

## Skiing the Slo way

SLOVAKIA could take off as a new place to ski after Wizz Air launched flights from Luton to Poprad-Tatry Airport less than an hour from the Tatra mountains.

The mountain range has four resorts, and 200 million euros have been invested in the area in the last five years. Jasna resort has been named as one of the up-and-coming resorts for this year. See [www.regiontaty.sk](http://www.regiontaty.sk).

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# Travel

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SMASHER: Dine at the Glasshouse

## Stay putt to go KP nuts

### The KP, Kilnwick Percy, North Yorkshire

#### THE WELCOME

The KP's reception, bar and restaurant area had the "wow" factor from the off. It is eye-catching and modern. We enjoyed a coffee and cake on comfy velvet sofas before heading to our woodland lodge.

#### THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The KP and its championship golf course sits in a secluded spot in the beautiful North Yorkshire countryside. The gorgeous city of York is close by.

#### THE ROOM

Luxurious rooms and suites and two, three and four-bedroom woodland lodges. My partner and I stayed in a super-stylish Pocklington three-bedroom deluxe lodge, which had a fantastic view over the golf course. The kitchen and lounge area was

## HOTEL inspector

packed with mod cons and each bedroom had its own bathroom. The perfect pad for a posh mini break with a group of friends.

#### THE FOOD

We had a wonderfully relaxed dinner at the intimate Glasshouse restaurant. I loved my classic prawn cocktail and "posh beer battered fish and chips" while my partner was equally impressed with his chicken liver pâté and rib eye steak. We even left room share a sumptuous chocolate dessert.

#### THE SERVICE

We received a warm Yorkshire welcome and the service remained fantastic to the finish. In the restaurant we were offered a bottle of red wine not yet on the menu, which went perfectly with our mains.

#### THE SCENE

Golfing pals, romantic couples and groups of friends provided for a great atmosphere in the open-plan bar and restaurant.

#### LOVED

The huge outdoor hot tub at our lodge, which overlooked the golf course. We arrived on a cold, drizzly winter's day but, undeterred, we jumped straight in to watch the sun go down with a glass of fizz. Bliss.

#### HATED

Our stay of only one night simply wasn't long enough.

#### THE BOTTOM LINE

Rooms from £75 per night and lodges from £469 for a three-night break.

#### CHECK IT OUT

Call 01759 303 090 or see [www.kpclub.co.uk](http://www.kpclub.co.uk)

DECEMBER'S on your doorstep and you're already stumped for Christmas gift ideas. STEVE RICHES points towards Europe for some presents with a difference for close friends and family...

## Italy

### The romantic trip, January

**WHAT'S THE DEAL?** St Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs – you're spoilt rotten for stunning places to see in Venice. Even better, the crowds (and the canal smells) have dispersed for winter, so you can amble comfortably along the tight alley-like streets flanked by some of Europe's classiest shops, bars and restaurants. Take water buses out to the islands, especially Murano, home of exquisite glassware. And it's worth a guided walking tour too, to soak up some of the fascinating history of this watery wonderland.

**WHAT'S THE COST?** From £145pp. Includes return BA flights and two nights B&B in the four-star All'Angelo Hotel ([www.allangelo.it](http://www.allangelo.it)), a few steps from St Mark's Square.

**CONTACT:** [www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com).

## Spain

### The big match, January 31

**WHAT'S THE DEAL?** See Bale, Ronaldo, Benzema and pals as the galácticos of Real Madrid line up against David Moyes's new club Real Sociedad, in the buzzing Bernabéu Stadium. You get a home supporters' match ticket behind a goal (seats upgrades available), two nights B&B in the four-star Rafael Hotel Ventas ([www.rafaelhotels.com](http://www.rafaelhotels.com)) in central Madrid plus a stadium and club museum tour. For another £6 you can buy a blue vinyl RM duck for the bath.

**WHAT'S THE COST?** From £189pp (hotel upgrades and other matches available). Does not include flights.

## France

### The cookery class, from May

**WHAT'S THE DEAL?** Promenades Gourmandes, with renowned chef Paule Caillet, is a one-day taster of a French cookery course ideal for those enjoying a short break in Paris. You needn't speak French or be a great cook to lap up the winning ingredients of informally strolling the city markets, choosing the best produce, preparing an authentic four-course French meal in Paule's kitchen and washing it down with expertly chosen wine. Classes are limited to eight. Hugely popular and deservedly so.

**WHAT'S THE COST?** From £220pp. Does not include travel or accommodation.

**CONTACT:** [www.promenadesgourmandes.com](http://www.promenadesgourmandes.com).

pride of Holland's vast horticultural business. Near the town of Lisse the gardens dazzle in springtime and, being fairly close to the Channel ports, they're ideal for a visit during a short break with coach tour specialists Shearings Holidays, combining a Belgian seaside stay in lively Ostend with a day out in the lovely medieval canal town of Bruges.

**WHAT'S THE COST?** From £309pp. Includes return coach travel from various UK regions, four nights' half-board at the three-star Royal Astrid Hotel ([www.royalastrid.com](http://www.royalastrid.com)) in Ostend,

JOY: Madrid a good match for footie fans



# Send 'em packing

plus excursions to Keukenhof and Bruges. **CONTACT:** [www.shearings.com](http://www.shearings.com).

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HOE HOE HOE: On a tulip trip

## WORLD TEMPERATURES

Estimated at noon today			
Bogor	Sun	17C	63F
Amsterdam	Fair	4C	39F
Barcelona	Fair	30C	86F
L.A. Angeles	Rain	19C	66F
Madeira	Fair	20C	68F
Miami	Cloudy	26C	79F
Moscow	Sun	-5C	23F
New York	Cloudy	11C	52F
Paris	Sun	9C	48F
Sydney	Thunder	28C	82F