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An Alpine summertime

It's not just skiing that is attracting house buyers to the mountains, says *Mary Wilson*

Traditionally considered a winter destination, record numbers of holidaymakers are now visiting the Alps during the warmer months.

More than 12 million people arrived during the summer in 2015 – one million more than in 2014 according to Knight Frank. June, July and August is also a good time to invest in a holiday home. “There are often better deals to be had when the snow has melted,” says Charlie McKee of independent property advisers Hindle & Baldock. Chalets are not just the preserve of the skier. The mountains are naturally equipped for the hiker, cyclist, extreme water sports adrenaline junkie and the wildlife spotter.

Extreme sports

Anyone into rock-climbing, cliff diving, wild-water rafting or wakeboarding will find all of these activities at Europe's largest outdoor adventure park, Area 47, just north-west of Oetz, Austria, open from May to the end of September. Mountain Lake Resort, a development of 50 one, two and three-bedroom apartments in Oetz, launches this autumn with prices around €340,000 (£269,758) for a two-bedroom apartment with Kristall Spaces.

Oetz, Austria Best for extreme sports

Mountain Lake
Resort has two-
bedroom
apartments.

Price: €340,000
(£270,000)
Agent: Kristall
Spaces (property
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