

DAS.GOLDBERG

FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE RENOVATION AND EXTENSION WORK, THE FAMILY-RUN HOTEL DAS.GOLDBERG OPENED IN JULY 2013 IN THE TOWN OF BAD HOFGASTEIN, CLOSE TO SALZBURG. FROM ITS LOCATION HIGH UP ON AN ALPINE PLATEAU, BESIDE THE SKI SLOPES, THERE IS AN IMPRESSIVE PANORAMIC VIEW OVER THE SMALL TOWN AND SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS OF THE HIGH TAUERN NATIONAL PARK.

SIXTY-SEVEN MODERN, SPACIOUS STUDIOS AND SUITES promise a cosy, comfortable atmosphere. The hotel's nature spa gives guests plenty of room to relax. The philosophy of the Seer family can be characterized by its passion for personalized service, its authentic range of services on offer and the large amount of space available for relaxation. The hotel's name is a reference to the gold mining industry, which thrived in Gastein from the 16th to the 19th century, bringing wealth and fame to the valley. After an active day outside in the fresh air, the GOLDBERG spa invites you in to relax. There are numerous treatments available on the spa menu, including invigorating and lifting coffee granules, face masks and body packs with alpine herbs, mountain salt or honey, as well as classic massages and ayurveda treatments. Homemade oils using herbs from the hotel garden are used during some of the treatments. Guests can also relax in both the herbal and the Finnish sauna as well as in the steam room or infrared booth. There is a large outdoor area for cooling down after visiting the sauna. The relaxation rooms are the perfect place to enjoy some peace and quiet, panelled with Swiss pine, they have a particularly calming effect on the heartbeat and breathing.

On the spa terrace of the outdoor area there is a heated whirlpool, an infinity pool looking out over the mountains and the Gastein Valley, as well as a private spa in a separate chalet. The 1.5 hectare garden also contains a Kneipp basin and a refreshing bathing lake, highlighting the hotel's close relationship with nature. Couples can use the private spa to enjoy a sauna all to themselves. It is also possible to book an overnight stay in the chalet. The beds are on the upper gallery, where the glass roof affords an open view of the stars above. Relax in front of the open fire with a cup of freshly made tea. Breakfast or dinner can also be served in the chalet on request.

The food from DAS.GOLDBERG's kitchens is healthy, light and consists primarily of regional products, with herbs from the hotel's garden

added as a finishing touch. In the in-house bakery, farmhouse bread is freshly baked using traditional recipes and served with homemade spreads. Coffee lovers can enjoy a freshly brewed coffee every morning from the hotel's very own roasting facility. As just one of the activities on offer every week at the hotel, guests are invited to take an excursion into the world of coffee. During this course, the baristas – including hotel owners Vera and Georg Seer who have also undergone special training – teach the guests all they need to know about the little brown beans.

The studios and suites are all either south-facing or look out over the valley. Large glass windows allow a direct view of the historic market town of Bad Hofgastein, the glacier and the mountain panorama. The studios all have either a spacious terrace or balcony, a rain shower and some bathrooms also have a free-standing bathtub. The suites have an additional living room with a seating area, open fire and tea bar as well as a 'Heav-

en Swing' floating couch on the terrace. Guests staying in the 45 to 55 sq.m. large loft suites with their timber construction design will enjoy a particularly high-class stay. A large bathtub can be found on the rooftop terrace, whilst an open fireplace creates a cosy atmosphere. Warm shades of red, brown, cream and green combine with the variety of wood and selected accessories to dominate the design and help create a cosy, intimate atmosphere.

Located on the edge of the High Tauern National Park, DAS.GOLDBERG hotel is an excellent starting point for outdoor activities all year round. Situated right beside the slopes, in winter skiers can explore four different ski regions with 220 km of prepared slopes of all difficulty levels. The ski-in, ski-out system and the Schlossalm cable car, which passes right by the hotel, mean that guests can jump straight into the downhill fun. In the alpine ski resort, Sportgastein, pistes at over 2,700 metres above sea level guarantee snow and ski-



ing fun until early May. The area is easily reached with the Gastein ski bus. The Schlossalm-Angertal-Stubnerkogel ski region is the largest continuous area in the Gastein Valley. For guests wishing to save on baggage, there are sports shops within a stone's throw of the hotel where it is possible to rent full skiing equipment. There are also two ski schools close by, offering both beginners and advanced courses. After a day on the piste, the hotel's own ski hut, located just beside the hotel itself, is perfect for a spot of après ski. DAS.GOLDBERG is the only four star hotel in Bad Hofgastein that is located right on the slopes. In addition to alpine skiing, ski touring, snowshoe tours and horse-drawn sleigh rides also promise a number of ways to make the most of the white splendour. In summer, guests can discover the nature of the National Park, the largest conservation area in the Alps with 350 kilometres of hiking trails and

an extensive network of cycle paths. Crystal clear mountain lakes invite you in to take a cool, refreshing swim. Mountain leader Christian is on hand to show guests the most beautiful parts of the valley, leaving from the 'Alpine Active Center' five times a week in the summer season, which runs from May to early November. E-bikes and trekking poles can also be rented from the hotel. Guided tours help bring the gold mining industry, which operated in the Gastein Valley centuries ago, back to life. Even today, there are certain places where panning for the valuable Tauern gold can still be done. The nearest golf course is in the neighbouring town of Bad Gastein, surrounded by the peaks of the High Tauern National Park. The eighteen-hole course in Gastein also has a golf school. Guests can use the Alpine Card to receive a discount to play at the five nearby golf courses in the Salzburg region. ■

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The room prices at DAS.GOLDBERG can vary according to season. The price for a studio starts at 100 euros per person or 165 euros for a family studio. Suites are available starting from 150 euros in the Tower Suite and from 215 euros for the Loft Suite. The price covers all GOLDBERG meals including breakfast buffet, lunch buffet, cake and evening gourmet cuisine as well as entrance to the spa and fitness area. For children under 16, prices per night range between 20 euros and 95 euros depending on the age of the child.