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Tour Ops Reports Phones “Ringing off the Hook” As France Lifts Ban on Travel From UK



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Tour operators are reporting busy phones and an Internet surge following the French government announcement this morning that tourists including British skiers and boarders can travel there again from Friday 14th January.

“Our phones are ringing off the hook with those who have so far been unable to travel to the French Alps this season and really want to secure a holiday. We also have lots of relieved and happy customers calling who are delighted that their holidays can now go ahead. We have also seen an immediate surge in internet bookings,” said Laura Hazell, tour operator **Ski Beat** Sales & Marketing Director.

The company's first weekly flight to their catered chalets in the Alps since the ban departs this Saturday, 15th January, nearly four weeks after France initiated measures to slow the spread of the Omicron Covid variant.

“Snow conditions in the French Alps are amazing right now and there is still availability even for school holiday dates so it's not too late for British skiers to get out there this season and enjoy a well deserved ski holiday,” said Xavier Schoulier, boss of specialist French ski holiday companies **Peak Retreats** and **Ski Collection**.

France has said Brits who are fully vaccinated and who have tested negative for the virus 24 hours before travel can enter the country again from Friday.

Another travel agency **IGLU** said they are experiencing a huge increase in bookings to France with site visits up 400% compared to this time yesterday, noting that it's actually easier to travel to France than it was before they introduced their travel ban last month, as the British nations have dropped their pre-departure test required upon return to the UK in the meantime. The company has discounted packages on sale from this weekend onwards.

It's also possible for unvaccinated Brits to visit again, but they face a 10 day quarantine and, without the special pass available to vaccinated people, can no longer do most things normally possible like visiting a restaurant.

The decision comes ahead of the busy 'February Half Term' period next month and many companies are now pushing March and Easter ski deals too.



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- ➡️ un test négatif <24h sera demandé au départ


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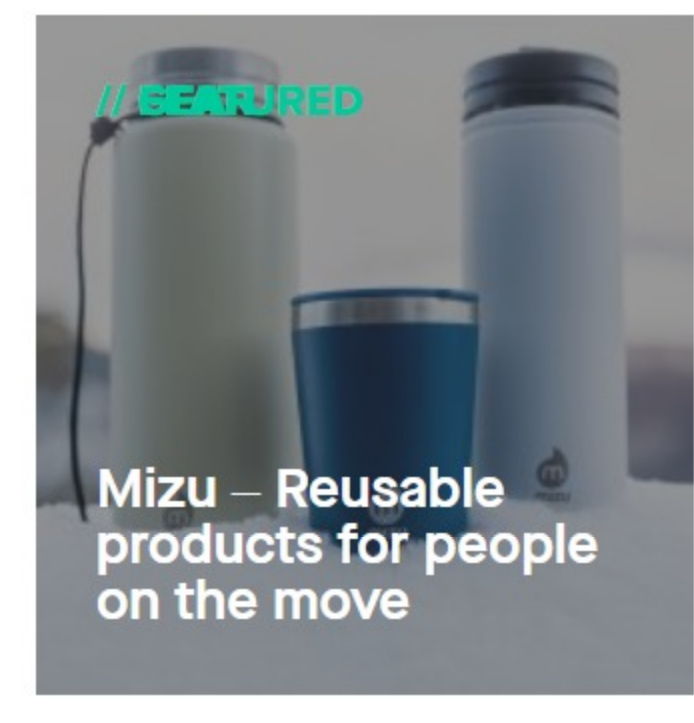
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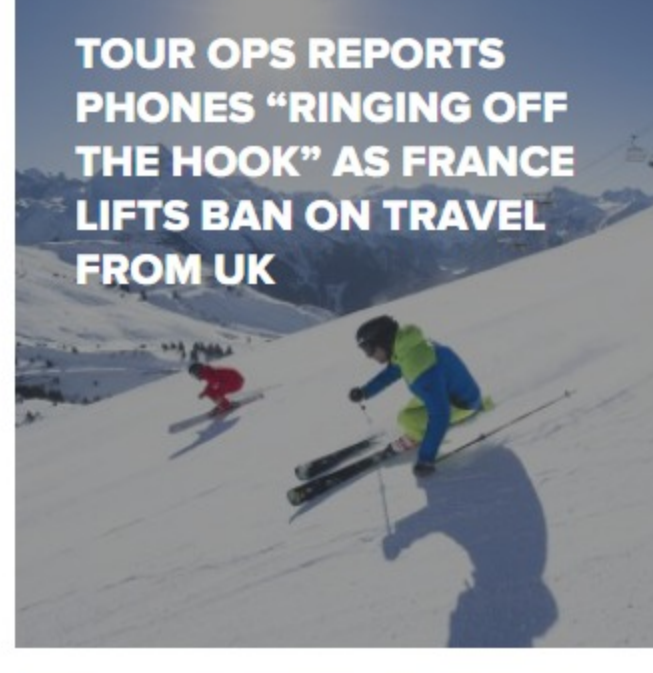
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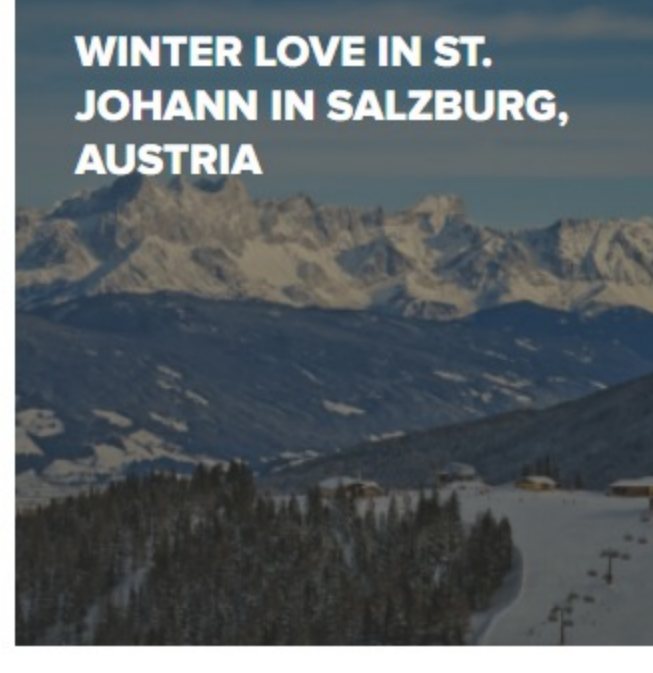
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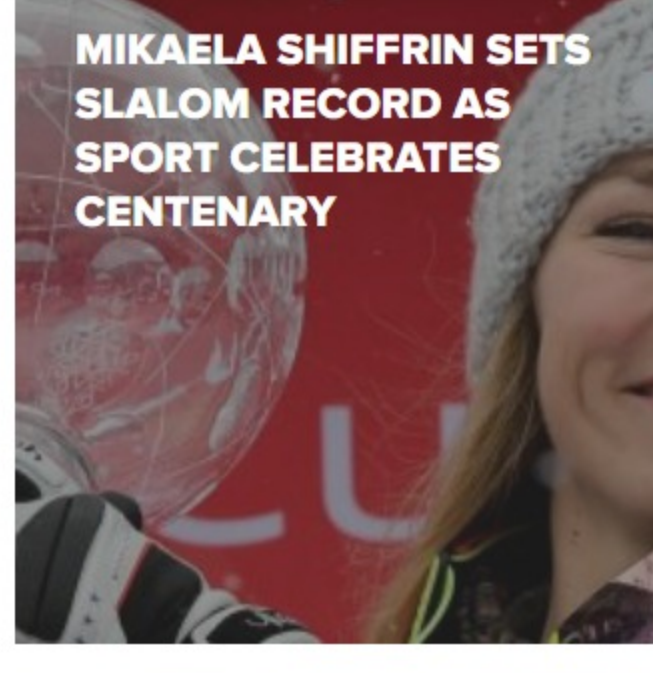


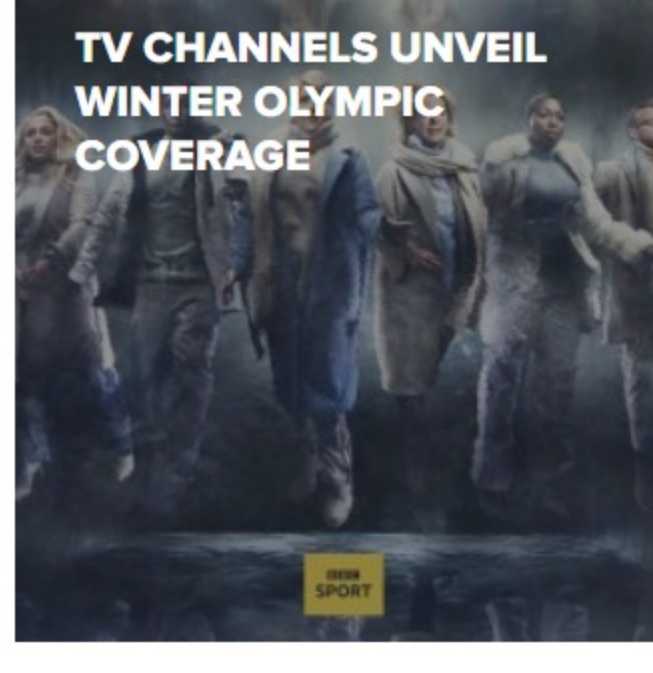
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