

SNOW LIMITS

Bored of skiing? Here are a few new ways of spicing up the slopes

Skijoring

Being pulled around in the snow by a couple of furry dogs is all very well but if you want something a little more adventurous, strap yourself to a horse and give it a tap of encouragement. To make the experience even more exciting, you don't get to control the nag from the comfort of a sledge. All that separates you from the snow is your trusty skis, and before long the noble beast will be galloping at 40mph as you cling on for dear life, trying heroically to control your bowels. **Where can I try it?** The Ranch El Colorado ski school at Les Arcs in France offers one-hour skijoring lessons for about £15. Call 0033 0609 121594 for more details.

Airboarding

Careerling head-first down a mountain on an inflatable cushion offers none of the grace and technical precision usually associated with winter sports, but what it lacks in elegance it makes up for in fun.

Where can I try it? Crystal Ski offers airboarding sessions at the Italian resort of Cervinia for £15. See www.crystalski.co.uk or call 0870 160 6040 to make a reservation.

Snowfering

What do windsurfing junkies do when their lakes freeze over? They go snowfering – windsurfing on snow or ice. Any gust stronger than a few knots will get you moving, and you won't be too surprised to hear that balancing on land is easier than it is in water so you don't have to be a champion windsurfer to give it a go.

Where can I try it? The Meltemi Snow sport school runs two-hour private lessons at the Swedish resort of Are for about £40. Call 0046 730 343565 for details.

Snow rafting

Legs shot to pieces after a hard day on the slopes? Then climb into a pneumatic rubber multi-person raft and experience the buzz of travelling downhill at up to 60mph without having to put in any effort.

Where can I try it? Italian adventure holiday organiser the Adrenalin Center offers snow rafting for £11. See www.adrenalincenter.it for more details.



What airboarding lacks in finesse it makes up for in fun



Snow's up, dude, so wax your stick and ride



White water rafting doesn't get any whiter than this

