

Chamois Lodge in the Trois Vallées



Style on the slopes

FRANCE Chamois Lodge, French Alps

English architect Chris Raemers designed Chamois Lodge with visiting guests in mind. "I wanted it to feel like a ski chalet, instead of just a private mountain home which is then rented by ski companies," says Chris. "As a result, all the bedrooms are equal sizes, the breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains are optimised and the living room sits at the top of the chalet, with exposed beams and fantastic double height space."

The chalet is in Villarabout, a small hamlet that is four minutes drive from St Martin de Belleville, an authentic Savoyard village in the Trois Vallées. The contemporary style is softened with reclaimed old pieces, like vintage canvases and antiques, as well as cow skin rugs, fur throws and sheepskins to give it a cosy feel.

Convenience is the key with English power sockets, long wardrobe mirrors, a stunning outdoor hot tub, free wi-fi and a team of staff providing an in-resort chauffeur and a nightly six-course feasts. The picture above was taken from the sister Chalet Abode, which is close to Chamois Lodge and offers the same views and accommodation.

Chamois Lodge sleeps 6 + 3 in three twin/double en-suite bedrooms. Bedroom 3 is a family suite with a separate triple bunk bedroom and bathroom. The chalet costs from £5,212 for 9 guests for a week catered, rising to £16,995 for the half term peak week. For more details visit www.thealpineclub.co.uk