

# SKIING



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GUIDE TO THE  
SEASON AHEAD**

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All right. OK. Yes. Brexit's effect on the pound isn't going to help you pay for the *vin chaud* in the Alps this winter, but it'd be a mistake to blame your bank manager and write off an adrenaline-fuelled week in the snow. The past two Christmases have seen a shortage of the white stuff, which means pessimists aren't booking for this December – for the rest of us, that means package prices are dropping (surely it won't be third time unlucky?). In fact, there are deals to be had throughout the season, and we're pretty sure you'll find the perfect ski holiday for you in this special issue – whatever your ability and whatever your budget. See you on the slopes.



## Fresh tracks

What's new on the slopes

### ULTIMATE ALL-ROUNDERS ◀

Looking for skis that are fast and sure on piste, but also have the stability and drive to handle chopped-up crud and powder? Then consider the upgraded Rossignol 84HDs, which this winter incorporate a layer of woven basalt and carbon fibres for extra strength and elasticity. Turned-up honeycomb tips and Paulownia wood cores keep them light and manoeuvrable.  
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### SMOOTHIE OPERATOR ▲

Push people no longer start the skiing day with champagne – at least not if they're staying at one of the upmarket chalets run by Ski Verbier Exclusive. Its breakfast menus are now all about superfoods and liquidised foodstuffs. Instead of bacon and eggs, expect green nut-milk smoothies, chickpea and rice-flour pancakes, and raspberry and chia porridge. Seven nights' chalet-board for four people from £15,530, flights not included; [skiverbierexclusive.com](http://skiverbierexclusive.com)




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