



Le Grand Bellevue, Switzerland



Location

This hotel, in the picturesque, fairy light-strewn town of Gstaad, is reached in a particularly impressive way. After flying into Geneva, you board the Golden Pass railway from Montreux to climb up into the snow-kissed mountains. You'll wind your way through the rocky landscape, passing glittering streams, quaint mountain huts and 'sugar-dusted' pine forests.

Hotel highlights

This is far from your ordinary alpine resort. The walls are emblazoned with quirky wallpaper, and huge birdcage chairs hang from the ceiling. The rooms are refreshingly modern, with clean lines, free-standing baths and colossal television screens playing vintage black and white ski videos on a loop.

Getting active

Take to the wide, pristine slopes surrounding the hotel to ski off your indulgent breakfast. The Glacier 3000 red run is a great course – and following your high-octane thrills, you can take to the streets in a horse-drawn cart. An evening spent in the spa is also a good way to unwind – it's a labyrinth of steam rooms, infra-red saunas and circulation-boosting ice showers.

Delicious dining

After a day of sightseeing or skiing, guests are welcomed back to the hotel for mulled wine or hot chocolate to warm up. Make sure you're hungry come dinner time, as it's an event not to be missed. The hotel's restaurant, Le Petit Chalet, is a tiny wooden hut in the snow where you can enjoy tasty cheese dishes and lashings of warming kirsch liqueur. For something really special, you can also dine at the neighboring Krug Carnotzet, a wooden snug with just enough room for the two of you. It's a wonderfully romantic way to finish off your stay.

Book Winter rates at Le Grand Bellevue start from CHF650 (approx. £481), bellevue-gstaad.ch

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