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This family ski retreat in Quebec's Charlevoix region features spaces with a seamless blend of residential warmth and five-star hôtel particulier luxury *By Celeste Goh. Photography by Ulysse Lemerise*









This spread, clockwise from top left: A bellman luggage cart stands outside Chalet Bertha's suites; the Nordic-inspired furnishings are bathed in sunlight streaming in through the fenestration that links the interior with the outdoors; this customised red slide doubles as a steel staircase connecting the children's playroom to the common area upstairs; colourful furnishings bring a joyous air to the playroom

Previous spread, left to right: Chalet Bertha stands high atop the Laurentian Mountains in Quebec, Canada; the double-height main mudroom entrance features a 1970s-style suspended metal fireplace and a herringbone brick floor



Nestled in the Laurentian Mountains atop Le Massif de Charlevoix, a resort area renowned for its dramatic natural vistas, Chalet Bertha commands stunning views. From its vantage point, you are treated to expansive scenes of dense forests, the majestic Saint Lawrence River and the charming town of Baie-Saint-Paul, celebrated for its vibrant arts-and-crafts scene.

Named in homage to the alpine deity Perchta from Germanic mythology, also known as the “bright one”, this three-storey chalet is a standout in a private enclave of 46 identical homes. It belongs to a business couple, avid nature enthusiasts who see this retreat as their haven for ski weekends and extended getaways with loved ones. The expansive 7,500 sq ft space comprises five luxurious bedroom suites and baths, accommodating up to 18 guests. Consequently, Chalet Bertha is not only a private escape but also serves as an idyllic setting for short-term lettings, hosting everything from corporate retreats to intimate conferences and leisurely holidays

BE OUR GUEST

Inside the architectural shell by architect Luc Tremblay, multidisciplinary studio Perron Design fashioned the interiors of this magnificent chalet to marry the cosiness of a home with the opulence of a five-star hotel, with a special focus on spaces for well-being in which family, friends and guests would feel as comfortably as they do at home.

Taking a cue from 18th-century Parisian grand townhouses and private mansions known as *hôtel particuliers* or “personal hotels,” Perron Design blurs the line between residential and commercial to make the family chalet a place of relaxation and vacations worthy of the biggest hotel chains.

“The client wanted a real turnkey solution, which is rather rare,” says Sarah Ève Hébert, associate designer at Perron. “They left the field open to us and we decided to play the ‘hotel’ card down to the smallest details, including placing the crockery in the cupboards, a luggage trolley in the hallway, and labelled toiletries in the bathrooms.”

NORDIC NOTES

“Bertha is a chalet-hotel characterised by its holiday spirit, flavoured by Nordic inspirations—very neutral and minimalist,”



This spread, clockwise from above: A sunshine-yellow piano stands out in this dining space; another nook for nibbles is given a lift with colourful furnishings; this lounge area is perfect for meetings, reading and contemplation with its views of the snowy landscape; a U-shaped counter features prominently in the central open kitchen in the common area; the interiors by Perron Design offer a nod to European prestige as well as Quebecois charm

adds Hébert, whose design studio has been in the industry for nearly 30 years. “We then punctuated the ensemble with textured, colourful and unusual elements for Quebec.”

Beneath the exposed, whitewashed fir wood frame, the overall interior design is characterised by a minimalist, warm, and highly functional slant.

Other wood varieties such as pine, oak and spruce, indoor plants and felted wool were favoured, as were soft colours and clean lines. All of these are bathed in the natural light

that enters through Chalet Bertha’s generous fenestration, fostering a constant link with the natural environment and allowing those indoors to keep track of the passage of the day.

Paired with the minimalism are custom-made furnishings directly imported from Europe, and hand-woven cushions and rugs by local artisans from L’Isle-aux-Coudres.

“The interior design honours both European prestige and Quebec charm, infused with a sense of Nordicity, pleasure and eclecticism,” explains Hébert.





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This page, clockwise from top: Chalet Bertha's five suites are each named after the word "snow" in various languages; the kids' dormitory on the ground floor features eight bunk beds; felted-wool panels help to deaden unwanted noise in the suites

Opposite page, from top: With its unspoilt panorama of Charlevoix, the covered terrace is prime territory for relaxation; the open kitchen is well stocked with an array of spirits for chilly evenings that call for a comforting drink



A RETREAT FOR ALL

The ground floor houses a double-height main entrance that doubles as an après-ski mudroom. This area leads to a colourful children's dormitory, which is equipped with custom pieces including a climbing wall and a convertible games table, and crowned by a red slide that also serves as a staircase to the upper floors. The heart of the chalet is the great room, an impressive 2,500 sq ft space with a soaring beamed ceiling. Segmented areas blend seamlessly: a spot for meals with a striking yellow piano, a cosy lounge for reading and relaxation, and an intimate dining area adjacent to an open kitchen equipped with professional-grade amenities. This space is designed to

evoke the grandeur of the world's finest hotel lobbies, providing a backdrop for unforgettable moments. Each of the chalet's suites, named after the word "snow" in different languages, showcases a unique colour scheme and comes complete with luxury amenities, maintaining a consistent theme of refined elegance. The outdoor terrace, equipped with a spa pool and firepit, offers a panoramic view of the Charlevoix region, providing an idyllic setting to unwind and soak in the natural beauty.

Chalet Bertha, with its thoughtful design and breathtaking location, stands as a testament to the beauty of Quebec and the art of luxurious living, making it an ideal retreat for both leisure and inspiration.

