

Media release

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SWISS Taste of Switzerland

Culinary delights from St. Moritz for SWISS's winter guests

On long-haul services from Switzerland, SWISS now offers its passengers a range of culinary specialties from the exclusive el paradiso Mountain Club and the Lej da Staz restaurant in the heart of the Engadine. The specially-created meals will be available in First and Business Class for a three-month period beginning today.

For the latest chapter in its award-winning "SWISS Taste of Switzerland" inflight foodservice program, Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) spotlights the cuisine of Canton Grisons in Southeast Switzerland from 4 December to the beginning of March 2020. The special meals for First and Business Class travelers on long-haul services from Switzerland are created by Frank Schuster, chef de cuisine at the Lej da Staz restaurant and the el paradiso Mountain Club near St. Moritz. Together with his kitchen team, Frank Schuster conjures up seasonal dishes and classics ranging from the rustic to the exclusive, all coupled with sweet treats from the house patisserie.

SWISS First serves legendary meatloaf offering

In keeping with the winter season, SWISS's First Class guests can choose from a selection of seasonal specialties from el paradiso Mountain Club. The legendary and exclusive el paradiso Mountain Club sits above St. Moritz at an elevation of nearly 7,200 feet, and is run by hosts Anja and Hans Jörg Zingg. For starters, Frank Schuster created such delights as an allegra-poke bowl with barley and salmon trout and a fig mustard dressing. His main courses include the specialty of the house: the legendary "Meat Love" meatloaf with morel sauce. And a mini version of the equally reputed el paradiso millefeuille – layered puff pastry cake with crème pâtissière – rounds off the First Class offering.

Braised beef in red wine sauce in SWISS Business

Long-haul Business Class travelers will enjoy delights from the Lej da Staz restaurant, which is located by idyllic Lake Staz, near St. Moritz, and is also managed by Anja and Hans Jörg Zingg. The starters here include smoked char with barley salad; the main courses extend to braised beef in red wine sauce served alongside polenta with alpine cheese; and the desserts include a sweet chestnut mascarpone mousse on a white chocolate and pear slice.

Regional cheeses and wines

To further acquaint its winter guests with Canton Grisons and its culinary variety, SWISS has accompanied its latest special meal offerings with local cheeses and wines. The First and Business Class cheese selection includes Ftan organic mountain cheese and an Engadin Forte. The First Class wines include a 2018 Chardonnay white from the Davaz estate and a 2017 Trocla Nera Pinot Noir red from the Obrecht winery, while the Business Class wine list extends to a 2018 Pinot Noir Spätlese Barrique red from the Von Salis winery in Malans and a 2018 Riesling-Silvaner white from the Hermann estate.

Under its “SWISS Taste of Switzerland” inflight catering concept, SWISS highlights the culinary richness and variety of its home country by inviting a different top chef every three months to present local specialties from their region. Next up, in spring 2020, will be Canton Zug.

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) is The Airline of Switzerland, serving over 100 destinations in 44 countries worldwide from Zurich and Geneva and carrying some 18 million passengers a year with its fleet of around 90 aircraft. The company's Swiss WorldCargo division provides a comprehensive range of airport-to-airport airfreight services for high-value and care-intensive consignments to around 175 destinations in more than 80 countries. As The Airline of Switzerland, SWISS embodies its home country's traditional values, and is committed to delivering the highest product and service quality. With its workforce of some 9,000 personnel, SWISS generated total revenues of over CHF 5 billion in 2018. SWISS is part of the Lufthansa Group, and is also a member of Star Alliance, the world's biggest airline network.

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