

GRAND HOTEL KRONENHOF
PONTRESINA
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HOTEL OVERVIEW

A member of Swiss Deluxe Hotels, Grand Hotel Kronenhof stands in the very heart of Pontresina, an attractive Engadin village lying at an altitude of 1,800 meters. Just six kilometers 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 the "2024 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards".

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 Engadin 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 meters.

Since 2016, there has been an ongoing program of refurbishment, including the creation of 28 new rooms and suites, as well as the bel étage (the reception, lobby lounge, reading room, bar, cigar lounge and billiards room) in the historic part of the hotel, overseen by the well-known French interior designer by Pierre-Yves Rochon.

PONTRESINA & THE ENGADINE

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

- 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
- Try cross-country skiing – Pontresina is known for it

BUCKET LIST – SUMMER/AUTUMN

- Walk the ibex trail
- Walk in the Swiss National Park
- Enjoy Sunday brunch at the Morteratsch dairy
- View the Engadin from a tandem paraglider
- Try a yoga class or practice mindfulness on the Kronenhof's new outdoor spa platforms
- Ride the open view carriage of the Bernina Express

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 Engadin 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 kitesurfing at Silvaplana and wild swimming at Lej da Staz. 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.

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 doubles and suites have wonderful panoramic views of the mountains, as well as of the Corviglia and Roseg glaciers. Twenty-eight of these rooms have recently been renovated by award-winning French interior designer Pierre-Yves Rochon using calming colours that reflect the local landscape. Ranging in size from 35 m² to 63 m², they feature bathrooms in marble and granite, with some having walk-in closets.

The remaining 84 rooms vary from singles to suites. All are decorated in their own unique style, with lavish furnishings and attention to detail in each. Some have traditional Grisons-style Swiss pine paneling. In total, the hotel has nine suites and 30 junior suites, which feature separate living and sleeping areas. The room layouts make the hotel ideal for families, as many inter-connect.



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 Engadin furniture and Swiss-pine paneling, 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) that has recently undergone a complete transformation by Pierre-Yves Rochon. For those wishing to dip into a Swiss fondue or raclette, these dishes are offered once a week in the cozy, 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 and a 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 snowshoe 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.



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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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)