

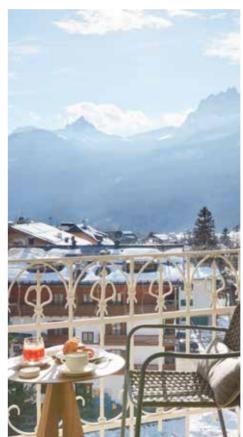
GRAND DESIGNS

I recently had the opportunity to visit the Grand Hotel Savoia in the picturesque resort of Cortina in Italy. The hotel has just celebrated a century of history and iconic holidays, having first opened its doors a hundred years ago to some of the most glamorous international clientele. It may be a century old, but the hotel's appeal remains as timeless today as the day it opened all those years ago.

warmer summer months.

The mountain resort of Cortina has long the best winter sports destinations in Italy and since been associated with fashion, glitz, there is a long tradition in ski tourism, so it's and glamour, with the Italian Dolomites as not surprising the Winter Olympics will take its backdrop and it's no small wonder that place there in 2026. There are over 120km of discerning travellers choose the Grand Hotel ski slopes with breath-taking views as well as Savoia as their base to enjoy their winter guaranteed snow cover. If you are thinking of sports but also to come and relax during the strapping on ski boots for the very first time, then the Snowpark in Cortina is ideal for The resort of Cortina is without doubt one of families as well as skiers of all ages and abilities.

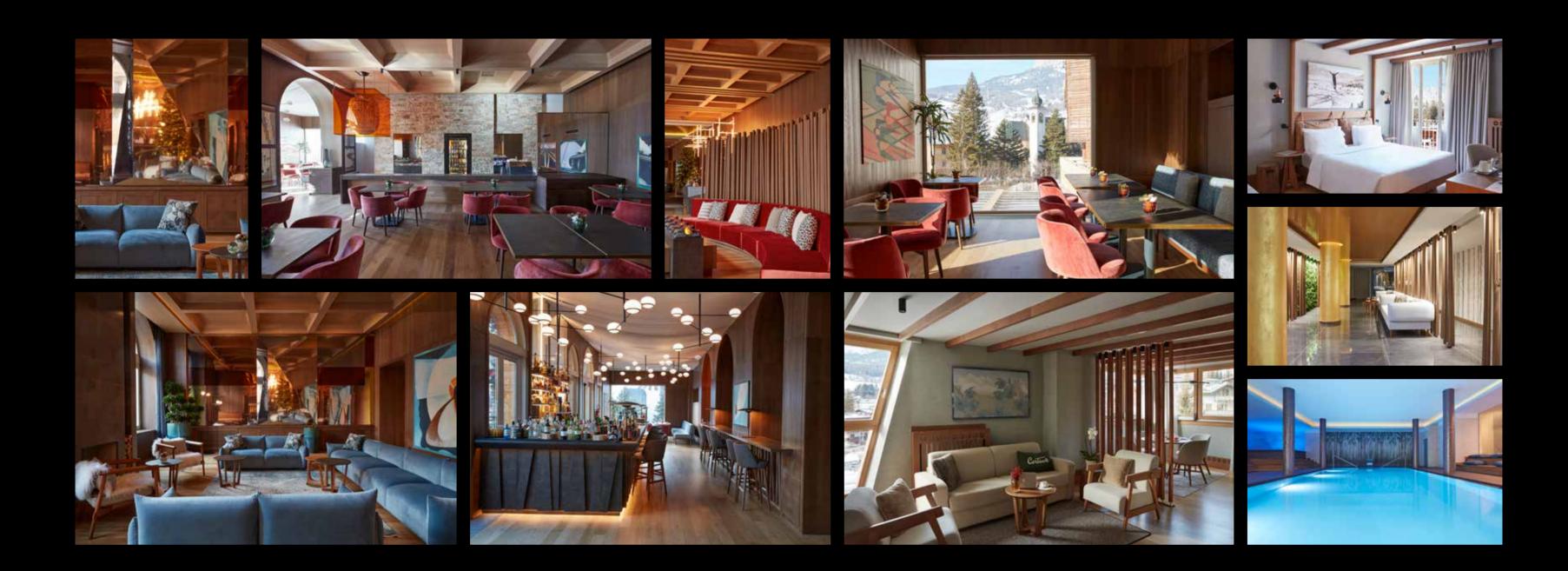








amazing breakfast served in the Ristorante Savoy, which is also the hotel's main restaurant serving regional cuisine and some of the best superbly appointed with all the amenities Dolomite recipes. But my morning wasn't you would expect from a luxury hotel. There for skiing, instead I was there to witness the are marble bathrooms, incredible faux fires in Cortina WinteRace start where 50 classic and some of the rooms, well stocked mini bars historic cars assemble with their respective drivers and navigators. This is now an annual



be built prior to 1976, with iconic margues, some from limited productions, with owners as far away as Argentina, Mexico, Germany, part in this annual race, covering two stages between Italy and Austria. Overall, the circuit spans a total of 400 kilometres, crossing five passes, making it one of the most elegant and sight was spectacular with all the cars parked outside in front of the hotel with drivers and warmth of the morning sun.

pistes and the apres ski of course.

Having had a full afternoon skiing and pool, a large sauna and steam room and and crews from all over the world. Countries enjoying the snow on the nearby mountains, a large spa pool. The Savoia Spa really is a only a ten minute stroll to the nearest ski sanctuary of calm and warmth in which to Austria, England, and Switzerland all take lift, I returned to the hotel for a well-earned unwind after a day on the slopes. Luckily for glass of bubbly in the relaxing 1224 Terrazza, me, the Spa team have created a range of which is the terraced area outside the hotel adjacent to the 1224 Bar & Lounge. Here that have been specifically designed to eagerly anticipated road rallies in Italy. The the mountains and cosy up in comfortable can book a single treatment, or they can sumptuous chairs covered in warm blankets arrange a day, a weekend or even a weekand cushions enjoying your favourite cocktail crews enjoying the hotel's hospitality in the watching the sun go down, simply sublime! The cars would return for a gourmet dinner appointment at the Savoia Spa. An in house Ristorante Savoia, designed in the theme of a

event at the hotel. To compete, cars have to decided to hit the slopes and check out the Robed and slippered, I made my way to the spa which has a lovely warm swimming massages, treatments and beauty procedures you will get some gobsmacking views of rejuvenate and reinvigorate tired limbs. You long spa programme with personalised

As my legs were tired from skiing, I made an For dinner that evening I returned to the and presentation in a couple of days, so I spa only a short wander from my room. mountain Stube, a traditional mountain style of traditional Austro-Hungarian and Italian such as homemade speck and buttered be without home-made Strudel, It's the sandwiches, and burgers.

wood lined room where family and friends Hotel Savoia they do offer a slightly more that includes classic car races, festivals and meet to eat and drink. I was expecting a contemporary, lighter take on this classic fashion shows to name but a few. It's a yearvery traditional Italian style menu, however, alpine dish, but well worth ordering trust me! round destination that will leave you wanting the food in this region is much more than The Ristorante Savoy has a great wine list to return over and over again. So, whether simply 'Italian'. It's a flavoursome mixture that will take you on a journey around this its Ski boots and sunglasses or cashmere and part of Italy. If you aren't sure of a choice, cable cars, if you want to experience the influences, along with regional specialities then the sommelier will guide you on your exceptional, the exclusive and the elegant, journey, or just try something different and dumplings. You will find butter, cheese, pork be surprised. For lighter and more informal and dumplings are found on most menus in meals the Pizza Palace has slices of pizza this region, along with polenta, slow-cooked straight from the wood-fired oven, or if you meats and casunziei, the half-moon ravioli just fancy some lighter options then there's stuffed with red turnip, spinach and pumpkin. the 1224 Bar and Lounge which has tasty However, no mountain dessert menu should nibbles with a menu of locally inspired salads,

sort of pudding designed for climbing and Cortina is an evolving destination with a skiing down mountains, although at Grand thriving culture as well as a lively social diary Room Rates and Discounts mention The Player

look no further than Grand Hotel Savoia in the amazing resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo.

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