

# SKI YOU SOON

Chamonix is *the* place to get on the piste this winter

**THE LOWDOWN:** You don't need to have the skiing skills of James Bond to enjoy a luxurious winter break in Chamonix. Even if you're a nervous skier or you've never ventured on to the slopes before, there's a gentle green or blue run with your name on it. A 20-minute bus ride from central Chamonix, Le Tour is a great place for beginners to get to grips with the basics, and booking lessons with an instructor is highly recommended ([esfchamonix.com](http://esfchamonix.com), group lessons from €38 for two hours). There's a sense of camaraderie among novice skiers – who knew falling over with a bunch of strangers could be such fun?!

**WHAT TO DO:** After a demanding day of skiing or snowboarding, the QC Terme Wellness Centre ([qc Terme.com](http://qc Terme.com), admission from €50) is the ideal place to soak your aching muscles and it's only a 10-minute walk along the river



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from the centre of Chamonix. The highlight is its heated infinity pool with sweeping views of the Alps. Party people head to the old town to the Rue Des Moulins, which is lined with funky bars such as Le Chamonix Social Club. Enjoy a glass of wine or beer while savouring the cool, relaxed vibe. Kylie Minogue and Penélope Cruz have both visited Chamonix, so it could be a fruitful location for celeb spotting!

**EAT AND DRINK:** Mumma restaurant is a lively, atmospheric Asian fusion eatery (with a Swedish head chef), which puts the focus on sharing plates. The creative menu is an absolute delight – the crab and jalapeño rice balls (€8) are delicious, perfectly combining

heat and texture. But whatever you order, you're in for a treat ([mumma.fr](http://mumma.fr)).

**WHERE TO STAY:** The spacious one-room apartments at Le Génépý ([legenepý-chamonix.com](http://legenepý-chamonix.com), rooms from €85) are perfect for couples and have cooking facilities for when you just want a bowl of pasta and a cosy night in. You can eat breakfast at the new Café du Génépý, which is part of the B&B package. If your taste is more glitzy, La Folie Douce is a sprawling hotel surrounded by incredible scenery

([lafoliedoucehotels.com](http://lafoliedoucehotels.com), rooms from €69). With 250 bedrooms, a luxury spa, nightly entertainment and multiple restaurants, there is plenty to amuse you. Or if you'd prefer to savour a quieter moment, enjoy a delicious cosmopolitan in Le Janssen Cocktail Club.

**NEED TO KNOW:** EasyJet flies from multiple UK airports to Geneva (from £18.99 each way). Mountain Drop-offs provides a shuttle service from Geneva to Chamonix ([mountaindropoffs.com](http://mountaindropoffs.com), from €33.50). Ski passes cost from €55 per day ([montblancnaturalresort.com/en/chamonix-lepass](http://montblancnaturalresort.com/en/chamonix-lepass)). Ski equipment can be hired from Intersport ([intersport-rent.fr](http://intersport-rent.fr)). For further information see [chamonix.com](http://chamonix.com) and [savoie-mont-blanc.com](http://savoie-mont-blanc.com).



The hotel is in the heart of Chamonix

Eat at La Folie Douce's La Petite Cuisine

