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5 European Hotels Where You Can Beat the Heat



The Junior Suite La Chapelle at Jura, Switzerland's Chateau de Raymontpierre comes with a soaking tub. The Living Circle

Château de Raymontpierre

Jura, Switzerland

Set on a plateau some 3,200 feet above sea level in Switzerland's Jura Canton, Château de Raymontpierre occupies a 16th-century stone castle attached to a working farm. On summer nights, temperatures are regularly in the lower 50s, meaning conditions

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favorable for preserving the milk, butter and cheese produced most mornings on neighboring farms. With just 14 guest rooms, the estate also includes over 1,600 acres of hikeable spruce forest and limestone crags inhabited by elusive lynx and rare montane species like citril finches. The castle reopened in 2024 following an extensive two-year restoration of its three watchtowers, spiral staircase and signature red-and-white striped shutters. Rooms are elegantly spare, with hand-troweled plaster walls, wood ceilings and small writing desks. A former knight's hall with a stone fireplace has been transformed into a library lounge, and the newly built La Grange annex features a steam bath and sauna. The property's gardens and orchards supply many of the ingredients for the communal meals, which might include dishes like beetroot carpaccio with nutty Tête de Moine cheese and pea soup with dried beef from the estate's Simmental cows. *From about \$520 a night, including meals.*