

HELLO!

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NEW ROYAL PHOTOS

STYLE QUEEN

KATE DAZZLES ON A DATE
NIGHT AS HOLLYWOOD
HEADS TO LONDON

'She looks elegant
and beautiful...
she doesn't
even have
to think
about it'

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW AND SHOOT



**ELLEN
WHITE**
THE LIONESS
REVEALS HER
PRIDE AT
EXPECTING
A LITTLE CUB

'My team-mates
were all really happy
when we told them'

ANNOUNCING A NEW CHAPTER



**QUEEN
CONSORT
CAMILLA**

'We have lots
of excitements
in the pipeline'

LAUNCHES HER OWN SUMMER
LITERARY FESTIVAL AT THE PALACE

PLUS: LONDON FASHION WEEK'S YOUNGEST **EVER**
DESIGNER ON TEAMING UP WITH THE SPENCER TWINS





DREAM ESCAPES

With its winning mix of sunshine and snow – plus breathtaking scenery – this picture-perfect French ski resort is hard to resist

Méribel

STAY

Right beside the Rond Point des Pistes you'll find Hôtel Le Coucou, which puts a playful spin on the timber-clad chalet. Scallop-edged headboards rest against walls painted terracotta (1) and the fairytale snowscapes seen from the balconies can leave you speechless. The crowd is decidedly style-forward and with miles of pristine cruising territory on the doorstep, it's a ravishing winter escape.

TASTE

Nothing stokes the appetite like a morning of powder-shredding and Méribel's foodie scene packs a real punch. Le Cèpe's out-there menu puts the spotlight on the humble mushroom while Chalet Tonia, at the bottom of Roc de Tougne, serves Savoyard classics. Best of all is Le Coucou's Beefbar – score a table on the terrace and settle in for a leisurely lunch. Don't miss the black Angus filet mignon with truffle mash and wash it down with a tippie from the inventive list of cocktails.

INDULGE

Sofly lit with stunning views across the slopes, Le Coucou's spa is the ideal antidote to an adrenaline-fuelled morning on the slopes, featuring cosy nooks for lounging, two pools (3) and an irresistible bill of therapies using Tata Harper and Aime. The Alpine, combining vigorous kneading with full-body stretching, has been designed to speed up muscle recovery, leaving tired limbs feeling light as air.

EXPLORE

In the heart of Les Trois Vallées in the French Alps, Méribel couldn't be more picturesque, and it's blessed with a winning sunshine-to-snow ratio, too. From the gentle tree-lined trails above the village to downhill trails that offer supremely good powder without having to go off-piste, there's heaps of terrain to get stuck into (2). Particularly exhilarating is Les Bosses – all monster moguls and shelf-like drops. It's not for the faint-hearted, but the pay-off is huge for seasoned snow junkies.



WHAT TO PACK

Arch4 Whistler cashmere jacquard balaclava, £135. From net-a-porter.com



Dermologica Daily Milkfoliant, £65. Visit dermatologica.co.uk



Mango hood quilted coat, £89.99. Visit mango.com



Olivia Palermo often takes to the slopes in Les Trois Vallées

➤ Ski Solutions offers a seven-night stay at Hôtel Le Coucou, Méribel, from £2,180pp, including flights and transfers, based on two people sharing a standard room on a B&B basis; visit skisolutions.com. For up-to-date travel advice, visit gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.

