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Eurostar ski train tickets: How skiers can travel by rail to the slopes this winter

Tickets for Eurostar's popular service to the Alps are ready for release – here's what you need to know as the operator extends the service

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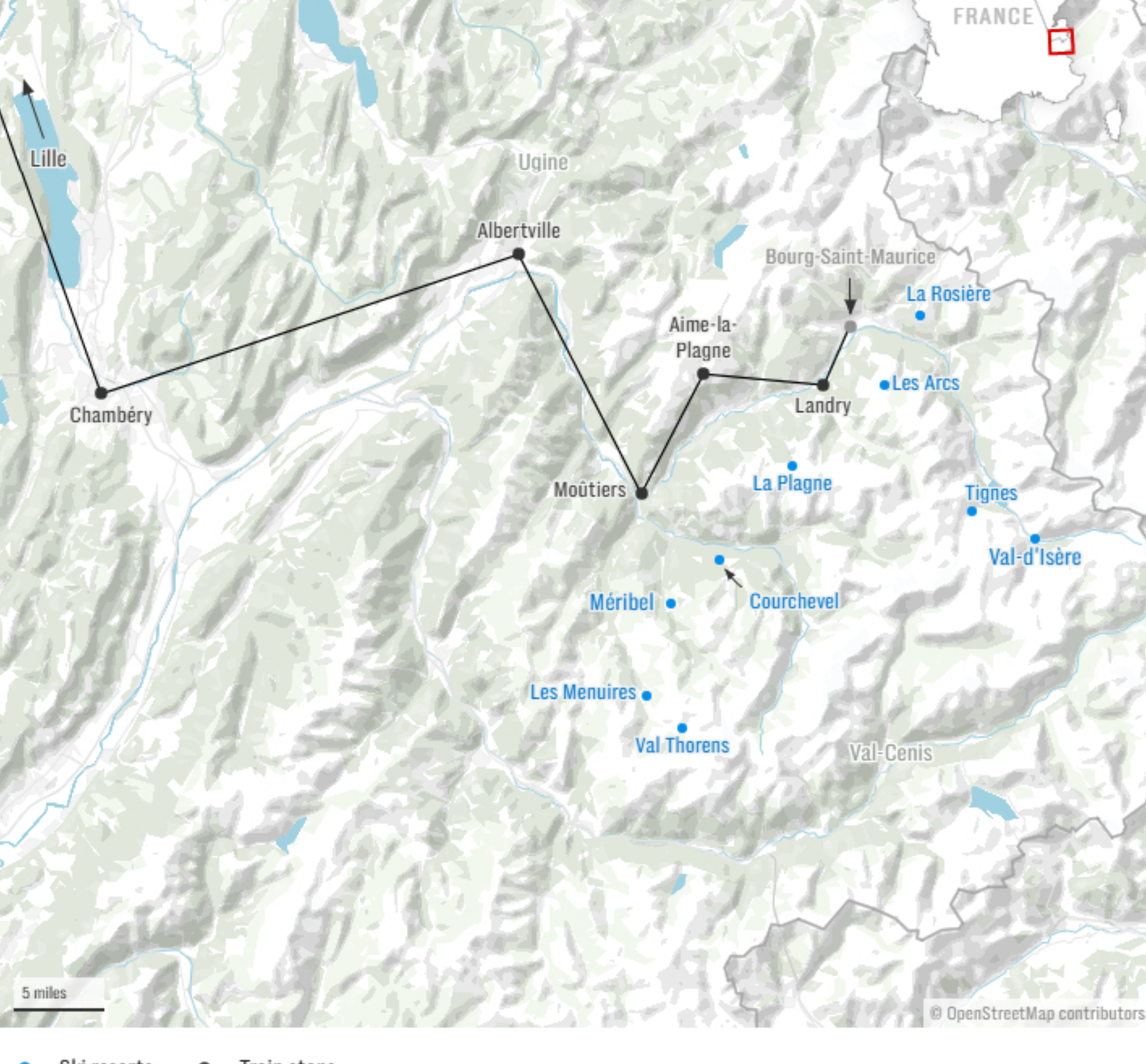
For the first time in six years, the train will run for the entire ski season

Tickets for the “ski train” — Eurostar's winter service from London to the heart of the French Alps — go on sale on July 10 and for the first time since the winter of 2019/20 it will run for the entire ski season.

The first departure to the Alps will leave London on Saturday, December 20 and bring the last passengers home on Sunday, April 5. As well as running for an extra month — last year's ski train stopped on March 1 — there will be return trains on both Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season, meaning skiers will be able to book a larger variety of holiday packages by train for the first time since 2020.

In line with changes made by the operator in 2023, both the outbound and return services will require a train change at Lille, where passengers will need to cross a platform, before continuing their journey. The outbound service will make final stops at Chambéry, Albertville, Moutiers, Aime-La Plagne and Landry before Bourg-St-Maurice.

The ski resorts accessed by Eurostar's ski train



Each Saturday, the outbound train will have 339 seats (marginally down from 347 last winter) and there will be a total of 339 seats across the combined inbound services each weekend.

For the past two years, the ski train has returned from the Alps only on Sunday mornings, creating logistical issues for tour operators, who traditionally run holidays on a Saturday-to-Saturday basis. Inghams was among those who overcame this by providing skiers with accommodation in Bourg-Saint-Maurice on their final night, after a day on the slopes — and offering a free day's lift pass for the inconvenience of moving — but has confirmed this won't be offered for the upcoming season.

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Instead, a spokesman for Inghams said the company will offer packages by Eurostar train to the French resorts of [Courchevel](#), [Méribel](#), [Les Menuires](#), [Val Thorens](#), [La Plagne](#), [Les Arcs](#), [La Rosière](#), [Tignes](#) and [Val d'Isère](#) for the 2025/26 ski season. It's “a big step forward” from its limited operation with Eurostar over the past few seasons, which only covered the resorts of Les Arcs, Tignes and Val d'Isère.

In further expansion of ski-rail options this winter, in addition to the Eurostar service, operator Travelski is set to run an overnight route to the Alps, which leaves Paris on a Friday night as part of its package holidays. While no times have yet been announced for what is being called the Travelski Night Express, holidays including train, resort transfer, accommodation and lift pass are already on sale to La Plagne, Les Arcs and Peisey Vallandry, Tignes and Val d'Isère, La Rosière, and resorts in the Three Valleys. The sleeper train will have beds and a dining car — with a bar — as well as private cabins and women-only spaces.

The extended Eurostar service is a result of good passenger numbers in recent years and positive growth reported by Eurostar in early June 2025. The news has been greeted warmly by industry experts. With its free-to-use funicular railway offering a seven-minute, car-free transfer from Bourg-Saint-Maurice to the heart of Arc 1600, the resort of Les Arcs said 25 per cent of all of its winter guests (not just Brits) arrive by train.



Skiers can save the stress of flying by taking the train to resorts such as Val d'Isère. Credit: Anna Ivanova

Marion Grognet, director of marketing and communications in the resort, said the reinstatement of the Saturday return train from the UK “marks a first step with a private operator offering package trips”. She added that the resort — which holds a two-snowflake Flocon Vert status for its commitment to sustainability — was “delighted by this progress” and hoped to see such services expanded further.

However, the train operator refuses to even hint at a return of the direct ski train between London and the French Alps, which ran between 1997 and 2020, but has announced plans for a new fleet of trains that will be in service from the early 2030s. This includes a direct train from London to Geneva, as one of three new routes. This journey could take as little as five hours, with passengers able to carry luggage and skis on board at no extra cost.

When do tickets go on sale?

Tickets for the Eurostar ski train go on sale July 10 2025 at [eurostar.com](#).

Ski-rail holiday packages are available from a range of operators, including [Inghams](#), [Peak Retreats](#), [Ski Line](#) and [Oxford Ski](#). [Travelski](#) is already selling packages on its Friday night train from Paris.

Which resorts can I get to by rail on the Eurostar ski train?

The Travelski Night Express and Eurostar's ski train offer easy access to the Paradiski resorts, including Les Arcs and La Plagne, as well as Val d'Isère, Tignes, La Rosière and resorts in the Three Valleys, including Courchevel, Méribel, Les Menuires and Val Thorens.

Inghams and Ski Line also offer ski-rail holidays to resorts in Switzerland, Austria and Italy via indirect routes, including to Klosters, [Zermatt](#), [St Anton](#) and Sestriere.



Courchevel is among the resorts accessible with Eurostar's offer. Credit: Getty

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How much does the ski train cost?

Eurostar reports fares will start from £99 each way, which includes two suitcases, one piece of hand luggage and skis or a snow board at no extra cost.

Those wanting to travel on a Friday evening on the Travelski Night Express will need to buy a Eurostar ticket from London to Paris — which start at £39 one way — in addition to their holiday, but skis will be carried free of charge with an equipment and luggage storage area beneath the beds in the cabins.

When does the Eurostar ski train depart/return to London?

The Eurostar ski train will depart London every Saturday at 09:01 from December 20 2025 until March 28 2026.

Return services will run on both Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season from Saturday December 27 until Sunday April 5, departing Bourg-St-Maurice at 13:35 and 10:54, respectively.

Will there be extra border checks this winter?

After a year-long delay, the EU's new [Entry Exit System \(EES\) rules](#) are expected to come in this November. These checks will require Britons to leave biometric data when departing the country, including their fingerprints.

Eurostar has told The Telegraph that a series of pre-registration kiosks will be set up around St Pancras for this purpose, and after using a kiosk passengers will then pass through an e-gate, if they have previously registered into the EES system, or a manual police booth if travelling to the EU for the first time.

In Lille, Eurostar Snow customers can use e-gates as they will already be registered into EES, and there will be no change to the return journey from France.

A spokesman said: “EES processes will be integrated into our normal check-in times — usually 45-60 minutes, sometimes 90 minutes if travelling on a peak train. Customers will not have to come earlier than they do today, however we'd recommend allowing extra time if travelling with ski equipment.”

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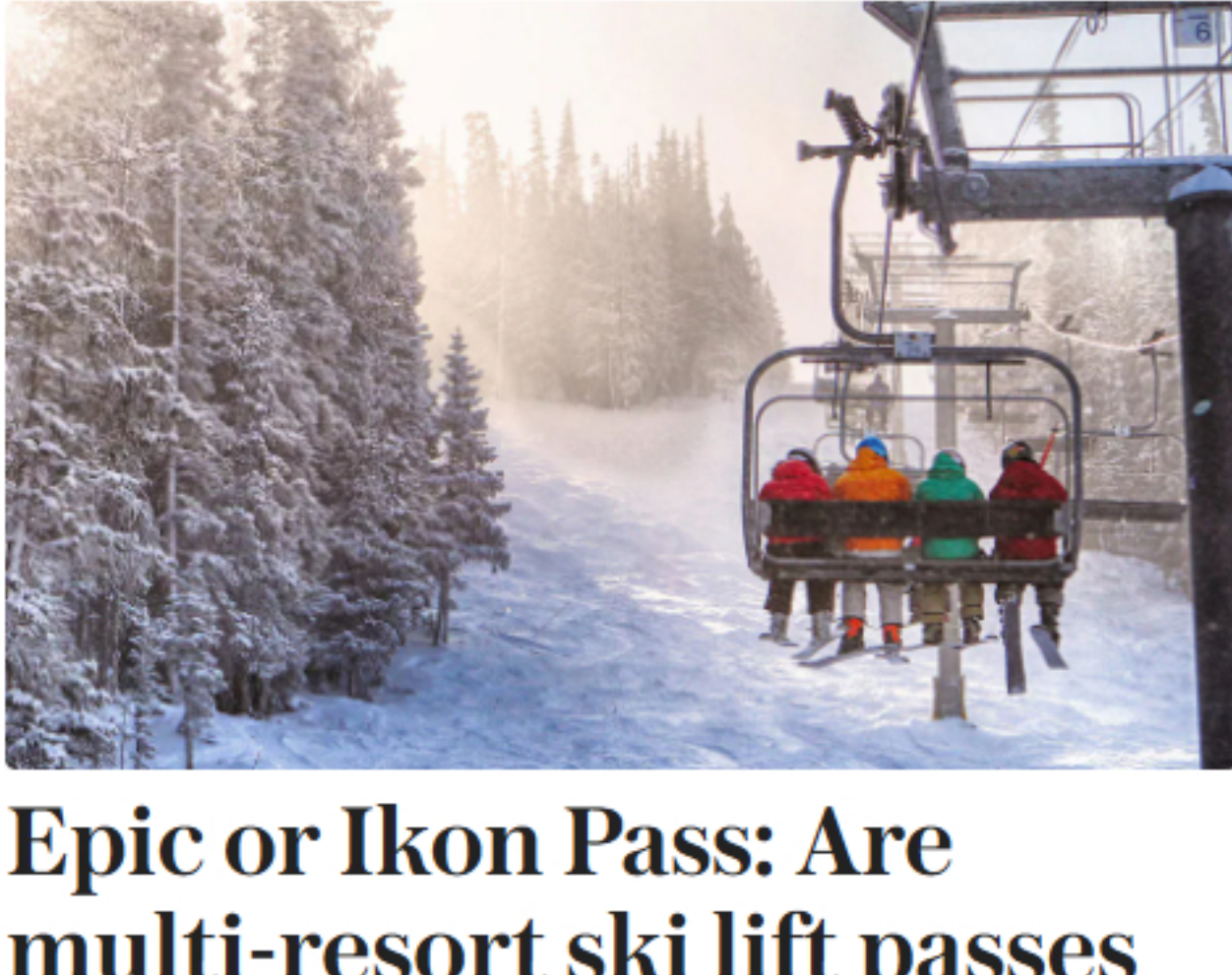
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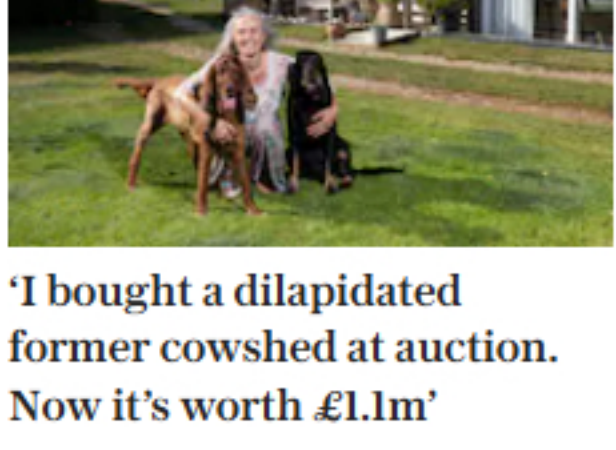
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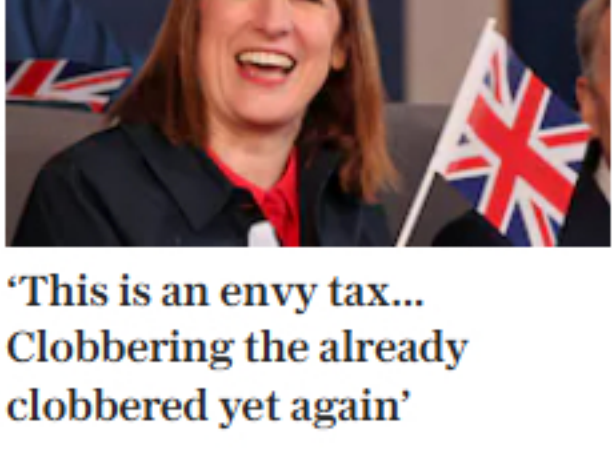
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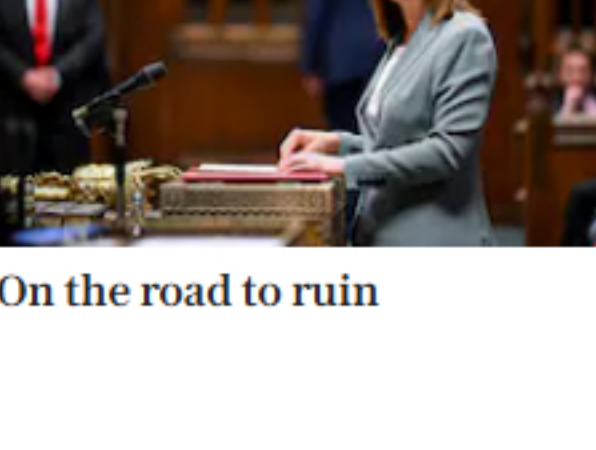
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