

# **Skiing in Europe or America: which is best?**

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USA vs Europe: which is best for a ski or snowboard holiday? The whole experience becomes very different depending on which side of the pond you're on – off-piste etiquette, chair-lift queuing, après ski and even the kind of snow you're turning on all vary wildly between continents. We look at the pros and cons for each to decide which might be right for you.

The prevalence of package deals mean a European ski holiday can work out cheaper than a North American equivalent. Of course, you can choose to spend thousands on a private chalet in Courchevel 1850 with a 24-hour butler, Champagne on tap and helicopter transfers, but there's also the option of booking a seven-night package deal to Bansko in Bulgaria for \$618, including flights, transfers, B&B accommodation, ski hire and lift pass.

In comparison, U.S. lift tickets can work out to be pretty expensive for a week's ski trip: for example, a six-day pass for Breckenridge, Colo., is currently a whopping \$727.

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