



A winter wonderland awaits in four of Switzerland's most luxurious hotels this Christmas and New Year

Switzerland is a living postcard of Christmas: snow covered Alps in the distance, blue skies, horse drawn carriages, whilst choirs sing carols around decorated Christmas trees. All this and more awaits at the Victoria-Jungfrau-Collection's hotels. Four properties renowned for their excellent locations, superlative service and old style luxury; all celebrate Christmas and New Year in the Swiss tradition.

The Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa in Interlaken has a Christmas market every Sunday for last minute traditional gifts and lazy brunches are served each weekend. Christmas Eve is traditionally celebrated in Switzerland and each of the three restaurants has a different style for the dinner menu; whilst, on the day itself a Gala Dinner is served from 7.00 p.m. in both La Terrace and the grandest room of all, La Salle de Versailles.

On New Year's Eve music throughout the hotel creates a house party atmosphere at the Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa. The Clarins Beauty Centre offers a Festive Evening Make-up for CHF50/*£27.25. A children's party (aged 4 to 11 years) starts at 6.00 p.m. with their own special surprises and the celebrations are complete with the Venetian Ball and a full New Year's Eve buffet. The next morning, start the year with a Jazz brunch and unwind in the Victoria-Jungfrau Spa. To encourage the whole family to celebrate and relax together a special 7-night New Year's Eve package has been created from CHF3960/*£2155 based on two people sharing a superior double room (see brochure for the full package details).

There are many activities and excursions, all within an hour's drive from the hotel, including skiing from Grindelwald, shopping in Berne or relaxing in the hotel's exclusive ESPA spa.

The festive spirit arrives at **The Palace in Luzern** on 29th November, when its decorations are unveiled. The hotel will be filled with music and entertainment, not to mention gourmet dinners at both of its restaurants. The two-night programme from Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th December is CHF1029/*£560, fully inclusive of a buffet breakfast; dinner on the day of your arrival, a festive 4-course Dinner on Christmas Eve, brunch buffet on Christmas Day and admission to the Palace Spa. Naturally, guests are encouraged to stay a little longer and enjoy the festival atmosphere of

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Luzern, with private galleries, chocolate shops and the magnificent KKL, where superlative concerts are performed in the most modern and acoustically perfect surroundings.

Live like one of the three Kings at **The Eden au Lac in Zurich**: a two-night programme is available for CHF2600/*£1420 per person in a deluxe suite with views of Lake Zurich and a Christmas tree (with gifts) waiting for you along with tickets for Heinz Spoerli's celebrated ballet of "moZART" at the nearby Zurich Opera House and a chauffeur-driven Jaguar is at your disposal for any last minute Christmas shopping. The Christmas Eve 3-course dinner with Laurent-Perrier Grand Siècle Champagne will be a gourmet-fest, as Chef Ludovic Pitrel is renowned for his creative dishes. This programme also provides guests with exclusive use of the private sauna with adjoining roof terrace overlooking Zurich. (Full details are printed in the enclosed gold brochure).

Eden & Fire – for the night of 31st December, enjoy the spectacular fireworks display on Lake Zurich from your own private balcony. The rate of CHF 530/*£289 for a double room overlooking the lake, includes breakfast, but is exclusive of the New Year's Eve Gala 6-course dinner [CHF225/*£123, an extravagant gourmet menu by Chef Ludovic Pitrel.

The **Bellevue Palace, Berne** has special one-night stays during December weekends to take advantage of the traditional Christmas Market, in the shadow of the Cathedral as well as shopping in the covered arcades of the city. The one-night stay is from CHF387/*£210 and includes a glass of champagne upon arrival, afternoon tea and a 4-course gourmet dinner in La Terrasse restaurant (excluding drinks) and the breakfast buffet in the morning.

See in the New Year with a one-night stay at the Bellevue Palace from CHF 538/*£293 in a deluxe double room to include the 7-course Gala Dinner in La Terrasse restaurant and the New Year's Day brunch. For those that would like to include a performance of Johann Strauss's popular Die Fledermaus at the Berne Municipal Theatre (additional CHF 161/*£88) tickets can be procured and guests can attend a cocktail party prior to the opera and return for the Gala Dinner. Other room categories and extra nights are also available.

*Exchange rate on 29 October 2008 £1=CHF 1.839 via xe.com

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