

# Hey Busy Girl Travel

VACAY THE A-LIST WAY!

## Snow Nice To See You

Whether you're a fully-fledged experienced skier or have all the gear but no idea, *Look's* Daniel Tang finds out La Plagne has something for everyone...

While nearby Val d'Isère might attract the rich and famous, La Plagne, situated in the French Alpine valley of Tarentaise, is its *très* affordable little sister. Catering mainly for beginner to intermediate skiers due to its wide and gentle slopes, it's

the place to get to grips with the sport or, y'know, take the most perfectly lit selfie...

### STAY

The uber-modern 4-star Araucaria Hotel (from £190 per person with half-board, based on two people sharing, [Araucaria-hotel.com](http://Araucaria-hotel.com)) is

perfectly situated right next to the slopes.

Grab your skis at the in-house shop, dine with views of Mont Blanc, treat yourself to warming winter cocktails at the bar and, for post-ski relaxation, head to the dreamy Nuxe Spa.



Relax après-ski at the opulent Nuxe Spa

### FACT BOX

- Flights from £40 pp return with EasyJet
- A La Plagne ski pass costs around £46 for one day or £233 for six
- For more info about the resort and the activities on offer, visit [La-plagne.com](http://La-plagne.com)

### EAT

For dinner with some serious background vistas, head to the caters-to-all-budgets Le 360 ([Le360-laplagne.fr](http://Le360-laplagne.fr)), and enjoy panoramic views of the Alps, thanks to its floor-to-ceiling glass exterior. In the

mood for something a little fancier? Try Union (from £50 for three courses; see [La-plagne.com](http://La-plagne.com) for details) an intimate new restaurant in the village of Plagne Montalbert. The Michelin-starred British chef, Phil Howard, uses seasonal and locally sourced produce to create a menu of incredibly delicious French dishes. If you only try one thing, make it the tarte tatin. One word: WOW!

One of the Araucaria's double rooms



Divine cuisine at the Union restaurant



Learning the basics at a Go To Ski lesson



Dan's all kitted out and ready to hit the slopes!



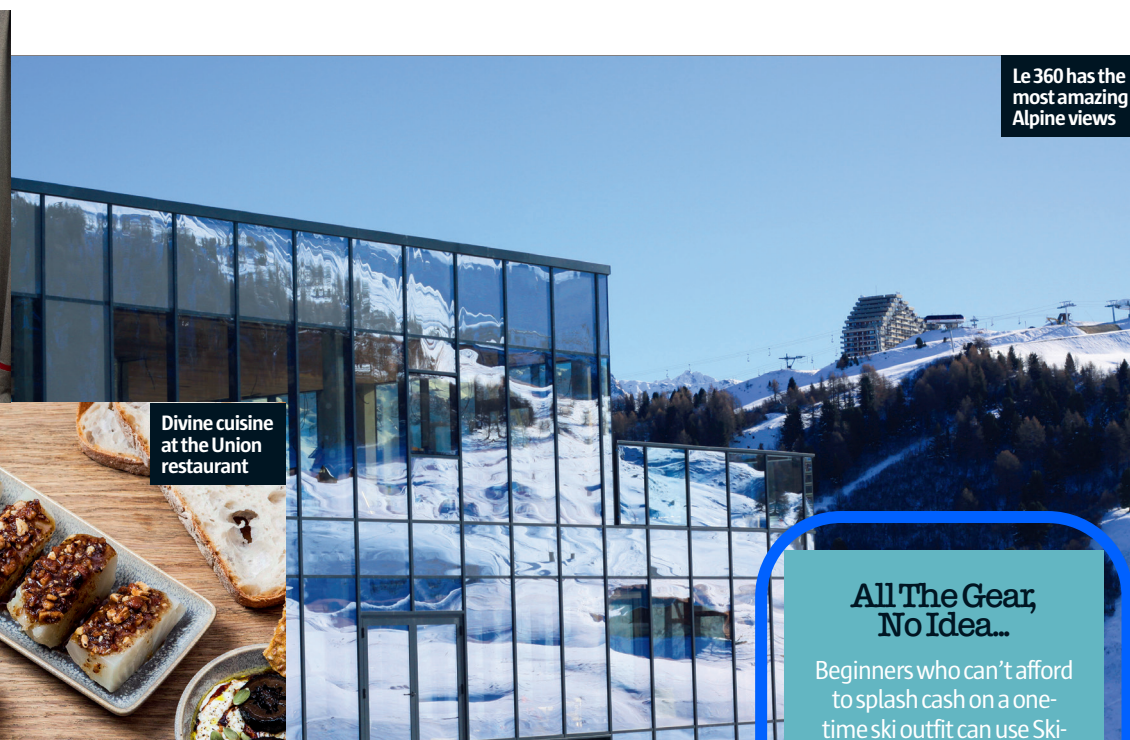
Adventure seekers can book a bobsleigh and experience a thrilling 50mph downhill ride with 19 hair-raising bends aboard a 'bob raft' (from £45 for a group of four, [Winter.la-plagne.com/events-activities/plagne-experiences/bob-experience.html](http://Winter.la-plagne.com/events-activities/plagne-experiences/bob-experience.html)).

Couples looking for a little romance might want to spend a night under the stars in their own private Over The Moon cabin (£280 for two people, including breakfast and a private transfer from the resort in a chauffeur-driven Jaguar.) Set high up on the mountain, your cosy cabin offers unparalleled views of the night sky.

### DO

Newbies should check out a Go To Ski lesson. A clever new innovation that looks similar to a snow scooter and that allows you to imitate the movements made by skiers' feet mechanically, so you can pick up the skill more quickly.

Le 360 has the most amazing Alpine views



### All The Gear, No Idea...

Beginners who can't afford to splash cash on a one-time ski outfit can use [Ski-chic.com](http://Ski-chic.com), where you can hire a range of stylish outfits that will be ready and waiting for you at your hotel upon arrival. It seriously lightens the load at the check-in desk. From £100 per week, [Ski-chic.com](http://Ski-chic.com).



Snuggle into an Over The Moon cabin