

Welcome

We're delighted that you've booked a ski trip with us this winter and hope you're getting excited about your holiday. We hope you will find the following information useful in helping you prepare for your trip, but if you have any specific questions then please check out our regularly updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact us – either by email info@skiweekender.com or by calling 0845 557 5983.

Remember you can keep up to date with the snow and see what we're getting up to on [Facebook](#)

NB. Group Leaders – please make sure to forward this document to everyone else in your group.

Your 'Classic' Ski Weekender Holiday

We hope you will have a great time staying at Aravis Lodge- it is our home base and longest-running location.

The Aravis Lodge is a sociable chalet-hotel in the village of Saint Jean de Sixt, exclusively for the use of Ski Weekender's guests.

The Lodge has 18 en-suite bedrooms on its first and second floors in the main building and 4 rooms with shared bathrooms in the chalet annexe, with all bathrooms having recently been fully renovated in a fresh, contemporary style.

All rooms have fluffy duvets plus extra blankets. Bath and hand towels are provided, along with complimentary toiletries. Free WiFi is available throughout the hotel.



The ground floor of the Lodge has a spacious dining and breakfast room, with complimentary tea and coffee available throughout the day. It also has a large, sunny lounge with comfy sofas, a smaller TV room, and a cosy licensed bar.

On the basement level you will find the ski/board/boot room with heated boot warmers, and all the latest hire equipment on-site for your convenience. There is also a fully equipped gym and fitness room, with CV and weights machines as well as a modern sauna.

The Aravis lodge is home to our Classic package, which means that [our Ski Team](#) are based on site, with Laura and her team on hand to help make your stay with us comfortable and enjoyable.

Our 'Classic Packages' at Aravis Lodge include:

- Chalet board accommodation - buffet breakfast, afternoon tea and 3-course evening meal with wine
- Full Aravis region ski lift pass included and ready for you on arrival
- Afternoon / evening airport transfers during our standard transfer windows included in the package
- Access to our onsite Ski Team

Our kitchen team has 1 night off a week; on these days the evening meal at the Lodge is not included. This will be on **Wednesday*** nights.

There are 4 restaurants very close to the Lodge, plus a good pizza takeaway just down the road which is a popular low cost / effort option for our kitchen team's night off. We also arrange shuttle minibuses to and from La Clusaz centre on these nights; here you'll find lots of restaurant options plus various bars if you fancy a drink before or after your meal. We would recommend that at peak times- **Xmas, New Year and February** - you book your restaurant of choice in advance of travelling to the area. You can access our restaurant [guide for La Clusaz see here](#)

****for the midweek Xmas break '24 arriving 27/12, the Chef's night off will exceptionally be Sunday 29th.***

Hotel Amenities

To ensure you have a comfortable experience whilst staying at Aravis Lodge, you will be provided with bath towels, bed linen, hairdryers and WIFI throughout the hotel.

Should you require any specific amenities which are not detailed in this document, please email us on info@skiweekender.co.uk. Once at the Lodge, a full list of facilities available can be found in your Ski Weekender room folder.

The village of Saint Jean de Sixt is situated half way between Le Grand Bornand and La Clusaz. Access to the lifts and slopes is via our free shuttle service – we run you out in our own minibuses in the morning (0830 – 0900) and back in the afternoon (1615 / 1645) – or via a free ski bus which runs every 30 minutes throughout the day. In either case, access to excellent skiing is just 5 minutes away.

There are 4 restaurants, 2 bars, an ATM, post office, mini supermarket and several ski gear and regional produce / gift shops in the village.

Additional Services

- [Ski/Snowboard Hire](#) - The Aravis Lodge has the most convenient ski hire facilities of any of our locations – it's on-site! You can grab a cup of tea (or a beer!) and head down to the Lodge basement on your arrival afternoon / evening, at your leisure, and get fitted up with skis, board, helmet and boots from our comprehensive range of gear. There is no need to pre-book your ski hire ahead of arrival. For details and prices [see here](#)
- [Ski Lessons](#) – For guests staying at the Aravis Lodge, we offer a lesson booking service for private lessons with the ESF in Le Grand Bornand. It is advisable to book these in advance. For details, prices and to book please [see here](#)
- If you wish to book a massage during your stay, our local masseuse Laura operates out of the adjacent building, a short three minute stroll from the Aravis Lodge. We would recommend booking in advance. You can reserve your massage online <https://booking.myrezapp.com/fr/online/booking/minisite/14678/etoile-detre>
Details of her pricing/massages can be found at <https://www.etoiledetre.fr/>

- Le Chalet à Bulles in the village offers a Spa/hot tub, Sauna and Hammam facility to ease those aching limbs at the end of a day's skiing. Access to the spa facility is €15 for a 2 hour slot and reservation is highly recommended as the facility operates a 'limited numbers' policy- the facility can be reached on +33 (0)4 50 02 24 04. If you anticipate heading up to the spa during your stay, don't forget to pack some swim wear!

Advanced Preparations for Your Trip

If you haven't already done so, please ensure that you have provided us with all the requested information to allow us to properly plan for your trip. It is essential that we have your [Flight Details](#), [Dietary Requirements](#) etc. well in advance of your arrival.

You can do this by visiting your personal webspace sent to you when your booking was confirmed.

It is particularly important that we know of any special dietary requirements ahead of your arrival to allow the chef teams to accommodate your needs.

Before you travel it is a good idea to download your airline's app to be kept updated with your flight's status.

Please ensure that you carry with you a valid passport. When arriving from a non-EU country, you'll need your passport or EU identity card – and visa if you need one – to clear customs. All non-EU travellers must carry a passport valid for at least three months beyond the planned departure date from the European Union. If you are travelling from the UK and to find out how Brexit impacts your travel please [see here for latest advice](#)

It is essential that you obtain adequate travel insurance before you travel and that this covers you for the appropriate Winter Sports activities that you will be taking part in during your trip.

If you haven't already arranged a policy, you can do so with our [partner MPI insurance](#)

You should also bring with you a current EHIC card, which is available for free – [Find EHIC Details here](#)

Your Arrival at Geneva Airport

Once you land in Geneva one of our drivers will be there to meet you in the Arrivals Hall immediately after exiting the baggage reclaim area on the Swiss side of the airport. Keep an eye out for your driver who will either be holding a Ski Weekender sign or, if one of our partner transfer companies is collecting you, they may be holding a placard displaying your name.

We aim to meet you in the Arrivals Hall once you land. However, on occasion, our drivers may be delayed – please do not panic if we are not there when you come through to the arrival area. Simply head to your right as you face out of the airport and go towards the end of the arrival hall. Our driver will come to find you in or around the Montreux Jazz Café, or the seating area just in front of it. Please be sure to switch your phone on and check it regularly for any texts, voicemails or messages from us once you have landed – and keep an eye out for our driver's placard!

Please note, as our transfers do not run at fixed times you may have a short wait on arrival to amalgamate with other guests arriving. Our aim is to keep any wait at the airport to 45 minutes or less – more often than not our drivers will meet you directly from the flight and get you underway immediately!

Once you have left the airport, the journey time to Saint Jean de Sixt takes approximately one hour in normal driving conditions. Please note, if you are arriving between 1600-1800h there may be traffic delays of up to 30 minutes at the Switzerland/France border.

We actively monitor your flight status on the day, so we are usually aware of any flight delays, however, if you experience any major delays, or have any urgent concerns, please do not hesitate to call us on:

Ski Weekender Office +44 (0)845 557 5983, or on our Duty Mobile + 44 (0)7898 252 301.

In the event of severe weather conditions in the Alps and/or the UK, transfers may be rescheduled. We'll always do our best to minimise further delays to your transfer – however please bear in mind that on days like this our first priority is to ensure departing guests get to the airport in time to check in for their flights.

If changes on the day impact your transfer, we will contact you directly using the mobile number you've provided with your flights details to let you know specifics on how this will impact your transfer. If these changes happen whilst your flight is in the air, we'll leave you a voicemail message or send you a text with details. Please make sure you have the mobile you've provided as a contact with you when you travel, and please turn this back on after disembarking to check for any messages from us.

If your flight is scheduled to arrive outside of our transfer window of 15:00-21:00, or you would simply like further information about the arrival procedure at Geneva Airport, please [see here](#) or contact us.

Hotel Arrival Procedure

You will be met on arrival at the hotel by Laura who will check you in; your break's itinerary will be shared with you over dinner on your arrival evening. You will also be given your lift pass at this time.

Our onsite ski hire facility remains open through to beyond midnight, meaning that no matter what time you arrive, you can be fitted up with ski gear.

For guests arriving after our dinner service has finished, there will still be food waiting for you.

What to Pack

We know a thing or two about being in the mountains (they are our backyard after all!) so in terms of packing we recommend more practical and durable items, as the weather can be variable.

To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of key items to pack:

- ✓ Ski/snow gear – if you don't have your own you can hire it from one of our partners!
- ✓ Practical footwear – Sturdy outdoor shoes/boots equipped for walking in the snow and light indoor shoes – you may wish to bring some clean, slip-on shoes/slippers to wear inside – as a reminder, *we have a 'no outdoor shoe' policy in the lodge itself!*
- ✓ Swimwear – if you plan on using any pool/spa facilities -there is the Chalet a Bulles spa facility a short stroll from the lodge. *Please note, in France men must wear either speedos or skin-tight trunk-shorts to all public swimming complexes (Bermuda/board shorts not permitted)*
- ✓ Travel adapters and small appliance chargers (which must fit a Europlug power outlet)
- ✓ Euros € - ski hire, ski lessons and any additional extras such as bar drinks/snacks up the mountain are charged in Euros and must be paid for by credit/debit card or cash. ATM dispensers at Geneva airport will issue cash in Swiss currency which is not accepted in France! There is an ATM cash dispenser in the centre of the village beneath the Post Office, a minute's walk away from our front door. *Please note, American Express (AMEX) is not widely accepted in France.*

Whilst the above list is not exhaustive, it will give you an idea of the packing requirements to ensure a comfortable ski break in the mountains.

Contact Details

We hope that the enclosed information will prove useful to you as you make your final preparations ahead of travelling. For any general queries, please check out our regularly updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

If you still have any unanswered questions or requests to make, please feel free to contact us:

You can either email us on info@skiweekender.com or feel free to call us for a chat on 0845 557 5983,

The address of where you will be spending your holiday is:-

Aravis Lodge, Hôtel Les Aravis, 47 Route de Thônes, Saint Jean de Sixt, 74450, France. Tel : +33 (0)4 50 05 61 95

We look forward to welcoming you to the French Alps very soon!

The Ski Weekender team



Summer is all about the uphill... but it goes downhill in winter!

Did you know we are weekend specialists all year round?

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We're open...

9:00 to 18:00 Mon to Fri,
9:00 to 13:00 Sat

0845 5575983
Calls cost 5p per minute plus access fee

info@skiweekender.com

Any questions?

We've been here for more than 15 years
and can help with all aspects of planning
your ski holiday.



Paul, Teak, Sharon, Jess and Katy

We're sociable...



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