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# Seven Vista-Filled Instagram Locations Making Switzerland Your Go-To Summer Holiday Spot

All the fun of the après ski without the effort

## 1. Le Grand Bellevue, Gstaad

Le Grand Bellevue, situated in the affluent ski resort Gstaad, Switzerland, possesses the grandeur of a luxury five-star hotel, yet with the authentic, personalised and homely feel of a lived-in country abode.

This tucked-away gem boasts stylish décor: think pink tasselled chandeliers in the main dining area, quilted Victorian-esque chairs and sofas, and Versailles La Roche Manor Oak flooring in the bar area – which seemingly features one of the longest chesterfield sofas ever made. The main spiralling staircase is elevated by an elegant centrepiece chandelier that you can see from every floor.

In the basement lies a decadent cocktail bar evoking vintage glamour, which features carpet sofas especially designed so that people can stand on them to dance. It's clear to see why the likes of Madonna have hung out here.

Pick one of the hotel's tower suites to stay in, where you'll find French windows that bring in an abundance of natural light and maximise your view of the botanical outdoor dining space. The rooms comprise of delightful furniture, such as an antique-style upholstered bed bench, Ornate Rose Ceiling Medallion and geometric ceiling.

What's more, the hotel boasts the largest spa in the region, which contains multiple saunas, a Turkish steam bath and an outdoor pool area. When it comes to spa treatments, try everything from an 80-minute pure oxygen facial to a Swiss deluxe facial, which lifts, defines, restores and boosts cell renewal. (See the full list of treatments, [here](#))

You won't be short of activities, either. Why not try a mindful Tai chi session in the hotel's scenic garden, which gives a panoramic view of the mountains? The hotel also offers surf yoga on a paddleboard in the mountains - a perfect way to unwind in the summer.

When it comes to the hotel's bartenders, you can rest assured knowing they'll whip up divine cocktails – regardless of whether you'd prefer a classic mojito or made-to-order creation.

As for the food, seafood lovers will enjoy the Swiss Salmon Trout with avocado mousse, toasted sesame and vegan mayo, the clams and fish roe and the crispy shrimp – just some of the delights served.

It's worth noting that the hotel's service starts from the moment you land in Gstaad. A private chauffeur collects you in a vintage 1940s car – the kind you'd see in Old Hollywood films – to take you to the hotel, where you're then welcomed with a cocktail during check-in.

From the interiors and cuisine to the activities and the staff, Le Grand Bellevue is a top pick for a summer retreat in Switzerland's charming Gstaad.