Nine remarkable new ski hotels opening this winter



Refuge de la Traye in Méribel is one of this season's hotly anticipated openings

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With medieval charm in Val d'Isère, world-class chic in Colorado and secluded splendour in Méribel, this winter's hottest new mountain properties have pulled out all the stops to ensure their place in the ski season spotlight.

Whether tastes and pocket extend to five-star luxury or budget bunk-beds, here are nine of the most exciting new hotel openings this season, with foodies, clubbers, spabunnies and family groups all catered for, and access to the most spectacular slopes always guaranteed.

Unless stated otherwise, prices are half board per person, based on two sharing and including flights and transfers.

Best for families

Écrin Blanc, Courchevel 1650

Based in the heart of Courchevel Village (1650), four-star Écrin Blanc has ski-in/skiout access thanks to the Grandes Combes chairlift right on its doorstep. Chic, modern, spacious and comforting, the hotel has 127 bedrooms and suites decorated in a "mountain chalet" spirit. Guests can take their pick of three gourmet restaurants and two lounges. Children and teens are well catered for too, with a free kids' club open seven days a week and a tunnel linking the hotel to the multi-million-Euro Aquamotion water sports complex featuring nine pools, indoor surfing, climbing wall and a wellness centre.

Need to know

From £1,125 with Crystal Ski.