# *The Aravis Lodge*

For 2026/27 we're introducing a **streamlined version of the Ski Weekender package at the Aravis Lodge.**

We recognise that the experience will be different from the full Ski Weekender package you have enjoyed in previous years.

However, this new format also allows us to introduce significantly more flexibility around when you can travel, while keeping the things that matter most: a great location, accommodation, lift passes and straightforward transfers from Geneva.




This Package will include the following elements :-

- Accommodation at the Aravis Lodge on a B&B basis
- Ski Lift Pass included – flexibility to easily ski La Clusaz or Grand Bornand each day
- Geneva airport pick-ups and drop-offs (at set times on 4 days a week - making transfers quicker, straightforward and hassle-free)

***Possible Trip Durations***

With our more flexible approach you can now arrive / depart on either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

This means there is a wider choice of trip durations to better suit your travel or work plans, flight availability etc. and means that the following stays and trip durations are all possible.

| **Ski Midweek Breaks** | **Ski Weekend Breaks** |
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| Tuesday to Thursday = 2 nights midweek | Friday to Monday = 3 nights weekend |
| Monday to Thursday = 3 nights midweek | Thursday to Monday = 4 nights weekend |
| Tuesday to Friday = 3 nights midweek | Friday to Tuesday = 4 nights weekend |
| Monday to Friday = 4 nights midweek | Thursday to Tuesday = 5 nights weekend |

**Accommodation and Service at the Aravis Lodge**

The Aravis Lodge will be operating with a smaller team this winter. As a result, some of the services that made the Ski Weekender experience particularly comprehensive in previous years will either no longer be available or will be offered in a simpler, more self-service format.

We will still serve our usual buffet breakfast in the morning to set you up for your day of skiing.

On your return from the skiing you can still help yourself to tea and coffee and there will be some sweet treats available (think a cookie jar rather than lavish afternoon tea!)

The bar will be open for early evening drinks (from 16h) but will close at 20h00 when people head out for dinner.

Dinner is not included in your package and you can take advantage of the numerous local restaurants in the village centre.

*It's possible we may be able to offer a more simple set-menu dinner option in the lodge but details of this need to be confirmed, and it will not be available on all nights of the week.*

We will once again have our ski hire facility downstairs but are not able to fit guests at all hours. It will be open in the morning (8h-10h) and again after the ski day (16h-18h).

We will no longer operate our own slopes-transfer minibuses. Instead, guests can use the regular Inter-Station ski bus, which stops close to the lodge and provides frequent services between La Clusaz and Le Grand-Bornand. The service has expanded considerably in recent years and operates regularly throughout the day (from 8h00 to 19h30), making it a straightforward and more flexible alternative to our previous shuttle service.

And finally – the luxury of checking out of your room at 16h after skiing cannot be maintained, and we will require guests to check out in the morning (by 10h) although we will be offering a baggage store and changing and showering facilities in the sauna room.

***Geneva Airport Transfers***

In response to challenges faced as a result of non-EU border delays, the Geneva rush-hour traffic and the wider UK flight schedules - we have designed a new airport transfer service making your journey to resort quicker, straightforward and hassle-free.

This schedule of fixed-time departures ensures we make the most of our proximity to Geneva and will ensure a 1-hour transfer journey.

For arriving guests at Geneva airport –

Meet our Ski Weekender driver at Geneva at 15h and 19h on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday

For departing guests at the Aravis Lodge –

Either depart the lodge at 13h30 or 17h30

The 13h30 departure will arrive at the airport for 14h30 – so for flights departing after 16h30 and later.

The 17h30 departure will arrive at the airport for 18h30 – so for flights departing after 20h30 and later.

For guests looking for travel at other times of the day, then we would provide assistance on how to book a private transfer, or to use the other shuttle services which are available for getting to/from resort and to Geneva.

*NB – please note these are fixed-time shared transfers rather than flight-specific transfers. If your flight is delayed and you miss the scheduled departure, the vehicle will not be held for you and you will need to make alternative arrangements for your onward travel to resort.*

***What are the Key Differences***

Previous Ski Weekender guests will still recognise many of the features and service at the Aravis Lodge – but we do want to stress that **it will be different** from before and we want to avoid any confusion by being very clear and explicit about the differences.

Please note that there will also be a difference in the prices charged for the packages to reflect these changes, and we have also introduced more flexibility in arrival and departure days to allow people to make more cost effective or suitable travel plans.

The previous Ski Weekender model offered an exceptionally high level of service and staffing, but unfortunately that model is no longer sustainable at the prices at which we were selling the holidays.

What's Still There

- Friendly faces and a warm welcoming personal service
- A cosy chalet-hotel with a comfy lounge, TV room, sauna, gym etc.
- Location in heart of village – with easy ski-bus links to the larger ski resorts
- A warm, comfortable hotel – at a good price
- Ski hire service on site
- Welcoming bar for a relaxed pre-dinner drink
- Local knowledge and advice to share

What's changed

- Fixed airport schedule on 4 days a week (rather than being met from your flight on 2 days)
- No slopes transfers in minibus – use local Interstation ski bus.
- No restaurant-grade dinner and lavish afternoon tea
- No late night ski hire fitting on arrival
- No organised evening ents (but you are welcome to use our sledges and snowshoes)
- Check-out in the morning by 10h (but showering and changing facilities will be available)
- There could be non-Ski Weekender guests in the hotel

The new Ski Weekender package is a different proposition – simpler, more flexible and more self-directed than before. But the fundamentals remain: a comfortable and welcoming base in the heart of the village, your lift pass included, easy access to both La Clusaz and Le Grand-Bornand, and straightforward, quick transfers from Geneva.

***Prices and Availability***

***Full details and dates coming soon and covering all package durations of 2, 3, 4 and 5 night stays.***

- 3 night Midweek stay from £395pp
- 4 night Weekend stay from £575pp

All packages will include the following elements :-

- Accommodation at the Aravis Lodge on a B&B basis
- Ski Lift Pass included – flexibility to easily ski La Clusaz or Grand Bornand each day
- Geneva airport pick-ups and drop-offs (at set times on 4 days a week)