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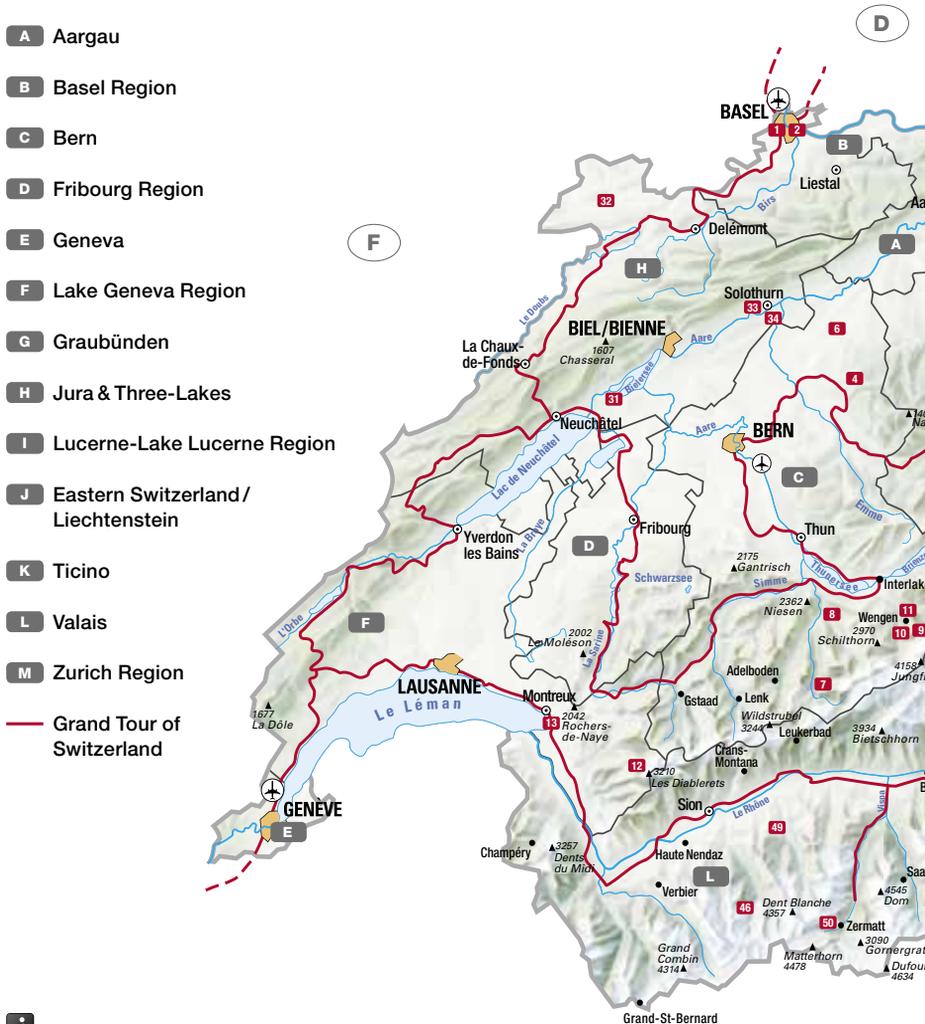
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Swiss Historic Hotels at a glance.

Switzerland is a small country with great variety;
Swiss Historic Hotels are just as diverse.
This map shows their locations at a glance.



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Profile of the Grand Tour

Length: 1,643km plus starting stage

Highest point: Furka Pass, 2,429m a.s.l.

Lowest point: Lake Maggiore, 193m a.s.l.

Alpine passes: 5 passes over 2,000m a.s.l.

Lakes along the route: 22 lakes of more than 0.5km²

UNESCO: 12 World Heritage Properties and 2 biospheres

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The Grand Tour is signposted
in a clockwise direction.

A scenic landscape photograph showing a large, calm lake in a mountain valley. The lake is framed by a large, dark, rocky overhang in the upper left foreground. The background features snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky. The middle ground is dominated by a dense forest of green coniferous trees. The foreground consists of rocky, light-colored terrain with sparse green vegetation.

The path to the Hotel Waldhaus in Sils-Maria leads to a fabulous place that fascinates with its light and its expanse, its mountains and lakes.
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Grüezi

and welcome to a trip back through the ages. Delve into a long Swiss tradition when you stay at a Swiss Historic Hotel. From a grand hotel in the mountains that witnessed the birth of winter sports to a city palace that counted Napoleon as one of its guests and a former monastery by a lake, each has its own story to tell. What they all have in common is the charm and warm hospitality for which Switzerland has been renowned for centuries. The dedicated managers of these historic hotels continue to write their stories today.

We hope you enjoy a wonderful holiday filled with timeless beauty at one of these Swiss Historic Hotels.



Martin Nydegger
CEO Switzerland Tourism



Claude Meier
Director hotelleriesuisse

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Hotel classification

- ★
simple
 - ★★
comfortable
 - ★★★
comfortable superior
 - ★★★★
good middle class
 - ★★★★★
good middle class superior
 - ★★★★★
first class
 - ★★★★★
first class superior
 - ★★★★★
luxury
 - ★★★★★
luxury superior
-  Swiss Lodge

Pictograms

-  In the city
-  By the water
-  In the mountains
-  In the country


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There are two hotel classification systems in Switzerland. You will find information on both systems at www.hotelleriesuisse.ch and www.gastrosuisse.ch.



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The Belle Epoque interior of Salon Bleu at Hôtel Masson is the perfect setting for unforgettable festivities.
© Andy Widmer



Living history

Welcome to the
Swiss Historic Hotels

The history of tourism is brought to life at the **Swiss Historic Hotels**. When the parquet floor creaks and the grandfather clock ticks softly in the corner, you feel like you've been whisked back in time to the days when the hotel's first guests passed through its doors.

To Hôtel Masson on the shores of Lake Geneva in 1829, for example. The former vintner's house near famous Chillon Castle has retained all of its charm to this very day, with 31 nostalgic rooms featuring original furnishings dating back to the Belle Epoque.

Swiss Historic Hotels need hosts like the Laves family. They keep the tradition alive by putting their heart and soul into conserving these hotel gems and catering to their guests' every need. Because hospitality is timeless.

Mr Laves, just how historic is Hôtel Masson?

The hotel dates back to 1829 and is considered to be the oldest in the area. The Art Nouveau grand hotels of the Montreux Riviera are virtually new builds in comparison.



Frank and Simona Laves
Husband and wife and hosts
of Hôtel Masson

What makes Hôtel Masson so special?

This vintner's house complete with wine cellar and press house was never planned to be a hotel.

What are the biggest challenges faced by a hotel such as yours?

Ensuring that our guests are spellbound by our hotel's charm while enjoying all the amenities of the 21st century, such as free WiFi throughout the building.

Hotels with a heritage.

The Swiss Historic Hotels label can be conferred only on the most beautiful historic hotels in Switzerland – with historic in this context not necessarily denoting luxury. Simple hostelries, rustic chalets and a former post office building also feature on the list of hotels selected. However, all the buildings must be of architectural significance and their furnishings and lighting be true to the originals if they are to evoke a genuine historical Swiss experience.

Hermann Hesse wrote “Steppenwolf” in room 4.1 of **Hotel Krafft** in Basel, which was opened in 1873.



If these walls could talk: **Hotel La Couronne** in Solothurn can look back on 500 years of history and illustrious guests such as Giacomo Casanova, Henry Kissinger, Jane Fonda and Sophia Loren.

Guests can soak up breathtaking vistas of the Alpine panorama of the Jungfrau Region as they dine in the historic dining room of iconic **Hotel Regina Mürren**.



The architectural elegance of the **Grandhotel Giessbach** in Brienz has enthralled discerning guests from across the globe since its construction in 1874.



Checked and recommended

Swiss Historic Hotels meet the following criteria:



Main building more than 30 years old



Hospitality business established over a representative time span



Historic atmosphere and significance of architecture



Rooms, lighting and furniture primarily based on the historic original



Structural changes respect conservation requirements

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Every piece of furniture in Hotel Monte Rosa in Zermatt oozes the charm of the Alpine hotel industry at the turn of the century.
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Time travel for your senses

**Culinary indulgence, culture and hospitality
in places steeped in history.**

The Swiss Historic Hotels Association has been dedicated to preserving authentic historic hotels and restaurants since 2004.

Guests can immerse themselves in the history of a region when staying at one of these precious listed establishments. They embody the magnificence of Swiss history and are restored to their former glory while remaining in keeping with the times.

The association's support permits these long-hidden testimonies to history to be transformed into places that are simply irresistible and whose focus is placed squarely on hospitality.

These Swiss cultural treasures remain intact and in line with the requirements made of today's hotel industry and service quality. They live on and satisfy the most discerning appetites with their exceptional cuisine and wine cellars.

More and more guests are attracted by the unique experience of nature and culture these historic power spots have to offer.

Further information:
www.swiss-historic-hotels.ch

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Basel Region.

Basel is home to the largest concentration of museums in Europe (40). The city also has an Old Town rich in history and ground-breaking architecture. This makes Basel synonymous with art and culture.



A festive ferry just before the
"Mittlere Brücke" in Basel
© A. Gerth

1 Basel: **Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois** ★★★★★

🏠 | 🌊 | GaultMillau: 14 points & 19 points | Michelin: 3 stars



The guest is king at the former “Three Kings” inn. Steeped in tradition, this hotel has played host to Napoleon, Queen Elizabeth II and Picasso.

Since 1844

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2 Basel: **Krafft Basel** ★★★★★

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In Hotel Krafft Basel, historic architecture and modern design make an inspiring combination. In 2017, it was named the “Historic City Hotel of the Year” by Historic Hotels of Europe.

Since 1873

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Bern. A canton as diverse as any country: magnificent mountains, majestic lakes, the lovely Emmental and historical cities such as Switzerland's capital Bern make for unforgettable memories.



Lake Oeschinen near Kandersteg
in the Bernese Oberland
© D. Birri

3 Brienz: **Grandhotel Giessbach** ★★★★★

 |  | GaultMillau: 13 points



This enchanting hotel residence in the typical Belle Époque style stands high above Lake Brienz. The first funicular railway in Europe takes you from the boat landing to an oasis of tranquillity and romance.

Since 1875

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grandhotel@giessbach.ch
www.giessbach.ch

4 Dürrenroth: **Romantik Hotel Bären** ★★★

 |  | GaultMillau: 14 points

The historic country inn includes three Emmental buildings from the late Baroque era. With its late-Gothic church and the town square, this complex of buildings is an architectural monument of national importance.

Since 1752

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5 Guttannen: **Grimsel Hospiz – Historisches Alpinhotel** ★★★★★



Once a place for miners to live, today Hotel Grimsel Hospiz is a tastefully furnished establishment for lovers of aesthetics and nature. Set in a rugged environment, it offers sweeping views of the Grimsel reservoir.

Since 1932

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www.grimselwelt.ch

6 Herzogenbuchsee: **Kreuz Herzogenbuchsee**



The history of this Baroque building is testimony to the tireless pioneering spirit of its owners through the years. Twelve rooms, conference space and a top floor with nine-metre-high ceilings combine tradition, Zeitgeist and hospitality.

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7 Kandersteg: **Landgasthof Ruedihus** ★★★



The country inn with a historic restaurant serving Swiss food and authentically furnished guest rooms has a rustic and stylish ambiance.

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www.doldenhorn-ruedihus.ch



8 Kiental: **Hotel & Pension Waldrand-Pochtenalp**



There may be no mobile reception at this chalet-style hotel, but there's plenty of opportunity for relaxation, with its 19 rooms, homemade food and panoramic terrace, offering guests an authentic hotel experience.

Since 1910

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www.nostalgiehotel.ch



9 Kleine Scheidegg: **Hotel Bellevue des Alpes**



The guest list is as exclusive as the view of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Prominent mountain climbers as well as celebrities from film, culture and society have stayed at this hotel, whose interior never fails to charm guests.

Since 1840

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welcome@scheidegg-hotels.ch
www.scheidegg-hotels.ch

10 Mürren: **Hotel Regina Mürren** SWISS LODGE



This building in the great Swiss hotel architectural style has maintained its historic atmosphere. The beauty of the dining room is only rivalled by the mountain views.

Since 1895

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11 Wengen: **Hotel Falken** ★★★



With its traditional lounge, dining room with original 1908 design and stylishly furnished guest rooms, the Falken wonderfully recreates the atmosphere of the Belle Epoque.

Since 1895

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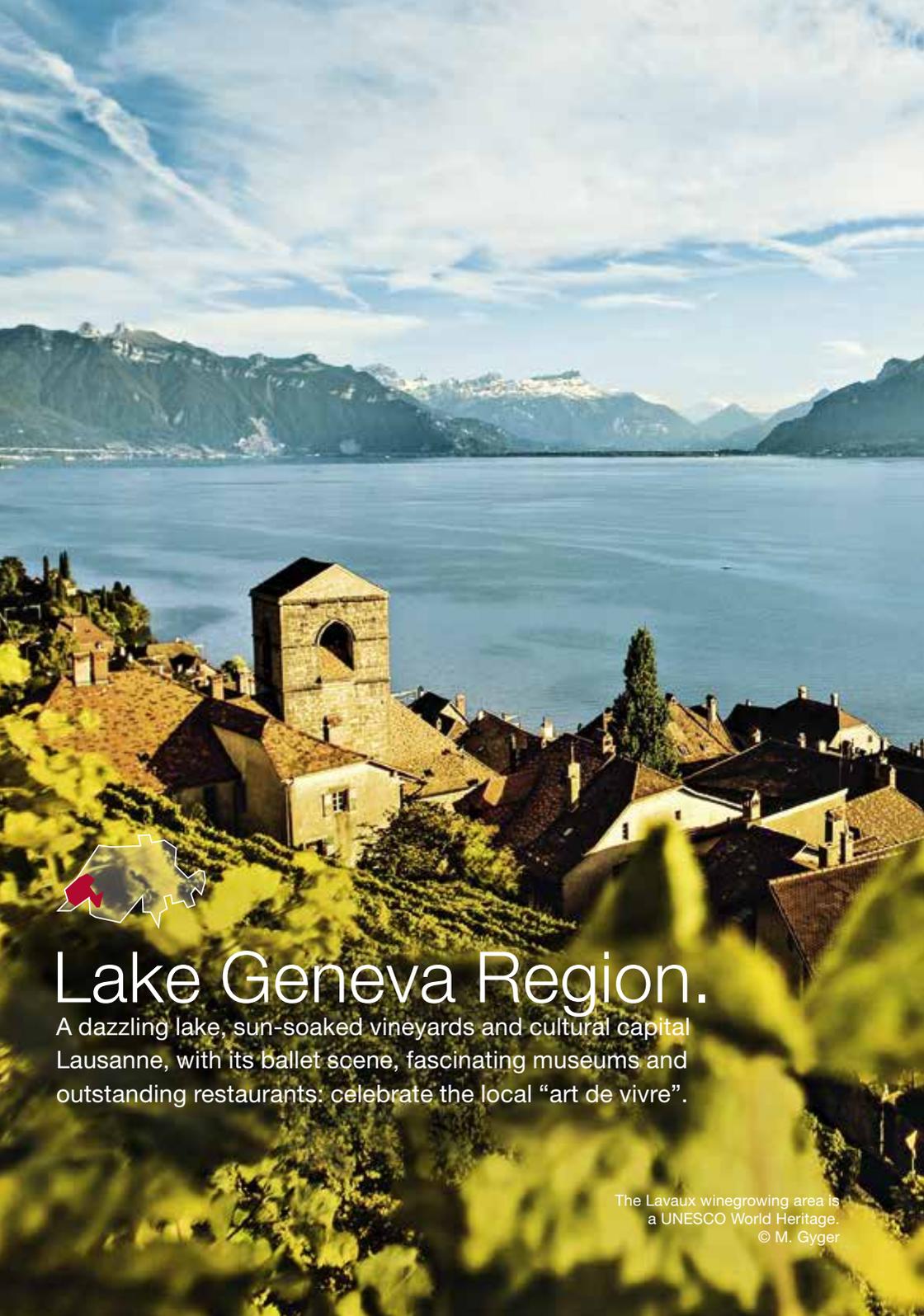
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Fondue *Cheese, white wine, garlic and cornflour are the key ingredients of this typical Swiss dish. The melted cheese is kept hot over a table-top burner, and you dip cubes of bread into it. Watch out, though: if your bread cube falls off into the melted cheese, you have to buy everyone a drink.*

cheesesfromswitzerland.com





Lake Geneva Region.

A dazzling lake, sun-soaked vineyards and cultural capital Lausanne, with its ballet scene, fascinating museums and outstanding restaurants: celebrate the local “art de vivre”.

The Lavaux winegrowing area is
a UNESCO World Heritage.
© M. Gyger

12 Les Diablerets: **Hôtel du Pillon** ★★★



Built in 1875 for British glacier hikers, the hotel was restored to its old charm in 2007, complete with antique furniture true to the original style.

Since 1875

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13 Montreux-Veytaux: **Hôtel Masson** ★★★



The Masson was built as a vintner's home and was originally surrounded by vineyards. Today, the hotel, considered to be one of the oldest and most charming in Montreux, stands in a beautiful fruit garden.

Since 1829

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Graubünden. 937 peaks, 150 valleys,
615 lakes – Graubünden combines pristine nature with
picturesque villages. Enjoy incredible views as the Albula/
Bernina railway route, part of the UNESCO World Heritage,
crosses the landscape.

Bridge over the Inn between
Scuol and Gurlaina
© J. Geerk

14 Bergün: Kurhaus Bergün



Purchased by guests in 2002 and then renovated, this Art Nouveau gem within a UNESCO World Heritage Property is now a great mixture of hotel and holiday apartments. Its ballroom is one of the most precious in Switzerland.

Since 1906

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15 Bever: Historic Hotel Chesa Salis ★★★



GaultMillau: 13 points

Originally a farmhouse, then a magnificent palazzo, the Chesa Salis blends 450 years of history with rustic cosiness and aristocratic grandeur. The hotel also offers a wonderful culinary experience.

Since 1883

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www.chesa-salis.ch



16 Chur: **Romantik Hotel Stern** ★★★★★

  | GaultMillau: 13 points



The intimate guest house Stern in the heart of Chur has been a favourite of connoisseurs for three hundred years. The local specialities and fine wines from Graubünden are still served today in beautiful dining rooms.

Since 1677

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17 Davos Platz: **Berghotel Schatzalp** ★★★



In a splendid location above the highest city in Europe, this former sanatorium located in one of the largest hotel parks in Switzerland provides a breathtaking view of the mountains of Graubünden – with a lot of style.

Since 1900

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18 Fex/Sils: **Hotel Fex**★★



This mountain hotel is a jewel from the early days of Alpine tourism. The hotel still radiates the grandeur of the early 20th century. And guests rave about the cosy restaurant with regional specialities.

Since 1903

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19 Fideris: **B&B Türmlihus**



In a splendid location in the tranquil mountain village of Fideris, the Türmlihus offers the perfect conditions for a stress-free break. When you stay in the “Himmel” (heaven) room, you really feel as if you’re close to history.

Since 1800

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www.tuermlihus.ch

20 Flims Waldhaus: **Schweizerhof Flims, Romantik Hotel** ★★★★★



Enjoying deep cultural roots, this hotel built in 1903 was once a retreat for Albert Einstein, Empress Zita and Marie Curie. Since 2008, the fourth generation of owners has been ensuring that the magic of the Belle Epoque continues.

Since 1903

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21 Guarda: **Hotel Meisser** ★★★



The hotel, which is embellished with sgraffiti, is now run by the fifth generation of the Meisser family. Guests can savour delicacies made with regional products in the listed dining room dating 1902.

Since 1893

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22 Klosters: **Romantik Hotel Chesa Grischuna** ★★★

ICOMOS | GaultMillau: 14 points

Planned as a complete work of art, this small hotel soon became a legendary backdrop to films. The kitchen is equally creative in that it links traditional architecture and contemporary art.

Since 1938

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23 Poschiavo: **Hotel Albrici** SWISS LODGE 

ICOMOS



This quaint hotel on the village square is a gem for history lovers. The Palazzo Massella dates back to the 17th century and is not only an important cultural monument, but also exudes Italian style.

Since 1682

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The last lift attendant

He is one of the attractions of Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois in Basel and one of its most popular members of staff.



TROIS

Oldemar Zurita:
“The glistening Rhine reminds
me of the Amazon.”



There are very few professions of a historic nature in Switzerland like that of lift attendant, and it's one that's close to Oldemar Zurita's heart.

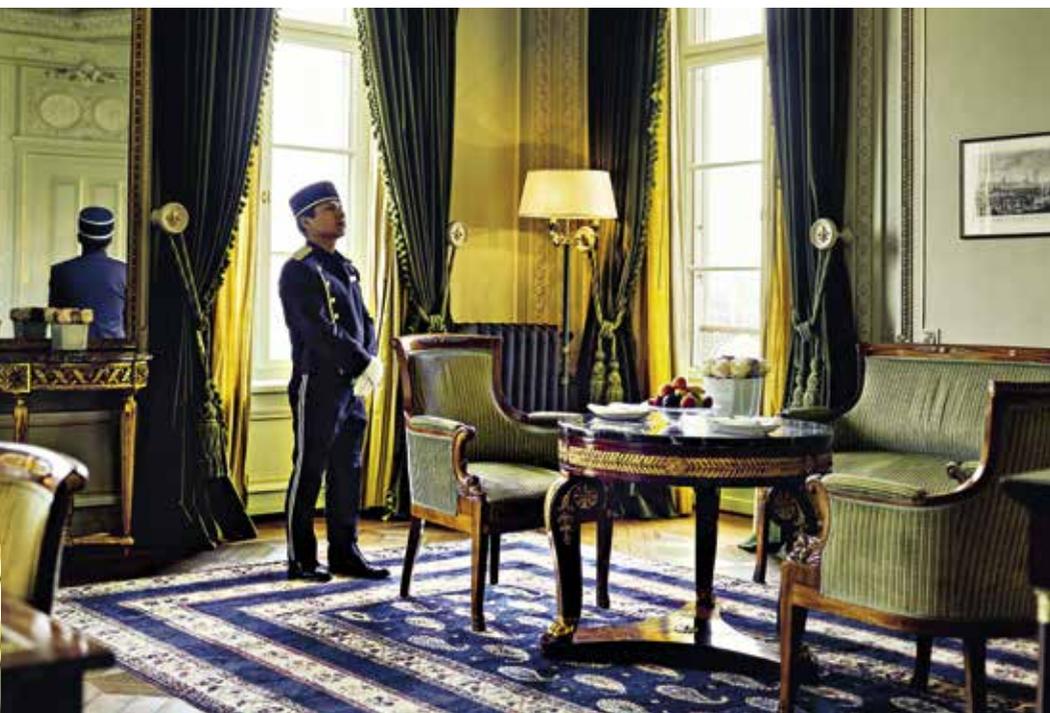
Text: Matthias Mächler **Photos:** Jean-Christoph Dupasquier

He has been transporting guests up to their rooms and suites for 12 years, and today, the 42-year-old father of three is the most-photographed subject of Les Trois Rois.

He likes the lobby “because it’s a friendly place where people come together”. It’s also where the hotel serves its popular afternoon tea.



Born in Ecuador’s tropical rainforest, Oldemar didn’t realise until he was a teenager that there was another world out there where people wore clothes and shoes. After this set him thinking, his grandfather, a shaman, made him drink angel’s trumpet tea. This triggered a vision of a big house with old walls, sumptuous fabrics and soft beds. His grandfather told him: “This is your goal; this is where you’re going to live.”



Reverential: when you stand beneath the opulent stucco ceiling of the Napoleon Suite, you can almost feel the presence of all the aristocrats, poets and statesmen who stayed at the hotel. It has been considered the city's most prestigious hotel since 1681.

Some regular guests want only Oldemar Zurita to fetch their luggage from the car. They give him an update on how their kids are doing as he takes them up in the lift, before thanking him for all the years he has cheered them up with his typical Ecuadorian smile.

24 Ramosch: **Hof Zuort**



This most remote of the Swiss Historic Hotels offers the rare ambience of an Engadin mountain retreat. The annex with its suites and lounges is an exquisite Belle Epoque chalet.

Since 1482

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25 Sils-Maria: **Hotel Waldhaus** ★★★★★



An icon of Swiss hotel tradition, it is now in the fifth generation of the same family, who have owned it for 111 years. Behind its imposing façade, guests find personalised service and a warm welcome for their children.

Since 1908

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26 Soglio: **Hotel Palazzo Salis** SWISS LODGE



The palazzo, which was turned into a guest house 100 years ago, has a unique ambiance. It enchants visitors with its 14 rooms, splendid large halls and exotic garden with rare redwood trees.

Since 1630

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27 Splügen: **Hotel Alte Herberge Weiss Kreuz**



The former entry for pack animals is now the main hotel entrance, the restaurant is in the converted hay barn, and the creaking wooden stairs lead to the 16 individually furnished rooms, each with their own character.

Since 1519

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28 St. Moritz: **Badrutt's Palace Hotel** ★★★★★

▲ | GaultMillau: 17 points & 16 points & 15 points | Michelin: 1 star



Surrounded by a breathtaking landscape, the hotel, which opened in 1896 and is owned by the Badrutt family, is not only a landmark of St. Moritz, but also a Swiss hotel legend.

Since 1896

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29 Sta. Maria Val Müstair: **Ritterhaus Chasa de Capol**



“Here, you can experience something magic – without the mushrooms”, wrote Albert Hofmann, the man who discovered LSD, in the guest book. He also fell in love with this charming and sgraffiti-decorated building steeped in history.

Since 1651

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Cowbell *If you've ever been hiking in Switzerland, you'll be familiar with the typical sound of cowbells in Alpine meadows. Farmers don't just hang bells around cows' necks for decorative purposes, but also so that they can find them again if they get lost. Cowbells are also a great souvenir.*



30 Zuoz: **Hotel Crusch Alva** ★★★



Comfortable rooms, restaurants with pinewood tables and a view of the historic Zuoz village square have long attracted famous people, such as Albert Einstein, to relax in the idyllic tranquility of Engadin.

Since 1500

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Jura & Three-Lakes.

One region, two worlds: scenic lakes with terraced vineyards contrasted against ancient forests, rivers and gorges. Here, watchmaking and horse breeding date back centuries.

Gorge of the rushing
Areuse near Boudry
© C. Sonderegger

31 Erlach: **Klosterhotel St. Petersinsel** ★★★



This carefully renovated hotel within the walls of an austere former Cluniac monastery, is an oasis of tranquillity and can only be reached on foot, by bicycle or by boat.

Since 1530

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32 Porrentruy: **Auberge du Mouton** ★★★



The inn in the historic city centre of Porrentruy was completely renovated in 2016 with careful attention to detail. It also has a restaurant which fully ascribes to the philosophy of “terroir”, or regional-based cooking.

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33 Solothurn: **Hotel Baseltor** ★★★



Located right next to St-Ursen cathedral, the Baseltor has been open since 1874. Its 17 stylish rooms with a mid-century design are shared between three different houses in the historic city centre.

Since 1874

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34 Solothurn: **La Couronne Hotel Restaurant** ★★★★★

| GaultMillau: 13 points

This Baroque town house, the second-oldest hotel in Switzerland, exudes French savoir-vivre. Its 37 historic rooms are furnished with plenty of pizzazz, while its restaurant serves a modern take on classic French dishes.

Since 1772

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Lucerne- Lake Lucerne Region.

Peaks offering a great view, such as Pilatus, Rigi and Titlis, the fjord-like Lake Lucerne and the eponymous city – this central Swiss region offers plenty of variety.



View from Pilatus of
Lake Lucerne near Horw
© A. Graessl

35 Amsteg: **Hotel Stern & Post** ★★★



First mentioned in historic documents dating back to 1357, this romantic guest house is one of the oldest in central Switzerland. Rebuilt in 1788, many of its features hark back to the golden age of the stage coach on the Gotthard.

Since 1788

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36 Flüeli-Ranft: **Jugendstil-Hotel Paxmontana** ★★★



This Art Nouveau jewel is located at an energy point in the geographic centre of Switzerland. The various lounges as well as the historic dining room with its 47-metre veranda are the perfect place to relax and unwind.

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37 Lucerne: **Hotel Wilden Mann** ★★★★★

🏠 | GaultMillau: 14 points

Seven houses in the historic city centre form the Wilden Mann, a place of hospitality dating back hundreds of years, and right in the centre of the city. Every one of its 48 rooms is individually designed down to the last detail.

Since 1860

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38 Vitznau: **Hotel Terrasse am See** ★★★



The hotel, along with its garden restaurant, was opened in 1873 and has an excellent strategic location in a beautiful landscape. Just a few metres from the hotel are boats that ply Lake Lucerne and trains that go up to Rigi.

Since 1873

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Eastern Switzerland / Liechtenstein.

From the mystical mountains of the Alpstein with the iconic Säntis to the vast expanse of Lake Constance – this region is a treasure trove of natural and cultural gems.



Apple trees in bloom in Egnach,
with the Säntis in the background
© Switzerland Tourism

39 Nidfurn: **Landvogthaus**



The imposing 400-year-old manor house with a splendid view of Tödi is one of a handful of dwellings in Switzerland from the late Middle Ages that are for the most part still in their original condition.

Since 1600

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40 Rorschacherberg: **Schloss Wartegg** ★★★



GaultMillau: 13 points



After a careful reconstruction, the 25 stylish rooms, enchanting English park and bathing oval from 1928 make this Renaissance palace above Lake Constance an oasis of tranquillity.

Since 1557

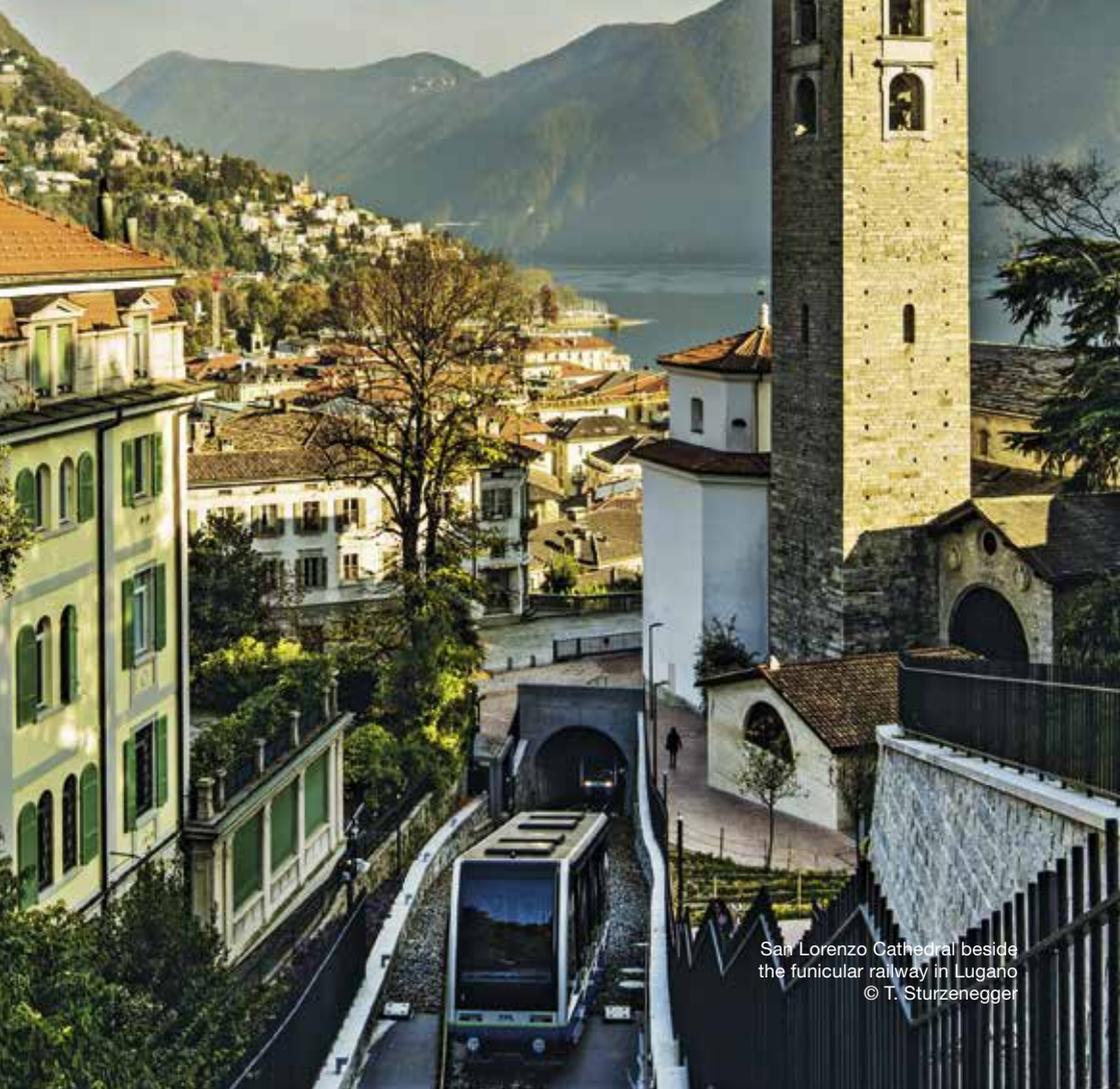
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Ticino. A touch of Italianità, Mediterranean charm and cool atmosphere in the towns: life is sweet in Switzerland's sunny south – for example when sipping an espresso in the piazza.



San Lorenzo Cathedral beside the funicular railway in Lugano
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41 Ascona: **Albergo Monte Verità** ★★★



This hotel was built in the Bauhaus style on the Mountain of Utopias. It not only has a simple grandeur, but also a panoramic restaurant, a museum, a Japanese tea house in the Zen garden and a lush park.

Since 1928

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42 Astano: **Albergo della Posta**



At the edge of the picturesque Malcantone region, this former post office building has been a hotel since 1888. The hotel has retained its typical Ticino character.

Since 1888

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www.posta-astano.ch



43 Carona: **Garten Hotel Villa Carona** ★★★



The romantic, 200-year-old patrician residence is an oasis of well-being with Mediterranean charm. A family home, it has 18 individually furnished rooms and an enchanting garden area.

Since 1781

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44 Comologno: **Albergo Palazzo Gamboni**



Restored to its original style in 2001 with five charming rooms, this Lombard manor house with elements of French style exudes history. Max Ernst and Elias Canetti found inspiration here.

Since 1755

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45 Lugano: **Hotel Splendide Royal** ★★★★★

🏠 | 🇨🇭 | GaultMillau: 15 points



This exceptional grand hotel can look back on a royal 130-year-old history and boasts individual suites, awe-inspiring vistas, GaultMillau points and an exquisite wine cellar – a veritable jewel of its time.

Since 1887

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Gotthard Tunnel

The Gotthard Base Tunnel is 57km long, which makes it the longest tunnel in the world. Perhaps Saint Barbara, the patron saint of miners, lent a helping hand with this engineering wonder.





Valais . 45 four-thousanders, mighty glaciers, picturesque villages, cherished traditions and fine wines, with specialities such as raclette and dried meat: this mountain paradise is a treat for the eyes and the palate.





Verbier is an El Dorado for freeriders.
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46 Arolla: **Grand Hôtel & Kurhaus** ★★★



This impressive mountain hotel dating from 1896 has a large park, 60 comfortable rooms and an interesting history. It has been managed by the same family for four generations.

Since 1896

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47 Binn: **Hotel Ofenhorn**



Rich in tradition, this hotel has been undergoing constant, careful restorations by the Binn Valley Cooperative since 1987. Today, it is restored to its former glory in the “valley of the hidden treasures”.

Seit 1883

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48 Münster: **Hôtel Croix d'Or et Poste** ★★★

The **Hôtel Croix d'Or et Poste**, with its long tradition of hospitality, has been a meeting place along the Alpine route since 1620. In this historic hotel with 21 rooms, you can enjoy tranquillity and take a break from everyday life.

Since 1620

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49 St-Luc: **Gd Hôtel Bella Tola & St-Luc**★★★★

 |  | GaultMillau: 13 points

This grand hotel was built on the foundations of a Roman villa. It has 30 rooms that are decorated in their original style with historic furniture, reflecting the way of life at the end of the 19th century.

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50 Zermatt: **Boutique Hotel Monte Rosa** ★★★★★



Edward Whymper, the first person to climb the Matterhorn in 1865, stayed in the main building of the Seiler Hotels. The building still embodies the charm of the Belle Epoque, but with all modern conveniences of today.

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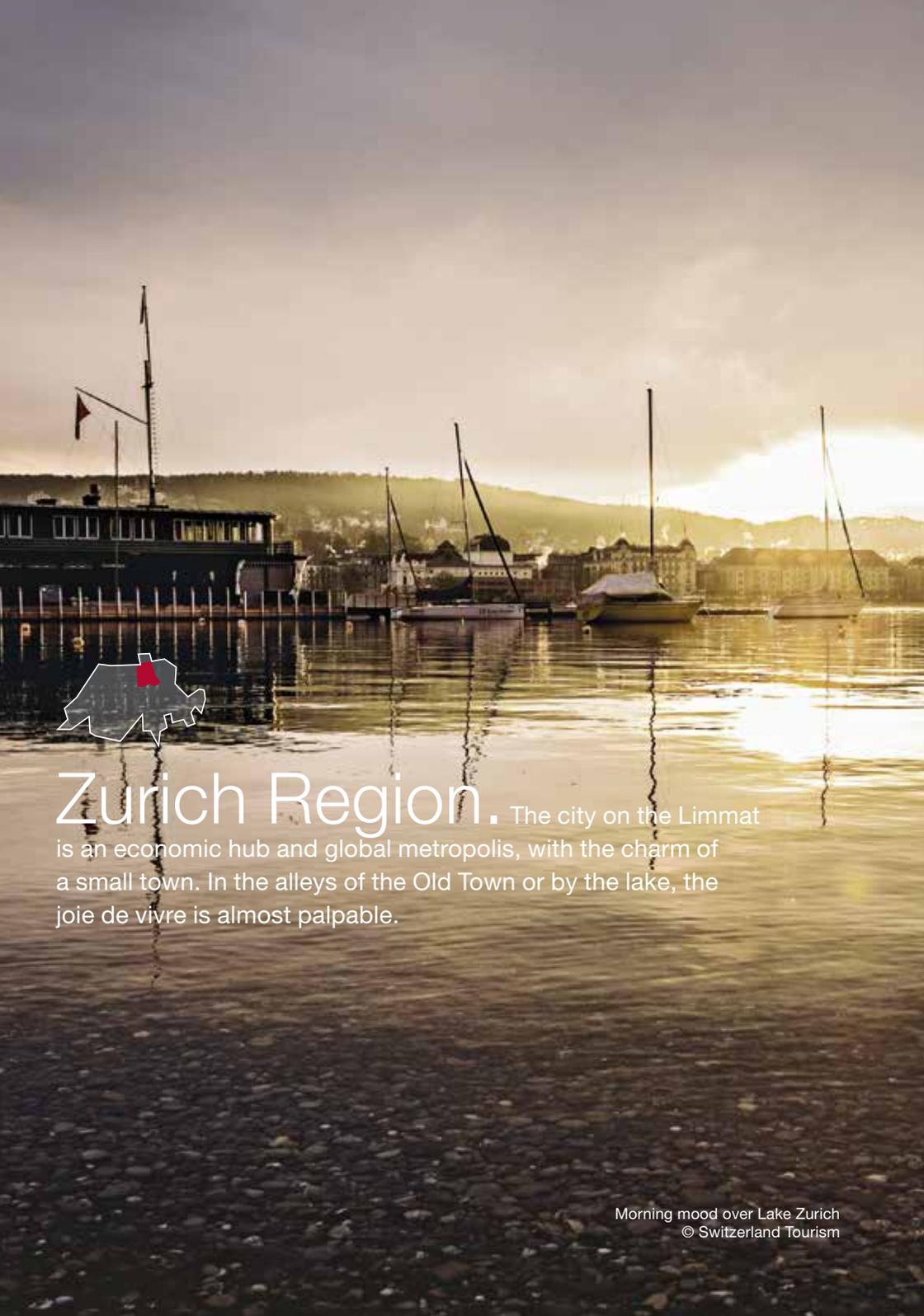
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César Ritz *From Valaisian peasant boy to international luxury hotelier: the innovative founder of the famous Ritz Hotel was aptly entitled “the hotelier of kings and the king of hoteliers” by the former Prince of Wales, who went on to become Edward VII of England.*





Zurich Region. The city on the Limmat is an economic hub and global metropolis, with the charm of a small town. In the alleys of the Old Town or by the lake, the joie de vivre is almost palpable.

51 Baden: **Atrium Hotel Blume** ★★★



Behind the Baroque facade lies a large building dating from 1873 with an impressive atrium and a small but splendid spa area with baths from the 19th century.

Since 1421

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52 Eglisau: **Hotel Gasthof Hirschen**



In addition to its beautiful location with a splendid view of the Rhine, this carefully restored guest house offers seven rooms and suites in the styles of the 17th to 19th centuries, but with all the comforts of our modern age.

Since 1523

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53 Küsnacht near Zurich: **Romantik Seehotel Sonne** ★★★★★



Stay on the sunny side. With its 40 stylish rooms and a lakeshore location, the Sonne perfectly combines a historic building with modern architecture, radiating timeless beauty.

Since 1641

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54 Oberstammheim: **Gasthof zum Hirschen**

 |  | GaultMillau: 13 points

The Hirschen is listed as a protected historic building and is one of the finest examples of a 17th-century townhouse. Its award-winning kitchen serves regional and seasonal products.

Since 1684

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55 Turbenthal: **Gasthof Gyrenbad** ★★★



A real jewel: this legendary country inn is located in an idyllic environment and is one of the most original and beautiful in Switzerland. In 1997, it was the first hotel to be named “Historic Hotel of the Year”.

Since 1464

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56 Zurich: **Marktgasse Hotel** ★★★★★



The 15th-century building is one of the oldest guest houses in the city of Zurich. It combines historic elements with timeless design for a delightful mix full of charm.

Since 1425

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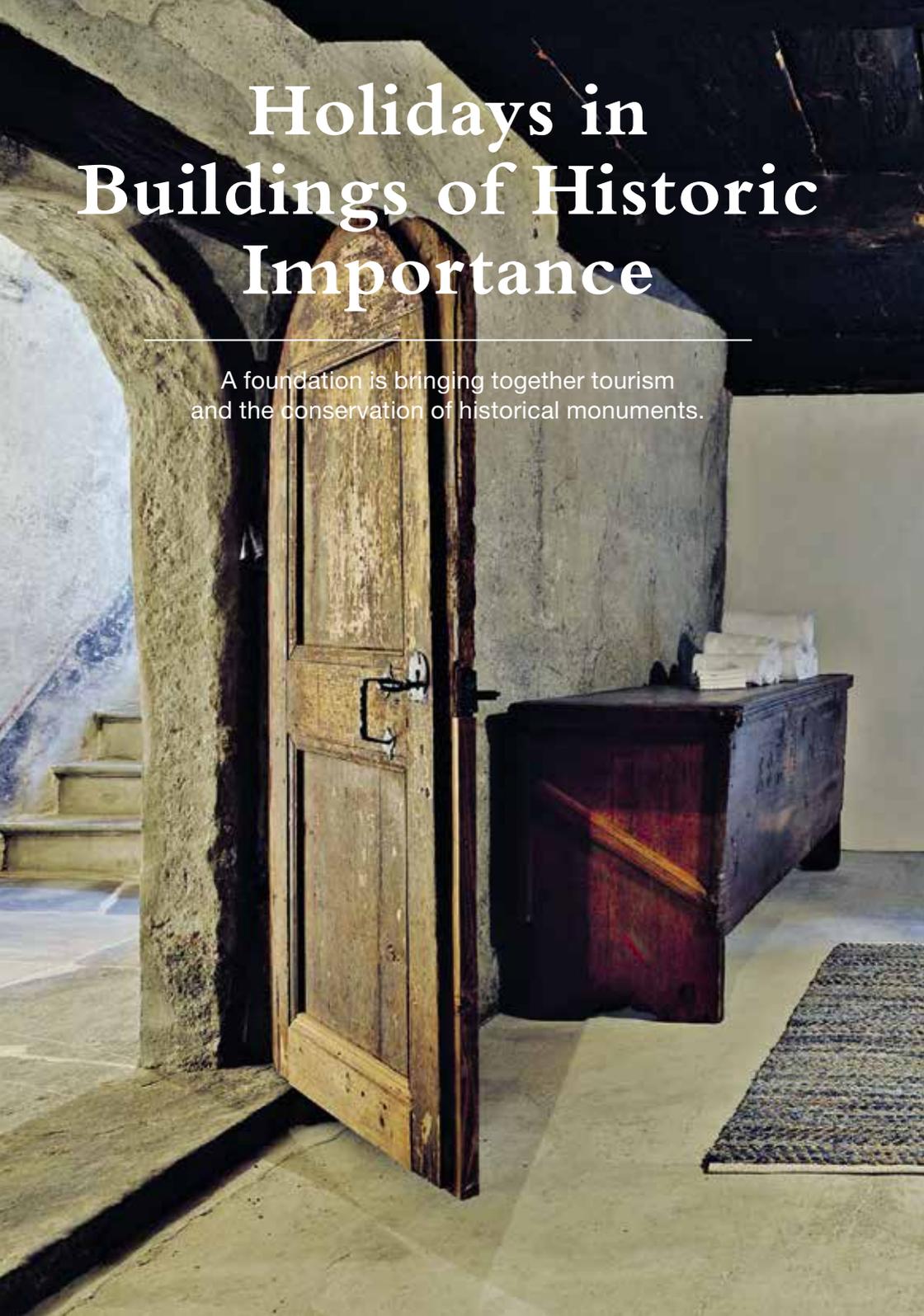
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Holidays in Buildings of Historic Importance

A foundation is bringing together tourism
and the conservation of historical monuments.





Switzerland's vibrant past is evident in its large number of buildings of architectural importance. As witnesses of a bygone era, they bring history back to life and pass it on to future generations.

The “Holidays in Buildings of Historic Importance” foundation established by the Swiss Heritage Society has been making historic properties available to the public as holiday accommodation since 2005.

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By forging links between tourism and the conservation of historical monuments, the foundation is raising people's awareness of the value of these buildings of major historic importance. Anyone who wants to book a piece of cultural history will find all the buildings at www.magnificasa.ch

Minor and elegant refurbishment makes a smooth transition from the opulent trappings of the past to the minimal aesthetics of the present.



There are many buildings in remote communities that are affected by migration to the cities, such as the Türalihus in Valendas, Graubünden. Fascinating and re-energised places that lend fresh perspectives to “Holidays in Buildings of Historic Importance” and lay the foundations for sustainable tourism.



Haus Tannen in Morschach, Schwyz, is just one of the more than 20 buildings that belong to the foundation. These valuable legacies of our past are now being preserved and are attractive retreats for guests seeking to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

The list of properties that the foundation has to offer is constantly growing. It ranges from the traditional Huberhaus Alpine log house in Valais, a Strickbau log house dating back to the 16th century, and a half-timbered house on the shores of Lake Zurich dating back to the 18th century to an industrial villa in La Chaux-de-Fonds dating back to the 19th century.

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