



## **Swiss Christmas Markets with the VICTORIA-JUNGFRAU COLLECTION's luxury hotels**

The European Christmas markets are imitated around the world, such is their reputation for good quality handmade crafts, (the essence of the festive season), delicious, local delicacies and mulled wine served in abundance. The VICTORIA-JUNGFRAU COLLECTION has two 5-star hotels in Switzerland that are a snowflake away from the markets, so, take advantage of the special promotions on offer and start Christmas in traditionally and in picturesque setting to complete the yuletide scene.

**Berne:** There are about 100 stands at the arts and crafts market in Münsterplatz, at the foot of the huge cathedral, including a special gift wrapping "grotto". Glass blowers among the many artisans demonstrating their crafts and inns serve warming delicacies and festive cheer to complete the atmosphere.

The traditional Christmas market is in Waisenhausplatz, the heart of Berne. There are more than fifty festively decorated wooden huts selling a variety of colourful artefacts; the market is enclosed by a pine branch hedge. Hot apple punch and Glühwein, along with fudge and gingerbread are available at the many different cafés and food stands.

**The BELLEVUE PALACE Hotel** is the city's only five-star hotel; it has a panoramic view of the river and the snow covered Alps in the distance. Being situated adjacent to the House of Parliament, it is a short walk to both Christmas markets as well as being close to both the Paul Klee Gallery and the home of Albert Einstein, a hotel that truly appeals to all tastes.

**Christmas Shopping under the Arches at the BELLEVUE PALACE:** Berne has 6km of attractive shopping arcades that ensure you stay dry regardless of the weather; in addition there is Sunday shopping on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Other festive highlights include a 3-course gourmet dinner and, for younger guests, a trip on Bern's "Fairytale Tram", a visit to a puppet show and Christmas story time are all part of this special programme.

**Prices:** CHF 330/£142\* per person per night in a deluxe double room with views of the distant Alps. Children up to the age of 2 are free of charge in their parent's room. Children up to the age of 14 are charged at CHF75/£32\* including fun and games at the BELLEVUE PALACE'S children's table. **Offer includes:** Welcome Champagne • 3-course gourmet dinner • Delicious buffet breakfast • visit to a Berne museum of your choice [Einstein, Museum of Fine Arts, Paul Klee Centre]. This offer is valid for the following weekends (Friday to Sunday night): 7 to 9<sup>th</sup>; 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>; 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2007

\* currency converted on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at £1=CHF2.33

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Hotel EDEN AU LAC, Zurich**

**Modern: the Largest Indoor Christmas Market in Europe** - Zürich's ShopVille-RailCity indoor shopping mall is home to the largest indoor Christmas market in Europe. Over 160 beautifully decorated market stands inspire visitors with all kinds of gift ideas, ranging from jewellery to fabrics, from culinary specialties to decorative articles. In the middle of the huge station concourse more than 5,000 Swarovski crystal ornaments sparkle on a gigantic Christmas tree, captivating both old and young alike. Dates: November 23 – December 24

**Traditional: Zürich's Oldest Christmas Market in the Picturesque Old Town** - At Hirschenplatz, Niederdorfstrasse and Rosenhof, craftspeople and market stall holders from all over the world sell their wares at Zürich's traditional and oldest Christmas market.

Dates: December 8 – 23, 2007

**Conelli Christmas Circus** - For 25 years, the Conelli Christmas Circus has been pitching its Big Top marquee on the tiny island of Bauschänzli, which once formed part of Zürich's fortifications. The circus program ranges from the classical to the modern; with its world-class performances delights with a festival of colour and fantasy. Dates: November 22, 2007– January 3, 2008

**The Hotel EDEN AU LAC** sits proudly overlooking Lake Zurich and the snow capped mountains beyond; it is a winter wonderland for adults and children alike. With only fifty rooms it is a small haven of luxury, built in 1909 at the height of the *art nouveau* period.

**City Breaks at Hotel EDEN AU LAC valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007:**

**Prices:** CHF 738/£317\* per person per night, for a minimum of two nights, in a deluxe double room. Children up to the age of 2 are free of charge in their parent's room. **Offer includes:** generous breakfast buffet each morning and a 4-course dinner, service and VAT, although City Tax is extra.

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