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Tales of Christmas Past at The Winter Village at The Chedi Andermatt, Switzerland



27 October 2022 - This winter, The Chedi Andermatt will transform its sunny Courtyard into a traditional mountain winter village, offering hearty food and drink and festive experiences rooted in nostalgia to guests of all ages. The Winter Village will open as the first snow falls in Andermatt in mid-November, with more offerings unveiled in the run-up to Christmas.

Walking through the Winter Village, guests will find themselves surrounded by tall fir trees as they amble down snow-covered paths leading to a real forest, with small clearings and traditional Swiss and Scandinavian cabins to explore.

Experiences include intimate dining at the Chalet and Kota - a typical Scandinavian hut built around a central firepit - a Finnish barrel sauna and hot tub, and a lively Village Square.

Staying true to The Chedi Andermatt's sustainable ethos, every cabin in the Winter Village has been made with local wood, whilst the Village makes the most of the natural light shining through the trees, using only a few additional lanterns to illuminate the Courtyard. Fir trees have been planted in pots, so they can be re-used around the town of Andermatt after the festive season.

During all seasons, The Chedi Andermatt champions the work of the town's artisans, local experts and sustainable initiatives. The hotel will make a special donation, from the proceeds of The Winter Village, to NGO 'Wald & Klima' at the end of the winter season, to aid the organisation in their work to support reforestation and the forest development project 'Ursern'.

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The Chedi Andermatt's Winter Village, set in The Courtyard

The Chalet and The Kota - where hearty celebration comes first

Charming winter pop-up restaurant, The Chalet, returns to Andermatt in 2022 to serve up Swiss specialties such as Raclette and Cheese Fondue. The restaurant has expanded for this winter season, with a new heated lounge sitting up to 40 guests, with cosy gathering spots around open fireplaces.

Located in a separate cottage, The Kota is available to book for exclusive use. During the day, The Kota is an intimate spot for small events, and as the sun sets, up to 16 guests can enjoy a private dinner around the grill.

The Finnish Sauna and The Hot Tub - where relaxation reaches new horizons

Before a hearty meal, guests can nourish the soul with some traditional Finnish rituals. Hidden away and overlooking the fir forest, the barrel sauna can seat up to four guests at one time, who can choose from a variety of infusions all inspired by the Alps and fir forest.

Guests can embark on a complete Finnish experience with a visit to the out-of-sight Hot Tub, which can seat up to five guests at a time. Hotel guests can reserve both the Finnish Sauna and Hot Tub for 30 minutes each, free of charge.

The Village Square and market stall - where the Village heart beats

At the heart of The Winter Village is the Village Square. A market stall surrounded by straw bales is open daily from 2 pm - 6 pm, serving festive treats such as Mulled Wine, Champagne, Tea and Punch, Sweet Crêpes and Savoury Galettes.

The Market Stall will showcase local craftsmanship, with Andermatt artisans selling their handicrafts each day. On selected dates, the Village Square will welcome regional expert Bänz Simmen for enlightening talks on the Usern Valley's centuries-old stories. Originally from the Usern Valley, Simmen will tell tales and folklore from this unique region over a cup of herbal tea, sourced from the nearby mountains.

Entertainment for younger guests

The Winter Village is a convivial space for guests of all ages to enjoy. On selected afternoons, The Chedi Bear Club will take excursions to The Winter Village for games, Guetzlen and handicrafts, and to meet the roaming llamas. The Chedi Andermatt has worked in collaboration with a local llama farm for a number of years, and recently adopted a friendly llama.

Further information and all the winter highlights of The Chedi Andermatt can be found [here](#).

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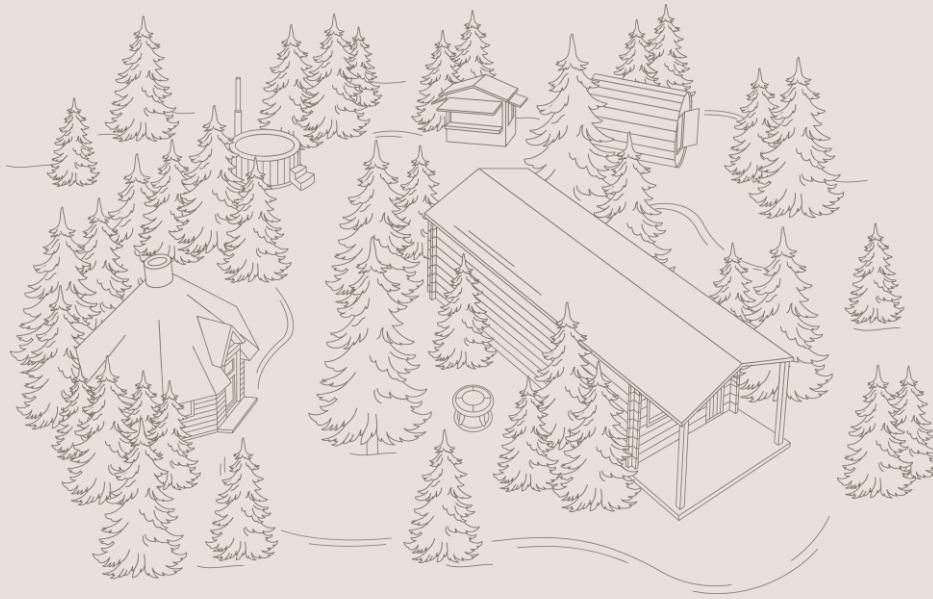
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About The Chedi Andermatt

Surrounded by the wonderful nature and year-round beauty of the Swiss Alps, The Chedi Andermatt fits elegantly with the classic ski chalets of Andermatt that give this timelessly charming town in the Ursern Valley its character. Designed by the renowned architect Jean-Michel Gathy of Denniston Architects, this deluxe 5-star hotel opened in 2013 to reveal a perfect fusion of authentic Swiss alpine chic and Asian style. Traditional materials like warm woods and natural stone create an intimate and sophisticated atmosphere throughout the 123 spacious guest rooms and suites, as well as the hotel amenities. These include The Restaurant, The Japanese Restaurant, The Chalet (open only in the winter months), The Bar and Living Room, The Lobby, The Courtyard, The Wine and Cigar Library and the 2,400 square meter The Spa and Health Club. With the gourmet restaurant "The Japanese by The Chedi Andermatt" at 2,300 metres above sea level, the hotel also operates the highest Japanese restaurant in Switzerland. The world-renowned Forbes Travel Guide awarded The Chedi Andermatt in 2022 with its best possible rating, the prestigious 5-Star Award, for the fourth year in a row. In addition, the Falstaff Hotel Guide 2022 ranked the deluxe 5-star hotel as one of the 10 best hotels in Switzerland – scoring 98 points out of 100.

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