

Ten ultimate ski holidays



Big hill in Japan Niseko ski resort in Hokkaido (above) and monkeys enjoying an outdoor hot spring (inset)

Kranjska Gora, Slovenia

Some of the best-value pistes in Europe are to be found in Slovenia, overlooking the Julian Alps.

There are 65 kilometres of pistes in Kranjska Gora, and, with Ljubljana airport only 90 minutes away, they're accessible enough to make for an exciting weekend break. Or try a week's adventure cross-country skiing in Triglav National Park. Go with First Choice (0871 664 0130 / www.firstchoice-ski.co.uk). From £309 for seven nights' self-catering, including flights, transfers and apartment.