

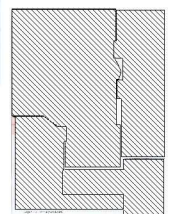


ESCAPE

DESCENTS FROM HEAVEN
Make like Brigitte Bardot – pictured here in the 1970s – and explore the Swiss Alpine scene to revel in après-ski chic. Zermatt, in the Matterhorn's shadow, has never lost its old-world charm. Ski specialist Mountain Exposure (www.mountainexposure.com) offers fabulous lodges there.

ICY BEAUTY
Daniela Steiner's White Gold Relaxing Foot Cream, about £30 (www.steiner cosmetics.com), is made with glacier groundwater, and available at fab retreat the Rosa Alpina in San Cassiano, Italy. Also try **Pure Altitude's Nourishing Lip Balm**, about £12 (www.pure-altitude.com), a collaboration with chic hotel and spa Les Fermes de Marie in Megève, France.

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OLD-SCHOOL GLAMOUR
ON THE SLOPES
BY KAT LEVY





3 OF THE BEST...

SKI CAMERAS

1 OLYMPUS PEN E-P1

This retro-stylish number comes in snow-white or silver and boasts a high-definition-video function. £699.99

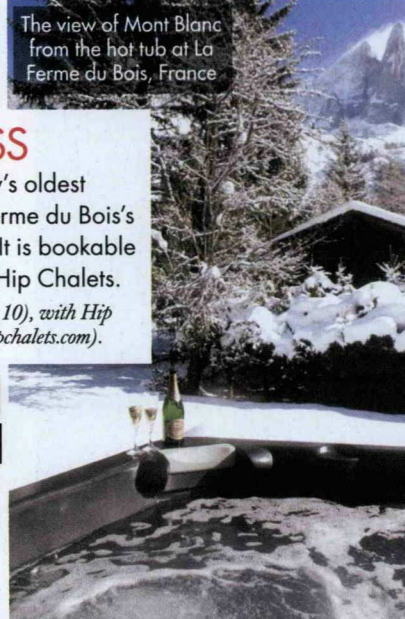
2 PENTAX OPTIO W80

Be snap-happy on the slopes with this sleek shockproof camera, which is unfazed by icy temperatures. £269.99

3 OLYMPUS μ TOUGH-6010

For crisp winter-wonderland pics, enlist this freeze-proof model, designed to withstand extreme sporting conditions. £299.99

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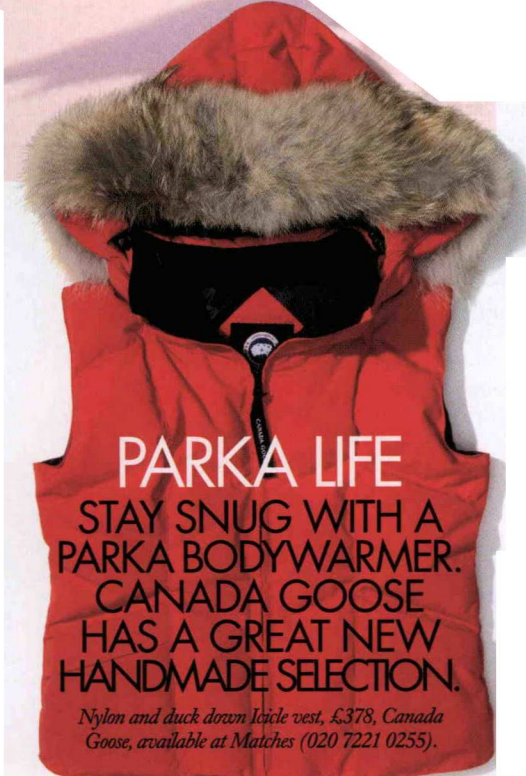


The view of Mont Blanc from the hot tub at La Ferme du Bois, France

LUXE FOR LESS

One of the Chamonix Valley's oldest farmhouses, five-star chalet La Ferme du Bois's luxuries include a home cinema. It is bookable through new Chamonix expert Hip Chalets.

Seven nights, from about £7,355 (sleeps 10), with Hip Chalets (+33 4 50 53 48 86; www.hipchalets.com).



PARKA LIFE

STAY SNUG WITH A PARKA BODYWARMER. CANADA GOOSE HAS A GREAT NEW HANDMADE SELECTION.

Nylon and duck down Icicle vest, £378, Canada Goose, available at Matches (020 7221 0255).

WEB WATCH FABULOUS NEW WEBSITE THE CHIC CHALET GUIDE (WWW.CHICCHALETGUIDE.CO.UK) GIVES INDEPENDENT AND DISCERNING ADVICE ON THE BEST LUXURY CHALETs FROM CHAMONIX TO COLORADO.