



### CHALET SPA, VERBIER, SWITZERLAND

The name is misleading; although it does have a wonderful spa this is first and foremost a chalet, and an exceptional one. More Ibiza villa than Alpine hideaway, it was designed by local architect Patrik Polli, who also had a hand in Verbier's most fashionable night-spot, the Coco Club. It combines funky furniture with state-of-the-art technology from magic-mirror TVs to pop-up screens in the outdoor Jacuzzi.

The main living space is straight out of an interiors magazine, with its Tibetan goat-skin bean bags, cow-hide throws, and chocolate leather sofas; the terrace outside is all designer rattan and bleached teak. Unusually for a Verbier chalet, the views from the terrace are uninterrupted, and stretch across the valley to Bruson and the Grand Combin massif.

Although the bedrooms are not huge they are luxurious, with Belgian satin-cotton sheets, baby soft cashmere blankets and hand-made Swiss mattresses. The master bedroom has a fireplace built into a glass wall, so you can see the mountains through the flickering flames as you lie in bed. The spa, however, is unusually large, and incorporates a 10-metre-long lap pool lined with flinty stone and illuminated with ice-blue lights; there's a shiny, fully equipped Technogym, a big sauna and a stone-clad steam room.

**Chalet Spa** (0779 771 8201; [www.chaletspa.com](http://www.chaletspa.com)); sleeps 10. From £37,000 per week plus food and drink

### SKIING & NIGHTLIFE

The skiing at Verbier is fabulous and varied, with something for all levels and tastes including fantastic off-piste, bump runs and cruisy blues; and the resort throbs at night. For a civilised late-night cocktail head to the slick Coup d'Etat, which has chilled music and a loungey feel. The place to be seen is the rather more raucous Coco Club, which is eye-wateringly expensive but full of beautiful people.

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