

ZANNIER HOTELS LE CHALET INTRODUCES THRILLING EXPERIENCES FOR NEW SKI SEASON



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Set to re-open on 17 December 2020, *Zannier Hotels Le Chalet* is introducing once-in-a-lifetime ski and snow experiences, allowing guests to discover Megève's groomed pistes, dramatic snowcapped landscapes and spectacular natural wonders.

From helicopter lessons and paragliding to a dose of adrenaline on a bobsleigh and an incredible private ice cave experience, mountain adventurers won't want to miss out on these exhilarating winter pursuits. Each experience can be organised through the dedicated team at *Zannier Hotels Le Chalet*, all of whom know the best ski spots inside out, the best Après-ski, the right ski school for little ones, and the perfect glaciers for heli-skiing.

PRIVATE 'LA MER DE GLACE' EXPERIENCE

Available only to guests of *Zannier Hotels Le Chalet*, this extraordinary experience at France's largest and longest glacier is not-to-be-missed. Guests are transported to the glacier along the Montenvers railway, with the famous little red rain train exclusively hired out just for them. Winding its way up the side of the mountain, amongst the pine forests and through dark tunnels of rock, it emerges to a breathtaking panorama of frozen peaks and snowfields. With the entire glacier to themselves, guests can delve deep inside the "Sea of Ice" to explore its icy crevasses and spectacular formations under the guidance of their very own glaciologist. In the shimmering, sparkling surroundings of the ice grotto, guests are served a champagne aperitif followed by an exquisite dinner prepared by their personal Michelin-starred chef. Finally, as darkness falls, an astronomy expert is on hand to guide guests through the blanket of stars, constellations and planets in the clear night's sky.

PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR WITH LEICA

Budding photographers can learn how to capture the majestic alpine surroundings and wildlife through a Leica lens. Accompanied by a professional of *Leica Akademie*, guests receive personalised guidance to hone their photography skills and learn everything from composition



and focusing to exposure and editing, all against a backdrop of an inspiring mountainous subject matter and using the finest Leica equipment.

IN THE AIR

There are few better ways to see the vast mountain landscape than from above – be it by hot-air balloon, helicopter or glider. *Zannier Hotels Le Chalet* can organise a sunrise balloon ride, as well as paragliding, private helicopter rides and plane tours around Mont Blanc. Meanwhile, those looking to dip their toes into the world of aviation can take their daring spirit to new heights and get their hands on the controls with helicopter lessons.

ON THE SNOW

With expert guidance and a pick of secluded slopes, guests of all abilities can enjoy the Alps' fresh powder with the help of a dedicated ski instructor. For adept skiers, options include backcountry ski touring as well as heli-skiing on the untouched slopes of Mont Blanc. There are plenty of options for those who prefer to stay off the slopes too. Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, guests can take part in snowshoeing and trekking to learn about the local flora and fauna, embark on a dog-sledding ride through the snowy landscape or explore the area on an electric snow bike. Thrill-seekers can try their hand at bobsleighing at the famous La Plagne for a hair-raising and unforgettable experience.

After a day of mountain exploration, guests can retreat to *Zannier Hotels Le Chalet* to curl up by the fire in their private suite or relax and unwind in the spa complete with indoor relaxation pool. Comprising three authentic alpine-style chalets, totaling just 12 rooms and suites, *Zannier Hotels Le Chalet* can be exclusively hired for larger groups and features cosy interiors that are inspired by the surrounding mountains, perfect for long winter evenings. *La Ferme de mon Père* serves simple yet elegant cuisine using the finest French produce and seasonal ingredients sourced from the best producers, whilst post-dinner drinks can be enjoyed at the bar which houses an impressive whisky collection.

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