



#### Leis, Switzerland

Peter Zumthor, the celebrated Pritzker Prize-winning architect, is known for bold projects in concrete and glass but has also built three exquisite wooden chalets in the tiny Swiss hamlet of Leis. His wife Annalisa lives in one, but last year they began renting out the second to holidaymakers; a third, also for rent, has just been completed. The lifts of the Vals 3000 ski area are close by, though it may prove hard to drag yourself from the chalet, whose floor-to-ceiling windows give hypnotic views over the valley. Both chalets sleep five; from £2,760 per week during the ski season.

[www.zumthorferienhauser.ch](http://www.zumthorferienhauser.ch)

#### Franchet, France

Halfway between two of the Alps' most famous resorts – Val d'Isère and Tignes – is Franchet, a cluster of stone chalets set beside a tiny chapel. Probably dating from 1840 and lovingly restored over four years, Chalet Colinn is the perfect retreat after a hard day's skiing. Guests can curl up with a book in the library or soak in the hot tub on the terrace. And if the peace gets too much, Dick's Tea Bar and the rest of Val d'Isère's nightlife are just two miles away.

Sleeps up to 12; from €6,248 per week.

[www.chaletcolinn.com](http://www.chaletcolinn.com) or via [www.sawdays.co.uk](http://www.sawdays.co.uk)

#### Kronplatz, Italy

With 31 lifts and 116km of pistes, Kronplatz is ideal for beginners and intermediates but remains largely ignored by tour companies. The slopes are a 10-minute drive from the San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge, a 16th-century hunting lodge renovated by the former CEO of fashion brand Escada. The delightful chalet now has three double bedrooms and a bunk room for four children, as well as a sauna, outdoor hot tub and 1,500-bottle wine cellar.

Sleeps up to 10; from €2,600 per night.

[www.sanlorenzomountainlodge.com](http://www.sanlorenzomountainlodge.com)

## Chic chalets

Choosing a luxurious, stylish chalet doesn't have to mean sticking to the big-name resorts. These properties offer high style, away from the crowds

