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San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge, Südtirol



The latest diversion at San Lorenzo is the 'heli-golf safari': guests are picked up from the lodge then ferried between five nearby courses

A former hunting lodge dating back to the 16th century, this rustic chalet in the Dolomites was bought in 2005 by Stefano and Giorgia Barbini, then general manager and retail director, respectively, for Escada. They embarked on a lengthy restoration project to create an idyllic escape from their busy city lives, then eventually decided to downshift, leave their fashion careers and run the lodge as an exclusive retreat; the first paying guests arrived in early 2010. Surrounded by meadows and forests at an altitude of 1,200m, the house sleeps up to 10 in four bedrooms, has a wine cellar, sauna, mini-spa and swimming pool. The views extend over the Pusteria and Badia valleys and to the snow-capped mountains of the Kronplatz. A choice of ski resorts is in easy reach

in winter, as are golf courses in summer (in the grounds there is a miniature recreation of St Andrew's 18th hole).

From €2,400 per day for the lodge; www.sanlorenzomountainlodge.com

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