

Alpine Adventures at Le Grand Bellevue, Gstaad

Le Grand Bellevue launches exclusive new winter guest experiences



LONDON: OCTOBER 2017: Located in the heart of quaint Gstaad amidst the snow-capped Swiss Alps, <u>Le Grand Bellevue</u> is an idyllic winter escape; from indulgent hot chocolates by a roaring fire to a newly revamped 3,000sqm spa for easing aching muscles after a day on the slopes. In celebration of its fifth winter season, the hotel is introducing a range of new and exclusive winter experiences. Owners Daniel and Davia Koetser are opening up their little black book of contacts, to organise special access and money-can't-buy experiences, including a range of high-octane adventures, culinary experiences and private viewings at some of Gstaad's most glamorous designer boutiques.

Le Grand Bellevue can arrange a wide variety of private and exclusive gastronomic experiences for guests, both within and outside the hotel. Lovebirds seeking a romantic escape can climb aboard a traditional horse-drawn carriage for a ride through the snowfields to a secluded farmhouse, for a private candlelit dinner of fondue and champagne, accompanied only by the sound of hoofbeats and gently falling snow.

Active types can push themselves on a guided hike through the soaring and picturesque Rougemont region before a private mountainside meal at the secluded Les Ouges mountain hut, or enjoy the ultimate après-ski experience with a private slope-side mulled wine station to celebrate the final run of the day. Guests with a head for heights can take to the skies for a private hot air balloon flight above the mountains, complete with a gourmet champagne picnic.

Back at the hotel, the winter will see the opening of the cosy four-seater wooden *Krug Carnotzet* — or 'sauna barrel' — in the hotel's groomed gardens, where guests can settle into blankets and tuck into a decadent private dinner of truffled fondue or fresh sushi, accompanied by Krug champagne. Guests can also try their hand at a range of exclusive masterclasses and workshops, from floristry and cooking classes in Le Grand Bellevue's Michelin-starred restaurant, *LEONARDs*, to molecular mixology cocktail classes in the hotel's chic cocktail lounge *bouquet* and sushi-making masterclasses alongside resident sushi master, Takehiko Yoshikawa.

Party animals are in good hands, as Le Grand Bellevue can organise private access to Gstaad's everpopular *Wasserngrat* and *Eggli* mountain restaurants for private parties and gatherings, including bespoke menus and private chairlift access for party guests.

Gstaad's famed boutiques and designer shops draw in fashion-lovers year after year, and Le Grand Bellevue can now arrange private viewings for guests at a range of outlets, including Dolce & Gabbana, Adler, Chopard and Graff.

Winter rates at Le Grand Bellevue start from CHF 650 on a half board, double occupancy basis. Exclusive experiences — prices on request.

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Editor's Note:

Le Grand Bellevue re-launched in January 2014 after a year-long renovation by dynamic young owners, Daniel and Davia Koetser. In the heart of Gstaad village, the hotel was originally built in 1912 as a Cure House and Spa. Family-owned, managed and designed, the hotel comprises 57 bedrooms. Bold colours, eye-catching prints and elegant furniture make up the interiors. The hotel's signature restaurant LEONARD's offers exceptional Michelin-starred cuisine whilst the more intimate 18-seat Le Petit Chalet serves up a menu of hearty Swiss dishes and its chic cocktail lounge bouquet will relaunch in December 2017 with a focus on molecular mixology. Other features include a Cigar Lounge, Private Cinema, Yacht Club and a recently revamped 3,000sqm spa in partnership with organic English brand, Bamford.