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'Ethiopia is arguably one of Africa's loveliest and most diverse countries'

Louise Roddon on wolves, lions and beautiful plains



The 20 coolest ski chalets

From a rustic cabin for two in France to a family pad for ten in Austria, **Annabelle Thorpe** picks this season's best places to stay in Europe

Switzerland

15 Chalet Esprit Saas-Fee

The newly refurbished Chalet Esprit is just two minutes away from the Hannig lift station. All four double bedrooms are en suite, while the ground-floor living area is dominated by a huge, south-facing sun-deck, with the cosy lounge on a stepped-up area to the side. This architect-designed chalet is a great choice for those who are not keen on alpine chintz.

Details From £246pp per night, chalet-board, based on eight people taking the chalet through Mountain Exposure (mountainexposure.com)

19 The Loft Zermatt

The spectacular Loft combines a Manhattan-style interior — glass, steel and wood — with the exterior of a traditional Swiss chalet. The huge living area is enclosed by 6m-high french windows, or you can lounge in the mezzanine. There's a baby grand piano, glass floors and the master bedroom has an island bed on a rotating floor. It sleeps six in three bedrooms in a wonderfully bonkers style.

Details From £2,196pp per week based on six sharing, chalet board, through Mountain Exposure (mountainexposure.com)