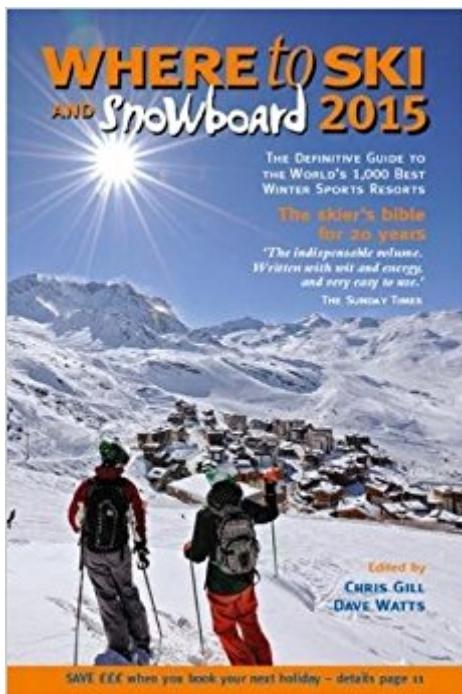


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# Where To Ski & Snowboard 2015



## **Synopsis**

Where to Ski and Snowboard 2015 is the only annually updated guide to ski resorts and includes over 1,100 resorts spanning Europe to North America. With over 550 colour graphics and 150 panoramic mountain maps, this practical guide makes for an accessible and engaging read.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is THE source for traveling to Europe for your ski vacation. Not only is it accurate and up to date, but it also gives you loads of useful tips and suggestions. The pictures are the best. As an American who has skied the Alps a dozen times or so, I use this Guide for help on all my destination decisions, even though some of it is focused more for the British traveler. Where to ski, where to stay, where to eat, where to enjoy the whole experience: THIS is your resource.

great book. just need to make my mind up where to go.

Excellent, very detailed guide.

WTSS2015 is an unbelievably rich resource of information on skiing in Europe. If you are considering a trip to the Alps, and aren't certain of which resort is right for you, the guidance in this book is essential. Unlike many ski guides - - which center on the lodgings and resort - - this book is mainly about the skiing. Snow quality, lift coverage, piste maintenance, quality and expanse of the skiable terrain....it's all here. The main features of each resort are judged on a five star scale. While

the book addresses the resorts as well, it does so in broad terms - - the ambience, quality of nightlife, off-slope activities. This is the book that will help you select the right resort, and take advantage of the best each resort has to offer. Although this is mainly a guide to the incredible smorgasbord of skiing to be found in Europe, there is reasonably good coverage of the Rockies. If you're familiar with Aspen or Mammoth, you can use the WTSS reviews as a point of comparison for the European resorts. For example, Mammoth rates only three star rating for scope of ski area. The largest European resorts, like Courchevel (Three Valleys) or Avoriaz (Portes du Soleil) rate five stars. Read further and you'll learn the Three Valleys are much higher than Portes du Soleil, and have better, more reliable snow. Thinking about Kitzbuhel? The low altitude and two-star snow rating may prompt you to pick a higher, snowsure Austrian resort like Zurs or Obergurgl. Written from a British point of view, you may be surprised by the importance of things like on-mountain dining. (The authors are genuinely appalled by the predominance of soulless, industrial cafeteria type eateries at American resorts, and the near total absence of intimate mountain huts on the hill.) But, if anything, this helps underscore the differences to be enjoyed in European skiing.

This is the very best book on where to ski, especially for Europe. It's filled with great photos, ski area maps, and practical info, like the easiest way to get on the mountain. Plus the two English authors have a very engaging and often humorous style, making it a joy to read. I used the book to plan a 2014 ski trip to the Italian Dolomites, St Anton, Austria and a few lesser areas. Many European ski areas in the book are unknown to most Americans, but they are very large and worth considering, Ischgl for instance. I live in Colorado and have skied for 40 years, its reviews of resorts like Vail and Jackson Hole where I've skied, were very accurate and perceptive. As a side note, skiing Europe exceeded all of my high expectations. I'd advise going later in the season and avoid the national holidays. Nothing to dislike about this book.

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