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SPEAR'S TOP FIVE

CHALETS L'AMARANTE AND L'ALPENSIA L'APOGÉE COURCHEVEL, FRANCE

Part of the prestigious Oetker Collection, L'Apogée Courchevel opened for its first winter season in 2014. An acclaimed design collaboration by designers India Mahdavi and Joseph Dirand, the hotel is located in Courchevel's Jardin Alpin at the very top of the former Olympic ski jump. The ski-in-ski-out, 55-bedroom hotel comes complete with a four-bedroom penthouse covering the entire top floor of the hotel, an exclusive five-bedroom chalet, and a soothing Sisley Spa with large mosaic pool. The luxurious suites are each designed as a mini-chalet, offering spectacular views from the underfloor heated balcony. Deep soaking tubs and steam showers provide the perfect place to unwind after a day on the slopes. The 2015 - 2016 winter season was marked by the launch of Koori restaurant, by Executive Chef Jean-Luc Lefrançois and pastry chef Eve Moncorger.

Its theatrical double staircase leads to the restaurant's dining room. In the centre, surrounded by a wine cellar which displays Jeroboams, sits a marble counter topped with two huge glass candle holders created for the Barcelona 1992 Olympics. Executive Chef Jean-Luc Lefrançois presents a varied menu embellished with undisputed creations, in particular 'The Koori Carpaccio' or 'Black cod in miso sauce', along with a selection of sushi and other Japanese specialties.

Le Comptoir de L'Apogee offers authentic yet refined traditional French cuisine and a glamorous Cigar Lounge provides the perfect after dinner spot to relax beside a roaring fire.

Chalets L'Amarante and L'Alpensia combine palatial comfort with a refined luxury in their design, and offer private ski in / ski out access with a private ski lift, in-chalet spa, private butler, chef and home cinema. The chalets are only a few steps from the fine restaurants, swimming pool and leisure facilities.

Rates start at €900 per room per night on a half board basis.

CHALET GRUNBÜHL GSTAAD, SWITZERLAND

You may recognise this chic and prestigious chalet as it has been featured in many glossy magazines as one of Gstaad's uber chalets for style, taste, art works, coziness and comfort. Located in probably the best location in the spectacular valley of Lauenen, less than ten minutes away from the centre of Gstaad by car. This newly decorated and renovated Chalet is filled with art and antiques and ideal for a family or a group of friends, with all the amenities including Children's and staff bedrooms with bunk beds. The property has six bedrooms in total; the Master Bedroom is en suite with its own balcony, very high ceiling and a sitting area. The views from the Master Bedroom and Living rooms are simply breathtaking, overlooking the Glacier 3000 and in the summer waterfalls. From around the house you enjoy panoramic views from East to West and sun all day long. There are two guestrooms with fur throws, wool carpets and wonderful art and artifacts, with balconies facing west. The Kitchen was recently modernised and boasts the most up to date units, including a double oven and large fridge. The dining table can be extended and can host sixteen or more people for a dinner party. The Chalet has a new boiler and provides good pressure for the Showers and baths. There is wi-fi and cable TV in French, German or English, along with hundreds of DVDs at your disposal.

CHALET HUSKY VAL D'ISERE

A chalet to rival all chalets, this party pad leaves nothing to the imagination. Sleeping up to fourteen across seven en-suite bedrooms, it epitomizes contemporary design and is home to the crème de la crème of games rooms, featuring a climbing wall, archery and rifle shooting. There is also an unrivalled wellness area complete with large pool with infinity waterfall, sauna, jacuzzi and massage rooms. On the first floor a large dining table overlooks the village while a bar area caters for aperitifs and after dinner drinks. In the master bedroom a TV appears from the ceiling to wake bleary-eyed guests up for a day on the slopes, switching between music channels and the webcam views that will give guests a look at current weather conditions. The chalet is introducing a new après-ski service for guests wishing to extend their time on the slopes. Recognising the trend for more informal and flexible dining, this new service can be requested by guests who do not wish to be tied to returning to the chalet for afternoon tea or a full evening tasting menu. Instead, guests will be able to return to the chalet to a more relaxed choice of comforting dishes such as a Thai curry or Indian buffet to enjoy with a glass of wine in front of a movie at a time that suits them.

Seven nights at Chalet Husky, Val d'Isere start at £1,900 per person. This is based on full occupancy and includes return flights, private airport transfers and Scott Dunn chef, host and in-resort driver.

CHALET PELERIN FRANCE

Nestled in the tiny village of Le Miroir, France, Chalet Pelerin offers guests the intimacy of an authentic French village, while putting them right in the middle of some of Europe's most versatile landscapes. Whether spending the day enjoying the limitless on- and off-piste skiing or snowshoeing to Eleven

Experience's private off-piste L'Alpage for a candle-lit fondue dinner, guests will end every day in the charm and comfort of Chalet Pelerin. It is spacious and cosy, the chalet including four king en suite bedrooms, a bunk room and playroom, central fireplace and living room, indoor saltwater pool, Finnish sauna, steam room, outdoor hot tub, and an attentive staff that will cater to guest's every need. The chalet sleeps twelve and is available for exclusive use only throughout the winter and summer seasons.

SKYFALL
LECH, AUSTRIA

Skyfall chalet is, unquestionably, one of a kind. Found in the Arlberg mountain range — between Vorarlberg and Tyrol in Austra — specifically, below the Valluga peak, Skyfall boasts breathtaking views. The panoramic views outside are as beautiful as the service inside is exquisite. In fact, the chalet is linked to Arlberg Hospiz Hotel, a five star hotel owned by Florian Werner, whose family is known locally as leading Arlberg's hospitality business for over five decades. As such, guests can expect a five-star service, exquisite gastronomy and state-of-the-art facilities.

There are five apartments within Skyfall, that can be rented separately or together. The two largest apartments can be linked by elevator, allowing 21 people to sleep over four floors, in a combined apartment that spans 550 square metres. Smaller groups can also be accommodated, and apartments are equipped with saunas and entertainment systems so guests can relax after a day on the slopes. The combination of the beauty of the great outdoors, and the luxurious accommodation makes Skyfall a truly unforgettable destination for ski-loving HNWs.

SPEAR'S
TOP RECOMMENDED

ARCTIC LODGE
VAL D'ISERE

Arctic Lodge & Co is a new alpine private members club, which allows clients to maximise their time in the mountains. Providing a top class travel, guides, and concierge service, members can arrive to the Lodge safe in the knowledge that a professional network is taking care of all arrangements.

Situated in the exclusive area of Legettaz in Val d'Isère, a two-minute ski, or five-minute drive (with your private chauffeur service, of course) from the centre of town, every private chalet belonging to Arctic Lodge features a beautiful contemporary design and architecture with exposed wood and cosy corners, sleeping up to thirteen people. After a day spent on the pistes, guests can return to the lodge and relax in the indoor swimming pool or outdoor Jacuzzi – overlooking the infamous men's Olympic downhill run, and enjoy the best view of Val d'Isère at night time.

ARCTIC TOWNHOUSE
VAL D'ISERE

Arctic Townhouse, part of the Arctic Lodge & Co private members club, was developed to give guests and members a luxury bolthole in the heart of the village, still conveniently nestled in the middle of the architecturally stunning Old Town. It's just far enough away from the late-night dancing for quiet relaxation. While not situated on the snow itself, Arctic Townhouse is a mere one minute walk from where you can put your skis on, making it a very practical choice. Inside there is an expansive open plan living area giving guests a wonderful sense of space with a relaxed and luxurious feel. Arctic Townhouse sleeps up to nine people and comes with its own sauna, huge indoor Jacuzzi and private cinema room.

CHALET ROSIÈRE
FRANCE

Chalet Rosière opened its doors in December 2016 for their first winter season. Located on the edge of a rural hamlet on the outskirts of La Rosière, Chalet Rosière is a boutique lodge and wellness retreat centre in the French Alps specialising in combined skiing and yoga retreats as well as luxury wellbeing ski experiences. The chalet has six rooms, a yoga studio, meditation tipi and outdoor chalet spa overlooking stunning views of the Tarantaise valley, set in a rural location a ten-minute drive from La Rosière. Chalet Rosière is the perfect place to enjoy a guilt-free mountain adventure with filled with all the activities Mont Blanc Massif has to offer.

HOUSE HANNES SCHNEIDER IN STUBEN
AUSTRIA

Located in the tiny hamlet of Stuben — one of the original Arlberg villages — House Hannes Schneider is the former childhood home of ski pioneer and legend Hannes Schneider. Brought to life by the owners of hotel Kristiania in Lech, the chalet has been transformed into a stylish alpine townhouse while maintaining its rich history. The son of a cheese maker, Hannes Schneider was a ski instructor, world traveller, best-selling author, inventor of the stem-turn and the Arlberg-squat, one of the founders of Ski Club Arlberg and star of over fifteen ski movies.

Harking back to the glamorous era of skiing, the chalet design fuses mid-century classics with modern boho-chic pieces. Original Fifties features have been retained but sumptuous fabrics, modernist furnishings, beautiful antiques, and striking art have been combined with aged woods, natural stones, and traditional Austrian details to create something truly unique. Spread over four floors and sleeping up to twenty, the chalet spans 400 square metres and has a dedicated cinema and games room, as well as a large dining room, kitchen and seven bedrooms.

The master suites all boast cosy drawing rooms and en-suite bathrooms. The chalet also has a dedicated spa area with a bio sauna and hot tub.

House Hannes Schneider has ski-in ski-out access via the Albona ski area and is just a minute's walk from the Albona Ski Lift, with access to the entire Arlberg region, one of the world's best ski areas with over 280km of pistes. Stuben itself is about to see an exciting revival, thanks to a new state of the art gondola opening for the 2016/17 season, linking it to Lech-Zürs and St. Anton.

The chalet comes with a chef, maid, butler and a driver plus a dedicated concierge service, which will provide a comprehensive service before and during guests' stay — arranging anything from childcare to heli-skiing.

Seven nights at House Hannes Schneider, Stuben start at £38,700 based on twelve sharing on a catered basis. This includes a dedicated chalet manager, in resort chauffeur, concierge, return British Airways flights from London Gatwick to Innsbruck and return private transfers, arriving 2 April 2017.