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Diamonds, Dior and the great outdoors — where the super-rich spend summer

The jet set are swapping the heat of southern Europe for the cool and glitzy Swiss mountain resort of Badrutt's Palace. Our writer checks in

Five more ultra-exclusive retreats in Europe

Grand Forest, Metsovo, Greece



Perched 1,350m (4,430ft) above sea level in the Pindus Mountains in northern Greece, Metsovo is a popular winter ski destination for affluent Athenians. It is also attracting an increasing number of summer visitors, with holidaymakers keen to avoid the steamy islands in favour of the climate here, with temperatures topping out at 27C. Activities at the family-run Grand Forest Metsovo Resort include off-road tours around Valia Calda National Park, horse riding, canyoning, mountain biking, hiking and paddleboarding on Aoos Springs Lake. The hotel has 62 suites designed to blend into the mountain, three gourmet restaurants specialising in local cuisine, an infinity pool with heart-lurching views over the mountains and a spa that uses organic Greek products.

Details B&B doubles from £240 (grand-forest.gr). Fly to Preveza