

Le Update

Les Saisies tourist office



CHEAP THRILLS

Thrill seekers will be heading to Les Saisies for their new 40mph ice luge. The resort is offering a new bargain price of £165 per person for an all-inclusive ski week.

Turn
over for
Le Grand Ski
supplement



English Lesson!

The French ski schools have finally accepted that British instructors are worth having!! France is expecting an increase in English-speaking ski visitors this winter and have put out a call for British-qualified teachers to join them – a big change from ten years ago when Brits (and other nationalities) were hounded off the slopes by job-protection “heavies”.

The British Association of Snowsport Instructors (BASI) have welcomed the Ecole Du Ski Français's offer to employ 250 English-speaking BASI instructors.

BASI's Andrew Lockerbie said: “It's really pleasing to see that the ESF recognise the importance of the British clientele and has identified the increased demand for lessons to be delivered in English.” www.basi.org.uk

Aline Marcadet

France



Piste Preening

Conquering the slopes is Anne Semonin, a leading Parisian haute couture spa and beauty brand.

Its glamorous Parisian president, Aline Marcadet is a spa designer with a very French understanding that clients want results, not gimmicks such as Tibetan wind chimes. The spa guru also has a French idea of luxury, so expect to spend top dollar – a bit more than a top British or Italian spa.

Her company specialises in bespoke well-being and beauty treatments specifically adapted for skiers – leg massages, anti-stress back massages, salt scrubs and facials.

Her spas are in Courchevel (Hotel Manali); Megève (Hotel le Mont d'Arbois); Chamonix (Le Hameau Albert I); and Val d'Isère (Hotel Christiania).



SAMOENS TO WATCH OVER YOU!

Brit-run Alps Accommodation organises excellent-value luxury holidays in the beautiful village of Samoens (pronounced Sam-one) in the Grand Massif mountain region. All chalets have easy access to 265km of piste, suitable for all abilities. There is a range of other activities for non-skiers too – ice skating, snow shoeing, igloo building, skidoos, even animal tracking!

Alps Accommodation's Alison Ward-Lee, who runs the firm with husband Tom said: “We bridge the gap between a package ski holiday and independent travel. Clients book their own flights, then we help with everything else. In the resort they get a highly personal service – all our expertise, contacts, and experience – for no extra charge.” www.alpsaccommodation.com