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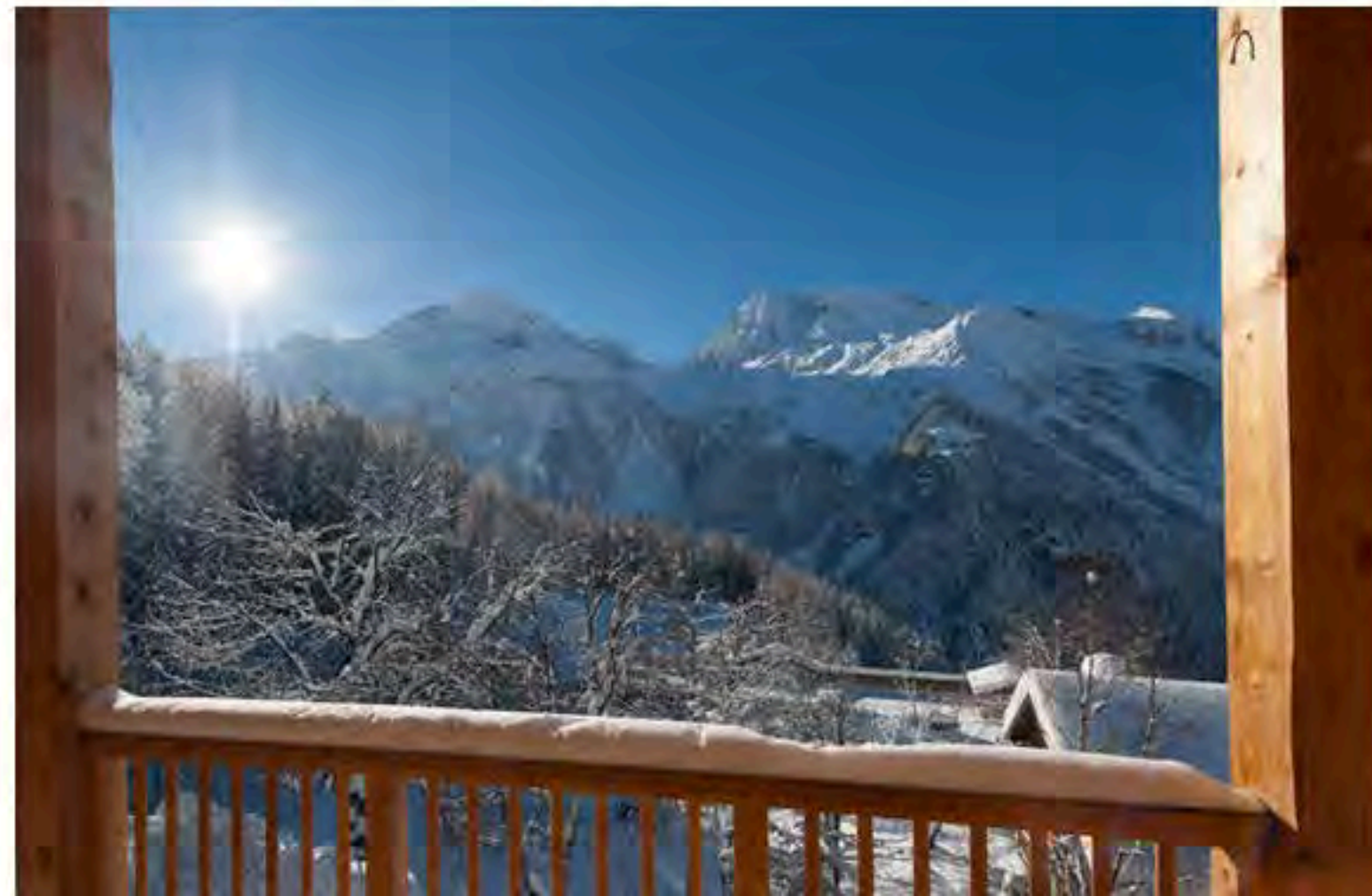
From **£236** per room per night

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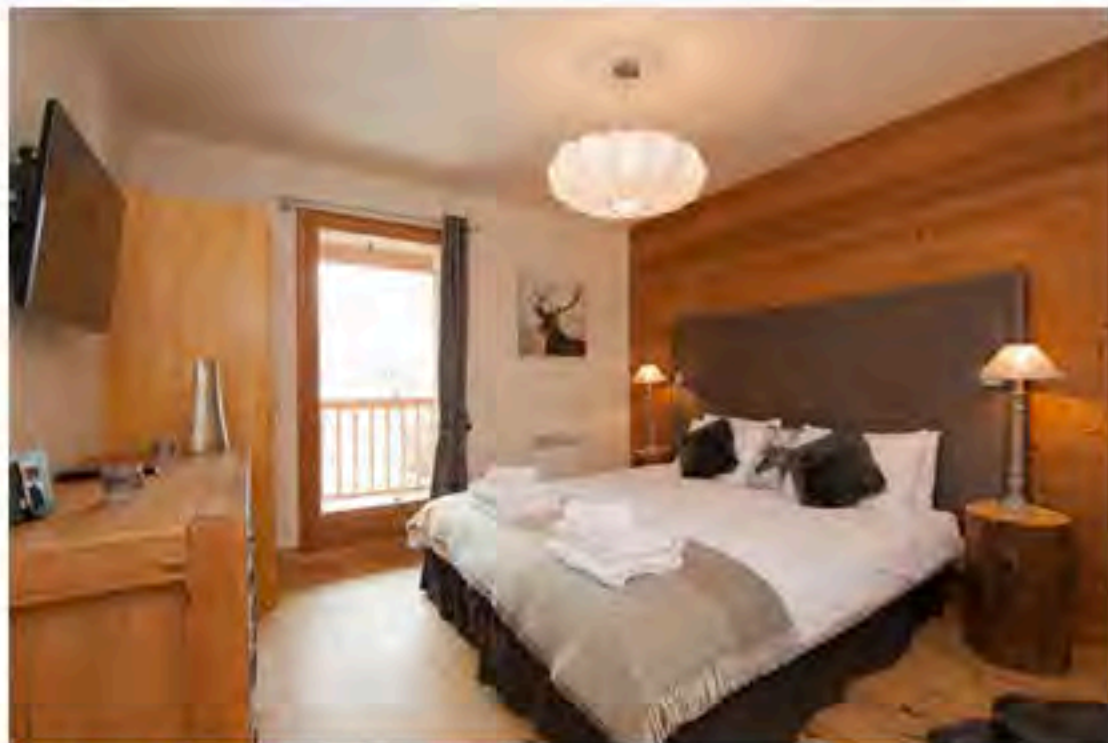


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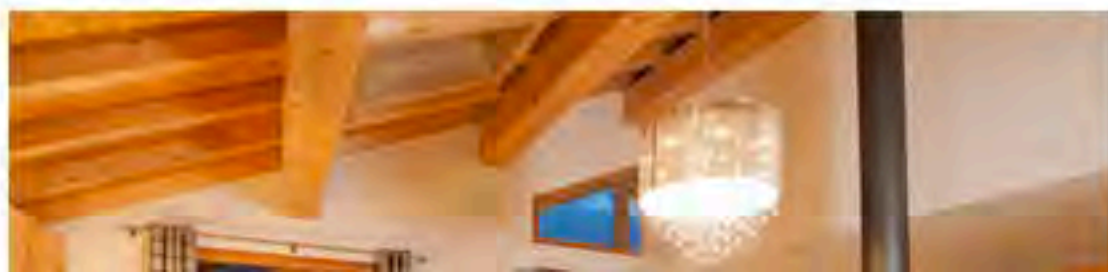
A room with a view might not be the sole reason you stay at La Marquise, but waking up to snow-topped mountains beats the usual grimy streets to be seen out of the windows at ELLE HQ.

Each of the seven rooms (six double/twin and one four-bed bunk) in the chalet is prettily decorated with natural wood, but the only time you'll be in your room will be to sleep.



Room 4

The shared upstairs open-plan living area, complete with a huge dining table, encourages you to socialise with fellow guests - the chalet is available to book exclusively or room by room. The separate mezzanine-level snug gives an additional area to relax in, complete with board games to bond over.



The ELLE Edit

Best room: Room 4, as it's equidistant to both the boot room and the living area, but all of the rooms have beautiful views of the surrounding mountains.

Best dish: Quail served three ways: confit of leg, breast and scotch eggs.

Who stays here? Couples looking for a romantic getaway and groups of friends who want a luxurious break. Former England rugby players, Austin Healey and Will Greenwood have been guests too.



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The living and dining area

The first chair lift in Sainte Foy Tarentaise is just a short stumble away - you can get from your bed to the slopes in less than 15 minutes, especially as there are rarely queues at the lifts. The resort has both gnarly black runs and tamer slopes for beginners, so whatever your skill level, you can swoosh down the slopes **like a pro**. If you want a day off from the slopes, you can get pampered with a treatment in La Marquise's **Elemis** spa treatment room, or go on a guided snowshoe walk around the local area.

Once you've had your day's fill of powdery snow, head back to La Marquise for a decadently lazy evening. The chef, Louise, will prepare the evening's four-course meal while you lounge by the stylish fireplace, or in the hot tub on the balcony. And the chalet hosts, Belle and Louis, will make sure your glass is always full. And as food and drink are included in the price, what more could you want?



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The hot tub on the balcony

What's hot?

- The close proximity of the piste.
- The service - such a high standard; nothing is too much trouble.
- The delicious food - the balance of home-cooked British cuisine and fine dining was just right.

What's not?

- The WiFi only really works in the shared living areas, due to the thick walls of the chalet.

Need to Know: La Marquise

Number of rooms: 7

Check-in/check-out times: Flexible

Room service: No

Swimming pool: No

Spa: Yes, La Marquise offers Elemis spa treatments, sauna and steam room. Sports massage is also available.

Eating and drinking: Tailor-made menus will be prepared according to your dietary requirements. Freshly

prepared according to your dietary requirements. Freshly baked cakes, tea and coffee are served for afternoon tea, and there's an extensive wine and champagne cellar too - the hosts pair wine with each course at dinner.

Near to? La Marquise is in Sainte Foy Tarentaise, and is just a 20-minute drive from Val d'Isère and La Thuile (Italy), and a 10-minute drive from Les Arcs. Day ski passes for these resorts are available at a reduced rate for holders of a Sainte Foy pass. It's ideal for those who love off-piste skiing.

Getting there: This French Alps location can be reached by flying to Chambéry, Geneva, Lyon or Grenoble ([ba.com](#); [easyjet.com](#)), or by getting the Eurostar/TGV (snow train) to Bourg St Maurice ([eurostar.com](#)). Private and shared transfers can be arranged from these airports/station. It takes around two-and-a-half hours from Lyon or Geneva by car.

The details: La Marquise, Sainte Foy Tarentaise, The French Alps, 73640; [premiere-neige.com](#); 0131 510 2525

Rooms are available to book per week, from £825 pp half board.