



**H**ave you witnessed the unspoiled beauty of the world's mountains? The volcanic Kilimanjaro? The height of Mount Everest?

Mountains monopolise a fifth of the world's landscape so it makes sense that we should enjoy their gorgeous shapes. But, taking up so much of the planet as they do, how many people get the chance to enjoy the beauty of mountains?

If you live in London then it's a long way to go to find British heights. To see real mountains of the archetypal sort, cloud-piercing and snow covered, you have to travel abroad.

Well, perhaps you don't have to now for a photographic exhibition of the stunning mountains that surround Gavin Howe's ski penthouse in Tignes is on show on the [TopSkiAlps.com](http://TopSkiAlps.com) website.

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This is your opportunity to experience some of Nature's greatest accomplishments without leaving your front room. These are stunning portraits of the French Alps, a snowclad paradise that stretches further than the eye can see. This is incredible beauty captured on camera.



Expert photography tempts us to experience the silence reflecting from its icy peaks, excitement raised as to pleasures it may hold.

'We never tire of each other, the Mountain and I'

- Lao Tsu

This vast expanse of sugar coated mountains and deep canyons highlights the insignificance of human presence, its inhabitants reduced to tiny flecks on boundless abundance.

Its funiculars whizzing up beneath the mountains barely noticeable, filled with skiers confronted by some of the most testing steeps, bumps and off piste in the world. Not only pleasing to the eye but host to many activities, imagine hang gliding in such an environment or dog sledding or for the brave, ice diving! Some simply enjoy the freedom and tranquillity on offer.

These stunning images draw us to imagine ourselves feeling the snow crunch underfoot, the cool breeze brushing our cheeks as our senses are invigorated by the fresh mountain air. These shots capture the pristine landscapes of Tignes in the Rhône-Alpes region in south-eastern France, home to the Grande Motte Glacier. Tignes, a popular ski resort developed during the 60s is also home to Lac du Chevril, the lake that covers the old

*'In this modern age, very little remains that is real. Night has been banished, so has the cold, the wind and the stars. They have all been neutralised: the rhythm of life itself is obscured. Everything goes so fast and makes so much noise, and men hurry by without heeding the grass by the roadside, its colour, its smell and the way it shimmers when the wind caresses it. What a strange encounter then is that between man and the high places of his planet! Up there he is surrounded by the silence of forgetfulness. If there is a slope of snow steep as a glass window, he climbs it, leaving behind him a strange trail. If there is a rock perfect as an obelisk, he defies gravity and proves that he can get up anywhere.'*

- Gaston Rébuffat, the great French climber who spent many summers in the Alps.

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village and adds much to the area's allurements and mystery.

It's said that 100 million people visit the Alps every year and they hold particular appeal to mountaineers. The world's most famous climbers travel to conquer Europe's greatest mountain range year after year.



It's no wonder that the world's most privileged choose to experience these stunning views first hand and the adrenaline-hungry put their lives at risk to scale them. It's a world away from the hustle and bustle of daily life and captured perfectly in these photographs.

- Sally Knight

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