



TATLER

TRAVEL GUIDE 2024

Bedding down

Slumber-inducing mattresses, smart monogrammed linen, good feng shui... Sweet dreams are made of these

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Built in 1907, the former Bellevue Hotel has been transformed into the Drei Berge Hotel with a storybook green exterior and candy-stripe shutters.

Bedrooms, named after mountain ranges, have blackout curtains to ensure sound sleep.

DREI BERGE HOTEL

Mürren, Switzerland

There's nowhere to get a better view of the epic 'three mountains' than here. The prospect of the Jungfrau, Eiger and Mönch's snow-capped peaks is so otherworldly, you'll believe you're in cloud cuckoo land (the area is said to have inspired JRR Tolkien's vision for *The Lord of the Rings*). And now it has a hotel to match. This relaunched Alpine haven in the heart of Mürren is a place that makes you smile because it's fun and unique. And of course, being the first hotel from tastemaker extraordinaire Ramdane Touhami, it would have to be. Touhami is responsible for reinventing such brands as Cîr Trudon and Buly 1803 – whose scents transport us to olfactory worlds of centuries long past – and the energetic romantic has restored this former hikers' haunt in eclectic style. With a '90s hip-hop soundtrack, the lobby sets the tone, furnished with mid-century Martin Visser sofas and African masks, and laid with a carpet that name-checks the world's highest summits. General manager Yasmina Abdelilah-Bauer understands the magic of a hotel that is run like a friend's cool-yet-cosy hideaway (with slicker service and waiters shaking up fabulous negroni shaghtos). In the brasserie, a menu overseen by innovative Japanese chef Ryutaro Kobayashi is refined as hell, with steaming ramen noodles and a most extraordinary teriyaki burger – flame-grilled in sake – alongside international crowd-pleasers such as veal Milanese. Spending more than 200 days a year on the road, Touhami knows what makes a good hotel: 'You should be dreaming of your bed during the day,' he says. And whether you are hiking through fields of wildflowers or enjoying a day on the pistes, you know what he means. No expense has been spared on the quality of sleep. Touhami went to Beltrami Linen, the artisan producers behind the Ritz Paris's illustrious bedding, and took it one step further. So what you have is a Heidi-esque wooden bed, the three mountains carved into its headboard; and a mattress that achieves the near-impossible feat of being both soft and supportive. Topped in sateen-finished linen, with a grass-green trim, encasing two single duvets – it's the Bernese-Alpine way – it will give you one of the most satisfying slumbers you have ever known. Doubles from £276, including breakfast (dreibergehotel.ch).