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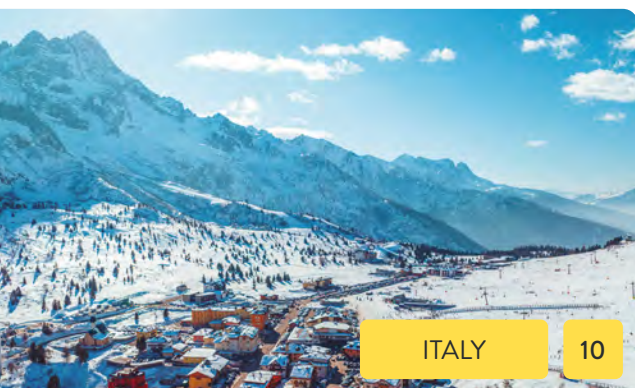
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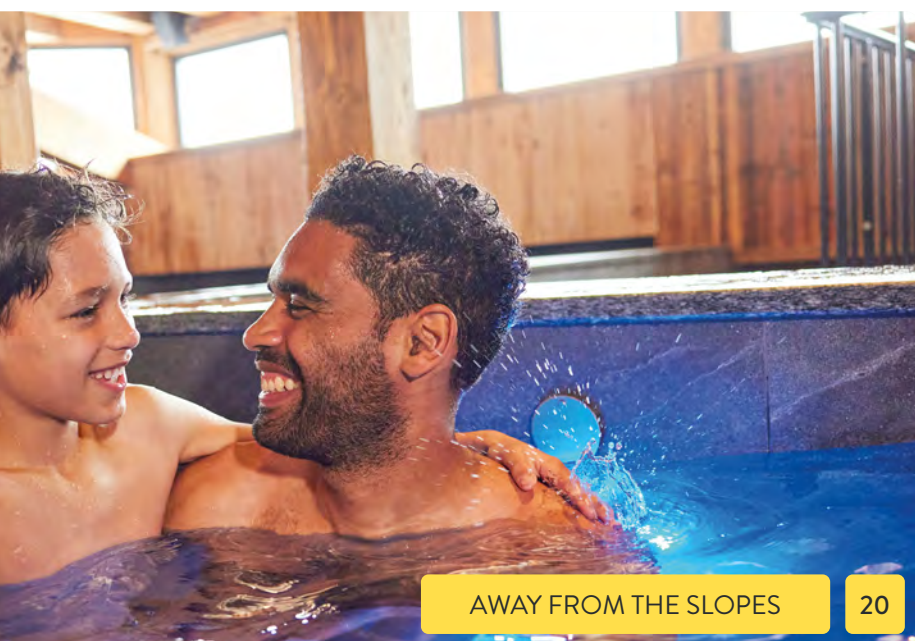
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START A NEW FAMILY TRADITION

We've caught up with experts from ski schools across Europe, to get their top tips on teaching kids to ski. If it's your very first time on the slopes, flip over this brochure to read everything about skiing for beginners.



Q: What's the best age for kids to learn?

Children can start ski school from as early as 3 years old. At this age, it's more about playing in the snow and gently sliding on skis for the first time. Older children will still play games, but there's more focus on skiing technique. As for snowboarding, children can try it out from around the age of 8.

Q: How long does it usually take to pick up the basics?

Just like in school at home, it really depends. At first, the most important thing is to get children familiar with the equipment and to teach them how to stop safely. Then we tend to build things up step-by-step – depending on how confident they are and how quickly they pick up the basics, some kids will be independent on green and blue slopes by the end of the week. Remember that children learn more slowly in the very beginning, then they tend to overtake us adults very quickly.

Q: Should children always have lessons?

Any habits you form when you first start skiing or snowboarding tend to stick for life, so learning through ski school means that kids start off on the right foot. Plus, lessons are more than pure tuition – they'll get to have fun, play games and make new friends.

Q: Do they need to have lessons at an indoor snow centre before going on a ski holiday?

It's not necessary, but it can be a good idea so your children can have a go and get used to everything. Plus, if they really don't like it, at least you'll know before booking a holiday.



“Arrive at ski school early to watch other kids skiing and having fun”

Q: Do you have any top tips for parents?

Arrive at ski school a bit early so it's not a stressful start to the day and you can watch the other kids skiing and having fun. And it's fine if you want to stick around for the first few minutes of your child's lesson, but it's best to observe from a distance so they don't get distracted.

One last top tip: It's always helpful if kids are already familiar with their ski clothes, goggles and helmet – why not go for a short walk on your first day in resort to get used to everything?

Q: What makes a good family ski resort?

Walking to the ski slopes or lifts can be tiring for both adults and children, so we usually recommend resorts with plenty of accommodation that's ski-in, ski-out, or just a very short walk away. And of course, think about your family's level of skiing. Beginner families will want lots of wide, easy runs to practise on together.

Q: When's the best time for a family trip?

If your children are not in school yet, January is normally good for reliable snow conditions and the resorts are not too busy. Otherwise, skiing over Christmas is magical for children of all ages. Or going over spring half term and

Easter means you'll likely have sunnier skies and warmer temperatures, so no complaints of cold fingers.

Q: What clothing should kids wear on the slopes?

Pretty much the same as for adults. So a ski jacket and salopettes/ski trousers, as well as a helmet, gloves, goggles, and sun protection. And it's tempting to put two pairs of socks on, but this won't stop your children from feeling the cold – it actually stops blood circulation and limits sensitivity in their feet.

Q: Is it better to buy or hire their gear?

Most people hire clothing, buy second-hand or borrow from friends as it gets expensive when you need to size-up each year. And in terms of equipment, it's always better to hire boots and skis. Height and weight change the length of your skis – we all know that children shoot up every year.

Top tip: Check out Crevasse Clothing where you can hire what you need in one simple package. And our friends at Disability Snowsport UK have set up #SkiBay4DSUK so you can buy second-hand clothing and donate to charity in one go. Win-win.



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FRANCE

Big ski areas, purpose-built resorts and regional food make France a firm favourite for ski holidays.



LA PLAGNE

Paradiski

Best for:
Variety

PISTES

140 65 37

KM of piste: 425

Resort height: 1,800-2,150m

Say it: La-plan

Transfer:

2hrs 30mins - Chambéry

3hrs 30mins - Geneva

- Choose between villages, from Plagne Centre in the middle of it all, to quieter hamlets like Plagne 1800.
- Huge, high-altitude ski area that's full of variety and home to France's longest fun slope.
- Visit the magical ice grotto up on the glacier.
- If you've got area lift passes, catch the double-decker cable car over to ski in Les Arcs.

Stay at: **Hotel Club MMV Plagne 2000**

Stay at: **Belle Plagne 2100 L'Eden des Cimes**



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La Plagne
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ALPE D'HUEZ

Grand Domaine

Best for:
Activities

PISTES

38 68 17

KM of piste: 250

Resort height: 1,860m

Say it: Alp-do-wez

Transfer:

2hrs 15mins - Chambéry

- Nicknamed 'The Island in the Sun', Alpe d'Huez is known for blue sky days.
- A big beginner zone and a dedicated kids' area.
- Huge range of slopes from easy greens to the longest black run in the world, La Sarenne.
- Don't miss a ride on the alpine coaster, where you'll wear virtual reality goggles as you whizz through the turns and tunnels.

Stay at: **Hotel Club MMV Les Bergers**

Stay at: **Hotel Le Chaix**



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TIGNES

Tignes-Val d'Isère

Best for:
High-altitude skiing

PISTES

88 41 29

KM of piste: 300
Resort height: 2,100m

Say it: Teen

Transfer:
2hrs 30mins - Chambéry
4hrs - Geneva

- Purpose-built villages with plenty of activities like swimming and tubing.
- On the mountain, the high altitude makes for great snow conditions.
- Practise on nursery slopes in Le Lac and Val Claret villages, then follow the gentle blues down to Les Brévières.
- Little thrill-seekers can do their first tricks at the Gliss'Park.

Stay at: **Belambra Club, Tignes Val Claret**

Stay at: **Hotel Club MMV Les Brévières**



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our video
of Tignes
here



FLAINE

Grand Massif

Best for:
Mixed-ability groups

PISTES

84 44 11

KM of piste: 265
Resort height: 1,600m

Say it: Flen

Transfer:
2hrs - Chambéry
1hr 45mins - Geneva

- With most of its accommodation right next to the slopes, getting out in the morning is a doddle.
- There's a great snow record here.
- Different levels of run lead back to one central point, so it's easy for mixed-ability groups to meet for lunch.
- Get together for ice skating, ice karting or bowling after a day on the mountain.

Stay at: **Hotel Club MMV Le Flaine**

Stay at: **Totem, Friendly Hotel**

AUSTRIA

Home to plenty of proper mountain towns, Austrian resorts are full of traditional charm and often have lots to do away from the slopes too.



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Best for:
Kids' ski areas

PISTES

59km 51km 28km

KM of piste: 138

Resort height: 762m

Say it: Zell-am-zay

Transfer:

1hr 30mins - Salzburg
2hrs 30mins - Innsbruck
3hrs - Munich

- Areas designed for children on the local mountain, the Schmittenhöhe.
- Look out for the friendly dragon mascot.
- The Kinder-Skiland and Dragon Park are filled with slaloms, bumps and tunnels – just right to help little ones find their ski legs.
- Swap skis for skates at the ice rink, wrap up warm for a snowy sleigh ride or make a splash at the Kidstein water park.

Stay at: **Gartenhotel Daxer**

Stay at: **Hotel Tirolerhof**



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WAGRAIN

Snow Space & Ski Amadé

Best for:
Racking up the miles

PISTES

34km 82km 4km

KM of piste: 120 & 760

Resort height: 850m

Say it: Vag-grain

Transfer:

1hr - Salzburg

- Traditional resort where timber-framed buildings and carved wooden balconies are ten a penny.
- Bang in the middle of the Snow Space ski area– explore the local slopes then cross the valley for even more pistes.
- Wagrain's Winter World will get kids sliding in no time with its magic carpets and gentle slaloms.
- Spend an afternoon on the slides and in the paddling pools at Wasserwelt Wagrain.

Stay at: **Hotel Wagrainertshof**

Stay at: **Haus Hubertus**



ST ANTON

Ski Arlberg

Best for:
Activities for teens

PISTES

130km 124km 51km

KM of piste: 305

Resort height: 1,304m

Say it: Saint-anton

Transfer:

1hr 30mins - Innsbruck
3hrs 15mins - Munich

- A lively resort and popular pick for families with older children.
- Two large nursery areas at the bottom of the mountain.
- More experienced kids will love the Rendl area, with its racecourse, speed trap and snow parks.
- Check out the climbing wall, skittles alley and arcade games in the arl.rock sports centre.

Stay at: **Hotel Rendlhof**

Stay at: **Banyan Hotel**



OBERGUGL

Obergurgl-Hochgurgl

Best for:
Quiet slopes

PISTES

60km 33km 19km

KM of piste: 112

Resort height: 1,930m

Say it: O-ber-gur-gul

Transfer:

1hr 45mins - Innsbruck

- Peaceful village packed with traditional charm, and its small size means accommodation is never too far from a lift.
- Quiet even in peak season, with plenty of kid-friendly slopes that wind through the trees.
- Little skiers will love the 7m-long tunnel and giant snow snail on the fun slope.
- Older ones can practise on the mini jumps in the family park.

Stay at: **Hotel Alpenland**

Stay at: **Haus Gurgl ****Skihotel**

ITALY

A long-time favourite for its quiet slopes, big ski areas and laid-back feel.



PASSO TONALE

Adamello Ski

Best for:
Beginners

PISTES

10 24 7

KM of piste: 100

Resort height: 1,880m

Say it: Pass-o-toh-nah-lay

Transfer:

2hrs 45mins - Verona

- With so many gentle greens and tree-lined blues right next to the resort, it's easy to see why this is one of Italy's most popular resorts for beginners.
- A small town on a high mountain pass, with lots of accommodation close to the lifts.
- Check out family activities like ice skating and fatbiking.
- Kids can have fun in our very own Crystal Childcare.



CERVINIA

Cervinia-Zermatt

Best for:
High-altitude skiing

PISTES

23 67 26

KM of piste: 350

Resort height: 2,050m

Say it: Chair-vin-ya

Transfer:

2hrs - Turin

- Cruise together down wide, sunny slopes, and find your rhythm through a mogul field.
- If you fancy skiing two countries on one holiday, ski over the border into Switzerland.
- A pedestrianised main street with everything you need, so you'll never have far to walk to the lifts, shops or restaurants.
- Don't miss out on a trip to Europe's highest ice grotto.

Stay at: **Hotel Grand Paradiso**

Stay at: **Hotel Miramonti**



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video of
Passo Tonale
here

Stay at: **Valtur Cervinia Cristallo Ski Resort 4 Star**

Stay at: **Sertorelli Sport Hotel**



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Cervinia
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LA THUILE

Espace San Bernardo

Best for:
Value for money

PISTES

33 34 13

KM of piste: 152
Resort height: 1,441m
Say it: La-tweel

Transfer:
2hrs 30mins - Turin

- Packed with easier runs and long intermediate slopes, this is a good pick for families with mixed abilities.
- Take steep red and black home runs, or just hop on the gondola to get back down to town.
- There's Crystal Childcare here.
- Race to the top of the indoor climbing wall or go for a spin on the ice rink.

- Stay at: **Hotel Planibel (TH La Thuille)**
- Stay at: **Residence Planibel (TH La Thuille)**



SESTRIERE

Milky Way

Best for:
Convenience

PISTES

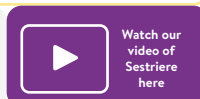
57 109 36

KM of piste: 400
Resort height: 2,035m
Say it: Sess-tree-air

Transfer:
2hrs - Turin

- This purpose-built resort is all about convenience.
- Choose from a range of great-value accommodation, from slopeside hotels to simple, self-catering apartments.
- The mountain's covered with wide, rolling blue runs – or if you're up for it, why not take on one of the three Olympic pistes?
- Get stuck into activities like snowmobiling and dog sledding.

- Stay at: **Hotel Principi di Piemonte**
- Stay at: **Hotel Du Col**



WINTER WONDERLAND

*Make mountain memories surrounded by magical scenery.
These resorts are all about quiet slopes and thrilling activities too.*

FINLAND



RUKA

Best for:
Beautiful scenery

PISTES

15km 6km 3km

KM of piste: 24
Resort height: 290m
Say it: Roo-ka

Transfer:
25mins - Kuusamo

- Pretty, pedestrianised town with snowy hills and frozen trees as far as the eye can see.
- Ski together in the Rosa & Rudolf Family Park, which has floodlit runs and a tubing course.
- Pick up some marshmallows and toast them over an open fire in one of the wooden huts.
- Off the slopes, go for a ride in a husky sled. And around Christmas, you can even meet Santa.

Stay at: **Ruka Suites**

Stay at: **Aurinkorinne Apartments**

CANADA



TREMBLANT

Best for:
Convenience

PISTES

23 34 57

Skiable area: 665 acres
Resort height: 265m
Say it: Trom-blon

Transfer:
2hrs - Montreal

- Amazing North American skiing in Canada's biggest resort on the east coast.
- A small, colourful village where crêperies and maple syrup shops sit side by side.
- Make the most of the free hosts – local skiers who'll show you around the slopes and share their top tips.
- Try out the zipline or high-ropes course.

Stay at: **Homewood Suites by Hilton**

Stay at: **Lodge de la Montagne**

WAKE UP TO **ANDORRA**

Great-value skiing, fab ski schools and family-friendly
hotels in the peaks of the Pyrenees

Andorra ski deals



GREAT-VALUE DESTINATIONS

Your pennies will go further in countries like Andorra, Spain and Bulgaria. These are some of our wallet-friendly picks for families.

ANDORRA



SOLDEU

Best for:
High-altitude slopes

PISTES

56 32 22

KM of piste: 210

Resort height: 1,800m

Say it: Sol-day-oo

Transfer:

3hrs 15mins - Toulouse

3hrs 30mins - Barcelona

- It's easy to get around here – everything's lined up along one main street filled with traditional, stone-clad buildings.

- Lots of high-quality, good-value hotels with spas and kids' clubs.

- Free lift passes available for children under 11 years.

- When it comes to skiing, the kids' snow gardens are linked to some easy blue slopes, so once they're ready, you can take on the mountain together.

Stay at: **Sport Hotel**

Stay at: **Sport Hotel Village**

SPAIN



SIERRA NEVADA

Best for:
Sunny slopes

PISTES

51 53 8

KM of piste: 112

Resort height: 2,100m

Say it: See-error-nev-arder

Transfer:

3hrs - Malaga

- With a whopping 320 days of sunshine a year, it's spring-like skiing all season long here.

- 80% of slopes are above 2,700m, so the snow record's good too – it really is the best of both worlds.

- Look out over the Mediterranean Sea, and even Africa on the clearest days.

- Race on snow tubes and toboggan runs. Or adventure out on snowmobiles and fat bikes.

Stay at: **The Mountains Hotel**

Stay at: **Inside Plaza Apartments**

📍 BULGARIA



BANSKO

Best for:
Charm

PISTES

35km 37km 3km

KM of piste: 75

Resort height: 925m

Say it: Ban-sko

Transfer:
3hrs - Sofia

- In Bulgaria's biggest ski area, with high-quality hotels and a traditional Old Town.
- Little learners can find their ski legs in the kids' zone with its slaloms, obstacles and arches.
- Experienced skiers can carve down reds near the peak or tackle the Tomba black run – it's used for world cup races.
- An ice rink, bowling alley and two escape rooms for off-slope fun.

🏠 Stay at: **Lion Hotel Bankso**

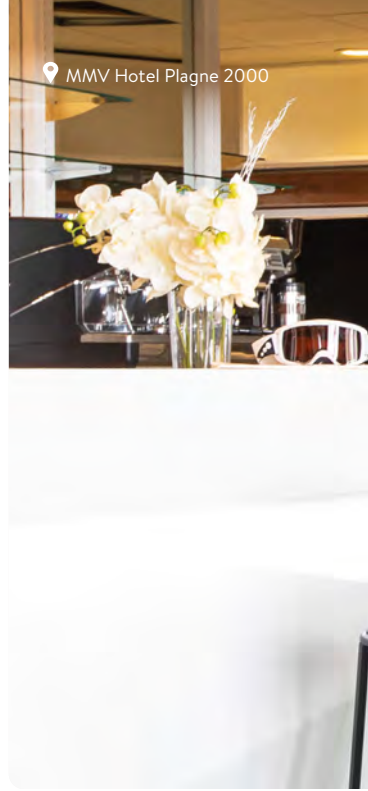
🏠 Stay at: **Hotel Mura**



TAKE OUR QUIZ

Still not sure where to go? Tell us a bit about you and we'll suggest ski resorts that seem just right for you and your family.

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FAMILY-FRIENDLY STAYS

Playing cards and board games or simply finding a cosy spot to talk about the day, enjoy time together in one of our favourite accommodations for families.

HOTEL PLANIBEL & RESIDENCE PLANIBEL LA THUILE | ITALY

Hotel: ▲▲▲▲▲

Residence: ▲▲▲▲▲

Everything you need right on site – it's no wonder families come back here year after year.

- * *Crystal Childcare will keep little ones happy with playtime and ski fun.*
- * *Splash around in the huge indoor pool, pop for a drink in the bar or browse the onsite shops.*
- * *If you're staying in an apartment, stock up at the mini-supermarket and whip up a quick meal to kick off a laid-back night in.*



ALPENPARKS HOTEL & APARTMENT CENTRAL ZELL AM SEE | AUSTRIA

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In the centre of town, 5 minutes' walk from the City Xpress gondola and ski bus stop.

- * *Choose from 1 or 2-bedroom apartments sleeping up to four.*
- * *Stylish, open-plan living area with top-notch kitchen facilities.*
- * *Option to upgrade to bed & breakfast or half board to let someone else do the cooking.*





Have a look around
this hotel



HOTEL MONTANÉ

ARINSAL | ANDORRA



In one of the best spots in town, right opposite the gondola that you'll take you up to the slopes and ski school.

- * *Free cakes and mulled wine when you get back in the afternoon.*
- * *A separate evening menu just for children – perfect for any picky eaters.*
- * *Simple and bright rooms with a balcony or terrace, so you can step out and take in that fresh mountain air.*

HOTEL CLUB MMV PLAGNE 2000

LA PLAGNE | FRANCE



Ski-in, ski-out on a blue piste and opposite the ski school, so you'll be on the slopes in no time.

- * *Everything from twin rooms to interconnecting rooms for six people.*
- * *Relax in the wellness area, head to the games room for some family fun or get stuck in with evening shows and discos.*
- * *There's Crystal Childcare here too.*



📍 Hotel Montané

SLOPESIDE STAYS

Get straight from the door to the piste in these ski-in, ski-out accommodations. They're all less than 50m from the closest slope.



HOTEL ALPENLAND

OBERGURGL | AUSTRIA



Family owned and run hotel that's traditionally Austrian through and through.

- * *Comfortable rooms and highly rated half-board meals.*
- * *Wrap up the day in the games room and challenge the rest of the family to a round of pool or darts.*
- * *If it's true relaxation you're after, head to the spa or grab a drink and chill out by the open log fire.*



PREMIUM RESIDENCE ARC 1950 LE VILLAGE

LES ARCS | FRANCE



Apartments with separate bedrooms and living rooms, perfect for bigger groups who like to spread out.

- * *Accommodation across seven buildings and they surround heated indoor and outdoor pools.*
- * *If you're going self-catered, stock up in the onsite nearby bakery and supermarket*
- * *Upgrade to bed & breakfast or half board and eat buffet breakfasts and set-menu evening meals at the nearby Hemingway's Restaurant.*





HOTEL PRINCIPI DI PIEMONTE

SESTRIERE | ITALY



A ski-in, ski-out spot on a blue run. Or hop on the hotel's shuttle to ski school.

- * *Hotel kids' club with lots of activities and games consoles – it's a crowd-pleaser.*
- * *The food's a real highlight here, from buffet breakfasts to Italian, alpine-style evening meals.*
- * *For some mountain wellness, head to the spa where there's a pool, sauna and steam room.*

SPORT HOTEL VILLAGE

SOLDEU | ANDORRA



Eager to reach the slopes? This hotel's connected to the same building as the gondola station.

- * *Children aged 0-12 can do everything from soft play to cooking in the excellent kids' clubs.*
- * *Slip off for some me-time in the pools, saunas and hot tubs in the 5-storey spa.*
- * *Take your pick from the buffet evening meal, or try out one of the six à la carte restaurants.*





AWAY FROM THE SLOPES

Looking for even more family fun?

Pick a resort that has plenty of action off the mountain.

MAKE A SPLASH

A trip to the pool is usually a crowd-pleaser, and if your hotel doesn't have one, loads of resorts have somewhere to take a dip. Near **Zell am See, Austria**, the Tauern Spa has saunas and steam rooms galore, as well as a special kids' area with slides and a baby pool. And in **Tremblant, Canada** the Brind'O Aquacub is your one-stop-shop for pool-based fun with plenty of flumes, fountains and water pistols.



FUN FOR THRILL-SEEKERS

Zoom down eight different ziplines at the Cascade de Tyrolienne in **La Plagne, France**. For some more high-speed action, visit the resort's Olympic bobsleigh track – climb aboard a self-guided four-person bob raft or join an instructor to experience the course with a pro, hurtling around 19 bends and reaching speeds of 120km/h. Over in **Tignes, France** the Bun J Ride is not for the faint of heart either. Experienced skiers aged 14 and over can whizz down a ski jump attached to two bungee ropes, then fly through the air before bouncing gently onto the snow below. And in **Flaine, France** test your driving skills on the ice karting circuit, which also has child karts so younger ones can get involved too.

Flaine, France



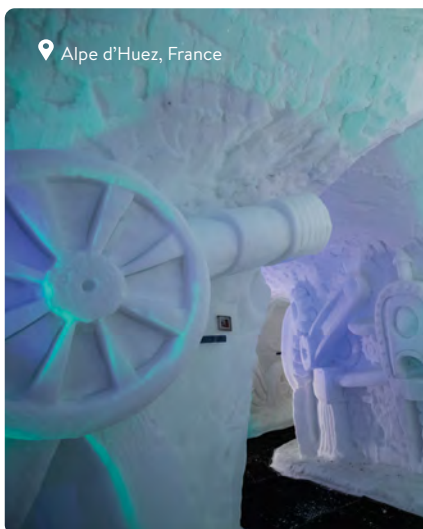
Val Thorens, France



INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Mini golf, badminton and an obstacle course suspended from the ceiling are just some of the activities you can try at the Palais de Sports in **Alpe d'Huez, France**. Have some alternative après fun in **Flaine, France** and visit Galaxy Bowling, where there are six bowling lanes, a games room and pool tables. **St Anton, Austria** is a favourite for families with older children. The arl.rock sports centre has a climbing gym, as well as a sports bar with skittles and plenty of pub games. For a team challenge, try Arlberg Escapes – collect clues and crack codes to escape a locked room in under an hour. It's outside the centre of St Anton, but the free ski bus will get you there in 10 minutes.

Alpe d'Huez, France



WINTER WONDERLAND

In **Ruka, Finland** add a touch of Christmas cheer to your holiday and visit Santa's secret cottage. And in another magical winter world, the Grotte de Glace ice caves are carved into the mountainside above **Alpe d'Huez, France**. Filled with ice sculptures, the theme changes every winter and has included everything from animals to Ancient Greece.

Ruka, Finland



MOUNTAIN MEALS

There's nothing quite like a meal in the mountains. Gather around a pot of bubbling cheese fondue in France or share a plate of kaiserschmarrn – that's a chopped pancake – in Austria. When in Italy, you can't beat a round of authentic pizzas and bowls piled high with homemade spaghetti. And who can resist a post ski school treat with a view? Hot choc moustaches here we come.

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CRYSTAL CHILDCARE

FUSS-FREE FAMILY SKIING

After a fun-filled week with the Crystal Childcare team, your little ones are sure to want to come back for more. Each day's different, filled with stories, singing and arts and crafts. And when the weather's nice, the kids will head outside with the childcare staff to build snowmen, make snow sculptures and go on winter walks.

To help you get off to your own lessons or catch first lifts, we'll do the ski school run with the bigger kids in Beanie Bear Club. And when they've finished, we'll be there to pick them up and head back to the clubhouse for a hot lunch with their new friends.

"The Beanie Bear Club was unbelievable – the staff were so kind and great with the kids, plus, the ease of ski school was brilliant. I would book again for the Crystal Childcare alone!"

Jo-Ann & Paul



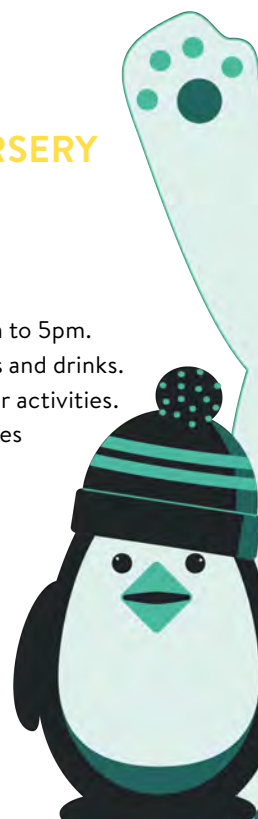
PEPI PENGUIN NURSERY

6 MONTHS TO 3/4 YEARS

What's included?

6 days of:

- Full-day care from 8.30am to 5pm.
- 2-course hot lunch, snacks and drinks.
- Lots of indoor and outdoor activities.
- A daily routine and activities report for your child.



DIARY OF A BEANIE BEAR CLUB KID

8:30AM

Ski school starts soon, so after a bit of playtime, we'll help you get into your ski gear before we head off with your new friends. You'll meet your instructor and spend the morning on the mountain.

LUNCHTIME

We'll pick you up from your lessons and it's back to the clubhouse, maybe with a sing-song along the way. Then it's time to warm up with a hot lunch while everyone chatters about their morning's adventures.

AFTERNOON

Foot painting, party games and treasure hunts in the snow – our afternoons are filled with fun. Your grown-ups will collect you by 5pm and you can tell them all about your day.

"The kids loved Beanie Bear Club so much they didn't want to leave. They can't wait for our next skiing holiday."

The Sinclair Family

BEANIE BEAR CLUB

3/4 YEARS TO 8 YEARS

What's included?

6 days of:

- Full-day care from 8.30am to 5pm or half-day care from 8.30am to 2pm.
- Ski school in the morning.
- 2-course hot lunch, snacks and drinks.
- Equipment hire (boots, skis and helmet).

WHERE IS CRYSTAL CHILDCARE LOCATED?



Hotel Club MMV Plagne 2000

La Plagne | France



- Ski school right outside
- Games room



Hotel Club MMV Le Flaine

Flaine | France



- Weekly fondue night
- Modern design



Hotel Club MMV Les Bergers

Alpe d'Huez | France



- Sun terrace
- Evening entertainment



Hotel Grand Paradiso

Passo Tonale | Italy



- Big buffets
- Next to chairlift



Hotel Planibel

La Thuile | Italy



- Big indoor pool
- Ski-in, ski-out

You don't need to stay in these hotels to use Crystal Childcare.

See where else you could stay

WHERE NEXT? /

Choose from over 135 resorts across Europe, North America and Japan, with flights from more than 19 regional airports.



Best for families



RUKA | FINLAND
Best for: **Activities**



SÄLEN | SWEDEN
Best for: **Very short transfers**



RAURIS | AUSTRIA
Best for: **Peaceful village**



LES DEUX ALPES | FRANCE
Best for: **High-altitude slopes**



BOROVETS | BULGARIA
Best for: **Value for money**



VAL DI FASSA | ITALY
Best for: **Racking up the miles**

 **STAY**
B Best for beginners**F** Best for families**ANDORRA**

- B F** Arinsal
- B F** El Tarter
- B** La Massana
- B** Pas de la Casa
- B F** Soldeu

AUSTRIA

- B F** Alpbach
- F** Bad Gastein
- Bad Hofgastein
- F** Ellmau
- B F** Fieberbrunn
- F** Fügen
- F** Galtür
- B F** Hinterglemm
- Hochgurgl
- Hochsölden
- Igls
- Innsbruck
- Ischgl
- B** Kaprun
- F** Katschberg
- Kitzbühel
- F** Lech
- B** Leogang
- Mayrhofen
- B** Montafon
- F** Nassfeld
- F** Nauders
- Neustift
- B F** Niederau
- B F** Obergurgl
- B** Obertauern
- Ramsau im Zillertal
- B F** Rauris
- Reith im Alpbachtal
- B F** Saalbach
- Schladming
- Seefeld
- B** Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis
- Sölden
- Söll
- St Anton

St Christoph

- B F** St Johann in Tyrol
- B F** Wagrain
- B F** Zell am See
- Zürs

BULGARIA

- B F** Bansko
- B F** Borovets
- B** Pamporovo

CANADA

- Banff
- Fernie
- Jasper
- Lake Louise
- F** Panorama
- F** Tremblant
- F** Whistler

FINLAND (LAPLAND)

- B** Iso-Syöte
- Kuusamo

- F** Levi
- F** Pyhä

- B F** Ruka
- B F** Salla
- B F** Ylläs

FRANCE

- B F** Alpe d'Huez
- Auris-en-Oisans
- B F** Avoriaz
- B** Bourg-Saint-Maurice
- Brides-les-Bains
- Chamonix
- Châtel
- B** Courchevel
- B F** Flaine
- La Clusaz
- B F** La Plagne
- B F** La Rosière
- La Tania
- B F** La Toussuire
- B F** Le Corbier
- B F** Les Arcs

- F** Les Deux Alpes
- Les Gets

- B** Les Menuires

- B F** Méribel

- B** Megève

- B** Montgenèvre
- Morzine

- B F** Mottaret

- B F** Risoul

- F** Sainte-Foy

- B** Samoëns

- Serre Chevalier

- B** St Gervais

- B F** St-Sorlin-d'Arves

- F** Tignes

- Val d'Isère

- B F** Val Thorens

- F** Valloire

- Vars

- F** Vaujany

ITALY

- B F** Bardonecchia

- B F** Cavalese

- B** Cervinia

- B** Colfosco

- B** Cortina d'Ampezzo

- B** Corvara

- Courmayeur

- B F** Drei Zinnen

- B F** Folgaria

- F** Folgarida

- Gressoney

- Kronplatz

- B F** La Thuile

- B** Livigno

- Madonna di Campiglio

- Ortisei

- B F** Passo Tonale

- F** Pila

- Pinzolo

- B** Prato Nevoso

- San Martino di Castrozza

- Sansicario

Santa Cristina Val Gardena

Sauze d'Oulx

- B** Selva Val Gardena

- B** Sestriere

- F** Val di Fassa

JAPAN

- Furano

- B** Niseko

- Tomamu

NORWAY

- B F** Beitostølen

- B F** Gausta

- B F** Geilo

- B F** Myrkdalen

- B F** Norefjell

- B F** Trysil

- Voss

SLOVENIA

- Bled

- Bohinj

- B F** Kranjska Gora

SPAIN

- F** Baqueira-Beret

- B F** Sierra Nevada

SWEDEN

- B** Kläppen

- B F** Sälen

- B F** Stöten

SWITZERLAND

- B F** Crans Montana

- Grindelwald

- Saas Fee

- F** Wengen

- Zermatt

USA

- Aspen-Snowmass

- Beaver Creek

- B** Breckenridge

- Vail

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FOR
WINTER
2025/26**
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