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Hôtel de Verbier Verbier, Switzerland

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9/10
Telegraph expert rating

"Verbier's newest kid on the block is a seamless blend of retro charm, contemporary design and Scandi eco-living. Stylish rooms evoke the Swiss Alps through natural palettes and artisanal objets d'art; winter and summer-sports enthusiasts are well catered for; and chic trattoria dining exalts neighbouring Italy."



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Rooms from **£180** per night

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Tue 8 Mar

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1 room, 2 adults, 0 children

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Telegraph Review

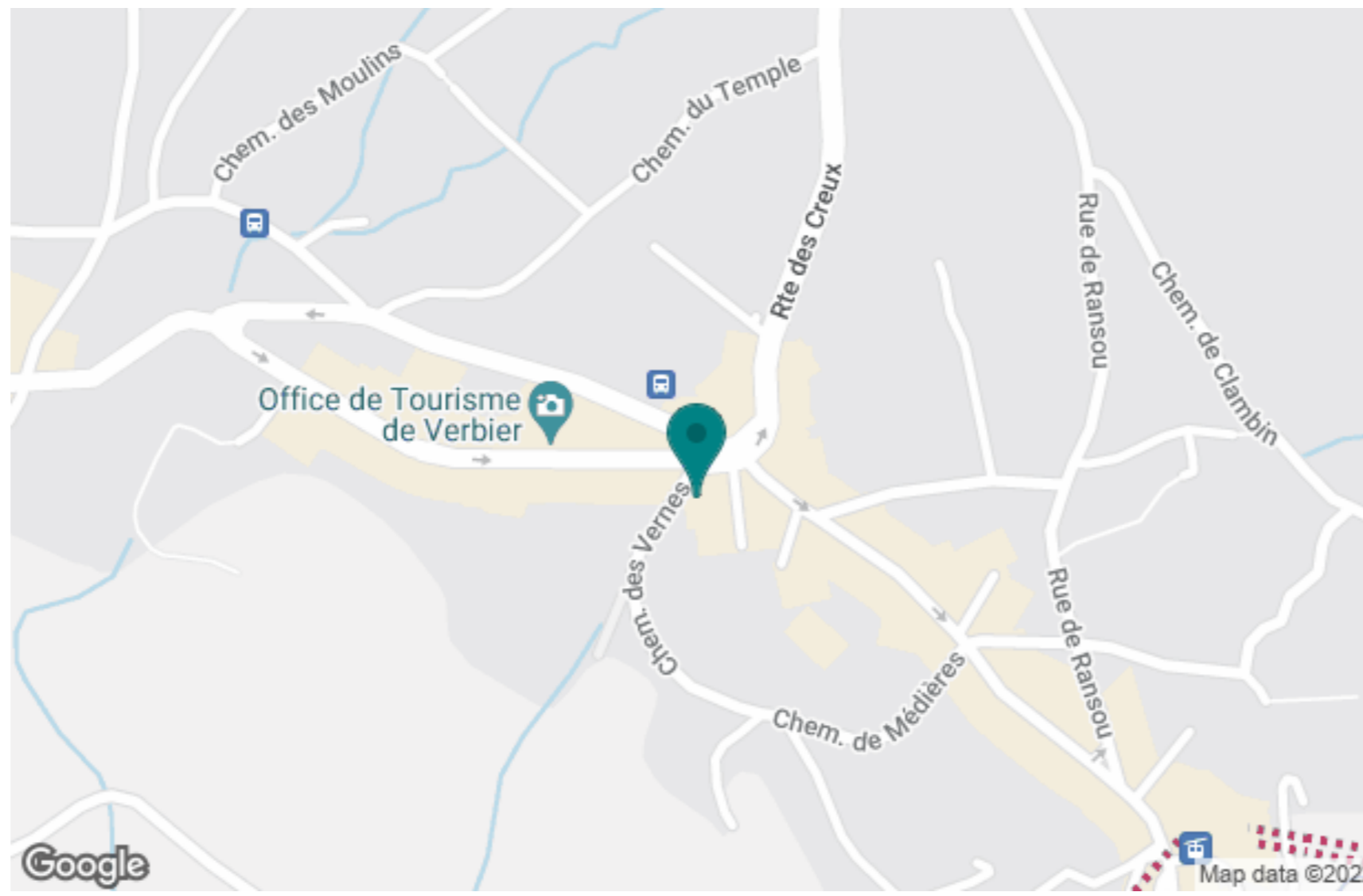


By Nicola Williams, DESTINATION EXPERT

9/10 Location

The hotel lords over Verbier's central square. The Médran cable-car station, with bubbles up the mountain to 410km of ski runs and down to Le Châble in the valley, is a 10-minute stroll along boutique-lined Rue de Médran.

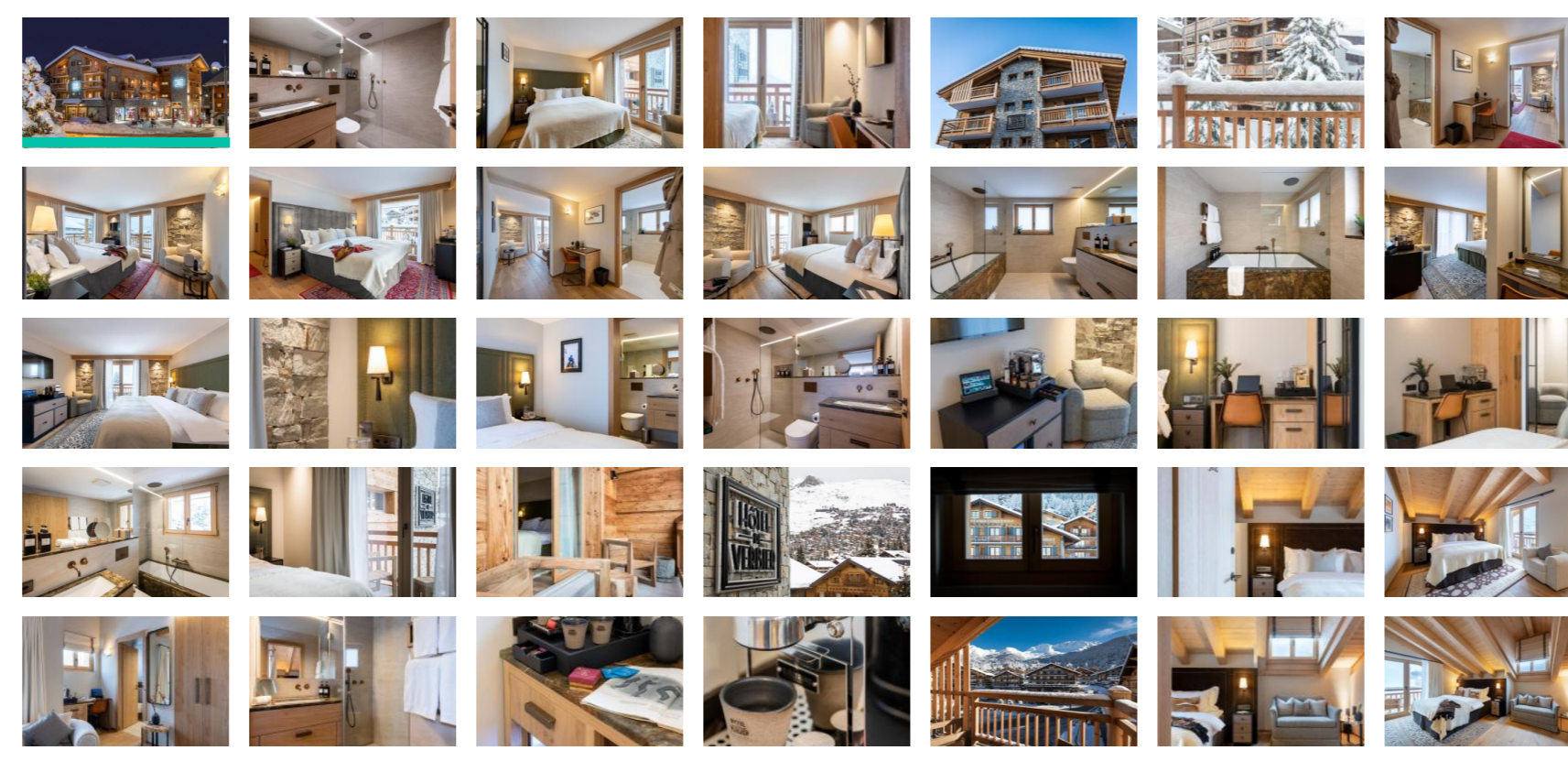
Whatever the season, a heart-pounding 90-second spin on the world's highest zip wire atop Mont Fort (3,300m) is the new Verbier must. If you're arriving by train at Le Châble from Geneva (two and a half hours) or Zurich airport (four hours), count CHF 60 (£47) by taxi or CHF 11/16 single/return (£8.50/£12.50) by cable car up to Verbier – both take about 15 minutes.



9/10 Style and Character

If it were not for the rustic cowbell strung on the fireplace or framed black-and-white photos in the lobby-lounge, it would be hard to know that Hôtel de Verbier is a 1947 vintage. Guted and rebuilt (read: triple window-glazing and solar roof panels) by creative new Swedish owners, the luxurious four-star property is now an exquisite fusion of artisan Scandi design and traditional Alpine savoir-faire.

Ebba, who grew up skiing in Verbier, and husband Eld have crafted an unpretentious boutique hotel with a cosy, cocooning vibe. Earthy colour schemes and natural materials evoke Verbier's hallowed mountain peaks, as does the priceless collection of retro ski photos snapped in resort in the 1970s by 'godfather of ski photography' Mark Shapiro et al.



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8/10 Service and Facilities

Nothing is too much trouble for the multilingual reception staff or Ebbe and Eld who are very present; electronic check-in is also available. A mountain concierge service arranges ski-gear rental, lessons, guides, heliskiing, you name it, and the basement ski room raises the bar with heated racks for gloves as well as boots.

Kudos for the sleek spa with hammam, massage suite and airy sauna atypically sporting windows an intimate courtyard garden. The lobby, with fireplace, sofas, flickering candles and artsy books to browse, is a lovely place to lounge.

- Bar
- Laundry
- Room service
- Spa
- Wi-Fi
- Fitness centre
- Restaurant
- Sauna
- Steam room/hammam

9/10 Rooms

The 29 doubles and two studios with mini-kitchenettes occupy three floors; attic rooms sport sloping ceilings with exposed beams, and most rooms enjoy a balcony with wooden lounge chairs and coffee table for endless oohing and ahing over the amphitheatre of ridiculously extravagant mountain views.

An elegant, understated intimacy reflects the care and precision with which Ebba and Eld personally sourced the fabrics and fittings for each room: luxuriant cream-wool bed throws woven by Chamonix's iconic Maison Arpin, handpicked Egyptian-cotton bed linen and bathrobes by Sprit of The Nomad, pottery beakers by Swedish pottery Krukmakeri, and the fluffiest goose-down duvets this side of the Matterhorn.

Coffee capsules are biodegradable, a carafe encourages guests to drink Verbier's pristine tap water and the minibar bursts with local temptations: Verbier craft beer, fiery AOP Valais Abricotine and Poire Williams liqueur miniatures, AOC Valais wine, organic cashew nuts enrobed in alpine herbs. Decent-sized bathrooms with rain shower or tub echo the bedroom's cream, taupe, grey or sage-green hues. Regular-sized bottles of eco-luxury skin and hair products are by Björk & Berries.

8/10 Food and Drink

A buffet breakfast, served in restaurant La Nonna, fuels outdoor adventurers with dill-laced smoked salmon, ham, Gruyère cheese, eggs, sausage and bacon, fruit and muesli, pancakes, crusty bread and sweet pastries. Summertime *petit dej*, al fresco on the huge terrace with mountain view, demands extra lizard-lounging time.

Lunch and dinner at La Nonna (mains CHF 22-40 or £17-£31) is a Verbier-chic spin on traditional Italian cooking. A playful décor mixes sassy portraits of rebel *nonnas* (Italian grandmas) with wood-clad walls, cutlery in Italian tomato tins, and hand-painted-in-Italy tableware designed by Verbier artist Rosalind Monks.

Head chef Mattia Pitzalis is the real deal from Turin and his tasty trattoria classics enjoy inventive twists: creamy burrata cheese with candied chestnuts and mountain honey, a deconstructed tuna tonnato with caper berries, penne with vodka and pancetta chips. Sweet dolci highlights include tiramisù and a sassy pistachio-spiked crême brûlée. Stools by the bar, casual banquet seating and lounge terrace ensure a perfect spot to chill over a craft cocktail, grappa or alpine herbal infusion any time of day.

8/10 Value for Money

Double rooms from CHF 390 (£305) in low season; and from CHF 590 (£459) in high. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi. Closed May and early June, open weekends only October and November.

Access for guests with disabilities?

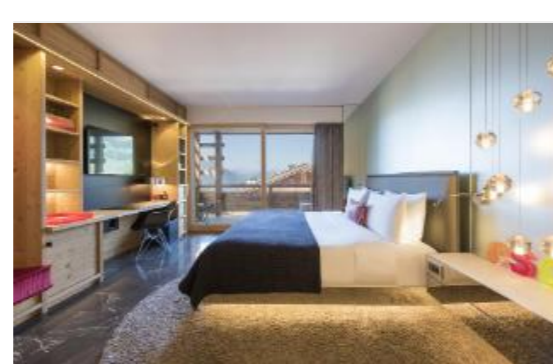


Adapted doubles cater to guests in wheelchairs. The hotel entrance has a ramp and there is a lift inside.

Family-Friendly?

Neighbouring doubles privatised by a door in the corridor mean greater soundproofing and privacy for parents. Most doubles sleep three (extra bed or single sofa bed; CHF 120/£93) and baby cots are free. Chess, backgammon, the local Valais version of Monopoly and other board games amuse in the lobby-lounge.

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