



HOTEL SINCE 1907

BELVEDERE

GRINDELWALD SWITZERLAND



Winter

news 2022/23

News to make your holiday in Grindelwald even better

NEWS IN THE AUTUMN 2022

EDITORIAL



Dear Belvedere Guest,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the guests who visited us in 2022. As expected, the pent-up demand for holidays following two years of Covid meant that, from December onwards, the Hauser family and team of co-hosts saw the number of guests per month reach record levels, with the result that 2022 even surpassed the record year of 2019. The clientèle in Grindelwald was once more extremely international, even though there were still no guests from Japan or China.

Sadly, with the way the global situation looks right now we are looking into a rather uncertain future. But every cloud has a silver lining, and one such is the dramatic drop in the price of gas, giving rise to the hope that things will turn out better than many fear. At any rate, the job market in Switzerland is still tight: a clear indication of a booming economy.

We would have liked to keep the hotel open this autumn, as was the case before the pandemic. Unfortunately, however, a burst pipe has forced us to close for a month between mid-November and mid-December. The re-opening for the start of the winter season is scheduled for Friday 16 December.

According to Urs Kessler, CEO of Jungfrau Railways, the winter season will start as early as possible, i.e. in November; but naturally only if sufficient quantities of artificial snow can be produced by then. The lifts will initially be open only on Saturdays and Sundays, and on all days from the end of November. Last winter, certain slopes in the Kleine Scheidegg ski region remained open until 1 May.

Personally, I always find the best ski days are in November and April. And I, for one, already have my skis waxed and ready to go! Starting this winter, ski passes will now be automatically valid for all three ski regions (Kleine Scheidegg/Männlichen, First and Schilthorn). The prices have been adjusted accordingly. For those who spend a few days here, it's definitely worth spending a day skiing in the Schilthorn region.

The Hauser family and the Belvedere team wish you all the very best for the forthcoming Advent season, a Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to your next visit.

Urs-B. Hauser, family
and co-hosts

2022/2023 New Year's Eve Party

«Disco» themed New Year's Eve party

Let's welcome in the year 2023

As usual, we have chosen a special theme for the New Year's Eve party. This year, the motto is «Disco». Once more it is our apprentices who have taken on the task of organising the event, supervised by Marianne Stoldt, our long-serving decorator and florist.

In keeping with this year's theme, instead of having a band we have engaged «DJ CHICHI», a well-known local top DJ, and are convinced that he gets the audience in the party mood. We are hoping to see many guests on the dance floor, perhaps showing off a few old-school disco moves! As always, we look forward to seeing our guests get into the spirit of the party by dressing appropriately for the theme. Once again, we will be holding the popular Kahoot quiz with interesting prizes to be won.

Besides our traditional New Year's Eve party in the main restaurant, a 3-course menu with meat fondue will be offered in the basement premises. This is a good alternative for guests who would prefer to spend a slightly quieter evening.

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Aperitif Gala-Diner DJ CHICHI

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from CHF 438 per person

Valid 8 January to 10 February 2023

From Sunday to Friday

Alphorn, Schwyzerörgeli and Swiss meals

The Swiss evening is back, albeit a little different

Enjoy traditional musical entertainment

The Hauser family is bringing back the Swiss evening. Every Tuesday, our guests will be able to enjoy typical Swiss music and meals.

Formerly, our popular Swiss evenings featured an extensive buffet full of Swiss specialities, accompanied by Swiss folk music performed by a local trio of musicians. Buffets have now fallen out of fashion, so the Swiss evenings at the Belvedere have been revamped.

From now on, every Tuesday the Belvedere restaurant will offer a 4-course menu featuring Swiss specialities. And as a musical accompaniment, the Hauser family has engaged a relative and another Grindelwald local. So now our guests can enjoy not only the classic «Schwyzerörgeli», but also the well-known Alphorn. Nowadays Alphorn playing is no longer as widespread as it was a few decades ago, so that makes this unique experience all the more special for our guests.



Major efforts towards sustainability at the Hotel Belvedere Grindelwald

An increasingly important issue

The Belvedere team is delighted when guests agree

Sustainability covers a wide range of issues: you could write a book about it. People's behaviour plays a vital part in the future of mankind: sooner or later we must change our attitude to waste.

For residents of an alpine valley like Grindelwald, respect and care for Nature is a top priority. Day after day we see the effects of climate change due to global warming in the form of melting glaciers, rising tree lines and the number of hotter days between spring and autumn.

How humans and industry behave will be crucial for the next generation.

At the hotel we are still seeing very different attitudes. Some guests decide against a change of linen for several days, to save on washing power that is damaging for the environment and to reduce energy consumption, whereas others demand a change even twice a day. There are guests who serve themselves with only so much food as they can finish, while others fill their plates with so much that we are forced to dispose of more than 50% of the food.

But by far not everything related to sustainability is dependent on our guests, which is why last year we joined the «Responsible Hotels of Switzerland» association. Several times a year it offers workshops and opportunities to exchange experiences to promote more sustainable hotel practices and services. In addition to «World Vegetarian Day», the issue of food waste has been examined in greater detail. For example, in our hotel we now make stock from peelings.

Will electricity and gas supplies be enough?

Energy consumption: more topical than ever

Everyone must do their bit

Almost daily one hears reports or reads in the press that gas and electricity supplies will be tight this winter. It seems that we may even have to reckon with power outages. An emergency generator (such as the Belvedere has) helps, but of course only to a limited extent.

Will electricity supplies be sufficient this coming winter, and will there be enough gas available? At the moment, no-one can answer this question with any certainty. This is causing widespread anxiety.

According to experts, if all devices in Switzerland were switched off instead of leaving them on standby, the amount of electricity saved would be the equivalent of the output of a nuclear power plant.

At the Hotel Belvedere, the Hauser family and co-hosts have decided on various measures to help conserve energy.

Here are a few:

- Reduce Christmas lighting: Christmas lights will be installed only on the tree in the hotel garden and on the trees by the entry, there is no more lighting on any other trees. The lights on the chestnut trees by the car park are not switched on. Plus, the lights on the large fir tree will be switched on only for the festive season and not as before until February, and for fewer hours per day.
- Wellness zone: The sauna will no longer be switched on daily at 15:00 and off at 20:00, but only when guests tell us they want to use it.
- The hotel's contour lighting has been replaced by LED lighting.

Within the European Union, many measures are being introduced to save on heating and air conditioning in communal and public spaces. Although this is not mandatory in Switzerland, this winter we at the Belvedere will also be reducing the temperature of heating in certain communal areas by 1-2 degrees Celsius. We ask our guests to be prudent when selecting their room temperature and take care not to leave lights on longer than necessary.

A successful 2022

Award and a new team for the Gourmet Restaurant

High-end cuisine in a rustic setting

The «1910 · Gourmet by Hausers» restaurant was opened in January 2022, and in the course of the year was awarded 14 Gault Millau points. From this winter a new team will be responsible for the restaurant.

Based on the positive experience gained this year, the Hauser family has decided to continue operating the gourmet restaurant. The two chefs were awarded 14 Gault Millau points for their creations and were delighted to be nominated for the Swiss Gastro Awards. Jonas and Marton are moving to new chef positions in Interlaken, so from this winter Dávid Rózsa and Dóra Halász will be catering to your culinary wishes. Both already have experience working in other Gault Millau points and Michelin restaurants, so we are confident that their dishes will also be honoured by Gault Millau. We warmly welcome both new team members and look forward to working with them.

As always, you can find more information on the Belvedere website under www.gourmet-1910.ch.



The old Männlichen gondolas will be re-purposed this winter

3 gondolas for cheese fondues

The three gondolas will be moved to the large east-facing terrace

This winter, a very special experience awaits our guests. Now they can enjoy a cheese fondue in the Männlichen gondolas on the hotel terrace.

The Hauser family has been entertaining the idea of serving cheese fondue in the three Männlichen gondolas for some time. This winter it will become a reality. The family and its co-hosts are excited to see how popular this offer will be among guests. The menu features a soup of the day followed by a traditional cheese fondue. As with the restaurant, hot and cold drinks can also be ordered. Why not enjoy a romantic dinner with your partner or an unforgettable experience with your kids? Reserve your gondola at the restaurant or at reception.

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Many congratulations to Jana Glaus

Our Belvedere apprentices

Talented youngsters who are learning their profession at the Belvedere

At the Hotel Belvedere we always have 3-5 young people undergoing apprenticeship training in hotel management. The training lasts 3-4 years, depending on the discipline.

For example, Jana did her hotel management apprenticeship with us, working for one year in housekeeping and in the laundry, one year in service and one year in reception. After completing these three years, Jana passed her exam with flying colours in June 2022, coming third overall. Many congratulations! We are pleased to say that Jana will continue in her post at Reception, where she is doing really well.

After completing the same vocational training with us, Larissa Scheuber remained with us for another year and will be leaving at the end of this season. We thank her for her services and wish her all the best.

The following are still undergoing apprenticeships with us:

Roxanne Otti

3rd year studying for a Federal Certificate of Proficiency in hotel communications.

Her apprenticeship is shorter since she already has her higher school leaving certificate. Roxanne is our first apprentice in this field. She is a gifted linguist, highly motivated and always upbeat.

Erica Abrantes

3rd year studying for a Federal Certificate of Proficiency in hotel management.

«My motivation is to put a smile on the faces of our guests», says Erica, who comes from Grindelwald. She assists when the head of housekeeping is absent but also works in the Gourmet restaurant.

Damaris Joss

2nd year studying for a Federal Certificate of Proficiency in hotel management.

As her first apprenticeship post did not work out, we are delighted to give Damaris the opportunity to continue her training with us. Damaris lives in Arni BE.

Philipp Rössler

2nd year studying for a Federal Certificate of Proficiency in cookery.

Philipp is from Germany, trained initially in the kitchen, and started a shortened apprenticeship as a cook since he has already completed an apprenticeship as a meat specialist.

Solanyi Reyes Reynoso

1st year studying for a Federal Certificate of Proficiency in hotel management.

She is also from Germany, trained initially as a chambermaid, and started her apprenticeship with us this summer.

A well-deserved retirement

Farewell to two valuable, long-serving employees

We extend our sincere thanks and wish them all the best!

The Hauser family is lucky to be able to count on many loyal co-hosts. Persa and Dragan Josavac are embarking on a well-deserved retirement.

In 1987, when Susanne Hauser was working in Laax, a married couple on the staff immediately caught her eye. Neither was particularly happy there, so Susanne offered them a position at the Belvedere. The couple began working at the Belvedere 34 years ago, Dragan initially as a porter and Persa as a chambermaid. Thanks to their excellent work, Persa eventually took over as head of the housekeeping department, and thanks to his handyman skills, Dragan soon became head of maintenance. They have now decided to retire.

The time has flown by incredibly quickly, and we are very sorry to lose such a valuable asset. At the same time, however, we would like to thank them warmly for their long years of excellent work. It is not every day you can count on three decades of service. We very much appreciate their dedication over the years, and wish them all the best for their future.



Winter events

Grindelwald and the entire Jungfrau region are again offering a wide range of sporting and cultural events for the coming winter months. Here are a few:

JANUARY

93rd International Lauberhorn Races from 13 to 15 January. During the week preceding the races you can watch the training runs, and the new Super-G on Friday is reason enough to purchase a ticket.

Martinsloch spectacle: on 15 January the sun bursts through the Martinsloch on the Eiger to land directly on the village church.

The **World Snow Festival** celebrates its 40th anniversary from 16 to 21 January. The 2023 motto is «Tradition».

FEBRUARY

Velogemel World Championships on Bussalp on Sunday, 5 February.

MARCH

Lily's Winter Treasure Hunt on First, on Saturday 18 March. The end-of-season festival.

SnowpenAir on 26 and 27 March: new on the Männlichen. The musical climax to the winter season.

APRIL

Smash the Bumps: the mogul race on Kleine Scheidegg on 8 April



Preview of Summer 2023

There are also events for everyone on the programme in Grindelwald in summer:

JUNE

2nd Mountain Run on Saturday 24 June. The unique mountain run from Grindelwald to First.

Alpine spring festival A festival packed full of Swissness on the Männlichen on Sunday 25 June.

JULY

11th Eiger Ultra Trail from 14 to 16 July

Traditional costume festival on the Männlichen on Sunday, 23 July.

AUGUST

Swiss National Day on Tuesday 1 August, with procession through the village and fireworks.

Eiger Bike Challenge: the popular mountain-bike race around Grindelwald, on 12 and 13 August.

SEPTEMBER

Alpine cheese festival on Grosse Scheidegg.

OCTOBER

Light Art Festival in October: fast becoming a highlight of the season.



GRINDELWALD & WELLNESS

The Wellbeing Package

Relax, enjoy and pamper yourself - the soothing massage releases any tension. Treat yourself to a few days of rest and recreation 1'000 meters about the day-to-day routine.

The offer includes

- 2-night stay including breakfast
- Welcome aperitif with prosecco and fresh fruit
- Daily 4-course dinner in the restaurant «Belvedere»
- One 50-minute massage per person
- Relaxation in the wellness zone
- From CHF 849 per person in a Classic double room Eiger

Valid depending on availability - limited quota

- 16 to 23 December 2022
- 6 January to 7 April 2023



GRINDELWALD & POWDER SNOW

The Nature Pure Package

Three days of pure nature at the foot of the Eiger will also inspire you: Explore the unknown and quiet corners of the Grindelwald valley on snowshoes - always on marked trails, of course.

The offer includes

- 2-nights stay including breakfast
- Welcome aperitif
- Daily 4-course dinner in the restaurant «Belvedere»
- 1-day snowshoe rental and lunch bag
- Relaxation in the wellness zone
- From CHF 659 per person in a Classic double room Wetterhorn

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