



GRAND HOTEL KRONENHOF PONTRESINA



HOTEL OVERVIEW

A member of Swiss Deluxe Hotels, Grand Hotel Kronenhof stands in the very heart of Pontresina, an attractive Engadine village lying at an altitude of 1,800 metres. Just six kilometres from St. Moritz, it offers the best of both worlds: the chance to enjoy the glitz of St. Moritz, while staying in a peaceful mountain location.

With a tranquil garden edged by magnificent pine and larch, Pontresina's only five-star deluxe hotel looks out onto breath-taking Alpine vistas with the Roseg glacier in the distance.

Thanks to its excellent restaurants, wide-ranging family facilities, friendly staff, extensive wellness offering and romantic setting, Grand Hotel Kronenhof has won numerous national and international awards, including being named The World's Top Hotel in the TripAdvisor 2014 Travelers' Choice® awards.

At its helm, with a wealth of experience in the world of hospitality and the Engadine valley, is Marc Eichenberger.

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GETTING TO THE HOTEL

Private jet to Engadine Airport, 6km from Pontresina
Commercial flights to Zurich International, then a 3 hour 45 minute train journey or 2 hour 45 minute drive to Pontresina (all times are approximate)

HISTORY

Grand Hotel Kronenhof has a rich and interesting history, having first opened its doors in 1848 as the Rössli guesthouse. In its cellars, a Veltliner wine shop was established, along with stabling for the horses that transported the wines over the Bernina Pass.

In the second half of the 19th century, the guesthouse business flourished and the then owner, Lorenz Gredig, extended the premises. The main section of the current hotel, which is a registered historical landmark, was built

at the end of the 19th century in Neo-Baroque style, opening in 1898; it was at this point that the hotel was renamed the Grand Hotel Kronenhof & Bellavista.

In the first half of the 20th century, tourism to the Engadine was greatly affected by the two world wars and it was mainly thanks to the wine trade in the cellars that the business survived. It was only when St. Moritz hosted a second Winter Olympics in 1948 that guests started returning to the valley in greater numbers.

In 2004, Grand Hotel Kronenhof was bought by the Niarchos family, who have invested heavily in the property. A CHF 35 million extension was completed in November 2007 consisting of a large underground car park, 28 new guest rooms and a stunning spa complex covering more than 2000 square metres. Since then, there has been an ongoing programme of refurbishment, including the creation of 13 new rooms and suites by Pierre-Yves Rochon in the historic part of the hotel in late 2016.



PONTRESINA & THE ENGADINE

Pontresina enjoys a sunny, sheltered location at the entrance to the Val Bernina in the Upper Engadine, the southern-most high valley of the Alps, in the Swiss canton of Graubunden.

The village, which has just over 2000 permanent residents, welcomed its first tourists as early as the 19th century. Many of them were British, enjoying a spot of mountaineering during the warmer summer months.

Pontresina's charm lies in the architectural blend of fine old Engadine houses with their typical "sgraffito" (decorated walls) from the 17th & 18th centuries and elegant Belle Epoque style buildings.

Close to the two most famous peaks of the Engadine (Piz Palu and Piz Bernina), the village is a real paradise for mountain enthusiasts, particularly those who enjoy ice-climbing, ski touring, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in winter, and hiking and biking in summer, as well as those seeking a quiet, relaxing break away from it all in an exceptionally beautiful setting.

BUCKET LIST – WINTER

Enjoy early bird skiing every Wednesday morning
Go night skiing on Corvatsch
Toboggan down from Muottas Muragl
Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride to Val Roseg
Try ice climbing in the Pontresina gorge
Ski Switzerland's longest glacier run on the home piste of Diavolezza

BUCKET LIST – SUMMER/AUTUMN

Walk the ibex trail
Leaf peep in the Swiss National Park
Enjoy Sunday brunch at the Morteratsch dairy
View the Engadine from a tandem paraglider
Try Canard à la Press in Kronenstübli
Feel the wind in your hair, as you ride the open observation carriage on the Bernina Express

ROOMS & SUITES

With 112 rooms and suites in different categories, Grand Hotel Kronenhof blends modern comfort with grand hotel elegance and atmosphere. All the south and south-west facing rooms and suites have wonderful panoramic views of the mountains, as well as of the Corviglia and Roseg glaciers. Ranging in size from 35 m² to 75 m², they feature bathrooms in marble and granite, with some having walk-in closets. Nine suites and 35 junior suites feature separate living and sleeping areas, each with their own individual style and attention to detail.

The remaining 68 rooms comprise generously sized doubles and a small number of singles, all of which have been lavishly furnished and have traditional Grisons-style Swiss pine panelling. The room layouts make the hotel ideal for families, as many of the stylish rooms inter-connect.



Winter rates, starting from CHF565 for two sharing a double on a half-board basis, include the following benefits:

- a daily ski pass for just CHF38 for all those staying two nights or more
- a gourmet “Dine Around” package allowing guests to eat in one of 17 restaurants at the hotel, sister property Kulm Hotel St. Moritz and mountain partner restaurants
- complimentary equipment rental and skating sessions on the Kronenhof’s private ice rink
- early bird skiing sessions every Wednesday morning, when Kronenhof (and Kulm) guests exclusively get to ski for an hour before the official opening of the slopes
- “Glüna Plaina” sessions, when Kronenhof (and Kulm) guests on a half-board basis enjoy a full-moon descent including dinner on Diavolezza complimentary
- private Corvatsch night, the crowning season finale when Kronenhof (and Kulm) guests only enjoy an exclusive private party with skiing on the 4.2km long flood-lit slope of Corvatsch
- a spacious modern ski room, with your own heated ski locker
- Very Important Kids programme, with free childcare, squash, ice-cream, hot chocolate and laundry service

Summer rates, starting from CHF445 for two sharing a double on a half-board basis, include the following benefits:

- complimentary use of mountain railways, for all those staying two nights or more
- complimentary use of the hotel’s e-mountain bikes
- free green fees at the two 18-hole golf courses of Samedan and Zuoz, when staying four nights or more
- “Spa around”, offering the chance to also use the Kulm Spa

RESTAURANTS & BARS

Grand Hotel Kronenhof has several restaurants where diners can enjoy a variety of culinary experiences.

Breakfast and dinner are served in the magnificent Grand Restaurant, with its beautiful ceiling frescoes by Otto Haberer, dazzling chandeliers and a minstrels' gallery. The award-winning gourmet restaurant Kronenstübli, with its original Engadine furniture and Swiss-pine panelling, is a piece of living history. Lunch can be taken on the terrace of the old wooden Le Pavillon in the garden and afternoon tea in the majestic Lobby, followed by cocktails in the legendary Kronenhof Bar, with its large selection of gins. For those wishing to dip into a Swiss fondue or raclette, there is the cosy, historic bowling alley.

Under the 'Dine Around' umbrella, guests staying on a half-board basis can also eat dinner in the restaurants of the Kulm Hotel, the Kronenhof's sister property in St. Moritz.



KRONENHOF SPA

The 2,000 m² Kronenhof Spa has been designed as a place for peace and warmth, as well as indulgence and relaxation, so that guests emerge with their bodies, minds and souls re-energized and re-invigorated. Wellness packages include a day (or three) with a mind coach, a long weekend of digital detoxing and four-day yoga summit.

One of the most impressive wellness complexes in the Swiss Alps, the spa has a 20m indoor infinity pool that seems to stretch away towards the mountains, a spa pool with water jets, a relaxing flotation room with underwater music, a saltwater grotto, saunas, steam rooms, Kneipp footbaths and a solarium.

There is a state of the art Technogym and a personal trainer, who oversees group and individual gym sessions, Pilates, yoga and TRX. Guided mountain hiking and biking tours in summer, as well as snow shoe hiking in winter, are also available. After all that activity, a relaxation room with water beds and a crackling log fire lulls guests to sleep.



The Spa also has 13 therapy and treatment rooms, where fully-trained therapists provide facial and body treatments, massages and beauty treatments. The pièce de la resistance is the Kronenhof Spa's private suite, where couples can enjoy a hydro jet bath together, followed by a refreshing body scrub in the steam bath and an aroma massage, before lounging on a double waterbed admiring the dramatic mountain vista, while savouring small and exquisite delicacies and a glass of Champagne.

ACTIVITIES

With no downhill skiing slopes to call its own, Pontresina is better known for other winter sports, such as ice climbing in its gorge, snowshoe and winter hiking along 150km of paths, tobogganing down the nearby slope of Muottas Muragl (following a spectacular funicular ride to the top) and cross country skiing along 180km of designated trails, not forgetting skating on the hotel's very own natural ice rink. Romantic horse-drawn sleigh rides into the Val Roseg are another popular pastime in winter, tucked in with woollen blankets and a mug of gluhwein in hand.

One of the village's largest events in the winter season is the Engadine Ski Marathon (and Half Marathon), which always draws a huge crowd, both to participate and spectate. Other events in the village and surrounding area include music festivals of a classical and blues nature.



Summer visitors enjoy hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking and Nordic walking in the crisp mountain air, as well as lake-based activities such as sailing, windsurfing and kite-surfing at Silvaplana and wild swimming at Lej da Staz.

All guests who stay for two or more nights in summer qualify to travel free on all mountain transport.

Summer through Autumn is also a great time to visit the Swiss National Park to see a wide range of wild animals in their natural habitat and, particularly in October, to witness the stunning golden leaf colour of the indigenous trees.

FAMILIES

Grand Hotel Kronenhof offers carefree family holidays because it pays special attention to its younger guests, ensuring that children as well as parents enjoy every moment of their stay.

Professional nannies look after guests aged three years or more in the hotel's very own Krönchen Kids Club, where the programme changes daily so that kids can enjoy a diverse range of age-appropriate activities, such as arts & crafts and games. The hotel also has its own children's restaurant, Rondelle, where a special kids' menu is served every evening under the supervision of a nanny.

For older children, Grand Hotel Kronenhof provides gaming consoles, internet access, pinball machines and table football; teenagers can also make use of the hotel's table tennis and billiards rooms, as well as the bowling alley.

Very Important Kids' (V.I.K.) programme benefits include:

- Children's surprise amenity, on arrival
- Various activities including treasure hunts, baking etc
- Supervised dinner at Rondelle
- Free laundry service for children up to 12 years
- Free squash, ice-cream and hot chocolate in all hotel restaurants
- Children's water world in the Kronenhof Spa
- Free skate rental and use of the hotel's ice rink (winter)
- Children's bouncy castle in the hotel garden (summer)



CELEBRATIONS & MEETINGS

Grand Hotel Kronenhof, together with Pontresina, provides a charming and elegant location for a range of events, whether it is a high-level board meeting, a wedding celebration or a full-blown conference.

The hotel has 10 historic rooms (with every modern amenity) that can accommodate intimate gatherings of just eight people up to grand events for 400 guests, while Pontresina has a Congress & Conference Centre that features state-of-the-art technology suitable for a wide variety of conferences, seminars and events of all sizes.



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