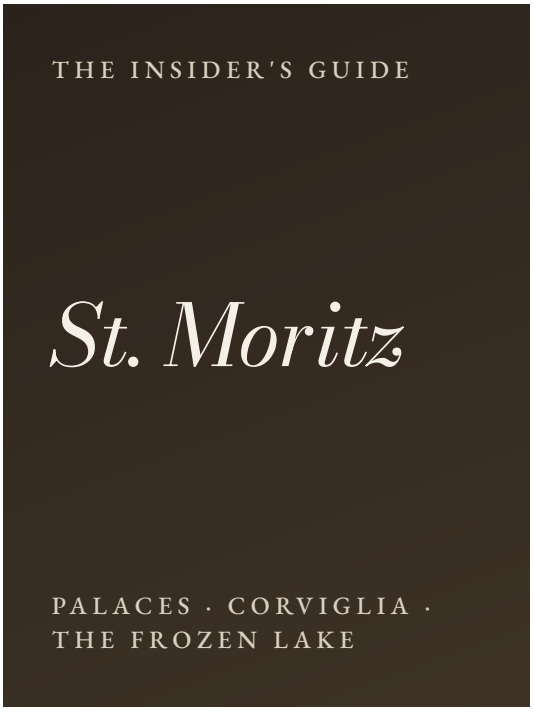
INSIDER'S GUIDE · PALACES · CORVIGLIA · THE FROZEN LAKE

St. Moritz, *in winter.*

St. Moritz opens for one season, from December to March, and its biggest weekends happen on a frozen lake. This guide covers the private arrival, the palaces, the starred tables, lunch at altitude, the nights and the lake events, with what we arrange and what depends on a member.



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MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS

Every address is marked: what we arrange, and what you simply walk into.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

St. Moritz works differently.

The town opens for one season

The grand hotels open in early December and close in late March or early April. Outside those weeks, most of the famous rooms are shut.

The lake is the stage

Snow Polo, The I.C.E. and White Turf all take place on the frozen lake within a few weeks. Those weekends fill the town first.

The best club is private

The Dracula Club admits members and their friends only. No ticket buys the door.

You don't have to ski

Pedestrian lift tickets take non-skiers up to the mountain lunch tables.

ARRIVAL

Arrive privately.

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Engadin Airport · Samedan

Europe's highest airport, for private and general aviation only, about ten minutes by car from St. Moritz.

Zurich, then helicopter

Land a larger jet in Zurich and continue by helicopter to Samedan, instead of three hours on the road.

Chauffeur

Waiting at the aircraft steps, and on call for the whole stay.

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Samedan sits high in a narrow valley: light and midsize jets land there, larger aircraft go to Zurich. We plan the routing around your aircraft and the weather.

WHERE YOU STAY

Your palace, ready.

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Badrutt's Palace

The tower over the lake.

Suvretta House

The only ski-in, ski-out hotel in St. Moritz, with a private lift.

Grand Hotel des Bains Kempinski

St. Moritz Bad, by the Signal cable car.

Private chalets

Staffed, with chef and driver.

Kulm Hotel

The oldest, home of the Cresta riders and the Sunny Bar.

Carlton Hotel

A small palace over the lake, with Da Vittorio downstairs.

Giardino Mountain · Champfèr

Quieter, with Ecco inside.

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Dress up for dinner: the palaces' main restaurants ask gentlemen for a jacket.

FINE DINING

The starred tables.

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Da Vittorio St. Moritz

The Cerea family's seasonal outpost, inside the Carlton.

Talvo

A historic Engadin house in Champfèr.

Ecco St. Moritz

At Giardino Mountain, Champfèr. The smallest dining room, the first to go in peak weeks.

Chesa Stüva Colani · La Chavallera

Down the valley, in Madulain and La Punt.

THE SCENE

Where St. Moritz dines.

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La Coupole · Matsuhisa

Nobu's Japanese-Peruvian room at Badrutt's.

Langosteria

The Milanese seafood house, at Chesa Chantarella.

Chesa Veglia

A 17th-century farmhouse: grill, Swiss stube, pizzeria and fondue.

King's Social House

Dinner, then the dancefloor.

Kulm Country Club

The grill by the lake.

ON THE MOUNTAIN

Lunch at altitude.

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White Marmot

At the Corviglia top station. Slippers are offered if you'd rather not lunch in ski boots.

Chasellas

Suvretta House's mountain restaurant.

Piz Nair · Glünetta

The highest table, and rösti on the sun terrace.

Paradiso Mountain Club

Resident DJs, a huge terrace, the après that starts at lunch.

Alpina Hütte

A wooden hut on a rock above the town. Order the Café Grischa.

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> St. Moritz parties early: après on the mountain often turns into dancing by mid-afternoon. Book the late table, not the early one.

APRÈS · LATE NIGHT

Every night.

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King's Social House

At Badrutt's, Switzerland's first nightclub.

Renaissance Bar

Badrutt's cigar lounge.

Dracula's Ghost Riders Club

Members and their friends only. Entry depends on a member, not a payment: we tell you honestly what is possible.

Sunny Bar

The Kulm's bar, the oldest sports bar in the Alps.

Roo Bar

Mulled wine and live music on the main square.

ON THE FROZEN LAKE

Access, secured.

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VIP tickets and hospitality for the great lake weekends, from late January into February. Exact dates change every year: contact us for this year's dates.

Snow Polo World Cup

The only high-goal polo played on snow. Late January.

The I.C.E. St. Moritz

Rare classic cars on the ice: shown on Friday, driven on Saturday. Late January.

White Turf

Horse racing on the frozen lake, on Sundays in February.

Around the event

Jet and helicopter, chauffeur, palace suite or chalet, and the dinners that weekend.

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> Snow Polo and The I.C.E. usually fall a week apart. Stay from one to the other and you live the whole St. Moritz season in ten days.

THE SEASON

The weeks that fill the town.

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Christmas & New Year

The hotels' peak fortnight.

Late December to February

The Cresta Run season.

Late January

Snow Polo, then The I.C.E.

February

White Turf Sundays and the Cresta Grand National.

March

The Engadin Skimarathon.

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> White Turf falls in the European February school holidays. Book the hotel by December.

THE THRILL

The mountain, yours.

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Olympia Bob Run

The world's oldest bob run, on natural ice. Guest rides from age 18, weather permitting.

The Cresta Run

Head-first down the ice. Beginners book a practice session.

Diavolezza

Glacier views over the Bernina.

Helicopter over the Bernina

Glaciers and frozen lakes from above.

NO BOOKING · NO DRESS CODE

Laid-back St. Moritz.

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Hanselmann

Behind the painted façade on Via Maistra. Take home an Engadiner Nusstorte.

Pizzeria Heuboden

Wood-fired pizza in Chesa Veglia's old hayloft.

Devil's Place

Waldhaus am See, with one of the largest whisky collections in the world.

Muottas Muragl

The terrace for the valley at sunset.

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Questions

When is the season in St. Moritz?

From early December to late March or early April. Outside those weeks, most of the grand hotels and famous restaurants are closed.

Where do private jets land for St. Moritz?

At Engadin Airport in Samedan, about ten minutes away, for light and midsize jets. Larger aircraft land in Zurich, with a helicopter transfer to Samedan.

Can you arrange VIP access to Snow Polo and The I.C.E. St. Moritz?

Yes: VIP tickets and hospitality on the frozen lake, with the transfers, hotel or chalet and dinners around the weekend.

Can you get me into the Dracula Club?

Entry depends on a member, never on a ticket. Tell us your dates and we will tell you honestly what is possible.