



NATURHOTEL FORSTHOFGUT

A house with tradition

“Country life is about more than an attachment to home,” says the Forsthofgut’s proprietor Christoph Schmuck. “It involves a connection with our roots, and deep understanding passed down the generations. Not turning our backs on progress, but building on the traditions of the region. Only those who are aware of their past can create a future.”

The Forsthofgut has been family-owned for more than four centuries. The story begins in 1617, with the building of a small Forsthof (‘forestry holding’) at the foot of Leogang’s Steinberg mountains. Since 1990, two generations of the Schmuck family have transformed it into an exclusive hotel with 102 rooms and suites in traditional style with contemporary Alpine charm.

- 1617 Construction of a Forsthof for forestry work
- 1980 Rosmarie and Rupert Schmuck let two double rooms for the first time
- 1990 Birth of the hotel with the construction of today’s main building: 11 rooms and apartments, two restaurants and a sauna
- 2003 Demolition of the old stables and extension of the main house: three months’ work to add seven suites and two spacious rooms made of reclaimed wood; new function room with antique wood ceiling; new reception; kitchen, offices and infrastructure enlarged and upgraded
- 2006 Rosmarie and Rupert’s son Christoph Schmuck takes over as second-generation hotel manager. Creation of the *Schmuckkastl* (jewellery box) with 28 rooms and suites and a 600m² spa area. Hotel complex extended with three new restaurants and a two-storey lobby with bar; large garden with natural bathing lake
- 2008 Classification as a 4-Star Superior hotel for service and amenities
- 2009 Awarded Austria’s *Grüne Haube* (Green Toque) seal of quality for outstanding natural cuisine. Construction of staff accommodation and foundation of a staff training academy



- 2010 Relax Guide: one lily rating
Top rating: 5 cogs – from Mountain Bike Holidays
- 2011 Opening of the Forsthofgut's 1800m² *waldSPA* - the first *waldSPA* in Europe
Addition of the Forsthofgut *waldHAUS* with 20 family and double rooms. Expansion of the spa and sauna area to include fitness suite, indoor and outdoor pool, family sauna, forest clearing for signature treatments; additional spaces for relaxation and treatment. Redesign of the lobby, two restaurants, buffet and kitchen; installation of seminar rooms, hotel shop and play room; ski cellar enlarged with ski hire facility
Rated TopHotel 2011 by HolidayCheck for outstanding guest reviews and a recommendation rate of 100 percent
- 2012 Construction of the deer park - 2.3 hectares (5.7 acres) of woodland and meadow, with red and fallow deer and miniature goats
Relax Guide 2013: three lillie
- 2013 Renovation and refurbishment of all remaining rooms on a forest Theme
Construction of 25 new suites including two luxury chalet suites of 145m² for up to eight people, with loft studio, private panoramic sauna and private sun terrace
Opening of the new *echt. gut essen* ('real. eat well') gastronomic restaurant in an elegant reclaimed-wood room, seating up to 20 guests
Conversion of the hotel entrance, lobby gallery lounge with library and new *Panorama-Stube* restaurant.
Holidaycheck Quality Selection 2013
Tripadvisor: Excellence Winner 2013
Classification as a 5-star hotel for service and amenities
- 2014 Extension of the outdoor space with the *Pinzgauer miniGUT* children's farm, adventure playground and aqua play-ground on the edge of the new tennis court.
Renewal of the 30,000m² gardens: footbridges and relaxation islands in the reeds around the natural bathing lake; pine terrace with sunscreen sail for Yoga, Pilates and Qi-Gong
- 2015 Holidaycheck Quality Selection 2015



- 2016 Conversion and extension of the lobby and Reception area, including *Meindl Lounge* with high-quality leather upholstery, partly from hotel deer
Opening of the new *waldSPA* design building with 3,800m² of wellness experience. New adults-only spa with separate *waldWIRBEL* family area with indoor woodland garden, 40m² outdoor reclaimed-wood sauna, bio-sauna with native mountain herbs, outside whirlpool on the edge of the forest, rock-framed shower fed from the hotel's own spring, 25m outdoor pool, lounge and barn-style relaxation room, treatments in the forest clearing or among the reeds.
- Relax Guide 2016: three lilies
Tripadvisor: Excellence Winner 2016
- 2017 Relax Guide 2018: three lilies
echt. gut essen gourmet restaurant awarded two toques/15 points in the Gault-Millau guide 2018, and 82 points in the à la Carte guide – ‘second best restaurant in Pinzgau’
- 2018 GEO Saison magazine: Best Wellness Hotel in Europe 2018
Introduction of the *ForsthofgutKÜCHE* culinary concept using sustainable domestic produce: Alpine, Local and Vegan theme options.
Opening of a new packaging-free buffet area, each product with its market-style stall Conversion of both *Stube* restaurants, creation of the *weinwald* tasting cellar and integration of the “*echt. gut essen.*” gourmet restaurant and kitchen
Opening of a new à la carte restaurant, 1617, and The Botanist bar
Opening of the Beletage, a new adults-only part of the upstairs Bar.Expansion of the children’s club from 80 to 175m²; introduction of a children's buffet with healthy food from the region.
Construction of a Base Camp in the basement, serving as a ski room in winter and for hiking/outdoor storage space in summer, with a lockable bike cellar
Renovation of guest rooms in the main house
Construction of an underground car park with charging points for electric cars and a car wash.

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