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Sun, Snow & Deals Aligns For Awesome April In The Alps

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It's looking like April 2026 is going to be unusually good in the Alps, with the mountains of Austria, France, Italy and Switzerland switching back to full-on winter mode for the final week of March.

Up to a metre of snowfall has fallen in the past few days, just a week ahead of the Easter weekend. Things were already looking good in the western Alps with snow lying up to 4m deep on high ground, nearly 50% above the long-term average for this time of year. Verbier, which has had around 50cm of snowfall so far, is pictured top.

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Of course, the snowfall won't last forever and spring sunshine will soon be back, perfect for long afternoons on a mountain terrace soaking up the rays, but the current refresh is a real bonus.

> "There's no need to even ski, though most of our guests will do. For those who don't, ski resorts have heated swimming pools, spas, sports centres, and activities from sledging to zip-lines, and snowshoeing to mountain biking on snow, or whiling away the day on a sunny mountain terrace," says catered-French-chalet holiday specialists Ski Beat's Laura Hazell, who adds, "In April, the weather is kinder, with many ski resorts bathed in spring sunshine, the atmosphere is relaxed, daylight hours are longer, and prices are the keenest they have been all season, and for value, convenience and a chance to relax in the spring sunshine, April in the Alps is the surprising frontrunner this season."

Chris Thompson, director of high-end chalet rental specialist **OVO Network**, agrees,

> "The Alps have had a fabulous season this year. The snowfall has been exceptional and that means that if you can get away for some spring skiing you're in for a treat. Longer days, quieter slopes and deep snow mean there's plenty to get excited about in resort, plus April offers great value for money with cheaper prices for both accommodation and travel. If you like to squeeze in a last ski of the season this is one year not to miss."

Besides the snowfall and good weather there are lots of other bonuses to April skiing including quieter slopes and lower prices for many things including two of the big ones: lift passes and accommodation.

"April often brings that ideal mix of quieter slopes, milder days and good value so with the conditions as they are, skiers are in for a real treat. We're offering up to 15% off selected April stays in resorts including Tignes, Montgenèvre, La Rosière and Peisey-Vallandry (ski Les Arcs and Paradiski)," confirms Nicola Moss of **Peak Retreats**.

April also normally delivers easier travel – usually quieter airports and roads with weather delays less likely and you can even travel a bit lighter.

> "With warmer weather, you won't need heavy layers. You'll still need to layer up with a base, midlayer, and outerwear, but these can be much lighter and breathable than what you'd typically pack for winter skiing. For example, swapping a hardshell for a softshell," says Ian McIlrath, Managing Director at **Ski Solutions**, who adds, "In some resorts, where temperatures run especially high, it's not unusual to see skiers taking a break to sunbathe on the slopes. Just remember, when skiing, it's crucial to protect your skin from UV rays, especially as they become stronger throughout spring."

Family skiing in Scheffau, Austria © Mathaeus Gartner

Family Fun

The Easter Holidays are a particularly good time for a relaxed family ski holiday. Easier travel, lighter packing, lower prices and sunshine all help make spring skiing less expensive and less stressful for families.

"The last week of Easter is proving popular with families on a budget, with lower prices and quieter slopes to enjoy the spring skiing sunshine. Our top sellers right now are all-inclusive ski holidays, with clients raving about being able to leave their wallet behind and just relax. I really relate to that, with two teenage boys who want to eat and drink all day when they're active!" says Richard Sinclair of **ski holiday specialists sno.co.uk**

April Holiday Deals

France

Ski Beat has catered ski chalet holidays for £899pp, departing on 4th April, £713pp departing 11th April, and £795pp, departing on 18th April. Prices include a chalet host to prepare breakfast, afternoon tea and three-course evening meals with wine, return Gatwick or Manchester flights and transfers.

La Clusaz

OVO Network offer seven nights rental at **Bleu Infini** in La Clusaz for €5990 for up to 15 guests from 12 April 2026. Offering fabulous views of the Balme ski area (scheduled to be open until 26 April) this stylish chalet has a sauna, cinema room and a lift, as well as Cool for Kids Extra facilities including table tennis and board games.

DEALS

Fabulous snow and spring ski savings from £899pp

The company also has seven nights rental at **Le Petit Capricia** in La Clusaz for €1690 for up to eight guests (max six adults) from 11 April 2026. A lovely apartment with a village centre location and just 100m from the ski bus stop, guests can enjoy great views and easy access to the restaurants and shops of this picturesque resort. There are also Cool for Kids facilities.

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La Plagne

Iglu Ski offers 7 nights from £899 (was £1,489) based on two sharing at the **Chalet Klosters**, La Plagne 1800 catered board, departing London Gatwick with transfers on April 5th, 2026. This spacious chalet comfortably accommodates up to 12 guests within its six en suite bedrooms, making it an ideal haven for families or groups seeking a relaxed and convenient ski getaway.

La Rosière

Peak Retreats are offering 10% off apartments at Le Hameau de Barthélémy, La Rosière for week commencing 11/04/2026. 7 nights self-catered in a two-bedroom apartment now £350pp based on 5 sharing (was £380pp). Price includes a return Eurotunnel crossing for one standard car, with Peak Retreats. www.peakretreats.co.uk, 023 9283 9310.

Conveniently positioned just 200m from the slopes and lifts in the quieter Les Eucherts area of La Rosière, Le Hameau de Barthélémy is a modern residence with superb views. Facilities include wellness area with traditional sauna, infrared sauna and sensory shower, playroom and a free parking space per apartment.

In the heart of the Haute Tarentaise, right on the Italian border, La Rosière is a great choice for beginners and families, with a high sunshine and snow record. You can enjoy a fully south facing view spanning more than 180 degrees, from your accommodation or on the slopes. La Rosière has a vast 198km of slopes including fun tracks for children and even a freestyle area.

Les Houches – Chamonix Valley

Seven nights rental at **Chalet Choquette** costs €1890 for up to seven guests from 11 April 2026. With a hot tub, games room and magical forest setting, this chalet offers a peaceful escape a short drive from the slopes, together with Cool for Kids facilities. In Chamonix the Grand Montets ski area is scheduled to stay open until 3 May 2026, Brevent until 19 April and La Vormaine until 17 April.

Peisey Vallandry

Peisey-Vallandry

Peak Retreats offer 10% off apartments at Le Quartz, Peisey-Vallandry for week commencing 11/04/2026. 7 nights self-catered in a two-bedroom apartment now £380pp based on 5 sharing (was £414pp). Price includes a return Eurotunnel LeShuttle crossing for one standard car, with Peak Retreats.

Ideally located in the centre of Peisey-Vallandry and 200m from the Vanoise Express gondola, Le Quartz offers ski-in/ski-out possibilities and panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. It has a wellness area with hot tub, sensory shower, sauna and steam room.

Peisey-Vallandry is an ideal quieter alternative to nearby Les Arcs and offers access to the vast Paradiski ski area, offering 425km of varied terrain. As well as fantastic skiing, visitors can explore its five villages and diversified heritage.

Samoëns

Iglu Ski offers 7 nights from £588 (was £1097) based on six sharing at the **Résidence Samoëns**, Samoëns, self-catering, departing London Gatwick April 4th, 2026 with transfers. +£42 Manchester. awarded the French 'Pyramide d'Argent' prize for being a low-carbon building. They're well located, just a 10-minute walk from the Grand Massif gondola and centre of town, so whether you're headed for the slopes or the shops and restaurants, everything's within easy reach.

Tignes

Departing Sat 11 April, based on two people sharing: Heidi holiday for **£873pp**. Includes: 7 nights with breakfast at cosy and ski-in, ski-out Hôtel Village Montana by Les Etincelles, return London Stansted – Geneva flights, return airport transfers. **heidi.com/holiday/hotel-village-montana**

Peak Retreats offer **15% off apartments at Altaviva, Tignes 1800 for week commencing 18/04/2026.** 7 nights self-catered in a two-bedroom famille apartment now £318pp based on 5 sharing (was £359pp). Price includes a return Eurotunnel crossing for one standard car with a free FlexiPlus upgrade, with Peak Retreats. Situated at the foot of the 8-seater Boisses gondola, Altaviva is a modern residence made up of 141 apartments. With ski back potential via the blue Mélèzes run, the residence is decorated in mountain style with a modern twist. Facilities include indoor heated swimming pool with panoramic south-facing terrace, hot tub, hammam, sauna and heated ski lockers. Tignes 1800 is a pedestrianised village, with access to a local supermarket and a few restaurants. With a large beginner's area, this high-altitude, snow sure resort benefits from direct access to 300km of piste, including the whole of the Tignes Val d'Isère ski area. Set at the foot of the twin peaks of La Grande Motte Glacier and La Grande Casse, Tignes has a wide variety of terrain for skiers of all abilities.

Iglu Ski offers 7 nights from £749 per person, (was £1,159), based on two sharing at the **Chalet Alaska**, Tignes le Lac, catered board, departing London Heathrow or London Gatwick with transfers on April 11th, 2026. Chalet Alaska is conveniently located in the chalet quarter of Les Almes. It's a short walk (just over a minute) to the top of the road, where guests can ski or snowboard down to the Chaudanne and Paquis high-speed chairlifts, providing access to both sides of the mountain.

St Anton © Lucas Tiefenthaler

AUSTRIA

Iglu Ski offers 7 nights from £749 (was £1,299) based on 10 sharing at the **Chalet Kapall**, St. Anton catered board, departing London Gatwick on April 4th, 2026 with transfers. +£49 Manchester; +£49 Edinburgh; +£29 Bristol; +£99 Birmingham. Located in St. Anton's desirable Gastig area, Chalet Kapall offers a sophisticated mountain retreat.

ITALY

Iglu Ski offers 7 nights from £937, (was £1,478) based on two sharing at the **Chalet Soldanella** in Selva, catered board, departing London Gatwick with transfers on March 28th, 2026. +£30 Manchester; +£30 Edinburgh; +£10 Bristol; +£80 Birmingham. The chalet boasts an exceptional location, just a short 5 minute stroll to the slopes that connect you directly to the main ski lifts.

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