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WINTER 2024/2025

GSTAAD PALACE  
SWITZERLAND

# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

*Winter Season from 13 December 2024 - 2 March 2025*





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# LET'S CHERISH TIME, TOGETHER



**D**earest Guests,  
Time, as Oxford defines it, is “the indefinite continued progress of existence in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole.”

While time is a constant we cannot alter, it holds deeper significance for us.

In today’s rapidly accelerating world, time is one of the few aspects we indeed can influence, though. It’s up to us to make the most of it: to treasure moments with loved ones,

savor unique experiences, laugh over cherished memories, honor traditions, pursue our dreams, or simply revel in the beauty of nature.

At the Palace we know that the time you take to spend with us is very precious and it should be perfect. Rest assured, my entire team and I are dedicated to helping you make the most of your time at the Palace.

We eagerly anticipate welcoming you back for this year’s Winter Season, beginning on December 13th.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Scherz



Morgan Freeman



Grand Siècle  
Laurent-Perrier

*It takes time to become an icon*



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# DID YOU KNOW?



*If you like to learn more about,  
kindly reach to [dosm@palace.ch](mailto:dosm@palace.ch)  
for any further enquiries.*

## THE PALACE VALUES, OUR DNA

Since the Gstaad Palace was founded in 1913, we have always taken pride in operating our business strongly based on real family values.

These values, embedded in our daily life at work, outline the fundament for anything we do, we believe in and most importantly shall remind us what our business is truly about: the People. To emphasize on our Palace Values, we have a written commitment in place outlining 7 fundamental core values we believe in dearly.

We treat everybody with respect, outline

transparent company goals, ensure everybody feels welcome regardless of any kind of background and we aim to live and protect the culture of our amazing homeland Switzerland including its picturesque landscape we may enjoy on a daily basis.

We ensure whatever we do is supporting our economic stability to ensure safety for so many people relying on us, we protect health & wellbeing and last but not least ensure the Gstaad Palace legacy can constantly strive, at least for the next 110 years.



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kindly reach out to  
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## DRESS TO IMPRESS

Why do we kindly ask for the following? Gentlemen are asked to wear a jacket, after 7.00 pm in Le Grill, Bar du Grill, and the Veranda section of Le Grand Restaurant. And during the evening we kindly ask to refrain from wearing caps and hats, hoodies, coats, t-shirts, ripped jeans, hiking and snow shoes, open-toe shoes and shorts. Sometimes, we need a dress to impress. Other times, the right dress is an expression of joy. Fashion is an art form, and dressing up is a form of self-care. Traditions are dear to our heart especially in light of the Palace being looked up

to like a light tower for its elegant and warm ambiance. The interior design is just a part of that, the special ambiance gets created by the people, by resident guests and visitors, by guests travelling to us since decades or those who discover the Gstaad Palace for the very first time, and of course all our Palace Family members being dressed up to show our dear guests the utmost respect. That's why we invite you to celebrate style and elegance by following our dress code in place since 1913.

We're very proud that the Swiss magazine  
BILANZ has voted us  
**No.1 BEST HOTEL IN SWITZERLAND**  
**No. 2 IN EUROPE.**  
All the more reason to spend this winter with us!



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## WHO SAYS ONLY A CHEF CAN COOK?

Indeed, it's right to say in a hotel the majority of dishes are created by extraordinary skilled chefs.

However, since the early days of international Grand Hotels it's been a legendary experience seeing service staff cooking in front of guests, too. While this tradition has become quite rare over the last decades, we do not like to let it go as it's seen as part of our Service DNA.

Since 1913 our service teams are creating superb dishes in front of our guests turning a lunch or a dinner into a truly outstanding experience.

May it be Scottish salmon, Spaghetti with a twist, Chateaubriand, Crêpe Suzette and many more; our Service Team happily advises you on which "show" to watch.

And don't forget, kindly be invited to take advantage of our menus just providing a bit of a direction; our teams are prepared for your very special requests.



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## ARE WE SUSTAINABLE, YET?

The Gstaad Palace was built in 1913 – long before the term sustainability became established. But the drive to act in the interests of nature, people and the environment has simply always been in the Palace's DNA. We know that the true luxury of our establishment lies in the unique landscape that surrounds it and in the spirit of cordiality that connects our employees and guests.

We also know that only what gets measured, gets done; therefore, we have a set of goals in place supporting our strive in becoming even more sustainable in many aspects of operating a hotel.

In 2025 we will invest 6% of our overall investment directly into environment protection initiatives within the Gstaad Palace. We are aiming to reduce our electricity consumption by 2%.

Furthermore, we are currently working on becoming externally certified to ensure all our sustainable actions are approved by an international certification body.

# FESTIVE AT THE PALACE

## Christmas Magic at the Palace

*24 December 2024, from 7.00 pm*

Come and celebrate Christmas with us at the Palace, where the holiday season unfolds like a scene from a fairy tale. We invite you and your loved ones to be part of our extended family for a magical evening in the Swiss Alps, where the spirit of the season fills the air with wonder.

As dusk settles over the snow-covered mountains, families gather in The Lobby Bar. The joy in children's faces shines as brightly as the lights on our grand Christmas tree, filling the room with a sense of enchantment: Could that really be Santa making his way through the beautifully adorned halls?

Our children's program is packed with delightful activities, from decorating cookies to watching festive movies, ensuring fun for everyone. While the little ones are entertained, adults can savor an exquisite Christmas dinner. And when the moment arrives, Santa Claus will surprise both children and adults with gifts chosen just for them.

### PRICE

CHF 220.- per person

CHF 110.- per child under 12 years

For Hotel Guests the menu is included in the culinary credit.

Menu is served in Le Grand Restaurant & La Veranda, Le Grill & Bar du Grill.

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*For further information please visit [palace.ch](http://palace.ch)*



# New Year's Eve "Venice"

31 December 2024, from 8.00 pm

Immerse yourself in the timeless allure of Venice! This year's New Year's Eve celebration invites you to experience VENETIAN DREAMS. Leave the casinos behind and sail into the splendor of the Venetian canals, where romance, elegance, and charm reign supreme. The year is 1600, and Venice is alive with music, art, and festivity. The enchanting streets glow as gondolas glide by, while the air is filled with the sounds of Vivaldi.

On 31 December, step into a world of historic grandeur in the heart of the Swiss Alps, as we bring the magic of Venice to life. Whether you plan to waltz the night away or enjoy the finest delicacies, this evening promises to transport you to an era of elegance. Dress in your most opulent attire, and kindly remember a mask is certainly not required.

Join us for an aperitif from 8.00 to 9.30 pm in The Lobby Bar and GreenGo, followed by an exquisite dinner starting at 9.30 pm.

## KIDS

If you are travelling with your family: a New Year's children's programme will be provided at our Kids Club. Kindly refer to the VIK party on page 35.

## PRICE

CHF 1250.- for resident guests

CHF 1450.- for non-resident guests

CHF 600.- for resident children under 12 years

CHF 700.- for non-resident children under 12 years

## DRESS CODE

Ladies, please wear a long gown for dinner and a cocktail dress or long dress for after midnight. Gentlemen, we ask you to wear black tie or a dark suit and tie.

# New Year's Seafood Brunch

1 January 2025, from 1.00 to 3.30 pm

Enjoy a brunch by the breathtaking views of the mountains. Our New Year's Brunch, is the perfect way to start 2025 off right.

Kick off the new year with a joyful brunch! Many even consider it the highlight of the season. Whether you're enjoying a peaceful morning or recovering from a lively night at GreenGo, indulging in delicious food on 1 January is always a perfect choice.

## PRICE

CHF 320.- per person

CHF 160.- per child under 12 years

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# EXPOSITIONS AT THE PALACE

*20 – 22 December*

## Jasmine Wheatcroft

Mural art dedicated to a variety of landscapes, cars and many more!

Salle Bridge

*27 – 31 December*

## CURATOR ∞

Concept store focused on accessories, art and more.

Salon du Premier

*16 – 26 January*

## STEFANINI JEWELLERY

One-of-a-kind jewellery for one-in-a-million clients.

Salon du Premier

*3 – 9 February*

## Sabbadini

Jewellery tailored to woman. Timeless creations that interpret all seasons.

Salle Bridge

*10 – 16 February*

## David Morris

The London Bond Street Jeweller, home to luxurious jewels and exquisite collections.

Salle Bridge

*10 – 16 February*

## Silvia Furmanovich

Celebrating rich global cultures with craftsmanship, love of nature and jewels.

Salle Baccarat

*10 February – 1 March*

## Pretini

Experience the unique blend of style and artistry in every piece.

Salon du Premier

*17 – 23 February*

## REZA

Blends the artistry of fine sculpture with the precision of meticulous engineering.

Salle Baccarat

*10 – 16 February, Salle Baccarat*

*17 – 23 February, Salle Bridge*

## Seaman Schepps

New York's Fine Jeweler

Will be presenting their women's jewelry, men's cufflinks and precious home objects.

*17 – 23 February*

## Julie de Libran

Fashion and Jewels, devoted to the highest standards of design, of workmanship and of responsible, sustainable production.

Salle Bridge

*24 February – 2 March*

## Oscar R. Steffen

Jewelry as Art, unusual and distinctive, treasures from three centuries, pre-owned, pre-loved, sustainable.

Salle Bridge

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# CARTOONING GSTAAD WITH A TWIST!

OLIVER PRESTON

Oliver Preston, 61, is a half Swiss-half British cartoonist who has been drawing for newspapers and magazines for over 30 years. He is published in 21 books, and is chairman and co-founder of the Cartoon Museum in London.



*Oliver Preston, illustrator of  
this Winter Highlight covers*

He has produced two books of cartoons on Gstaad, “Fondue and Furs” and “Off Piste”, and regularly enjoys the Gstaad Palace - visiting the lobby bar in the winter, or by the pool in the summer, dreaming up ideas for new cartoons! As a child he grew up skiing in his holidays in Gstaad (in the 1960s) with his Swiss cousins, and fondly remembers lunches in the family chalet on the Wispile cooked by his Swiss grandmother.

He worked in Gstaad, aged 18, on the Wasserngrat, before attending university in England, and married his wife Vivien, in the St Nikolas Kapel in Gstaad in 2002. They visit their home in Saanen regularly. With a love for Saanenland and a keen eye for social observation, his cartoons are beautifully drawn with a very individual style and he captures the essence of the Gstaadois - the locals and the visitors - and the spirit of the village. He has developed a wide following and has a loyal customer base, working for a diversity of clients on caricature commissions.

Oliver lives in the UK and has held one man shows at The Fine Art Society in Bond Street, London (1999), The Mall Galleries, London, (2014 and 2016) but also exhibits regularly in the Salle Bridge at the Gstaad Palace (since 2007). His cartoons have been published in GstaadLife magazine, Punch Magazine, Paris Match, The Beano, The Dandy, The Spectator, Country Life, The Field and The Times and The Guardian newspapers in the UK.

# SNIP, STYLE, SHINE!



I first arrived in Gstaad for the winter season of 2001/2002, knowing nothing about Switzerland, Gstaad, or the Gstaad Palace - it was just an adventure. Little did I know that 23 years later, I'd still be here, calling it my salon.

I grew up in East London and started working at a top salon at 14 years old. My decision to become a hairdresser surprised everyone, but the training and connections I made in London still benefit me today, especially during peak season. I was offered a 3-month position in Gstaad, and the idea of a winter in the mountains seemed fun. I'll never forget seeing the snowy village and the Gstaad Palace for the first time.

Now, I'm married to a local and have a 3-year-old who speaks Swiss German!

In September 2020, I signed the contract for the salon - a proud but scary moment in the middle of the pandemic. Managing the salon can be challenging, with staffing needs ranging from seven hairdressers in peak season to just

two in quieter times. Luckily, Sam has been a great addition, building a strong clientele even in the off-season, and our loyal local clients have helped the salon grow.

The hotel and region have changed over the years, but many guests haven't. It's a joy to welcome the same families year after year, from doing their wedding hair to their children's first haircuts, watching them grow into the next generation of the Palace.

"Auger Coiffure Gstaad" is open all year round, offering an extensive selection of hairdressing services for Ladies and Men. The salon is working with leading brands such as Shu Uemura, Oribe, Kérastase and Wella. Whether you need the perfect wedding hair style for your special day or plan a special themed party, the team is happy to help you. On request, additional international hairdressers from London and Paris can be organised for big events. Do you need a new style during your stay at the Gstaad Palace?

*Please visit our website to find more: [augercoiffure.ch](http://augercoiffure.ch)*

# VALENTINE'S NIGHT BY CHOPARD



Step into a world of passion and elegance as GreenGo Nightclub transforms into the ultimate celebration of love for Valentine's "Night" by Chopard. Under the shimmering lights and enchanting beats, the night promises unforgettable moments of romance, style, and glamour.

Couples are invited to take to the dance floor, and the most dazzling pair will have the chance to win a special prize, courtesy of Chopard adding a touch of luxury to the evening's magic.

For her, a bracelet from the Happy Diamonds collection featuring a heart housing a playful dancing diamond, Chopard's iconic signature. This creation embodies a subtle design and expresses a true message of love. It is enhanced by Ethical gold, emphasizing the 'Journey to Sustainable Luxury' pursued by Chopard, a family Maison committed to respect ethical and environmental values.

For him, a sporty and elegant black braided leather bracelet. Symbolizing the Classic Racing collection, the famous chevron motif of 1960s Dunlop racing tyres adorns the black and red clasp bearing the Chopard logo, highlighting the inimitable allure of a true 'gentleman driver'. This men's wardrobe essential is a true celebration of Chopard's historic passion for the automotive world, transcending time and generations.

## Valentine's "Night" by Chopard

*14 February 2025, from 11.30 pm in GreenGo*

The most dazzling couple on the dance floor has the chance to win a special prize by Chopard

Dress code: glamorously in love

Special entry price applies according to "The Looonnng Weekend" conditions.

*More information on [greengo.ch](http://greengo.ch)*

*Table bookings: [havefun@greengo.ch](mailto:havefun@greengo.ch)*

*or +41 33 748 58 99*

*For reservations, please contact the GreenGo team at [havefun@greengo.ch](mailto:havefun@greengo.ch)*

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For those who are not into dancing all night long, come and join us for a romantic...

## Valentine's "Eve" Dinner\*

*14 February 2025, from 7.00 pm*

Enjoy a dedicated Valentine's menu in Le Grand Restaurant at CHF 150 per person\*

*\* Included in culinary credit for resident guests*

*Reservations +41 33 748 50 00 or [guestrelations@palace.ch](mailto:guestrelations@palace.ch)*



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# LET THE MUSIC PLAY...

## DORA LIVE BAND

31 December 2024  
for New Year's Eve

13 February & 21 February 2025  
in The Lobby Bar from 10.30 pm

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## ENSEMBLE SCHERZO

24 December 2024  
for Christmas Eve in Le Grand  
Restaurant & Bar du Grill

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## GYÖRGY FARKAS & LES TZIGANES

21 December 2024 until  
11 January 2025  
1 February until 1 March 2025

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## LÄNDERDUO SAANENLAND

9 February & 23 February 2025  
during Seafood Brunch  
from 12.30 pm

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## SALVATORE & ANTONELLA - TARQUINIO & ELEONORA

13 December 2024  
until end of season

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## THE DIXIELAND BULLS BAND

2 February & 16 February 2025

during Seafood Brunch  
from 12.30 pm

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## THE KNIGHTS CLUB

31 December 2024  
for New Year's Eve

1 January 2025  
during New Year's Seafood Brunch  
in Le Grand Restaurant &  
Bar du Grill from 1.00 pm

8 February 2025  
in The Lobby Bar from 10.00 pm

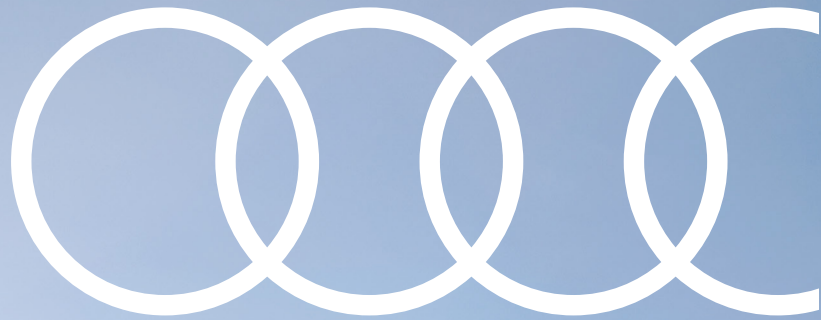
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## VERDOLINI JAZZ BAND

31 December 2024  
for New Year's Eve

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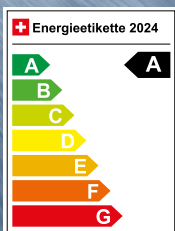




# Dear quattro, welcome home

Experience the new, fully electric  
Audi S6 Avant e-tron with quattro all-wheel drive.

This is Audi



Audi S6 Avant e-tron, 503 HP, 16,4-17,4 kWh/100 km, 0 g CO<sub>2</sub>/km, category A.  
Consumption data valid until 31.12.2024. The data valid from 1.1.2025 were unavailable at the time of publication.

# EVENTS IN GSTAAD



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*All Season*

## GSTAAD EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

“Come up and slow down”. Gstaad’s winter calendar is packed with events for you. [gstaad.ch](http://gstaad.ch)

*6 & 21 December 2024*

## CHRISTMAS MARKET IN SAANEN

Enchanted stories wrapped around by the Alps in the charming village of Saanen. [gstaad.ch](http://gstaad.ch)

*27 December 2024 – 11 January 2025*

## 19<sup>TH</sup> GSTAAD NEW YEAR MUSIC FESTIVAL

A unique experience under the High Patronage of H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco. [gstaadnewyearmusicfestival.ch](http://gstaadnewyearmusicfestival.ch)

*29 December 2024*

## CLASSIC CAR AUCTION

40 - 45 selected vehicles will be on offer in the festival tent in Gstaad. [oldtimergalerie.ch](http://oldtimergalerie.ch)

*25 January – 2 February 2025*

## 45<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE BALLONS

The January event in Château-d’OEx – the capital of hot-air ballooning in the Alps. [festivaldeballons.ch](http://festivaldeballons.ch)

*31 January - 8 February 2025*

## SOMMETS MUSICAUX DE GSTAAD

Since 2001, a high point for all enthusiasts of classical music. [sommets-musicaux.com](http://sommets-musicaux.com)

*7 – 23 February 2025*

## DAS ZELT

Switzerland’s largest touring theater stops off in Lenk, close by to Gstaad, with its varied program. [daszelt.ch](http://daszelt.ch)

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# Saanen News

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GSTAAD - SAANENLAND, A TRUE PARADISE  
WINTER 2025

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## An unbeatable winter in the mountains

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FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE WINTER IN THE MOUNTAINS:  
[GSTAAD.CH/FONDUELAND](https://gstaad.ch/fondueland)

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**O**livia Schwenter knows the Gstaad holiday region like the back of her hand because this is where she was born and grew up. She's been working in the guest relations team at the tourist office for some years now. And she's eager to share her five most valuable tips on how to create unforgettable memories during the cold season in this incredible place. Whether you're looking for sporting adventures or cosy winter experiences, rest assured that Gstaad has got you covered – they'll make sure you enjoy the magic of winter in Gstaad first-hand!



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## Fondueland

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In Gstaad, you can indulge in a delicious fondue amid the beautiful mountain scenery. The delicious Gstaad fondue is packed in a traditional rucksack, complete with everything you need for a delicious cheese fondue. You can opt for a normal cheese fondue or a truffle-flavoured cheese mix. The rucksack can also be booked with Raclette cheese, and is available at CHF 18 per person. The Schlittmoos, Grossi Vorschess, Käsegrotte, Rinderberg and Wispile caquelons are open in winter, as are the two fondue huts, Chessler and Bodmen.

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## Château d'Oex paper-cutting museum

The picturesque Saanenland, the Simmental valley and the neighbouring Pays-d'Enhaut have a long tradition of paper cutting. This craft holds a special place in the hearts of the people in the region, who have been preserving it over the centuries. The paper-cutting museum in Château-d'Oex is a highlight for paper-cutting enthusiasts. This museum was established in collaboration with Scherenschnitt Schweiz, the association for Swiss paper cutting, and is entirely dedicated to the history and art of paper cutting.



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## Carriage ride in Lauenen

Sleigh runners gliding through stunning winter landscapes and a light, icy breeze on your face – horse-drawn carriage rides are one of the top romantic highlights of any stay in the holiday region Gstaad. Numerous providers offer you the opportunity to enjoy the winter wonderland in this very special way. A wonderful carriage ride through the snow-covered fir trees in Lauenen im Rohr, followed by a meal in the Bochtehus Beizli, is a truly unique experience.

## Eggli sun terrace

This winter, the Eggli is Gstaad's ultimate culinary destination. The mountain restaurant's spacious sun terrace makes it a popular spot, and the Eggli Lounge provides a sunny setting with incredible views of the surrounding mountains and a tasty menu. If you want to treat yourself to some delicious cuisine, you can't do any better.



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## Mike von Grünigen Run

Ever wondered how a former professional skier shreds the slopes in his spare time? The two-time giant slalom world champion and former ski racer is a native of Saanen and even has his own piste, the Mike von Grünigen Run on the Horneggli. Now you can carve your way down the former ski racer's piste.



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# GLACIER 3000



Located just 20 minutes away from Gstaad, Glacier 3000 is a must-see during your stay in the Saanenland. It is the highest excursion point in the entire region. From the Col du Pillon, a cable car takes you up to an altitude of 3,000 metres in just 15 minutes. You enter another world, where the sky meets the Alps' most emblematic peaks. The Matterhorn, the Jungfrau and Mont-Blanc are all in your line of sight. There are no obstacles here: the view is 360°. At the top of the Scex Rouge station stretches the Peak Walk by Tissot, the world's only suspension bridge link-

ing two mountain peaks. Crossing its 107-meter length is a moment you'll never forget! But the adventure is just beginning. Glacier 3000 is one of the few places in Switzerland where crossing a glacier is simple. No need for a guide, experience or special equipment, the Glacier Walk is a safe path that crosses the entire Glacier de Zanfleuron. This 2km walk (and 2km return) is on packed snow. At its end, at the foot of the Quille du Diable, stands the Refuge de l'Espace, overlooking a 1,000-metre-high cliff. Could this be the most beautiful terrace in the Alps? Make your own judgement.

*More information: [glacier3000.ch](http://glacier3000.ch)*

# WINTER FUN FOR EVERYONE



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## GO TOBOGGANING

Take your tobogganing skills to the next level and try one of our fantastic toboggan runs – breath-taking views guaranteed.

### Wispile Run

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Distance:** 8.16 km

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Details:** Take the cable car from Gstaad to Wispile and enjoy a 40-minute hike with panoramic views.

Mount your toboggan and speed down to Gsteig, then take a bus back to Gstaad.

### Eggli Run

**Duration:** 50 minutes

**Distance:** 6.4 km

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Details:** Take the cable car from Gstaad to the Eggli mountain station and start your leisurely ride featuring panoramic views of Sanetsch and Spitzhorn. Back down in Grund, a 15-minute walk brings you back to Gstaad centre.

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## COZY IGLOO NIGHTS

Welcome to the Igloo Village Hornberg!

The impressive snow hotel features snow art, magical sunsets, and a unique igloo restaurant. Join the fun from December 25, 2024, to March 30, 2025, for an unforgettable winter escape.

*Iglu-Dorf.com*

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## JINGLE THE BELLS THROUGH TOWN

Jingle the bells and dash through the snow in a handcrafted one-, nay, two-horse sleigh! Cosy up and enjoy the serene beauty of winter in a charming sleigh ride through the snowy valley of Lauenen.

Daily from 11 am to 10 pm

**Pro tip:** combine your sleigh ride with a visit to the Bochtehus Beizli for snacks (advance booking required).

*kutscherei-reichenbach.ch*

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## GRAND “ROHR” TOUR

**Duration:** 45 minutes

**Details:** A romantic, traffic-free sleigh ride through snowy woods and fens.

Daily from 11 am to 10 pm

## SMALL “ROHR” TOUR

**Duration:** 30 minutes

**Details:** A shorter (but no less romantic) version of the grand tour, perfect for young children or colder days.

Daily from 11 am to 10 pm



## Craft the winter spirit

To express your holiday spirit, engage in some creative holiday crafting. Make homemade ornaments, festive wreaths, or personalized gift tags.

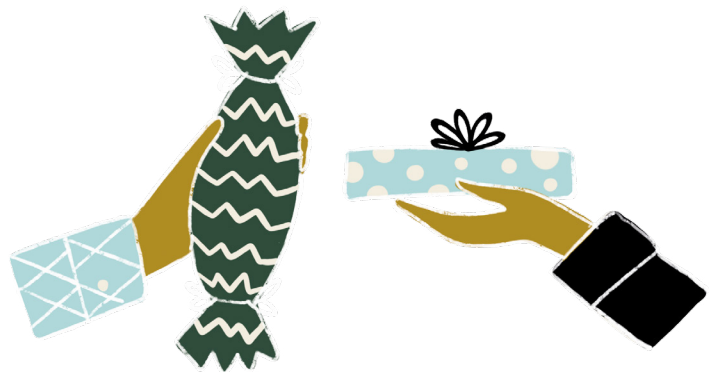


## Christmas movie galore

Take the winter cheer indoors with a Christmas movie marathon. Choose your favourite holiday films, make some hot chocolate, and cosy up under the blankets.

## Bring on the Holiday Décor

No matter the weather, you can always create a winter wonderland inside your home. Decorate with twinkling lights, festive garlands, and cheerful ornaments.



## Spread the cheer

Spread the holiday cheer by organizing a virtual or local get-together with friends and family. Organize a cookie exchange, a pre-Christmas party, or simply enjoy each other's company.

# CULINARY DELIGHTS

*Every Sunday in February 2025*  
*From 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm*

## Seafood Brunch\*

LIVE ON STAGE

9 & 23 February

“Ländlertrio Saanenland”,  
a Swiss folklore band

2 & 16 February

“The Dixieland Bulls Band”

Le Grand Restaurant or La Grande  
Terrasse (weather permitting)

CHF 220.- per person

CHF 110.- per child under 12 years

*Every Wednesday*

## “Vongole” Wednesday

The legendary “Spaghetti Vongole”  
starting from CHF 55.-

Gildo’s Ristorante

Limited daily availability

*All Season*

## Live Cooking

Our waiters become gifted cooks,  
enjoy the cooking show before  
indulging into our signature dishes.

If savoury or sweet?

The choice is yours!

Scottish salmon, Spaghetti,  
Chateaubriand, Crêpe Suzette and  
more. Our Service Team happily  
advises you on which “show”  
to watch.



*14 February 2025, from 7.00 pm*

## Valentine’s “Eve” Dinner\*

Enjoy a dedicated Valentine’s menu  
in Le Grand Restaurant at CHF 150.-  
per person.

*Included in culinary credit for resident  
guests*

*14 February 2025, from 11.30 pm*

## Valentine’s “Night” by Chopard at GreenGo\*\*

The most dashing couple on the  
dance floor has the chance to win  
a special prize by Chopard  
Dress code: glamorously in love

Special entry price applies according  
to “The Looonng Weekend”  
conditions.

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# ASIAN TOUCH À LA PALACE

*He hailed all the way from Thailand to our beautiful Palace: We're very proud to welcome Chef Yothin Chookanhom, a renowned expert in all things Thai and Sushi, in our team of culinary artists. You can enjoy his creations exclusively at the Palace – and learn more about him right here and now.*

*Welcome, Chef Yothin! Can you tell us a bit about your career as a chef?*

I was born and raised in Thailand. I started working in a restaurant and soon moved on to hotels. Joining the Gstaad Palace team was a dream come true for me – I just love everything about this place!

*Where do you draw your inspiration from?*

My specialties as a chef are Thai food and Sushi. To create a dish, I completely rely on my experience – it's a fusion of everything I've learned and know so far. When I go somewhere or see something that intrigues me, I try to incorporate it in my menu. Sometimes, I just get this idea in my head. Then I find ways to execute it.

*Do you have any favourite ingredients?*

The magic lies in the mix. It always depends on what flavour you want to create, what flavour the guests prefer. I mean, I can't predict the future. But based on my experience I've gained a pretty good grasp of what people like. They want something and I know something – and we meet in a dish.

*How important is it to plate the dish?*

The visual aspect of plating is very important. And it's completely up to the food. No dish is the same.



With some dishes, you need to plate in a certain way to make it perfect. Whatever you do, you always have to make it look appetizing.

*Did you ever teach cooking?*

Back in Thailand, I used to teach how to make Sushi in a Sushi hut. Sometimes I had eight to ten students at once, which is quite a lot. Or I did a whole week of classes. I teach them anything from the springboard. Chefs should love what they create – so guests always come back.

*What do you love about being a chef?*

Besides creating food? I'd say collaboration. I've worked with many chefs so far, and I love to cook with everybody. Whether it's at a restaurant or at a hotel, everybody who can cook shares a little bit of love. And when a guest tells me they are happy with their dish, I'm very happy, too.

# WITH A SMILE, WE CAN RESOLVE ALMOST ANYTHING

*Portuguese native Paulo Marques started his career at Gildo's Ristorante in 2006 – and has become a big part of the Gstaad Palace experience ever since. Starting in 2024, he will be greeting you as the new Maître du Bar of the Lobby Bar.*

*Paulo, what do you like about this position?*

It's a dream come true. I have always loved the unique ambience at the Lobby Bar. My new job is challenging – in a good way. I get to keep the guests and my team happy.

*How do you keep your team happy?*

First, I try to train them well. I show the team everything I learned from the big maestro, Gildo Bocchini. And they are great at learning fast. Second, I try to find solutions to any problem my team presents to me right away.

*And how do you ensure an excellent dining experience for the guests?*

We're not just serving drinks and food. We are creating a unique experience. Our guests can have the world, yet they come to the Gstaad Palace. From the beginning, we make sure our guests enjoy a special atmosphere. And we never say no. When a request seems impossible, we try to offer alternatives or simply make it work.

*What does your day-to-day look like?*

Every day is different! We have a lot of things to do and to prepare, and we have a lot of hygiene-related workflows. I've learned to prioritize the most important tasks and delegate the rest to my staff. Sometimes, we must find solutions «à la minute» – even if we know we need five minutes.


*So, how do you do that?*

Let's say a guest complains about the wait for their French Fries, and I know there's no way I can speed things up for them. So, I try to tell them something nice. With a good smile, we resolve almost anything.

*What's your favourite memory about your time at the Gstaad Palace?*

The secret to excellent service is this: we don't see or hear anything. But I can tell you about the day Gildo Bocchini asked me to work at the Lobby Bar. «Are you ready? », he asked. And I thought to myself, no, I'm not ready! But, as the saying goes, the train only passes once. I said yes. And I will always keep this moment in my mind.





Hello there! It's Sammy.  
I went for a beautiful walk in  
the village, but now  
I can't find my way back to  
the Gstaad Palace...  
Can you help me?

PALACE  
GSTAAD



# SAMMY'S WORLD

## Sammy's Winter Kids Club

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY WORLDWIDE KIDS

*Please consult with our Concierge Team to check on opening times.*

*The Kids Club is available complimentary for kids whose parents are resident guests.*

*Entrance fee applies for external visitors due to limited capacity, except if external guests are attending a pre-registered paying event, then a bracelet is handed out without any extra-costs.*

<i>Bracelet per day</i>	<i>CHF 10.- + CHF 10 deposit</i>
<i>Bracelet per week</i>	<i>CHF 50.- + CHF 70 deposit</i>
<i>Bracelet per month</i>	<i>CHF 200.- + CHF 70 deposit</i>
<i>Bracelet for the season</i>	<i>CHF 500.- + CHF 70 deposit</i>

*All Season*

*7.30 pm - 9.00 pm*



## Movie Nights

Enjoy a cup of freshly made Popcorn whilst watching the daily movie at our Playroom turned into a Movie Theatre.

Playroom

*13 - 23 December*



## Set up the Christmas Tree

Craft your very unique Christmas Tree ornament and hang it on Sammy's Christmas Tree.

Playroom

*22 December*

*2.00 - 4.00 pm*



## Cutting Sammy's Christmas Tree

We go to the forest with the forest guard to cut the Christmas Tree for the Playroom.

Out in the wild

Transportation provided



23 December  
3.30 - 5.30 pm



## Baking Christmas Cookies

Shape and decorate Christmas Cookies.

CHF 50.- per non-resident child

Playroom

24 December  
2.00 - 4.00 pm



## Meet the Reindeers

Meet Santa's reindeers visiting the Gstaad Palace and take the opportunity to take unforgettable photos with them.

Palace Garden

25 December  
4.30 - 8.30 pm



## Children's Christmas

Magical Christmas with Santa and his elves.

CHF 95.- per adult and per child

Salle Baccarat



26 December  
4.00 - 6.00 pm



## Zopf Baking

Braid the typical Swiss Sunday bread and have it baked by our pastry chefs.

Playroom

27 December  
7.00 - 9.00 pm



## Pyjama Party & Pillow Fight

Watch a movie, enjoy freshly made popcorn in your PJ and end the evening with a pillow fight with your friends.

Playroom

28 December & 20 February  
3.00 - 5.00 pm



## Mocktails with Maître Paulo

Create some colorful and tasty Mocktails with our Maître Paulo and serve them to your parents.

Bar Du Grill

29 December  
3.00 - 6.00 pm



## Fairy Tale Land

The magic of fairy tales will come to life right before your eyes. Come dressed up and ready to meet some of your favorite story book characters.

Playroom

30 December  
3.30 - 6.00 pm



## Crêpes at the Kids Club

Enjoy Crêpes freshly made by Monsieur Toni.

Playroom

31 December  
8.00 pm - 00.30 am



## VIK Party

Bid farewell to the ending year and dance with us into 2025 - a magical Party awaits you!

CHF 600.- per resident child

CHF 700.- per non-resident child

Only available for kids whose parents attend the Gstaad Palace New Year's Eve.

Playroom

More to come →

1 January  
2.00 - 4.00 pm



## St. Bernard Dogs

Meet the emblematic St. Bernard dogs and be impressed by their size. Brush them, hide food and let them search.

Palace Garden

2 January  
4.30 - 8.30 pm



## Children's New Year

The Party goes on!! Come to the legendary Children's New Year Celebration and dive into the magic of Venice.

CHF 95.- per adult and per child

Salle Baccarat

8 February  
1.30 - 4.30 pm



## Mini-Farm

Farm animals on tour - chickens, sheep, goats, rabbits. Explore the mini-farm on kett-tractors, collect the hens' eggs and learn about the animals.

Palace Car Park

14 February  
3.00 - 5.00 pm



## Meet the Lamas & Alpacas

Meet the Lamas and Alpacas visiting the Gstaad Palace

Palace Garden

15 February  
3.00 - 6.00 pm



## Mountain Games & Tales

Fairies, folk tales, and forests oh my - Campfire tales and S'more fun for our little heroes.

Palace Garden

19 February  
4.30 - 8.30 pm



## Kid's Disco

LET'S DANCE!! The GreenGo is all yours!

CHF 95.- per adult and per child

GreenGo



28 February & 1 March  
12.00 - 2.00 pm & 4.00 - 6.00 pm  
(on both days)



## Cie Nomadenko - Les Graines Germaines et Peintres Nomades

Let yourself enchant by the magic of creating jewelry from mother nature's materials and get an impressive face paint from the Nomad Painter.


Palace Premises

\* *Supervision of children under 5 years old is not granted at the "Playroom".*

*From 5 years old: children may participate unaccompanied in all activities*

*3 to 5 years old: accompanied by an adult chaperone*

*0 to 3 years old: admitted to play with age-appropriate toys under supervision of adult chaperone*

 *Reservation required, please contact us at +41 33 748 50 00 or [guestrelations@palace.ch](mailto:guestrelations@palace.ch)*

 *Offered by the Gstaad Palace for resident guests only*

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# TREASURE HUNT

Schnitzeljagd / Chasse au trésor

13 February

10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Don't miss out on the Gstaad Palace Family Treasure Hunt.

Team up with your family and compete against the other teams to win one of the breath-taking prizes of the Gstaad Palace Treasure Hunt... "Look high, look low, look around and below" – solve the enigmas and run fast to be the first team who finds the hidden objects in the garden of the magical castle – which trophy might be assigned to this majestic ibex hidden in the bush? Another team was faster than yours? Don't worry, there are more treasures to be hunted – surely, the next one will be yours!

CHF 30.- per non-resident adult and child

Palace Garden



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# SUMMER CAMPS: SWISS-STYLE LEARNING AND EXPLORING

*What better way to make and shape childhood memories than a summer camp in the Swiss Alps? From sports to STEM, from arts and crafts to outdoor adventures: the Rosey, Lovell and JFK Summer Camps invite kids from all over the world to learn, explore, and, most of all, have fun.*

*What age groups does your camp cater to?*

**Felipe - Rosey Camps:** The youngest children are 8 years old, and the oldest in Rolle are 15. At our sister school, Le Régent International School in Crans-Montana, teenagers up to 17 can participate in an age-specific curriculum.

**Yannick - JFK Camps:** Our campers are between 6 and 13 years old. Because we have age-adapted activities, we divide our camp into different age groups.

**Victoria - Lovell Camps:** We have the Kids Club for 2- to 5-year-olds. Then we have the Juniors, who we separate into marmots and foxes – the marmots are 5 to 7, the foxes 8 to 10 years old. The Seniors are separated into ibexes (11 to 13), lynxes (13 to 15) and lit's (16 to 18). The lit's are still on the camper side, but they are learning to be leaders. Then we have the Ibex who are the counsellors in training.

*What are the main activities your camps offer?*

**Yannick - JFK Camps:** Our camps are based on the three themes of rock, mountain and water. All activities will correspond to those



*Lovell  
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*Since 1973, Lovell Camps has been offering age-specific activities and programs that build character, confidence and new skills to youth from all walks of life. [lovellcamps.ch](http://lovellcamps.ch)*

three themes. During water week, campers will go canoeing or river rafting from Thun to Berne. For mountain week, we will go hiking and explore caves. And for rock week rock climbing and zip lines are on the agenda. Then we have the tech camps, which focus on building technology skills in a natural environment.

**Victoria - Lovell Camps:** In the morning, we offer language lessons two or three times a week. For the younger kids, we teach the Swiss swim levels; older children learn new outdoor sports or survival skills.

## Rosey Summer Camps

A PLACE TO MEET THE WORLD

*Le Rosey opened its doors in 1880. Ever since, the prestigious school has invited international campers to discover Switzerland's natural beauty and culture in a day-by-day experience of the Rosey spirit.*

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In the afternoon, we offer interest-based activities. We have around 15 different interest groups, like rock climbing, golfing or horse riding; each child chooses two of those interests. Then, we do excursions, like an overnight hiking trip, visiting the Montreux Jazz Festival, or wakeboarding. There is a big variety, and it's very exciting for the kids.

**Felipe - Rosey Camps:** We offer six different programmes in various locations around Switzerland. In Gstaad, all the children will have English or French lessons in the morning and spend the afternoons enjoying sports and arts. We always incorporate the natural setting, so it is not unusual to find a French class making a mini-documentary in town or an English class having an overnight stay in a mountain hut and visiting a local farmer. In July, children take part in a masterclass with players participating in the EFG Swiss Open Gstaad and attend some matches.

*Can you tell us more about the history of your camp?*

**Felipe - Rosey Camps:** Le Rosey opened its doors in 1880 and relocated to Gstaad for the winter in 1916. The camps are a way to get a taste

of life at Le Rosey. Not only for those thinking of becoming Roséens but in general as a complement to their education.

**Victoria - Lovell Camps:** The camp started 51 years ago. As the former owners of the John F. Kennedy School, we retained the camps, running them on two different campuses for three years. Then, the John F. Kennedy School started its own camp with a different ethos than ours. We worked together from the start, which is great.

**Yannick - JFK Camps:** Our camp was established in 2015; but we built it on the experience of those who were here before us, like the Lovells. We are still close to them. But we also evolved and created our own thing. As for the philosophy and how the camp is run, we see it as a continual optimization, incorporating campers' feedback and current developments.

*Can you describe the accommodations and facilities available at your camp?*

**Yannick - JFK Camps:** We have a very personalized approach because we're not a big camp. Our ratio is about one adult for six to seven kids. About two-thirds of the campers are boarders. They all live in a modern chalet with

all the amenities. And I can assure all parents: the kids will not be lonely here! There's so much going on.

**Victoria - Lovell Camps:** Our ratio is one counsellor for three students. Healthy food is also very important to us. Our Italian chef and his team ensure everything we serve is homemade. We give the children options according to their interests, healthy food, and a beautiful environment. Those are the three ingredients for the perfect summer.

**Felipe - Rosey Camps:** In Rolle and in Gstaad, students stay in double rooms with ensuite bathrooms. Teachers live in the same buildings, providing all the support the students need. In Gstaad, we use many of the local facilities, whereas in Rolle, we have an extensive campus with various sports fields, swimming pools, gyms, art rooms, music rooms, and kitchens.

### *What sets your camp apart?*

**Victoria - Lovell Camps:** I think it's our focus on interests. Most kids stay for three weeks, some for six. During this time, they get really good at their chosen interest. In July, we have 53 boarders; living with so many other kids is also very special.

**Felipe - Rosey Camps:** I'd say it is the multicultural aspect, given that we welcome children from 80 nationalities. And the full-time boarding aspect is very important. Often, this camp is their first time away from home. After the summer, they tell us they miss living with their friends! Plus, our camp leaders are all employees of Le Rosey and share the traditions and values of an institution with 144 years of experience with campers.

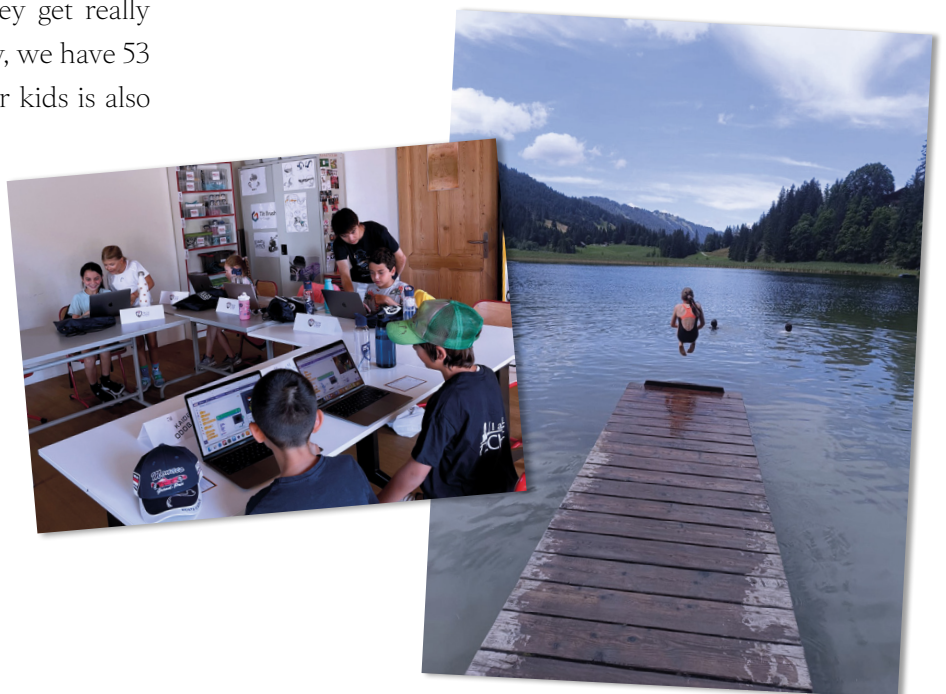
**Yannick - JFK Camps:** Our camp is called the Swiss Outdoor Camp. Our focus is on outside activities and outdoor learning. Throughout the camp, we're trying to get the kids away from all the distractions of modern life and back to their roots. Away from the screens, into the mud, getting dirty, learning, and discovering. In our tech camps, we obviously use screens; but we want to benefit the children by helping them understand what's behind the technology. They learn how to code and enjoy a magnificent natural setting at the same time.

## *JFK Summer Camp*

### START EXPLORING

*As part of the John F. Kennedy International School, the JFK Swiss Outdoor Camp lets kids and teens experience the great outdoors or ride the digital wave, all in the comfort of a modern Swiss chalet.*

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# WHAT'S NEW?

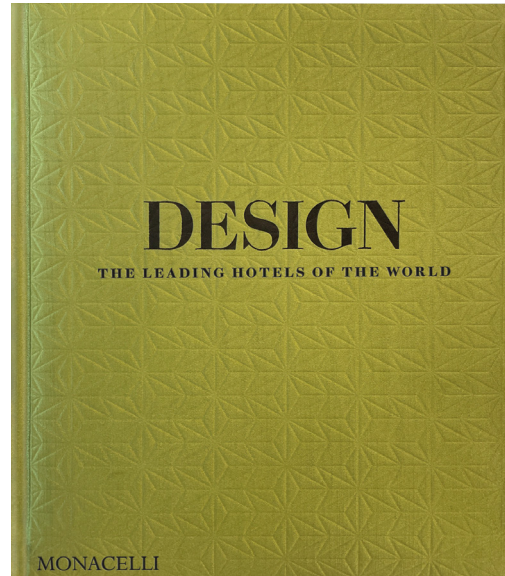
## Discover the Art of Luxury and Design: The Leading Hotels of the World

Immerse yourself in a visual celebration of the world's most remarkable luxury hotels with *Design: The Leading Hotels of the World*, a stunning coffee table book from Phaidon, Monacelli, and The Leading Hotels of the World. This exceptional volume, the first in a groundbreaking series, highlights over 70 extraordinary properties from LHW's prestigious collection, offering an inside look at the architectural brilliance and interior design that define these iconic destinations.

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## Let's GreenGo!

Who remembers the iconic GreenGo Membership Card? Well, guess what – it's gone digital, and it's cooler than ever! Say hello to the brand-new GreenGo Digital Membership!

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

We've upped the game! As a GreenGo member, you'll unlock exclusive benefits, early access to events, and exciting news that keep you at the center of every unforgettable party! So what are you waiting for? Join the party and let the good vibes roll – the future of GreenGo is here, and it's all digital.

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## New Webcam

We are excited to introduce our new high-resolution webcam! Installed on the roof of our hotel, this advanced camera provides stunning 360-degree views of the breathtaking landscapes of Gstaad and Saanen.

Not only can you enjoy the panoramic beauty, but the webcam also allows you "climb" into further details of the surrounding mountain peaks, bringing you even closer to the majestic scenery from wherever you are!

*You want to know if weather is nice in Gstaad,  
our webcam is your reliable source.*





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## MASTERCLASS BY CHRISTIAN STANNEK

SISLEY'S AMBASSADOR FOR SWITZERLAND

*"I believed in phytotherapy at a time  
when very few used this term."*

Hubert d'Ornano

Unveil the secrets of la Maison Sisley, founded by the d'Ornano family, and unlock the benefits of phytotherapy. Join us for an exclusive masterclass to discover the brand's philosophy, the inspiring story behind its creation, and the exceptional benefits of its products for your skin.

7 February, from 10 am at Palace Spa.  
Complimentary for resident guests  
CHF 60.- for non-resident guests



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Experience a truly one-of-a-kind  
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In this exclusive 2-hour session (CHF 750.-), Master Kampli combines ancient teachings to heal damaged tissues, restore organ function, and improve brain and spinal health. This holistic approach works at a deep level, bringing balance to your nervous system while clarifying emotional, mental, and physical blockages. This private consultation offers a complete analysis of your energy system and health, helping you break through obstacles to achieve wellness.

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# «IF THE PALACE WALLS COULD TALK ...»

*We've asked our ten longest-standing employees about their time working at the Gstaad Palace. From dancing on the table with Gloria Gaynor to finding the love of their life, they had many stories to tell. Enjoy!*

## JASMINA ILIC

*Housekeeping,  
24 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«The Gstaad Palace lives and breathes tradition. I love that.»



## PAULO DE OLIVEIRA BENTO

*Spa Hygiene,  
22 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«I used to live in Portugal, right next to the beach. That was very special. But it's the mountains that take my breath away. The mountains, the atmosphere... I've been here for 22 years now, and it's still very special to me. This has become my home.»



## SILVESTRE ANTONIO ALMEIDA DE SOUSA

*Housekeeping,  
36 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«The Gstaad Palace has become my home. And the people working here are like my family.»



## MARINIKE CRNILA-STEPAN

*Loge,  
27 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«If you have never experienced heaven on earth, visit the Gstaad Palace it really is a paradise for guests as well as employees. I wouldn't change a thing.»



## ANDREA BUSCHINI

*Maître d'Hôtel,  
22 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«Our guests can go anywhere in the world, probably more luxurious places than our family hotel in the mountains. But I hear from them that whenever they are coming in, there's this feeling that they are coming home.»



We're proud to have received two out of three "Guide Michelin Keys", recognizing us among the BEST HOTELS IN SWITZERLAND, and we extend our heartfelt "Merci" to all our Palace family members for their dedication.

MICHELIN  
2024



## JIM LEBLANC

*Resident DJ at the GreenGo,  
20 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«In my first year working here, a very famous American actor approached me in my DJ box. He came out of nowhere, his face maybe ten centimetres from mine. He didn't say hello or anything; he just asked, "Where are the toilets?" He was a superstar! I was a bit shocked being a DJ usually taking care of different things but with pleasure I certainly showed him the way.

## LUIS ANJOS BRANCO

*Marmite,  
25 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«I met my wife at the Country Night. When we went out for the first time, the entire staff, and I only spoke Portuguese, nothing else. I wanted to talk to Barbara, and I didn't know how. So, my friend Castro translated from Portuguese to French. The next day, Barbara asked me if I wanted to go again, everybody would come, and I said yes. She told me to meet at 7 pm in front of the staff entrance. So, I was waiting there, and she came alone! Except for dictionary she brought along. We talked all night long... a conversation that would usually take two or three minutes, it took us almost two hours! Four years later, we were married.»



## BARBARA BRANCO-SCHIESS

*Guest Relations Manager,  
26 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«And this September, we have been married for 20 years. Wow.»



## ULRIKE SPITZER

*Palace Spa,  
25 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«The Palace is like a monument. Wherever you go, wherever you look when you're in the village, you will always see the Palace. And when you live here, people are always asking, when does the Palace open? Because as soon as it opens, the village comes to life.»



## MAURIZIO PAGLINO

*Maitre d'Hôtel,  
40 years at the Gstaad Palace*

«We had so many great parties, I remember when Gloria Gaynor sang in The Baccarat. We had all the guests jumping up and dancing on the table. It was just fantastic. Over the years, I have made so many memories here! I could write a book. Every season is a different story. It really is.»



# Greengoos

## ALL NIGHT LONG

### Let's get it started... Opening weekend

20 & 21 Dec 2024, from 11.30 pm

### The last week of 2024

23 – 30 Dec 2024, from 11.30 pm

For the 31 Dec 2024 kindly refer to New Year's Eve After Party, below.

### VENICE – New Year's Eve After Party

1 Jan 2025, from 00.30 am

Entrance fee: CHF 300.- per person

Dress Code: Ladies, please wear a cocktail dress or long dress. Gentlemen, we ask you to wear black tie or a dark suit and tie.

Pre-sale starts from 27 Dec at the Hotel Reception, daily between 8.00 am – 10.00 pm

Ticket enquiries through [reception@palace.ch](mailto:reception@palace.ch)

### Valentine's "Night" by Chopard

The most dazzling couple on the dance floor has the chance to win a special prize by Chopard.

14 Feb 2025, from 11.30 pm

Dress code: glamorously in love

Special entry price applies according to "THE LOOONNNG WEEKEND" conditions.

### World Wide Vibes

- 27 Dec** Dosh
- 29 Dec** Phoebe d'Abo
- 30 Dec** Hugo Cantarra
- 11 Jan** Marina Diniz
- 18 Jan** LA VOUTE Montreal
- 25 Jan** GAIO St Tropez
- 1 Feb** B London
- 8 Feb** COYA Music  
by Carmine Sorrentino
- 22 Feb** KASAI Stockholm

PS: Let's celebrate our resident DJ's Jim LeBlanc 20th year @Greengo!

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Party  
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From this Winter,  
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12 – 15 Feb 2025,  
from 11.30 pm

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### Let's Green "Go" 2025

2 Jan – 1 Mar 2025,  
every Thursday – Saturday,  
from 11.30 pm

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# JO SKICLUB SCHÖNRIED

«We want to get the kids out on the snow»

*What is JO Skiclub Schönried actually about?*

We currently coach around 60 kids between six and fifteen years, split up into six or seven groups. There are eight ski clubs in the Saanenland, and the JO Skiclub Schönried is one of the largest in the area.

*Do you have special trainings for advanced skiers?*

Usually, the kids that start with us already have some basic ski skills. We prefer if they already know how to ski parallel so we can build on that. Right now, we have training on Wednesdays, which is for everyone, split up into groups from the smaller kids to experienced skiers. On Friday, we offer sessions for more advanced skiers. This is more specific for those who want to learn to race. At the JO Schönried, we give them the base to reach a higher level. Starting U12, they can join the high-performance ski centre RLZ Gstaad, which is much more oriented towards professional racing. They start training in summer, three times a week. Our goal is to bring motivated kids to a level where they can excel at the RLZ, and to keep the others with us until they finish school.

*And what can someone expect from a JO training?*

First of all, we want to give kids the space to choose from the many sports options this region offers. I have kids as well, and I know it's hard to fit

it all into a day. Skiing shouldn't take up all of their time. So, from mid-October to mid-December, we start with age-specific conditioning sessions. We call it dry training. With the younger ones, this is very much play-based; for the older kids, it's more specific towards endurance, power and speed. From mid-December to mid-March, as well as during the holidays, we train in the snow.

*What kind of equipment should club members use?*

Kids are growing, so we recommend to rent the equipment. In partnership with our local shops, we offer seasonal rentals for a special club rate. This way, you can adapt the equipment to mid-season growth spurts as well. Our club also offers a complete clothing package, including jackets and pants, for a small fee.

*How does the JO ski club support its members in improving their skiing technique?*

We have a great pool of qualified instructors and coaches. We try to motivate the youngsters to race – safely! – relatively early on. From the beginning, we teach them the Snow Safe Policy by the International Ski and Snowboard Federation FIS. Of course, they are fast. But they also know how to keep themselves and others safe, especially those who might not be as confident on skis as they are.



*Which ski area in Saanenland is particularly suitable for beginners, and which for advanced skiers?*

For beginners, we have the Snowparks in Schönried, Saanenmöser, Gstaad and Zweisimmen. They are run by the snow schools. Advanced beginners will enjoy the Saanersloch part of the Hornberg area. Very advanced skiers will love the Horneggli, which is also a bit less frequented. The Wasserngrat is also pretty difficult and highly recommended for those looking for a challenge. The Videmanette area is a great challenge as well. And for those in the middle, neither very advanced nor beginners, I recommend the entire eastern sector.

*What makes skiing in the Saanenland area so special?*

It's the sheer variety. There are so many different places to ski! You can go an entire day without going down the same slope. And there's hardly a day here when you don't ski, even if snow is scarce in the valleys. If the weather is bad, you can ride through the forest and be protected by the trees. And if you go a bit farther, the Glacier 3000 offers attractions all year round and skiing from November to May. Where else do you get that?

# BOUNDLE UP: LET'S SPEND A WINTER DAY TOGETHER

## *7.30 am - Morning Serenity*

I wake up to the soft glow of dawn filtering through the heavy curtains of my room at the Gstaad Palace. The room is warm and inviting, with a crackling fireplace casting a cosy light on the rustic wooden furnishings. Outside, the world is blanketed in pristine snow; the mountain peaks are just beginning to catch the first rays of the sun.

I take a moment to savour the stillness before slipping into my plush robe and heading to the balcony to breathe in the crisp, fresh air.



## *8.00 am - Lavish Breakfast*

Downstairs in the hotel's grand dining room, a sumptuous breakfast buffet awaits. Freshly baked croissants, a variety of Swiss cheeses, and an array of local jams and honey tempt me. I indulge in a plate of smoked salmon, scrambled eggs, and freshly squeezed orange juice. The view from the dining room is breathtaking, and the snow-covered mountains provide a magnificent backdrop.

## *10.00 am - Horse Carriage Ride*

Bundled up in my warmest winter gear, I head outside, where a horse-drawn carriage awaits. It is adorned with soft blankets, perfect to comfortably explore the town of Gstaad. The rhythmic clapping of the horse's hooves on the snowy streets is soothing as we make our way through the charming village. Quaint chalets line the streets, their roofs heavy with snow, and the air is filled with the scent of pine and wood smoke.





## 12.00 pm - Exploring Gstaad

After the carriage ride, I take a leisurely stroll through town. The boutique shops are filled with local bakeries, and luxurious items including clothing and Swiss watches. I stop by a cosy café for a hot chocolate, watching locals and tourists alike enjoy the winter wonderland. The town is alive with the sound of laughter and the jingle of sleigh bells.

## 1.00 pm Lunch at La Grande Terrasse

I return to the Gstaad for lunch at La Grande Terrasse restaurant, renowned for its Swiss Alpine views. I was very pleased to see the authentic dishes that were being served using the best ingredients from the region, with an added dash of Sian charm, Mediterranean Italianità, and a general international flair.



## 3.00 pm - Spa and Relaxation

I decide to spend the afternoon at the Palace Spa. The indoor pool is glazed-in with panoramic windows, offering stunning views of the snow-covered landscape. After a few leisurely laps, I retreat to the sauna and steam room, letting the heat melt away any remaining tension. A soothing massage completes the experience, leaving me feeling utterly relaxed and rejuvenated.



## 6.00 pm - Sunset and Aperitifs

As the sun begins to set, I make my way to the hotel bar for an aperitif. The sky is painted in hues of pink and orange, casting a magical glow over the mountains. I sip on a glass of Swiss wine, savouring this moment when the day transitions to night.

*You might have questions to arrange your winter holidays at the Gstaad Palace, please contact us at [reservations@palace.ch](mailto:reservations@palace.ch) or +41 33 748 50 00.*



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# «I NEVER REALLY HAD A CHOICE »

*For 37 years now, György Farkas and his orchestra have delighted guests and staff alike with their irresistible music. From traditional Hungarian tunes to popular Rock songs, their repertoire spans many worlds – just as the musicians themselves.*

*When did you first start performing at the Palace?*

Believe it or not, I started in December 1988. The year before, I played at the Hotel Richemont in Château-d'Oex. Mr Ernst Scherz, the general manager of the Gstaad Palace at the time, came with his family, so we connected and exchanged a couple of words, and then I gave him a cassette because I've always wanted to play at the Palace. A year later, I played in Geneva and called Mr Scherz. He was kind enough to give me the opportunity... and here we are! This December, it will be 37 years for me. It's different for the other band members, of course. Some of them joined later. But with some, I've been playing with interruptions for almost 30 years.

*What inspired you to form Farkas?*

Music runs in my family. My father, my grandfather, and my great-grandfather in Hungary were all musicians. Very traditional. I never really had a choice (laughs); it was automatic. Ever since I started playing music as a

child, I've always had this dream that I was going to have my own orchestra. In the early 1980s, my brother was living in Bienne, and I saw my chance. He was able to organize Hungarian themed weeks for me, and we then toured all over Switzerland together. We first played at hotels and many small venues, which is how I got to know the owners of the Hotel Richemont in Châteaux-d'Oex, and it all took off from there.

*How do you create your repertoire?*

We grow our repertoire every season. During the year, we do a lot of testing to see what people love and what is adaptable in our orchestra. Whether it's rock music or tango or anything from anywhere, it's important that people know and recognize it. Usually, I make the arrangements incorporating the ideas of my colleagues so we can adapt any piece of music for our orchestra.

*And what is your favourite song to play?*

Honestly, it changes a lot. We have a potpourri of French songs we love. But to me, my favourite piece is what we play in the present; when I see people having fun with it. In the end, it's always the listeners who decide what they like and what resonates with them.



*Csaba Lukács, Clarinette – Péter Duka, Violine – Sándor Süke, Alto  
Zsolt Bóni, Conrebasse – György Farkas, Cimbalom*

*Can you share a memorable moment from your performances?*

My most memorable moment was when we surprised Mr Ernst Scherz on his 80th birthday. His son, Andrea Scherz, had called me in Hungary and asked me to play a surprise gig for his father, and I said yes, of course. When we arrived, we had to hide, instruments and all. When Ernst Scherz finally realized we were there, but of course, Ernst Scherz saw us. And I could see that he was so very touched by his son's gesture. This moment has stayed with me because Mr Ernst Scherz has played a big role in my professional as well as my personal life.

*What advice would you give to musicians starting out in their careers?*

Practice, practice, practice! You always have to keep up with what's going on in the music world, such as which song is becoming popular.

And then you have to learn it straight away. We pride ourselves on not use anything electronic. Our performance is purely acoustic, we entirely rely on our instruments and our skills. And find something that makes you stand out. For example, I play the Cimbalom, which is a very traditional Hungarian instrument. However, I use it to play music from all over the world, and it adds a very special sound. I believe that's what makes our live band so popular.

*What do you do during the off-season?*

We play music, of course! Usually, we go back to Hungary. We always get many requests for weddings, birthdays and other celebrations. Or we tour the world together as a group or in different formations. My brother-in-law and I went on a tour across the United States. It depends on the opportunities, really. We take them as they come... and luckily, they just keep coming!



# WASSERNGRAT MOUNTAIN RESTAURANT

Wasserngrat Mountain Restaurant, perched high above Gstaad in a charming ski resort, offers an unforgettable alpine experience. Starting 13th December 2024, the restaurant welcomes guests daily, whether they arrive via the challenging Tiger Trail with snowshoes or for night skiing under romantic torchlight. Run with passion by Nik, Simon, and their dedicated team, the restaurant is renowned for its innovative gastronomy and warm hospitality. Guests can indulge in delicious fondue, crispy Rösti, or world-famous Gruyère-Meringues. Open year-round for private and corporate events, Wasserngrat promises an unique and memorable experience in every season.

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27 June - end of August

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2 - 6 July

SWATCH BEACH  
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12 July - 31 August

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GSTAAD



18 July - end of August

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August 2025

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28 - 31 August

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