

DUTCH QUEEN HOLIDAYS ON SKIS

The cable car of Val d'Isere is turned into a Royal carriage, as it takes Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, her husband and the two young Princesses to a skiing hut high in the French Maritime Alps. Amid the snow-covered scenery of this enchanting holiday spot, Royal duties are left far behind and Holland's first family are captivated (like others before them) by the King of wintersports.

Prince Bernhard - only recently returned from an extensive tour of the Dutch Colonial Empire - seems equally at home on the slopes of Val d'Isere. Almost as proficient is the heiress-apparent, Princess Beatrix.

Not so assured as her husband, Queen Juliana - only a recent ski convert - finds it a trisky proposition. A little nervous at first, she became a good pupil.