

FYI Travel: A sneak peek of summer in the Swiss Alps

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The historic Badrutt's Palace Hotel in St. Moritz, Switzerland, has summer packages with savings up to 57 percent from the Swiss Alps' most sophisticated address.

SWISS BLISS - A cable car makes its way up a hill over St. Moritz, Switzerland. Summer highlights include a car convention, a golf tournament and a yacht race. CNS Photo courtesy of Badrutt's Palace Hotel. **Alpine Summer Feeling:** Two-night package in a Superior room including a free upgrade upon availability, welcome amenity and flowers in room upon arrival, daily buffet breakfast, two set dinners in Chesa Veglia or Le Restaurant (excluding drinks), and ticket for Corviglia mountain train. From \$492 for single and \$788 for double occupancy - a 57 percent discount on rack rates.

Simply St. Moritz: Three-night package in a Superior room including daily buffet breakfast, three set dinners in Chesa Veglia or Le Restaurant (excluding drinks), horse-drawn carriage ride into Fex Valley including transfer to Sils and back, and ticket for Corviglia mountain train. From \$1,051 for single and \$1,494 for double occupancy - a 38 percent discount on rack rates.

Family Summer Indulgence: Seven-night package in a Superior room including daily buffet breakfast, daily set dinner in Chesa Veglia or Le Restaurant (excluding drinks), Palace Picnic basket, one boat trip on Lake Sils including return transfer to Sils, horse-drawn carriage trip into Fex Valley including return transfer to Sils, free use of tennis courts and tennis lessons at a 30 percent discount, complimentary child-care services at the Kids' Club Palazzino (excluding lunch and dinner), and an additional room at a 50 percent discount on the standard daily rate (bed and breakfast). From \$2,332 for single and \$3,489 for double occupancy - a 39 percent discount on rack rates.

Golf Delight: Three-night package in a Deluxe room including welcome amenity and flowers in room upon arrival, daily buffet breakfast, Palace Golf present, two set dinners in Chesa Veglia or Le Restaurant (excluding drinks), two greens fees at golf courses Zouz Madulain or Samedan, return transfer from hotel to golf course, one full-body massage (55 minutes) at Daniela Steiner Beauty Spa and ticket for Corviglia mountain train. From \$1,157 for single and \$1,921 for double occupancy - a 42 percent discount on rack rates.

Summer rates at Badrutt's Palace Hotel start at \$283, double-occupancy.

Other events to look forward to in St. Moritz in summer 2007:- British Classic Car Meeting, with classic automobiles including Badrutt's own chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce Phantom (July 13-15).

- Second-annual Palace Golf Cup at the Engadine Golf Club (Aug. 3).

- Via Serlas Summer Party, with luxury retailers like Cartier, Chopard, Louis Vuitton and Bulgari celebrating summer at Badrutt's Palace Hotel (Aug. 5).

- St. Moritz Match Race, with America's Cup contenders racing around the lake (Aug. 14-19).

In conjunction with St Moritz's celebrations for the 100th anniversary of Engadine Mountain Railway, guests booking these packages receive complimentary tickets for the bus and mountain railway within St Moritz.

FYI: For more information, or to make reservations, visit www.badruttspalace.com or call The Leading Hotels in the World at 800-745-8883.

SEE THE END OF THE ROAD

Kantishna, Alaska, lies within one of the America's most popular tourist destinations, Denali National Park. Also known as The End of the Road, this small town at the end of the 95-mile Denali road is only accessible by bus from the park entrance or by small aircraft to Kantishna Airstrip.

The new Kantishna Experience is a 12-hour bus journey featuring interpretive narration provided jointly by a driver guide and a National Park Service ranger that joins the trip at Wonder Lake. The round trip into the heart of the park also includes lunch and a stop at the historic cabin of Fannie Quigley, an infamous Kantishna resident who settled in the area during its Gold Rush heyday in the early 1900s and remained there until her death in 1944.

Buses will pick up passengers at any of the four Aramark-managed lodges, McKinley Chalet Resort, McKinley Village Lodge, Grande Denali Lodge and the Denali Bluffs Hotel, as well as the Wilderness Access Center in the park and the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. The buses will be the same style as the Visitor Transportation System shuttle buses traveling to Wonder Lake and Kantishna.

FYI: The trip, which runs through Aug. 31, costs \$129 plus the park entrance fee. Information for all Denali National Park and Preserve bus options and reservations is available at www.reservedenali.com. Trip planning and other park information is available at www.nps.gov/dena or by calling 907-683-2294. For more information on lodging or other excursions at Denali, visit www.denaliparkresorts.com or call 800-276-7234.

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