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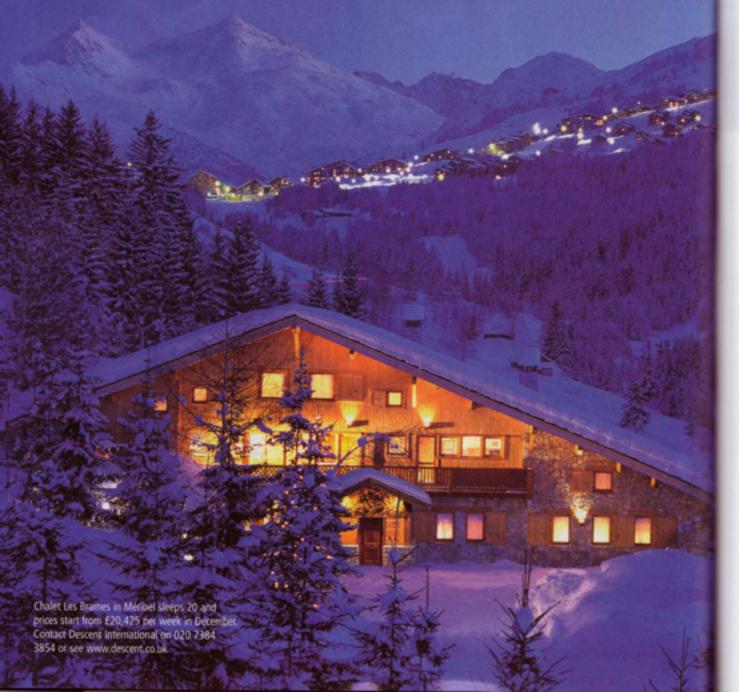
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Winterpalaces

After a hard day on the slopes there's nothing quite like relaxing by a roaring log fire with a vin chaud and canapés. Here is FRANCE Magazine's pick of ten luxurious French mountain lodges for the perfect après ski adventure



Chalet Merlo

For a decadent stay in the French Alps look no further than the brand new Chalet Merlo. This impressive wood and stone lodge, has authentic Alpine charm, fully catered gourmet meals, fine wines and champagnes, luxurious accommodation and state-of-the-art amenities. And the skiing's not bad either because, as well as a luxurious Alpine experience usually found only in five-star hotels, Chalet Merlo provides its guests with access to three of Europe's top resorts: Val d'Isère, Tignes and Les Arcs.

The chalet is in the traditional French village of Le Miroir, in the picturesque Tarentaise Valley and all three main resorts are a 20-minute chauffered drive away. The chalet has an experienced English ski guide who knows the area inside out and is the most wonderful escort around the stunning off-piste areas. Ski exactly where you fancy each day or where the best snow is and then relax – or party – away from the crowds in the evenings.



Prices start from £10,000 a week based on 12 people sharing, half board with all drinks and transfers included. Helicopter transfers from Geneva or Grenoble start at £200 per person each way and take just 15 minutes door to door. For further information see www.chaletmerlo.eu or call 07793 816930.



