



THE HIDDEN GEM

Take one of the prettiest hamlets in Les Trois Vallées, Saint Martin de Belleville, throw in your architect husband, a taste for Kelly Hoppen-esque interiors and years of customer service experience and what have you got? The Alpine Club, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. In order to keep every holiday bespoke, Helen Raemers and husband Chris only offer two chalets – Abode (eight to 10 guests), a 100-year-old renovated farmhouse, and Chamois Lodge (up to nine guests), a new-build. This

One of The Alpine Club's gorgeous chalets in Les Trois Vallées will provide the perfect mountain hideaway – for skiers or sofa-loungers

means it's Helen who deals with every guest from first enquiry to final transfer, ensuring no whim is left unfulfilled. Your chef will be a fine-dining wizard experienced in Michelin-starred or three AA Rosette restaurants and you can choose between a six-course taster menu or a comfort-

food TV dinner. Then there's the concierge service, chauffeur to the slopes, complimentary bar... Frankly, if you decided to spend the week indoors cocooned on the sofas looking at the stunning views between mouthfuls of scrumptious afternoon tea, who are we to judge?

The lowdown Prices start at £1,175 per person. Visit thealpineclub.co.uk. ■

THE NEWBIE

When Steve and Jane Fenlon bought their 1835 Savoyard farmhouse, La Ferme de Margot, in Morzine, there was still hay in the stalls for the cows. Two years on, it's finally open for business – all Farrow & Ball paints, BoConcept furniture and Natuzzi chandeliers. 'After years of taking our own ski holidays, we wanted to create something personal that offered skiers space and comfort without compromising on boutique style,' says Jane, who took redundancy from her job in fashion to live the dream. So there's a drying room for wet gear, a cinema room, double-vaulted living space and an individual look to every bedroom. As well as creating a beautiful dinner-party atmosphere every night, the pair will also book any extras – from nannies to airport transfers – so you can hand-build your holiday just as you like it.

The lowdown A week at Grand Cru Ski (sleeps 10 to 12) starts at £550 per person. Shorter breaks and weekends are also considered. For more details visit grandcruski.com (live in November) or email hello@grandcruski.com.



COOLEST SKI BUYS ON THE SLOPES



Jacket, **£619.45**, Moncler, (farfetch.com)



Goggles, **£150**, Oakley (uk.oakley.com)



Hat, **£85**, Marc Cain (marc-cain.com)



Boots, **£90**, Rubber Duck (danielfootwear.com)



Ski pants, **£560**, Toni Sailer (snowandrock.com)

