

## Holiday Paradise between Mountain & Lake.

*Romantics, gourmets, sports enthusiasts, nature lovers and children – they all enjoy their stay at the Hotel Karnerhof, and they do so with every fibre of their being. Sitting right on the shores of the crystal-clear Faaker See and surrounded by 100,000 m<sup>2</sup> of meadows and gardens, you will discover a fascinating vacation paradise.*

Our heartfelt hospitality, the spaciouly conceived Karnerhof SPA facility where you can expect a true pampering, plus those culinary declarations of love from our internationally acclaimed gourmet kitchens, guarantee days that will stimulate all of your body's senses and sensibilities, spent here in the most beautiful place in the world.

The 95 rooms all feature the very best 4-star-superior comforts (incl. radio/TV, safe, mini bar, ISDN/Internet, bathrobes, hairdryer). And something our regular guests have grown to truly appreciate over many years: The Karnerhof is run by the **Melcher Family** in person, creating an authentic family-style ambience.

The way to a person's heart is through their stomach, or so the saying goes. When love for one's profession combines with the artistry of cooking, then "Two Chefs' Hats" and "Three Stars" are the reward. **Thomas Guggenberger** is the acclaimed head of the Karnerhof kitchens, having served as chef de cuisine here since 1998. With Thomas Guggenberger at the helm, the hotel has managed to earn Two Chefs' Hats and 16 points from the Gault Millau guide and Three Stars from À la Carte. The culinary creations range from light cuisine, to regional specialities, to the Mediterranean cuisine of Southern Carinthia, all the while profiting greatly from our proximity to Italy. Good food and good wine go hand-in-hand. Which is why we stock over 200 top-quality Austrian and international wines in our wine cellar. Our selection of fine distilled spirits is also quite irresistible.

### **However the mood takes you – sportily active, or indulging yourself in a true pampering ...**

Our hotel boasts its own private swimming beach with a lakeside sauna, children's pool, sun loungers, shady awnings, a 240 m<sup>2</sup> heated open-air pool, an indoor pool and whirlpool, rowing boats, sailing & surfing school, fitness room, tennis, bicycles, supervised Kids' Club, modern SPA area, a new and spacious sauna facility, plus so much more ... inviting you to enjoy a colourful recreational and feel-good programme.

As a charter member of the Schloss Finkenstein Golf Course, golfers also benefit from our special golf packages and bargain prices. **UNBEATABLE!** 12 area golf courses are within just 10 to 45 minutes of the hotel.

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## From Farm to Leading 4-\*\*\*\*Superior Hotel

**Over 7 decades ago, no one would ever have dreamed that this farmhouse on the shores of the Faaker See in Southern Carinthia, would become a leading Carinthian hotel establishment.**

But even those first guests who arrived on June 14, 1930, received a warm, heart-felt reception from the Melcher Family. And that remains the case to this day, for over all these years, the hotel has stayed in family hands.

The name "Karner", incidentally, appeared in this area significantly earlier. It was the name of a tribe which settled the lands of today's southern Austria in the first century before Christ. In the Celtic language, "Karner" basically means "Loving" or "Fertilising". These two terms certainly are integral to the history of the hotel: firstly, the love and dedication of the Melcher Family to their hotel on the lake, and secondly, the fertility of Carinthia itself.

Things got off to a modest start: the name "Karner" – that of the original owner – was retained when, in 1930, the farm added a guesthouse. During the war, too, when the establishment was occasionally forced to close, the family held on tightly to the farm and their guesthouse.

In 1948, they were once again able to take in guests on a regular basis. Business only went uphill from there, even though during those years from 1949 until 1969, the after-effects of the war and the occupation were still clearly felt. Yet in 1969, the Karnerhof began to make its first giant leaps forward. It was in this year that the farmhouse was completely remodelled. Four years later, the main house of the Karnerhof we know today came into being. So it was that a simple guesthouse was transformed into a hotel.

The modern world made its entrance: The subsequent years and decades were marked by growth. 1982 saw construction of the main Faakersee building. Even back then, there was a special focus on the needs of beauty- and health-focused vacationers. In 1990, open-air swimming baths were added to the total ensemble of the Karnerhof.

The main Mittagsgogel building, with its seminar centre, opened in 1994. This investment was the prerequisite for being able to extend our season. Since that time, the Karnerhof has been open 10 ½ months out of the year. Ongoing infrastructure investments provide even greater comforts and holiday enjoyment for our guests. In 2000, a new indoor pool was built and, five years later, the entire entrance and reception area was renovated. The wellbeing of our guests was also the focus of our investments in 2007, as we remodelled and expanded the Karnerhof's SPA and sauna facilities.

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