

## Your Favourite Hotel and Our Flights and Transfers

We can save you money by packaging your favourite hotel, even if it's not in a resort featured in our brochure, together with our charter flights and, where it is in one of our resorts, with our Coach Transfers. Just let us know your requirements and we'll be pleased to quote you.



Top: Hotel Bellier, good value hotel in Val d'Isère  
Below: Supertravel Reps are there to help you

## Supertravel Resort Reps

We employ British girls to work exclusively for us as Representatives for the season in most of the resorts featured in this brochure. They are there in addition to our Chalet Girls and their duties, in most cases, include:

Escorting you on our coaches between the Continental airport and your resort.

Helping you purchase ski lift passes, hire equipment and arrange instruction at such reduced prices as we may have negotiated.

Holding an Office Hour from 5.30 to 6.30 pm every day (except when they are travelling to the airport) and generally looking after our clients, particularly those staying in Hotels and Self-Catering Apartments.

Arranging a Supertravel Party, once a week or once a fortnight, for all our clients and anyone else who would like to come.

Assisting with any changes you may have to make to your travel arrangements and helping in the event of accident or illness, and with insurance claims.

## Supertravel Regional Reps

In order to try and make sure the standard of our product and service in the Alps is preserved at the high level we strive to achieve, we have decided this season to have Alpine Regional Reps. The girls who will fulfill these jobs have spent time in London Office assisting with the recruitment and training of the Chalet Girls and Resort Reps who will be in their Region; they will visit the resorts in their Region on a regular pre-determined basis (subject to any unforeseen occurrences), they will be on duty at the Continental Airports on change-over days and they will be in close touch with the Winter Sports Management in London Office. We feel sure that their efforts will enhance still further your enjoyment of your holiday with us.

## Professional Seminars and Incentive Holidays

We have arranged Seminars for groups of dentists and doctors who wanted to combine courses of lectures with some ski and après-ski fun—all most probably tax deductible! And we have also arranged skiing holidays as prizes for company incentive schemes, both for groups and individuals. Just let us know your requirements.



# Hotels with an Emphasis

**Guaranteed Prices**  
see page 3



Top: Hotel Des Neiges, Courchevel 1850, is rather good!  
Below: Hotel Golf, Les Arcs, home of ski évolutif

Top: San Vigilio has many mountain restaurants  
Below: Flaine with Hotel Lindars centre right

Top: Siesta beneath a Dolomitel Below: Fondue is fun!

## Our Ten Most Reasonably Priced Hotels

We list these below for your convenience, in order of price for a one week holiday in low season:

Our Guaranteed Prices are based on private bath & w/c and half board except where stated	Low Season (6 Jan)	Peak Season (17 Feb)
Sansicario Jeunesse	1wk 2wks 1wk 2wks	
Selva Posta al Cervo	£161 £237	£161 £237
San Martino Colfosco	166 239	175 257
Sauze Holiday Debili (FB)	166 247	182 278
Sansicario Sansicario	169 253	174 263
Avoriaz Snow	178 270	178 270
Les Arcs Pierre Blanche (double)	175 278	191 302
Sauze Capricorno (shower)	178 263	207 321
Courchevel Courcheville	180 276	180 276
Courchevel Flocons	182 275	211 334
	186 284	207 325

It obviously makes good sense to take advantage of low season prices in January, but you can also benefit from worthwhile savings on the 10th and 17th March departures.

## Special Prices in Sansicario

We have negotiated special prices for the Hotel de la Jeunesse in Sansicario which we hope will enable you to go at reasonable rates to enjoy what we consider to be the interesting skiing in this rather special area—see page 24.

## Good Value in Val d'Isère

We have been using the family-run three star Hotel Bollier for many years and innumerable clients have written to express their appreciation of the central location, attractive bar, comfortable lounge, homey cuisine, pleasant bedrooms and reasonable prices—particularly for east facing rooms with bath—see page 20.

## Childrens' Facilities in Flaine

The Hotel Lindars is designed as a family hotel and includes special facilities for children (as also do Apartments Flaine-Foret) see page 12.

## Ski Evolutif in Les Arcs

Ski Evolutif, the method of learning to ski in a week on skis of progressive lengths, was born in Les Arcs and it was the teaching in that resort which formed the basis for much of the Sunday Times' best seller "We learned to Ski". Hotel (and Self-Catering Apartment) Holidays in Les Arcs are good value, and the resort offers a special weekly Ski Evolutif package including skis, boots, lift pass and évolutif instruction—see page 19.

## Hotel des Neiges, Courchevel

We feel the Des Neiges is in a class of its own if you want a marvellously situated four star hotel with highly sophisticated but very unpretentious decor, absolutely delicious food, impeccable but relaxed service and an informal relaxed atmosphere—see page 15.

## Non-Skiers' Holiday in Italy

Maybe you'll have a preponderance of non skiers in your party this winter season—in which case we think they'll enjoy the beautiful scenery of San Martino di Castrozza as well as the hospitality provided by English speaking Mr Angelo Orsinger at his Hotel Colfosco—see page 33.

## Hotel Alex, Zermatt

The Alex is the choice of those who want a lively atmosphere, a most attractively decorated bar, excellent food in a rustic style restaurant, indoor swimming pool, sauna, squash and tennis courts—and a range of differently priced comfortable bedrooms and suites—see page 36.

## Excellent French Food + Ski Pass

The Lièvre Blanc in Sorre Chevalier is an oldish, small, traditional style, very French hotel which we consider to be rather special—with its exceptionally high standard of cuisine (evidenced by two stars in the Michelin), good service and sophisticated but homely decor. Prices include full board (a packed luncheon if you wish) and the ski pass—see page 22. (If you want the modern equivalent, but without Michelin stars or a ski pass, try perhaps the Hotel Totem in Flaine—see page 12).

## Courchevel Skiers' Hotel

Did you know you can spend a week in the two star Hotel Courcheville in the so called expensive French resort of Courchevel for as little as £182—provided you don't mind your hotel being marvellously situated from a skiing point of view, alongside the piste near the top of the Bellecôte drag lift—see page 14.

## Luxury Living in the Mountains

Imagine a very comfortable little mountain hotel built almost entirely in wood and designed exclusively for discriminating people who appreciate good living in the natural surroundings of the mountains and you could be thinking of the Chalet/Hotel Capricorno above Sauze d'Oulx. Mentioned for their food (delicious home cooked Italian specialties) in the Michelin, the genial proprietors delight in the standard of aesthetically sophisticated luxury they provide—see page 23.

## Good Value Hotel with Good Food

The Etoile des Neiges in Courmayeur deserves special mention as a good hotel with reasonable prices and, in particular, a standard of food well above that normally to be found in a second category Italian hotel. In the downstairs restaurant, Le Trou, you'll probably be served on the menu with many of the à la carte dishes during your stay, and if you prefer, of course, you can sometimes eat à la carte and pay a supplement—see page 25.

## Our Best Hotels

It may assist some of our clients to have drawn to their attention those hotels which we consider to be the absolute best ones mentioned in this brochure—and by best we mean, in this context, those which in our opinion offer the most comfort, the highest standards of food and service, and an exceptional atmosphere of one kind or another—or a subtle combination of all these attributes.

Our Guaranteed Prices are based on private bath & w/c and half board except where stated	Low Season (6 Jan)	Peak Season (17 Feb)
Austria	1wk 2wks 1wk 2wks	
Lech Tannbergerhof	£267 £447	£321 £554
France		
Avoriaz Dromonts	Prices on request	
Courchevel Des Neiges (FB)	298 507	349 610
Flaine Totem (FB)	223 353	253 414
Serre Chevalier L Blanc (FB*)	235 382	275 464
Val d'Isère Sofitel Val d'Isère	Prices on request	
Italy		
Cervinia H des Guides (B+B)	Prices on request	
Courmayeur Pavillon	Prices on request	
Sansicario Rio Envers	226 367	286 486
San Vigilio Posta	201 297	228 362
Sauze d'Oulx Capricorno	180 276	190 296
Selva Antares	211 329	251 410
Switzerland		
Zermatt Alex	256 421	322 553
Zermatt Nicoletta	276 460	314 536
Zermatt Mont Cervin	272 450	353 613

\*prices include ski pass

## School/Student/Club Parties

We are pleased to arrange special parties, and not only to the resorts featured in this brochure, for the Organisers of school, college, university, ski club or social groups.

## Our Holidays are Bonded

Supertravel Limited holds an Air Travel Organisers Licence (number 3228) granted by the Civil Aviation Authority and is a full Member of the Association of British Travel Agents. We have also satisfied the financial bonding requirements of both these organisations.



# Verbier

Switzerland 4,900 — 9,900 ft

A high, very pleasant, sunny village, now linked with most of the neighbouring resorts, providing extensive varied skiing covered by a single abonnement, and also good and reasonably priced night life. Supertravel Rep. SCGB Rep. 65 lifts in all.

Verbier, situated in an open sunny bowl at nearly five thousand feet, is only about three hours' drive from Geneva Airport and has the advantages of magnificent views, long hours of sunshine and good snow. The village itself is predominantly made up of chalets and enjoys an informal atmosphere all of its own. There are exceptionally good nursery slopes, one of which is given over to a ski school specially for young children—there's even a good value family abonnement!—and the surrounding mountains offer an extensive range of very pleasant skiing.

On the Ruinettes/Attelas/Mont-Gelè side of the village, which seems to be the most popular of the two main ski areas, there are now four parallel lifts to take you up to Les Ruinettes, a further three continue to Les Attelas and a cable car rises to the summit of Mont-Gelè. Experts delight in coming off the front face of Mont-Gelè, imprinting their wedge tracks in the powder, whilst the less accomplished are very content to perfect their technique on the most suitable north facing slopes from Attelas down to Lac des Vaux. The famous run to Tortin starts very steeply from the Col de Chassoure, opens onto an amazingly wide snow field, narrows through a gully and finally drops over a wall of bumps to the gondola station; this point can also be reached on a long and equally marvellous descent round the back of Mont-Gelè and both these runs provide some wonderful skiing right up to the end of the season.

As an alternative to running down from Attelas to Les Ruinettes and then back into the village, you can connect with the other main ski area around Savoleyres by taking the long but little used piste from Lac des Vaux to La Tzoumaz—a popular lunchtime rendezvous with several good restaurants. From here a succession of three drags or a parallel gondola lift you to the summit of Savoleyres where you can enjoy the open sun-drenched south facing slopes served by a drag and a chair, or discover more of the north slopes around the Altiport chair lift. And Savoleyres is accessible by gondola direct from Verbier for those who wish to explore the region from that direction.

Another most extensive and interesting dimension was added to the ski domaine in 1977 with the link-up between Tortin above Verbier and the new resort of Super Nendaz, Thyon 2000 and Veysonnaz. If you start early you can enjoy in a day the varied runs and magnificent views of the "4 Vallées" as this ski circus is known (competition for the Trois Vallées in France!), sampling the slopes around Haute-Nendaz on the way back, then skiing down to Drotzè, taking a bus the short distance to La Tzoumaz and so returning via Savoleyres to Verbier. All great fun, included in the ski pass and well worth doing!

Après-ski life in Verbier need not be expensive and is as much fun as it ever was—with reasonably priced drinks at the Rodeo and Farm Club discotheques, a band at Tara's, dancing at Marshalls, and backgammon and cheap drinks and raclette evenings at the Hotel Phenix.

## Chalet Bois Fleuri 6 (or 7) + 11 (or 13) = 17 (or 20) persons

Chalet Bois Fleuri is a solid house standing just back from the Rue du Ransou. It's about six minutes' walk across and down to the gondola station for Les Ruinettes one way, and some four minutes' across to the minibus stop for Savoleyres the other or down direct to the central square, snow permitting, you can ski back to almost opposite your front door. We run the ground floor, which has its own entrance and no internal stair to the upper floors, as a separate unit for six persons and the other two floors together for eleven or thirteen persons—with the advantage of separate living and dining rooms both opening onto balconies—unless, of course, smaller parties wish to book these and be entirely independent. The walls and ceilings in almost all the rooms are faced with polished wood which creates a cosy Alpine atmosphere, most of the bedrooms have good cupboards and bedside lights, and one of the twins on each of the floors has an extra bed and so can sleep three persons if desired. **Ground floor:** Living/dining room, two twins (one with extra third bed), one small double, bathroom (with wc). **First floor:** Dining room, one single (with basin), two twins (one with an extra third bed), bathroom, (with wc). **Second floor:** Living room, two twins (one with basin, one with a third bed), bathroom (with wc). Hot water off the central heating. Telephone. Two Chalet Girls live out.



Chalet Bois Fleuri has a cosy Alpine atmosphere



Ski the 4 valleys of Verbier

## Chalet Carrasco 8 persons

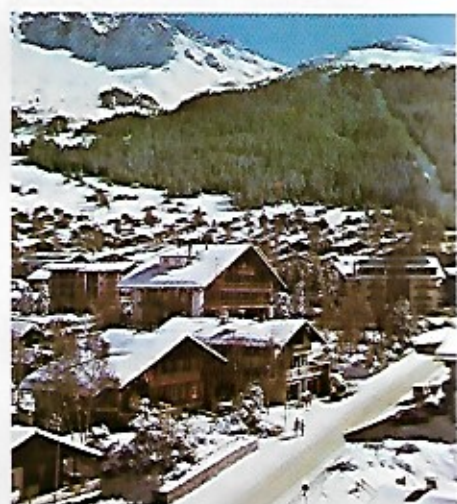
Chalet Carrasco is a nice looking, traditional style chalet, located in a sunny position just below the Catholic church about three minutes' walk up from the central square. It has a pleasantly large living room with chimney fireplace, basins in two of the bedrooms and good balconies for sunbathing. We have been using this chalet for many years and, although the bedroom walls are rather thin and the floorboards tend to creak, our clients always seem to appreciate the atmosphere and very much enjoy their stay at Carrasco. **Ground floor:** Living/dining room, one small twin (with basin), separate wc. **First floor:** Two small singles (one with basin), two twins, bathroom (with wc). Hot water off the central heating. Telephone. Chalet Girl lives out.

## Chalet Elizabeth 8 persons

Chalet Elizabeth is a most attractive little chalet, exceptionally conveniently situated just back from the main street almost equidistant between the central square and the Ruinettes lift, either of which can be reached in a couple of minutes. The interior is pleasantly finished in light wood, but fairly compact, there's the advantage of a reasonably sized south facing balcony, and this chalet has always been much enjoyed by our guests. **Ground floor:** Living/dining area, two singles, one twin, bathroom with wc, separate wc. **First floor:** Two twins (with basin). Hot water off the central heating. No telephone. Chalet Girl lives out. (A photograph of Elizabeth appears on page 4).

## Chalet Fendant 10 (or 12) persons

Chalet Fendant, an attractive looking chalet which we have been using for many years, stands just down from the Rue du Ransou about one minute's walk from Chalet Bois Fleuri in the direction of the gondola station for Les Ruinettes and enjoys the same advantages of location as that chalet. The pleasant living room includes a chimney fireplace and opens onto a south facing balcony giving magnificent views towards the Mont Blanc. There's the advantage of basins in three of the bedrooms and one has an extra third bed which can be used if required. **First floor:** Living/dining room, two twins (with basins), bathroom (with wc), separate wc. **Second floor:** Three twins (one with basin and extra third bed), bathroom (with wc). Hot water off the central heating. Telephone. Chalet Girl lives out.



Verbier, sunny, open and fun

## Hotel de Verbier 80 beds

The De Verbier, standing on the main square and thus extremely centrally located, is run by the charming Madame Bruchez and her husband both of whom speak reasonable English. The hotel has justifiably earned a reputation for its high standard of hospitality and has a comfortable lounge with fitted carpeting and chimney fireplace, and a pleasantly decorated bar where quite often a floor is put down for dancing in the evenings. Comforts and cheese are included with breakfast, the four course dinner menus are good and approximately twice weekly there are special evenings. Soirée Valaisanne or Fondue Chinoise—without supplement, also guests have the advantage of being able to eat in the adjoining Carnotzet without extra charge if they wish. All the bedrooms have fitted carpeting, those in the original part (built 1948) are mostly with basin and some wood panelling, those in the new part (built 1960) are with bath or shower. The hotel also has two five-bedded apartments nearby where prices are the same as for those staying in a twin with bath. **Half board only provided.**

## Hotel Phenix 38 beds

The Phenix, a small modern hotel situated in a quiet, central position just back from the main street almost next to the Ski School meeting place, is run by Bernard Tuor who has long been welcoming British guests and whose clientele includes a great number of Verbier regulars. The spacious lounge bar at the Phenix is attractively decorated and has become the accepted meeting place of the English for reasonably priced drinks and backgammon, raclette or glühwein evenings. There's a comfortable little salon/TV room, the four course dinner menus are good, and breakfast includes fruit juice, cheese and cold meats. The bedrooms have fitted carpeting and are furnished in Savoy-style, many have kitchenettes and open onto a balcony, and on the top floor there's an apartment for eight persons. Bed and breakfast reduction per week £28.

## Hotel Eden 60 beds

The Eden is a good hotel, very centrally located right on the main square. There's a small sitting area in the entrance hall and a little lounge bar alongside the dining room. Breakfast is a buffet and you can have fruit juice, cold meats, cheese and sometimes a boiled egg without extra charge, the four course dinner menus are usually very good, and once a week guests can enjoy a Fondue Bourguignonne in the rustic decorated downstairs Carnotzet without any supplement. All the bedrooms have shower and wc, fitted carpeting, telephone and balcony and are very pleasant, even if a little on the small side, and Mr Douchet, the proprietor, speaks English. **Full board supplement per week £25.**



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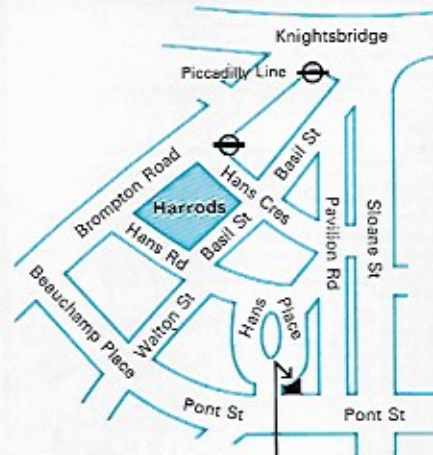
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