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WINTER WANDERLUST AT LE GRAND BELLEVUE, GSTAAD



This winter, the distinguished Swiss ski resort of Gstaad presents a second season for hottest hotel newcomer, [Le Grand Bellevue](#). Celebrating one year in operation, this exceptional 57-room alpine retreat welcomes Wintertide with an exhilarating sporting events schedule, a resident blues pianist and understated Michelin-starred dining – all against a 35m tree, bedecked with forty thousand twinkling lights.

The oldest palace hotel in Gstaad, [Le Grand Bellevue](#) was unveiled under new ownership in December 2013; rebranded, refurbished and revamped to address a new era in luxury travel where a relaxed, residential approach blends with eclectic design and refined service in its chic house style. The hotel's unrivalled central position on the promenade provides guests with a neighbourhood spirit and endless flexibility for shopping, eating and après ski, as well as complimentary shuttles from hotel to slopes from morning until night.

Sugar & Blues:

Combining traditional Afternoon Tea and the owners' love of Rock'n'Roll, Le Grand Bellevue promises to put on the liveliest après ski show for guests and local residents with famed blues pianist, Al Copley, tinkling the ivories each and every day. An original member of boogie-woogie's 1967-formed, wildly adored *Roomful of Blues*, Copley is best known for his acrobatic approach to piano performance. The hotel's *Sugar & Blues* serves the town's finest scones, homemade jams, finger sandwiches and hand-crafted patisseries, alongside their unique selection of hot chocolate cocktails, Champagnes and warming libations, in the stylishly decorated *Lounge*.

What's on:

Winterzauber Gstaad will be adjacent to Le Grand Bellevue in the heart of town from 11 December 2014 to 4 January 2015, presenting Gstaad's inaugural winter market in wooden huts with mulled wine and festive treats. Gstaad is ideally situated for visitors to witness a series of professional winter sports in action, including; the *Berner Oberlander Open Air Curling Tournament* from 16-18 January, *Gsteigs's 24hr Downhill Race* over 13-14 February and the *Boerl & Kroff Snow Golf Tournament* on 7 March 2015. The region also hosts a plethora of classical music concerts throughout the season.

Le Grand Bellevue's Michelin one-star restaurant, *LEONARD's*, offers an exceptional wine list from the hotel's 10,000-strong Wine Cellar, alongside head chef Urs Gschwend's locally inspired

menu. Favourites will be; Côte de Boeuf for two, Colonel Leonard's (bison weed variation of the traditional Colonel sorbet) and baked bone marrow with fleur de sel. Further dining and drinking options are available in the hotel's lively *Bar, The Club Room, Le Petit Chalet* (traditional Swiss fondue), *The Sushi Bar* and *The Cigar Lounge*.

For weary skiers and all-day après skiers, *Le Grand Spa* provides a world-class wellness sanctuary with treatments and therapies by Bamford as well as Cellcosmet, to enjoy in one of eight beautiful treatment rooms. The spa also offers: yoga, pilates, a full fitness centre, a Himalayan salt inhalation grotto, Finnish outdoor sauna, Turkish hammam, relaxation water beds and a 200sqm swimming pool.

Le Grand Bellevue opened on December 13, 2013

Winter rates from 620 CHF per room based on double occupancy, on a half-board basis

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