

## What a Humm-dinger: Top Chef to cook at the Top of the World

Switzerland, November 2016: One of the world's most successful chefs, Daniel Humm, is to take up residency at the legendary Kulm Hotel St. Moritz ([www.kulm.com](http://www.kulm.com)), for three nights only (31 January, 1 & 2 February), showcasing his Michelin-starred cuisine in the hotel's historic ice pavilion, which has undergone a CHF11+ million refurbishment under the guidance of world-famous architect and St. Moritz resident Lord Foster. But if you want to be part of this magical experience, you need to be quick: only 120 reservations are being taken over three nights.



Daniel Humm (photo credit: Marco Grob); Kulm Country Club restaurant

Swiss Humm is one of the most feted chefs in the world who, since 2006, has made Eleven Madison Park in New York his home. Since 2012, the restaurant has continuously held three Michelin stars and is currently ranked third in the "World's 50 Best Restaurants" list. His style of cooking reflects his Swiss origins, while also incorporating American influences: "Milk and honey", "Humm dog with truffle mayonnaise and Gruyère cheese" and "Roast duck marinated in lavender and honey" are just a few of Humm's cult classics.

Humm will be visiting the Kulm Hotel as part of the St. Moritz Gourmet Festival (<http://www.stmoritz-gourmetfestival.ch/en>), which takes place from 30 January to 3 February, and will feel right at home in the restored ice pavilion, now known as the Kulm Country Club. Located in the Kulm Hotel's parkland, it has large floor to ceiling windows that echo the airy feel of Eleven Madison Park restaurant, which has its own green outlook over Madison Square Park. Having an internationally famous Swiss chef will also be the perfect inauguration for the Kulm Country Club, which opens on 30 January, following a nine-month renovation project.



*Kulm Country Club private dining; Roast duck marinated in lavender and honey (photo credit: Francesco Tonelli)*

In order to experience New York's best chef cooking in the pavilion of St. Moritz's best hotel, guests will need to book an overnight package costing CHF875 per person, sharing a double room, to include a bottle of Champagne in the room on arrival and dinner (drinks at dinner are an additional cost), as well as a sumptuous buffet breakfast in the morning and the opportunity to relax in the Kulm Spa St. Moritz. Reservations can be made online at [www.kulm.com](http://www.kulm.com).

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**Kulm Hotel St. Moritz** ([www.kulm.com](http://www.kulm.com)) was the first hotel to be built in St. Moritz. The Kulm Hotel opened its doors in 1856 and immediately became popular for summer spa and painting holidays, particularly among the British who comprised around 75% of the hotel guests. The owner of the Kulm Hotel, Johannes Badrutt, initiated winter holidays to St. Moritz from 1864 and, as a result, the hotel, resort and Switzerland itself celebrated 150 years of winter tourism in the 2014/15 season.

Since the 19th century, the Kulm Hotel has changed considerably through expansion and renovation, but the fabulous location at the heart of St. Moritz with views over the Lake remains the same. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, Kulm Hotel St. Moritz has 172 rooms, five restaurants (offering formal dining, French fine dining – the Gourmet-Restaurant the K has 16 GaultMillau points, the Italian Pizzeria with 13 GaultMillau points, local Engadine specialities and Japanese), the extensive Kulm Spa St. Moritz (with a 20 m indoor pool with underwater music, various saunas and steam room, a Jacuzzi, a fully-equipped gym and treatment rooms, all with stunning views over Lake St. Moritz) and six conference rooms, with capacities ranging from 50 to 500 people.

Entertainment and sports facilities include the 9-hole Kulm Golf Course St. Moritz (the oldest golf course in the country), three tennis courts, a natural ice rink, a curling field and the Marmotta Kids' Club. The Kulm Hotel St. Moritz is inextricably linked to the Cresta Run, which was built within the hotel's grounds in 1891. To this day, tobogganing pilots congregate in the Kulm's Sunny Bar, which is Switzerland's oldest sports bar; the walls of the bar are lined with trophies and images of famous people who have hurled themselves down the infamous ice track.

Recent awards for the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz include being named best mountain hotel in Switzerland at the Connoisseur Circle Awards, Switzerland's third Top Luxury Hotel in the 2016 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice® awards, as well as fifth place in the hotels worldwide recognised for best service category. This year, the Kulm was also named sixth best hotel in Switzerland by HolidayCheck and one of the most popular hotels worldwide; Bilanz Hotel-Rating 2016 ranked it eighth out of the 50 best holiday hotels in Switzerland. In 2015, the Kulm secured a top ten place in the "Friendliest Luxury Hotel" category at the Switzerland Tourism PRIX BIEN-



VENU awards, entered the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame for excellence in hospitality for consistently achieving great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor, was named 5th best hotel in Switzerland by SonntagsZeitung's hotel critic Karl Wild and was named the best five-star hotel in St. Moritz for wellness, active holidays and luxury travel by HolidayCheck; the hotel's Gourmet-Restaurant the K also won 16 GaultMillau points. In 2014, the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz was included in a list of the top ten best holiday hotels in Switzerland compiled by renowned Swiss newspaper SonntagsZeitung and the top ten most welcoming luxury hotels in the country list put together by Switzerland Tourism.

In May 2016, Jenny and Heinz E. Hunkeler of the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz were named "Hoteliers of the Year 2016" by leading Swiss newspaper SonntagsZeitung, which publishes annual Hotel Rating Awards, the only honours sanctioned by Switzerland Tourism, the national tourist office. In July 2016, Nadine Böning-Soares received the title of "Spa Manager of the year" from Bilanz Hotel-Rating 2016.

Both the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz and its sister property Grand Hotel Kronenhof are owned by the Niarchos family.

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