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GSTAAD AND DELIVER

Few places combine glamour and local tradition like Gstaad in the Swiss Alps. Now, its spirit has been captured in a glossy new coffee-table book, *Gstaad Glam*, by restaurateur Geoffrey Moore, son of the late Roger and lifelong fan of this spot in the heart of the Bernese Oberland. Home to the legendary Gstaad Palace hotel, the ludicrously exclusive members-only Eagle Club and the winter campus of Institut Le Rosey, the world's most expensive boarding school (Geoffrey went there), Gstaad has long attracted the likes of Valentino, Grace Kelly, Julie Andrews and Madonna. The book, packed with anecdotes of strolling through town with Frank Sinatra, and Prince Charles turning up at the Moore chalet to borrow a dinner jacket, also offers spectacular landscape and interiors shots that capture all that's glorious about Gstaad and its surrounds (there are, after all, 124 miles of ski-and-snowboard-ready slopes on its doorstep). It also has great recommendations for the best places to have fun as well as not-to-miss events like the inimitably glamorous Swiss Open tennis tournament. £70, assouline.com



A FLYING VISIT

The appetite for seriously splashy travel itineraries is growing, not least among those who have missed two ski seasons. Cue a fleet of new heli-skiing holidays. Luxury adventure specialist Pelorus offers a backcountry skiing trip in Denali, Alaska with heli-skiing, taking in glaciers, powder fields and steep gullies, around Mount Denali, the highest peak in North America. Likewise, bespoke global adventure specialist Eleven Experience (above) has just launched a pioneering heli-skiing programme in the Chilean Andes, based at remote, seven-suite Rio Palena Lodge – and over in British Columbia, it is teaming up with heli-skiing experts Kingfisher Heli to offer an itinerary based in Monashee Provincial Park. In January, its two French properties in the Savoie, Chalets Pelerin and Hibou, will offer heli-skiing over the border in Italy. In Austria, exclusive luxury hotel Severin*s – The Alpine Retreat is launching a heli-skiing package, capitalising on the fact that Lech is the only Austrian resort with a dedicated heli-ski chopper and resident instructor. pelorusx.com; elevenexperience.com; severins-lech.at

CAT WALKS

Voygr Expeditions specialises in transformative travel in remote Asia, with a leaning towards snow leopards. Living up to its reputation, it is launching a series of wilderness camps, the first of which will be off the tourist trail in Hemis National Park in northern India's Ladakh, an area famous for its snow leopards in the winter months between October and March. Dedicated not just to tracking but also preserving the snow leopard, the LungMar is a 10-tent, solar-powered wilderness camp, launching softly this

month, designed to generate high-quality jobs in the region, which in turn will mean locals help protect vast snow-leopard habitats, and reduce human-wildlife conflict. Kitted out with Afghan rugs and traditional Tibetan furniture, the camp makes for a cosy base from which to seek out and monitor this elusive creature, with the help of highly trained conservationists and guides.

Six-day stays cost from £3,380 for two people, voygr.com

