



INNSBRUCK MADE EASY
 Innsbruck has launched a new Ski Plus City Pass offering access to 13 ski areas in and around Innsbruck and the Stubai Valley, as well as admission to 22 of the city's must-see attractions, such as the Imperial Palace and Swarovski Crystal Worlds. The pass also includes travel on public transport and entry to Innsbruck's indoor Axams and StuBay swimming centres. It's a great chance to experience the area's diverse sporting and cultural activities.
 Three-day adult Ski Plus City Pass £131, ski-plus-city.com



GET JOLLY AT LA FOLIE
 A-list après-ski venue La Folie Douce ('sweet madness') comes to Les Arcs this winter, the latest opening for a franchise that began life in Val d'Isère in 1981. Opening on December 14, it will occupy a prime site at the top of the Villard gondola just above Arc 1800, making it accessible to both skiers and pedestrians. Kicking off daily at 3pm, revellers can party until 7pm, with a special late finish at 8pm on Thursdays. Expect tabletop dancing.
lafoliedouce.com

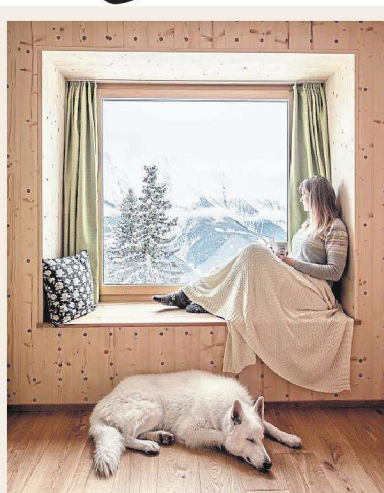
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WHAT'S NEW IN THE WORLD OF SKI...
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SKI RESPONSIBLY
 The brainchild of ski industry veteran Iain Martin, Ski Flight Free has one simple mission: to reduce the carbon footprint of skiers travelling to the Alps. Ski Flight Free's website encourages skiers to find alternative transport, offering advice on train routes and how to book tickets as well as highlighting initiatives by ecologically proactive tour operators.
skiflightfree.org



TAKE REFUGE HIGH IN THE ALPS
 Val d'Isère is taking skiing convenience to another level with the opening of a brand-new luxury hotel at the summit of the 8,369ft Solaise. Comprising 16 rooms, four suites and a luxury dormitory, Le Refuge de Solaise will be the highest four-star hotel in the French Alps, accessible only by gondola. Once the pisteurs have ushered the last of the day's skiers safely back to town, guests will have the mountain to themselves. What better time to linger over a drink at sunset while contemplating first tracks on virgin snow?
 Classic double rooms from £345pn, incl breakfast, lerefuge-valdisere.com



SWITZERLAND'S BEST KEPT SECRET?
 Snow-Wise is the first UK tour operator to offer ski holidays to Switzerland's remote Aletsch Arena, named after the 23km-long Aletsch Glacier. The area comprises the three idyllic villages of Riederalp, Bettmeralp and Fiescheralp, reached only by cable-car from the valley below. These blend to offer 65 miles of wonderfully snow-sure and varied slopes.
 Seven nights at the Hotel Waldhaus, Bettmeralp, £995pp, incl flights and transfers, snow-wise.com



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