



HOT WEEKENDS



**CHAMOIS LODGE, VILLARABOUT, FRANCE**

Chamois Lodge clings to the hillside in the pretty hamlet of Villarabout. The alpine chalet, with its three guest rooms, has a boutique feel, and the wood burner makes for cosy evenings in. Fresh local ingredients are on the menu, sheepskins are slung over chairs and there is a bubbling hot tub on the terrace. Room one is our favourite, with its mountain-view balcony. The skiing is great, too – the gondola that whisks you into the Three Valleys is just a five-minute chauffeur drive away, in the resort of St Martin de Belleville. From here, take your pick of the slopes.

**Chamois Lodge**

Villarabout, 73440 St Martin de Belleville, France; +33 778 845 710; thealpineclub.co.uk. From £595pp for four nights half-board; or, for exclusive use (sleeps nine), from £4,470pw. British Airways (ba.com) flies from London City to Geneva, from around £140 return



**Ski retreats**

Check into these mountain hideaways for some piste-side luxury. Did someone say fondue?



**HOTEL ARLMONT, ST ANTON, AUSTRIA**

The shell-shaped concrete, timber and glass Hotel Arlmont, complete with sleek, contemporary interiors, is the antithesis of the classic chalet. Sitting right at the base of the Jasserein slopes, the 34-room hotel is run by the Stemberger brothers, who bring a breath of fresh air to St Anton with their innovative approach and dedication to sustainability. The large, airy bedrooms are minimalist, with mountain views. Guests are treated to five-course dinners and Austrian tapas – small portions of traditional Tyrolean dishes served at the bar.

**Hotel Arlmont**

Hotel Arlmont, Am Alten Hof A-6580 St Anton, Austria; +43 544 642 525; arlmont.at/en. Doubles from £180, half board. EasyJet (easyjet.com) flies from London Gatwick to Zürich, from £69 return

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