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And, for our family of four, it was the perfect choice for a winter break – a time to unwind, reconnect and enjoy being together.

With 50km of slopes across 1,300m of altitude, Arêches-Beaufort offers a wide variety for skiers of all abilities, without being

so large that one accidental wrong turn can see you miles away across the mountain! For younger children, the often empty slopes mean less worrying for parents about would-be racers flying over lips or around corners. Meanwhile, for any older children wanting to take their first few runs without Mum and Dad keeping watch right behind them, the smaller area size is ideal.

The lift pass is also one of the cheapest we've come across in recent years, offering exceptional value, especially for a family.

The resort itself is a charming French village with a quiet, traditional feel. Granted, it's not the place to be if you're looking to party into the early hours, but for a wide range of great-value, quality restaurants and cosy spots for a post-ski drink or two,

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Just 121km from Geneva, Arêches-Beaufort is easily accessible by plane. Or, for families

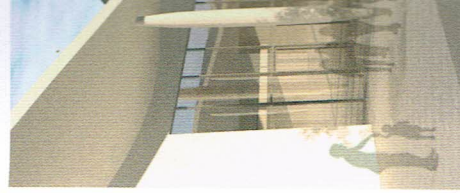
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- Seven nights' self-catered in a two-bedroom Confort apartment from £206pp* includes a return Eurotunnel crossing with a free upgrade to FlexiPlus.
- *Above price based on five people sharing a two-bedroom apartment (sleeps six) for low season. Fully ABTA bonded.

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