

Having finally accepted the end of the ski season we have now packed our ski gear away to focus on planning for Winter 2011/12. Our chalets are not open in summer and whilst other companies are now trying to push the hiking and cycling holidays we are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we can offer the best value winter sports holidays. It is not too early to plan for next winter, especially as most airlines have now released their flights, and we are ready to help with all your accommodation needs. Thanks to everyone who supported us this winter and we hope to see you again soon. Have a great summer!



## Congratulations to the Portes du Soleil

With the end of another ski season comes a deluge of statistics and the snowfall stats have only confirmed what we all knew... Winter 2010/11 was not an epic one! The French weather service has described snowfall levels as being the worst in 40 years and many resorts saw just 25 – 35% of their average annual snowfall. In April many resorts had 80% less snow than normal and high temperatures were hampering efforts to keep pistes open. Bearing all of this in mind it is amazing testament to the Portes du Soleil and the pisteurs that we had such a great end to the season. Whilst many resorts across the Alps shut down early and conceded defeat in the battle against mother nature we enjoyed some of the best skiing of the season over the Easter weekend, with Morzine-Avoriaz and Chatel offering more than 20 runs between them. The photos here were taken between 23rd and 26th April and demonstrate the excellent facilities that we benefit from in this magnificent ski area.



## White Weekend 2011

Following on from the success of our first ever White Weekend promotion last year we are again offering the chance to be amongst the first on the slopes this December. We have a limited number of rooms available at Chalet Perrier for those of you looking for a cheeky ski break before the festive season, and at just **£210 for a 4 night catered** stay this needn't blow a hole in your Christmas budget either! The dates of the 2011 White Weekend are 16 – 20 December with the slopes expected to open in Morzine on Saturday 17th. More details are on our website at [www.hostsavoie.co.uk](http://www.hostsavoie.co.uk)

## Apartment Ecosse

We are pleased to announce the first of our new options for next winter in the form of Apartment Ecosse. This charming **two-bedroom apartment** is full of character and is situated in the Residence Les Crets - a development of 6 apartments in a traditional Savoyard barn. It is a spacious yet affordable property with modern facilities and the location makes it ideal for access by free bus to the skiing on either side of the valley. Apartment Ecosse is next door to Apartment Angleterre (formerly 'Apartment Les Crets'), our most popular **self-catered option** last year, and we are therefore confident that it will be a winner. Prices start from just **£575 for a full week or £425 for a short break**. Contact Andy now to book your dates on [sales@hostsavoie.co.uk](mailto:sales@hostsavoie.co.uk) or see our website for more info [www.hostsavoie.co.uk](http://www.hostsavoie.co.uk)



## Christmas: Book early and save a fortune!

There is no better way to spend the festive season than skiing with your friends or family. Many people are simply priced out of skiing at this wonderful time of the year though by chalets offering unnecessary fancy touches to justify silly prices. We certainly wouldn't want to pay over the odds just because a chalet host will bring us smoked salmon in bed and buy us a gift we don't want! If this sounds familiar our catered chalets may provide the alternative you have been waiting for...

Our Christmas week will be everything that you would expect from a catered holiday with Host Savoie, and of course it wouldn't be Christmas without mince pies, champagne and a turkey dinner. That said, the biggest priority for us is to create a relaxed atmosphere in which you can enjoy the stunning surroundings and, most importantly, the company of loved ones. No silly gimmicks, and no silly prices either!

Book your Christmas stay in one of our catered chalets before the end of June and benefit from a **massive reduction of £150 per person on the advertised rates**. This offer applies only to the week of 19/20 – 26/27 December and we will still be offering our usual discounts for children. Adult prices are now as low as £315 for the week (based on 4 sharing a quad room) or just £445 in a twin/double room. There is no catch and at these prices we expect to fill up fast. Give Andy a call at any time (including evenings or weekends) to discuss the options on 07714508395.

## Chicken with Tarragon and Apple sauce

Serves 8 people

8 chicken legs	3 chicken stocks diluted into 500 ml of hot water
5 Apples diced	3 full tblsps of Tarragon
3 shallots thinly sliced	300 ml of cream
2 eggs beaten	

Preheat the oven to 200 °C.

Brown the chicken legs in a really hot frying pan with some olive oil. When golden, put the legs into an ovenproof dish, the side with the skin on the top.

In the frying pan, cook 100 ml of the chicken stock, the tarragon and the apples for 2 min.

Tip the chicken stock and the apples over the chicken legs. Add the shallots and 250 ml of chicken stock, or just enough to go midway up the chicken legs without covering them. Season with pepper. Put the chicken into the oven for 30 min.

During the cooking, pour some of the juice over the legs and add chicken stock if needed.

When the chicken is cooked, take the chicken legs out and keep them warm.

Mix the cream and the eggs and pour the mix into the sauce. Mix well in low heat until it thickens a bit.

Serve the chicken and the sauce hot.

TIPS: Don't cover the legs with the stock so that the top will take a nice golden colour and will be crispy.

If the apples don't dissolve, mash them with a potato mash to give a better look to the sauce.

*Bon Appetit!*