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Three of a kind

With the ski property market in France performing well (see page 68), Emma Rawle picks her three favourite ski homes in the Alps

1 Haute-Savoie, Rhône-Alpes €870,000

Not your average ski chalet, this stunning 19th-century warehouse conversion is perfect for anyone looking for a character property in the Alps, and is just 10 minutes from the Portes du Soleil and Grand Massif ski areas, with more than 1,000km of slopes between them. It is also only 45 minutes from Geneva with regular flights to the UK. Formerly one of France's last diamond-cutting workshops, this unique home is in a dominating position in the village and has been impeccably kept by its owners. It opens onto a high-ceilinged entrance which leads onto four en-suite bedrooms. A steel staircase leads to the vast top floor with beautiful south-facing views over the Giffre Valley, and a huge window lets in plenty of sunshine. There is also a west-facing terrace overlooking the garden, the perfect place to watch the sun set down the valley.

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2 Savoie, Rhône-Alpes €240,000

Charming and cosy, this one-bedroom, ground-floor ski apartment has been tastefully renovated to respect the spirit of its Savoyard decor, while remaining comfortable and practical. You can walk out of the front door and straight into the mountains to enjoy the area in summer, and in winter you can ski to the door. However, for the less adventurous the ski lifts of Saint-Martin-de-Belleville, Les Menuires and Val Thorens are within driving distance. A large terrace is accessed from the open-plan living room to enjoy in summer and the lounge has a wood burner to keep you cosy in winter. There is also a fully equipped kitchen and bathroom.

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3 Haute-Savoie, Rhône-Alpes €599,000

Located just over two kilometres from the pretty village of Châtel in the heart of the Portes du Soleil ski area, and just 100m from the ski station, this spacious chalet is ideally placed for those looking for a ski home. Built in 1986, it boasts four bedrooms, two with balconies, two bathrooms, a living room, dining room and open-plan fitted kitchen all spread over two floors with a double garage under the chalet. There are fabulous views of the surrounding mountains, with plenty of routes for keen walkers, and the chalet has a quarter of an acre of land.

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