



1. ITALY

Chalet Gérard, Dolomites

A 2010 renovation transformed a traditional lodge into a 12-room inn that's both cutting-edge and cozy.

All in the family

Built by the former Olympic skier Gerardo Mussner in 1963, the hotel is now run by Gerardo's daughters. His wife, Helga, serves South Tirolean dishes such as almond-crusted venison.

Natural design

In 2010, the hotel was reimagined with larch wood, glass, and local stones that match the mountains. The curved roof stands out against the peaks.

Super skiing

A 758-mile network of 12 ski areas, Dolomiti Superski is just five minutes away. The closest section, Val Gardena, hosts two Alpine Ski World Cup events in December. *From \$2,284 per week. 39/471-795-274. chalet-gerard.com*

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THE ALPS REGION HAS LONG BEEN known for its inviting ski accommodations, but the old-fashioned cabins of the past have been updated for today's tastes. Many lodges across Europe and around the world are replacing their embroidered pillows and ancient snowshoe displays with fine fabrics and modern art. Architects are taking cues from the natural landscape, helping guests discover a new appreciation for the mountains. Here are 10 properties that bring modern design to the slopes.

POWDER ROOMS

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After a day of skiing in Zermatt, relax at Cervo Resort's lounge, right. The furniture at Berge Moormann, below, was designed at the owner's studio down the road.



2. GERMANY

Berge Moormann Hotel, Aschau

Sixteen apartments—plus a library and wine cellar—owned by German furniture designer Nils Holger Moormann sit at the foot of the Bavarian Alps.

Old meets new Inside a 17th-century estate, Moormann's modern interiors (left) are fashioned from brick, clay, and untreated wood.

Pick your mountain The cable car near the property leads to the Kampenwand ski area. But serious skiers should head 30 miles south to the higher-elevation Wilder Kaiser-Brixental ski resort in Austria.

Full moon feast On the night of the full moon, snowshoe about two hours to the Riesenhütte mountain chalet for a Bavarian meal served around a campfire. From \$144. 49/(0) 805-290-4517, moormann-berge.de



3. SWITZERLAND

Cervo Resort, Zermatt

Located at the base of Zermatt's Sunnegga run (just downhill from the Veuve Clicquot Champagne Bar), Cervo offers easy access to some of the best skiing in Europe.

Stuffed animals Owner Daniel Ferdinand Lauber translated his passion for hunting into a hotel that embraces the popular design trend of taxidermy, antlers, and plaid patterns (top).

Soak in the snow Two new suites open in late November with steam rooms and outdoor Jacuzzis that offer views of the Matterhorn (above).

Après scene House-made charcuterie, truffle fries, mulled wine, and live music make Cervo's patio a popular post-ski hangout. From \$503. 41/(0) 27-968-1212, cervo.ch

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Hotel Le K2, above and left, converted typical French chalets into lavish lofts. Bergland Hotel, below, was built by Austrian craftspeople.



4. FRANCE

Hotel Le K2, Courchevel

Opened by the owners of the nearby Kilimandjaro, K2 sets a new bar for mountain luxury.

The high life Hotel Le K2 dresses up its chalets with wall tapestries from the Charles Jouffre atelier. Every bedroom, lounge, and restaurant has vast views of the valley.

For art lovers K2 works with Courchevel's Galerie Bartoux to exhibit contemporary art. Check out the sculpture *The Diver* by Mauro Corda from the indoor infinity pool.

'Tis the season Orchestra performances, DJ sets, and film screenings liven up winter evenings, and Santa will make an appearance on Christmas. From \$2,741. 33/(0) 47-940-0880, hotellek2.com

5. AUSTRIA

Bergland Hotel, Sölden

Run by ski star Sigi Gröner, Bergland Hotel immerses guests in the active lifestyle of the Tirol mountains.

Slope cred The ski lift near the hotel entrance whisks riders to the Sölden-Hochsölden ski area, and the in-house equipment shop and ski school tap Gröner's expertise.

Not all downhill Adventures include cross-country skiing to glacial lakes, scaling Bergland's rock-climbing tower, and night skiing.

Spa time Warm up at the Sky Spa, where treatments incorporate local garnet stones and hay flowers, used for wellness since the Middle Ages. From \$193. 43/(0) 525-422-400, bergland-soelden.at



5 GREAT LODGES FOR EXTREME ADVENTURERS

1. ALASKA

Hotel Alyeska, Girdwood

This 304-room hotel at Alaska's biggest ski resort partners with Chugach Powder Guides to offer helicopter and snowcat excursions deep in the Chugach backcountry. Snowcat packages from \$1,236. (800) 880-3880, alyeskaresort.com

2. AUSTRALIA

Huski, Victoria

From your base camp in one of Huski's airy apartments, ski the slopes at Falls Creek resort at night or take a snow kite lesson (think kiteboarding on snow) with Kite Republic. From \$1,310 for two nights, July through August. 61/(0) 1-300-652-260, huski.com.au

3. CHILE

Puma Lodge, Machali

The heli-ski headquarters of the Southern Cone, Puma Lodge is nestled in the Andes and offers 1,800 square miles of dramatic valleys to heli-ski from July through September. Heli-ski packages from \$1,469. 56/(0) 2-432-6800, www.pumalodge.cl

4. COLORADO

The Arrabelle, Vail

Ride the Eagle Bahn Gondola to the Adventure Ridge. From there you can take a seat on a "ski bike" (a bike with skis instead of wheels) and maneuver over moguls or down tree-lined runs. From \$269. (970) 754-7777, arrabelle.rockresorts.com

5. NORWAY

Lyngen Lodge, Djupvik

Situated on the Lyngen Fjord, this timber lodge is well suited for boat skiing. From March through May, a skipper ferries guests to nearby islands, where they hike up peaks and ski back to the beach. From \$4,500 per week. 47/4762-7853, lyngnелodge.com

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