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LUXURY HOTELS

Schloßhotels provide palatial luxury hotels

Schloßhotels und Herrenhäuser celebrate 50 years in 2015

Schloßhotels und Herrenhäuser is a luxury hotel association dedicated to providing guests opulent hospitality in palaces, castles and aristocratic estates. Three luxury hotels and a historic restaurant provide a glimpse of elegant service, exquisite architecture and refined ambience in a noble property. Schloß Mittersill is a majestic palace in the province of Salzburg. Jagdschloß Villa Falkenhof is an exquisite residence in the Styrian Alps. Romantik Hotel Gmahl is a refuge to enjoy serenity and relaxation. Restaurant Ottoburg is a magnificent Innsbruck restaurant.

Schloßhotels und Herrenhäuser consists of luxury hotels and distinguished restaurants. The association was established in 1965. It consists of carefully selected palaces, castles, mansions, historic hotels and historic restaurants in Austria and neighbouring countries. The headquarters is located in Salzburg and another office in the Salzburg village of Oberalm. Seventy-nine hotels and five restaurants are members of the group in July 2015. Fifty hotels and five restaurants in Austria, nine German hotels, eight Italian hoteliers, four Czech hotels, three Croatian hotels, two Slovenian and Slovak hotels and a Hungarian hotel comprise the membership. Max Eidlhuber is the president of the association.

Schloß Mittersill is a luxury hotel perched above the town of Mittersill in the province of Salzburg. The Schloß first appeared in documents in 1150 after the Dukes of Lechsgemünd established it. The property was established to collect taxes and tolls at the intersection of the Salzach and Felbertauern trade route. Merchants principally traded salt, spices, wine, oil and fruit. The Dukes of Lechsgemünd constructed a castle to defend their property. The property became the residence for the Governor of Salzburg after the Archbishop of Salzburg acquired it in 1228. Several Austrian aristocratic families owned the property. The property was sold to two local families in 2009. It was carefully renovated and transformed into a luxury hotel in 2011. The magnificent property provides discerning guests 53 beautiful rooms and suites. Stephanie Busch von Holtum is the hotel director.

Prinzessin Soraya Suite and the Coco Chanel Suite are the most desirable suites in the property. The Prinzessin Soraya Suite encompasses 75 square metres of imperial splendour. Guests enjoy two sumptuous bedrooms containing box-spring beds, a shower and bath chamber, infrared cabin, sitting area and a terrace providing a panoramic view of Mittersill. The Iranian princess visited Schloß Mittersill. The Coco Chanel Suite incorporates 60 square metres of exquisite space. Original wooden ceiling and wooden floor is a characteristic of the suite. Guests experience the comfort of a box-spring bed decorated with a historical dark

wooden bedhead. It offers a superb view of the courtyard and surrounding mountains. The French fashion designer was another prominent guest at the Schloß.

Restaurant Schloß Mittersill symbolises culinary excellence. Stefan Birnbacher is the executive chef of the restaurant. The kitchen uses the finest local ingredients to create regional and international dishes. Guests can enjoy clear soup of beef, mountain salmon and organic rice, trout and root vegetables with potatoes and chocolate cake with sorbet of baked apple. Guests can dine in several rooms in the property. The Kaminzimmer provides space for 30 guests to enjoy a wonderful dining experience in an imperial room. The Fürstenzimmer provides an aristocratic ambience for 40 guests to enjoy a meal. The Glashaus provides a majestic view of Mittersill from a panoramic terrace. Fourteen guests can enjoy an intimate celebration. The restaurant received 85/100 and two Falstaff Gabeln in the *2015 Falstaff Restaurant Guide*.

Spa in Schloß is a luxurious paradise to enjoy relaxation. An outdoor swimming pool provides a glorious view of the Kitzbühel Alps and the Hohe Tauern national park. The swimming pool is heated throughout the year and is integrated in the spa garden. Relaxation rooms containing comfortable couches provide a view of the mountains. Private relaxation rooms are also available for guests to enjoy seclusion and privacy. The sauna area satisfies various tastes and preferences. A Finnish sauna, organic sauna, brine steam bath, infrared cabin and an outdoor Finnish sauna in the spa garden provide the highest level of relaxation and rejuvenation.

Jagdschloß Villa Falkenhof is a small luxury hotel in the Styrian Alps. An Austrian aristocrat established the property as a private country estate in 1903. The property is located in the village of Falkenburg near the town of Irdning. The mansion was transformed into a five star luxury hotel in 1995 after reconstruction and renovation. The luxury hotel closed five years later. The property was restored in 2011 and became a boutique luxury hotel. Exclusivity is an important characteristic of the luxury hotel. The property consists of four suites, eight double rooms and a single room. All suites and rooms contain antique furniture and art.

The four suites are dedicated to prominent Austrians. The Franz Roubal suite celebrates the distinguished Austrian painter renowned for landscape and animal paintings and sculpture. Guests enjoy a large and exquisite bedroom and elegant bathroom. It provides a view of the garden. The Alois Pachernegg suite honours the Austrian conductor and composer born in Irdning in 1892. The large suite is perfect for families. The Peter Rosegger suite recognises the Austrian writer and poet born in the neighbouring district of Alpl in 1843. The suite provides a large bedroom and bathroom and space for two additional beds. It is ideal for families.

The character of a luxury residence is an important part of the property. Nikolaus and Oliver Kalita manage the luxury hotel. The hosts provide impeccable hospitality with an emphasis on personal attention. An elegant and fine spa is available. Guests can enjoy the wonderful and invigorating water of an indoor swimming pool while enjoying the panoramic view of the surrounding mountains. The spa area offers guests a sauna, steam bath, solarium and massages. Massages are arranged by appointment. A small restaurant provides fine cuisine focusing on regional dishes. The property is committed to sustainable environmental

practices. It ensures the highest quality of hospitality. Geothermal energy is used to heat the suites and rooms. The highest quality water supply is used throughout the property.

Romantik Hotel Gmachl has a rich and distinguished heritage. The four star superior luxury hotel is located in the town of Elixhausen approximately 10 kilometres north east of Salzburg. The twenty-third generation of the Gmachl family manage and own the property. The estate first appeared in documents in 1334. A man known as Georg owned the property. The Elixhauser family name appeared in 1470. Theresia Elixhauser married Johann Georg Gmachl. Gmachl was a restaurateur and transformed the tavern into a luxury hotel.

Studio Girling is the most desirable suite in the property. The suite is located in the main building. Rooms and suites are located in the main building or Klosterhof. The maisonette suite incorporates 100 square metres of majestic space. An elegant bedroom, bathroom and salon extending to both levels of the suite provide a comfortable refuge to enjoy exclusive Salzburg hospitality. Ehrenbach is a smaller suite located in the Klosterhof. It encompasses 47 square metres of opulent space. The suite provides a beautiful bedroom, lounge room and bathroom. Guests can enjoy views of the garden from a balcony or terrace.

Gourmet Restaurant Gmachl is the luxury hotel's celebrated restaurant. Dragan Miljkovic is the executive chef. The kitchen prepares creative and fine Austrian cuisine using fresh and regional ingredients. Guests can enjoy regional Reinanke accompanied with Chinese plum and asparagus and a selection of exquisite desserts. The dark timber panels, fine white table cloth and beautiful portraits create an imperial ambience. The restaurant received 86/100 and two Falstaff Gabeln in the *2015 Falstaff Restaurant Guide*.

An opulent and spacious spa provides a world of relaxation and rejuvenation. 1,500 square metres of relaxation is available for guests. Horizont is the name of the spa and occupies the two highest storeys in a section of the property. It provides panoramic views of the mountains surrounding Stadt Salzburg. Guests can indulge in a variety of amenities and treatments. A Finnish sauna, steam baths, infrared deep heat spa, heated outdoor swimming pool, large sun terrace, large sunbathing lounge, elegant and spacious resting areas with an open fireplace are available. Private spa treatments for couples and a separate spa containing an organic sauna and a steam bath dedicated to women satisfy a variety of tastes. The spa received 15/20 and two Relax Lilien in the *2015 Relax Guide*.

Ottoburg is a historic restaurant located in the distinguished Altstadt district of Innsbruck. The medieval castle tower was built in 1180. It was a residential tower for the Counts of Andechs and known as Andechser Werturm. Georg Reitter, a Venetian merchant acquired the property in 1588. It was known as Ott or Odburg. Markus and Dana Dengg own and manage the property and two luxury and two first class hotels in Tyrol. The upper levels of the restaurant provide majestic views of the Nordkette mountain range, the Inn River and the Goldenes Dachl.

Guests can select from five parlours to enjoy fine cuisine and ambience. The distinctive parlours are located on the upper levels of the three storey property. The Maximilianstube can

be found on the first floor. It provides majestic views of the Nordkette and Inn River. The parlour is decorated with impeccable wood carvings and wood panels. Twelve guests can enjoy it. Herzog Ottostube is located on the second floor. It honours Otto dem Fröhlichen, a member of the Habsburg imperial family. He was the youngest son of the Holy Roman Emperor Albrecht I and Elisabeth from the house of Görz-Tiroler Meinhardiner. It provides seats for thirty-three guests. Fürstenzimmer is located on the third floor. The dark wooden ceiling, exquisite pink walls, bay windows and stain glass windows accentuate an imperial ambience. Eighteen guests can dine in the princely chamber. The parlour is only available by appointment.

Fine cuisine is the most important quality in the restaurant. The kitchen selects fresh local produce to create unparalleled dishes. Guests enjoy various appetisers ranging from Speckteller, Tyrolean bacon served on a wooden board accompanied by horseradish and crisp Gewürzkurkerl to Bunte salad consisting of seasonal vegetables and a fine dressing to Garnelenspießchen composing fish and veloutee salad. The Ottoburg classic dish consists of grass fed boiled beef served with Julienne vegetables accompanied by strong beef bouillon, Rahmblattspinat, roasted potatoes and apple horseradish. Zwiebelrostbraten 'Alt Wien' is another classic dish. Roast beef is accompanied by roasted onions, red wine demi-glace essence, fried potatoes and crisp Senfgurkel. Guests can enjoy chocolate mousse with strawberry mirror, a fruit sorbet composed of cassis sherbet lemons and mongao or Gebranntes mousse consisting of passion fruit for dessert.

Schloßhotels und Herrenhäuser is an exclusive and luxurious hotel association providing discerning guests the opportunity to experience the aristocratic life. The properties provide exquisite hospitality and service. Schloß Mittersill is a beautiful palace found in the province of Salzburg. The elegant property has been a refuge for several distinguished guests. Jagdschloß Villa Falkenhof is a boutique Styrian luxury hotel. The twenty-third generation of the Gmachl family manage a luxury hotel with a wonderful heritage. Ottoburg is a distinguished Innsbruck restaurant providing fine cuisine.