

BEST FOR ROMANCE

St Christoph, Tirol, Austria

This luxe-below-zero resort in the Austrian Alps is suitable for most standards of skiing. You'll be surrounded by picture-perfect *Sound Of Music* scenery that's the ideal backdrop for a passionate holiday – on and off the slopes.

FLAKE OUT

Peak of luxury A seriously swanky hotel, Arlberg Hospiz (Hospiz.com) in St Christoph has a 600-year-old wine cellar and is where the sophisticated ski bunnies stay. Max up the romance by booking a horse-drawn sleigh ride or a tandem paragliding flight, then enjoy a traditional Austrian candlelit dinner for two. Scott Dunn (020 8682 5080; Scottdunn.com) offers seven nights at Arlberg Hospiz from £1,795 per person, half board (breakfast and dinner), based on two people sharing a room, including flights and transfers. **Chic chalet** One of the Alps' most design-conscious hotels, Lux Alpinae (Luxalpinae.at) is a contemporary boutique hideaway with 26 stylish

rooms. Doubles from £57 per person, per night, half board. **Off-piste** If you want a non-ski day, head to the public spa Arlberg Well (Arlberg-well.com), where you'll find three swimming pools, a sauna and treatment rooms. Or if you're feeling lazy, have a hot chocolate in one of the many cosy cafes in town.

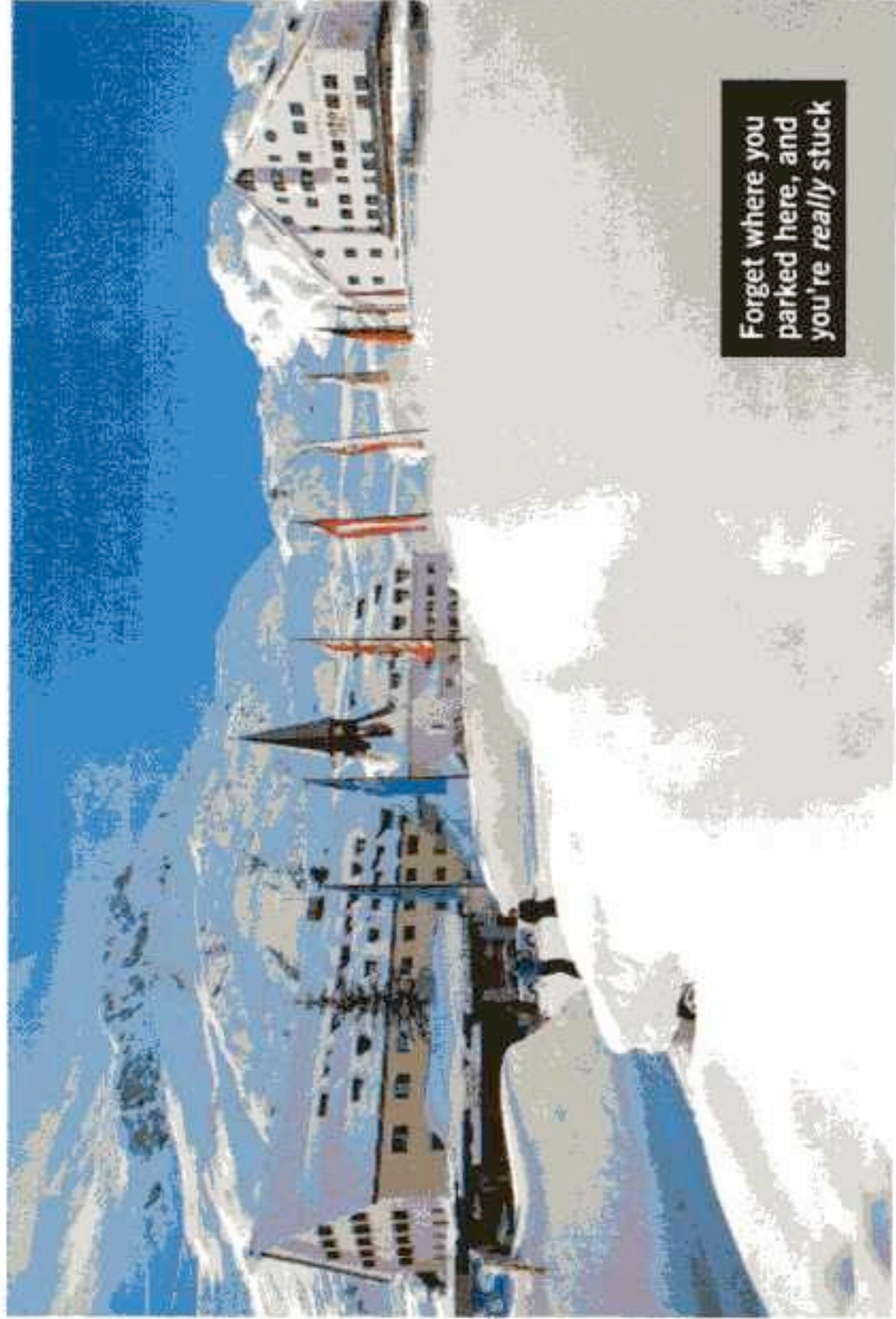
Après-ski Stroll hand-in-hand around St Christoph, which has a gorgeous fairytale feel to it. Alternatively, go wine tasting at the Arlberg Hospiz or the Hotel Goldener Berg in nearby Oberlech (Goldenerberg.at). If you want off-piste party action, head to nearby resort St Anton, where the Crazy Kangaroo bar at the base of the slopes claims to sell the most beer in Austria. Carry on the evening at The Kandahar Bar, The Underground and The Piccadilly. **Those in the snow** Loved-up Brits, Austrians and Scandinavians who adore the to-die-for scenery. **Ski pass** British Airways (Ba.com) flies from Gatwick to Zurich from £69.10 return. ▶

"Look, if there's a blizzard, I want Mountain Rescue to find me!"



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