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Ski chalets for food lovers: four of the best



Chalet Carmen Zermatt, Switzerland

While not technically ski-in, this duplex hilltop apartment, which sleeps eight, is accessed via a tunnel lift only 200 yards away from the Matterhorn Express base station. Built at the top of a lovely farmhouse-feel chalet, the apartment is spacious but cosy and has a high-ceilinged living-room with a log fire and a second mezzanine lounging area under the eaves. The chalet offers afternoon tea, pre-dinner canapés and a gourmet dinner. In addition, Mountain Exposure's co-founder, Donald Scott, can create bespoke gourmet itineraries ranging from one-to-five days, led by your personal Gourmet Ski Guide. A typical day starts with a ski down to a terrace for a hearty hot chocolate or full breakfast followed by a couple of scenic runs before heading to lunch somewhere amazing. After a few more runs, your guide will take you to a cosy mountainside restaurant for, say, truffle ravioli and a chocolate fondant, before delivering you to a hidden-gem après-ski bar.

- Mountain Exposure (0845-425 2001; mountainexposure.com) offers one week from £1,200 pp based on full occupancy, excluding flights. Gourmet guiding costs from £175 per day for up to four people, excluding restaurant charges.

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