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Welcome to St Moritz

Switzerland's original winter wonderland, complete with emerald forests and luxury accommodation, has attracted royals and celebrities for decades

Some places on earth are simply unlike anywhere else. Any talk of St Moritz and this alpine resort instantly conjures up decadent images of style, class and elegance. Yet a big part of this Alpine town's beauty is in the purely magical scenery that surrounds it. Blue lakes, dramatic mountains and emerald-green forests dominate the skyline, and nestled deep within it all, perched on top of a hill overlooking the St Moritz lake, the exquisite Carlton Hotel exceeds all expectations. The luxurious chateau is situated slightly away from the busy glitz and glamour of the resort's big-name designer boutiques, and is just a short walk down a

snow-covered path. If you prefer, a Bentley and driver can be organised through the hotel, which is ideal if you're planning on doing some holiday shopping on the legendary Via Serlas.

Of course, the real riches lie outdoors among the meandering hiking trails and sprightly mineral springs – the latter were first discovered around 3,000 years ago. Having hosted the Winter Olympics twice, St Moritz's snowy slopes remain the best for winter sports, and have long offered a change in scenery for the world's jet set, thanks to its famed hangouts of the rich and famous.



THE SUITE LIFE

Located on a sun-soaked plateau, Carlton Hotel spans over seven floors and offers picturesque village views for all of its 60 suites, turning its back to the snow-covered hillside behind it. Originally intended as the summer residence of Russia's tsars, not only does every floor open up to either a balcony or sun-terrace, both of which make the most of the valley's pleasant weather, but each is also designed to ensure every room has direct views of the town and hotel's natural surroundings.

Each suite boasts bold interior design by Carlo Rampazzi, a Swiss architect known for his extraordinary mix of textures and colours. The Penthouse Suite encompasses the entire top floor, and acts as a private luxury chalet in the sky. Heavy beams, a cosy fireplace, luxurious bathrooms and spacious bedrooms await, as well as a dining room, large living room, relaxation room and stylish kitchen that's perfect for entertaining guests.

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Snowshoes firmly strapped to feet, Carlton Hotel's outdoor butlers know the vast region's scenery like the back of their hand, and will assist adventurers with the utmost care and finest detail. The valley's winter wonderland landscape looks as though it could be taken straight from a fairytale. Venture up snow-covered mountain ranges, enjoy helicopter rides, ride sledges down slopes and embark on torch-lit evening walks — it can all be arranged. Even a horse-drawn carriage draped in sheepskins and woolly blankets is available, or hop into a bobsleigh and explore one of the last man-made bobsleigh runs in the world.



The spa is designed to relax and rejuvenate

TAILOR-MADE TREATMENTS

Discover a sense of wellness for your body, mind and soul, and top it off with incomparable views of the St Moritz panorama. Carlton Hotel's spa is completely hidden underneath the hotel and is spaciously spread over three full floors — offering separate ladies-only saunas and private massage rooms, which can be booked for the entire day if the hotel's given prior notice. The facility's large outdoor sundeck, next to the pool, is the perfect place to relax after a soothing massage. Therapists use luxury products during each treatment, including Cellcosmet and Cellmen and The Biosthétique Paris. Luxuriously appointed amenities feature a sports pool, fitness centre with Technogym machines and six individual treatment rooms. The Swiss Revitalising Anti-Age Cell Facial, based on cellular therapy that achieves a well-defined facial contour and youthful glow, is our standout favourite. After an afternoon relaxing in the sun, head to the hair salon for a blow-dry or professional manicure.



DIVINE DELICACIES

The majestic Carlton Hotel welcomes guests with thick, arched wood-framed doors and solid stone steps. Near to the entrance, the sophisticated Da Vittorio Restaurant serves up haute cuisine by celebrated chefs Enrico and Roberto Cerea, whose restaurant in Brusaporto, Italy, has been awarded three Michelin stars. Refined dishes are also set to entice guests at Restaurant Romanoff, which focuses on fine authentic Swiss specialities that make use of fresh local ingredients from the Engadine region. The floor immediately above Da Vittorio is known as the Bel Etage, and houses two enormous stone fireplaces that set the perfect setting for an afternoon tea surrounded by plush leather sofas and ruby-red drapes. A pianist plays elegant tunes, and views span across the frozen waters of St Moritz.

ST MORITZ 2018: WHAT'S GOING ON

ENGADIN SKI MARATHON, MARCH 11

The 50th edition of the open cross-country ski race Engadin-skimarathon.ch

JAZZ FESTIVAL, JULY 5 - AUGUST 5

Internationally beloved musicians are set to perform at the fair Festivaldajazz.ch

SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 2

Europe's best sailors compete to qualify for the grand finale Sailing-championsleague.com



