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# Top way to ski and see

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## **JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING. US**

Many US resorts lack the high mountain scenery offered by their Alpine counterparts. Not so Jackson Hole, where the mountains rise abruptly from the valley floor and the views are spectacular. From the top, you look out across a wide, flat plain that stretches away into the horizon. From the bottom, the view is entirely different but just as memorable. From the moment you land at tiny



Jackson airport, it's difficult not to be captivated by the wild beauty of the Teton mountains. The remoteness of the resort adds to the atmosphere and it's not uncommon to spot herds of elk or even the odd moose.



ZERMATT,

**SWITZERLAND** 

area contain the highest

Even without the Matterhorn, the scenery in Zermatt would be

pretty special. Not only does the

concentration of 4,000m peaks

in the Alps, it is also home to

some of its most spectacular glaciers. You can't escape the

presence of the world's most

photographed mountain, the

depending on which ski areas

Sunnegga you see the classic

Matterhorn but move to the

a more angular appearance.

Gornergrat area and it takes on

shape of which changes

you view it from. From

# MÜRREN. **SWITZERLAND**

It's more than 100 years since Sir Henry Lunn brought the first winter package tour to Mürren and not much has changed since. Still only accessible by cable car or mountain railway, the journey is spectacular in itself. And no other village is set quite as dramatically as Mürren. Perched on a high shelf

The Dolomites are known for their jaw-dropping scenery but Cortina has perhaps the finest setting of all the resorts in this corner of the Alps. As the location for

**CORTINA, ITALY** 

several Hollywood movies, including Cliffhanger, the town is surrounded by dramatic pink-tinged cliffs and peaks that look spectacular at sunset.

But despite some of the world's most scenic skiing, less than half of Cortina's visitors bother hitting the

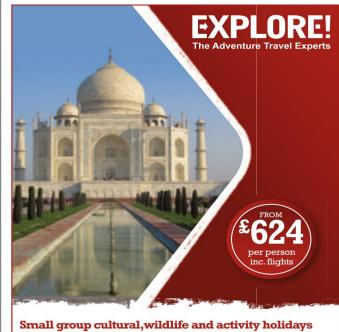


slopes. This is Italy's most upmarket resort and long lunches in one of the resort's splendid mountain restaurants. many of which are accessible to pedestrians, is a popular pastime.





800metres above the valley floor, it overlooks the famously beautiful trio of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains. The ski area itself is no less inspiring, culminating in the 2,970m Schilthorn, which offers a 360degree panorama of the Swiss Alps from its spectacular revolving restaurant (the one immortalised in the James Bond film On Her Majesty's Secret Service).



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