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The Winter Element

Originally built by Olympic ski champion Othmar Schneider as a private chalet to entertain his friends on their adventures in the Arlberg mountains, Kristiania Lech has retained its intimate feel thanks to Gertrud Schneider and her tailor-made team. Like father, like daughter, Gertrud continues to make international guests feel instantly at home in what feels more like staying at a relative's eclectic residence from the sixties than a hotel.

'We are a family affair – my father, Othmar Schneider, Austria's first male ski Olympic champion, planned Kristiania Lech to be a private house to welcome his friends from around the world to enjoy wonderful ski adventures in the Arlberg mountains and to host many private parties. His vision was a private chalet full of personality, a private club with a sense of place. He was not a hotelier.'



Relax in the cosy dark wood Rote bar with open fireplace before dining in the elegant restaurant which has a sophisticated menu and excellent wine list.



Dinner in the Kaminzimmer with its open fireplace is a more relaxed affair. And you'll never suffer through a lack of choice of what to drink with dinner - there are over 7000 bottles of mature wine in the traditional cellar.



With 87 ski lifts, more than 300 kilometres of ski runs, and 200 kilometres of high Alpine deep powder snow runs available, virtually unlimited skiing and snowboarding enjoyment is guaranteed. The setting is Lech-Zurs in the Arlberg region of Austria. Whether beginner, advanced or simply in search of adventure: Deep powder snow slopes, blue, red and black runs and nursery slopes offer optimal conditions for every level and taste.



YOUR ECLECTIC MOUNTAIN HOUSE

"An experience beyond conventional" We invite epicureans, art lovers, the adventurous and those who simply want peace of mind for a new season at Kristiania Lech. With unlimited gourmet delights, a limited number of rooms and suites, personalised service the Kristiania way, creating the feeling of staying at a friend's home. This is your chance to choose an extraordinary winter escape.

The Kristiania is furnished with antiques, contemporary art work and the rooms are individually styled, lending the hotel a very different ambiance to a typical ski hotel. Each of the rooms offers a decor of rich fabrics and decorative lighting, all with chic black and white bathrooms. For something different try the Duplex Suite with its bold coloured walls combined with zebra skin rugs.



The atmosphere at Kristiania Lech Hotel is one of understated sophistication with a real homely feel. The 29 bedrooms and suites are individually and charmingly decorated with original pieces of art and striking yet tasteful colours. The rooms have wonderful views over the village of Lech and towards the Alps.

Kristiania Lech Hotel is happy to provide a personal ski guide to show you the best ski pistes and routes in the Arlberg. After a day on the pistes, enjoy a special therapeutic massage treatment in your room, followed by an oil bath and a glass of champagne. Then dine in one of the restaurants and end the day with an after-dinner drink in the bar, accompanied by music.

An exquisitely decorated Alpine retreat with the feel of a private residence rather than a hotel, Kristiania Lech Hotel is just a short walk from the centre of the upmarket ski resort of Lech. With a host of special services including a ski valet, bath butler, reading butler and a leisure time consultant, Kristiania takes service to another level.



The Eldorado for winter sport enthusiasts is located at an altitude ranging from 1,300 to 2,800 metres above sea level. The rich landscape is breathtaking: The mighty Limestone Alps in the north, the giant prehistoric rocks in the south, and Lech Zürs nestled between the two with its state-of-the-art winter sports facilities.



The staff at the Kristiania are extremely welcoming and can organise every aspect of your stay when you're in residence. From choosing the best restaurant at lunch-time to selecting the best wines at dinner, you're in great hands. You'll know every staff member by their first name after a few days and the delightful owner, Miss Schneider will personally make sure your stay is wonderful. Attention to detail and guest care is of utmost importance.



While fans of high-speed sports are enjoying a workout on the slopes, those who appreciate a gentler pace can experience relaxation by engaging in snowshoeing, winter hiking or cross-country skiing. They also have a variety of routes and gradients of varying difficulty available to them.

Compared to other high end hotels Kristiania Lech is more like the tailor you find in a little side street in Milan, who is specialised in making custom suits. This is why the bespoke Kristiania Lech experience is a different kind of experience. It is not like we are trying to be different, we are just trying to be ourselves in a way that matters to our guests. We do have personality. We want to interact and engage with guests in a sensible and meaningful way.



THE KRISTIANIA CONCEPT

Imagine a snowy winter escape in an intimate family-run and elegant hotel, available to only a handful of guests, where you can enjoy unrivaled privacy, exceptional cuisine and rarity wines on demand, a reading butler who sources your favourite books, a day packed with art & culture, heli-skiing, fresh powder runs, perfectly groomed slopes, idyllic walks, mountain bike rides and hikes, artsy salon talks, a cinema under the stars... Or you could stop imagining and simply ask for an invitation?



When visiting a tailor, you spend time picking out fabric and creating your own style. I want to create the same experience with guests when they engage with Kristiania Lech from the first telephone call to the thank you note they will find at home after their departure.

The design of the hotel has to be beautiful, elegant and tasteful, however guests do experience the difference in service. It might still be a smaller room than their closet. They can still go somewhere else. Nevertheless, they would be missing the human part of it and that is where the people working here come in, the Kristiania Lech Family. These people make all the difference and they make the travel experience matter to our guests.

At Kristiania Lech, nothing comes as 'standard.' Kristiania Lech is about surpassing expectations. There are no standardised rooms, no standardised dimensions or designs. Everything is different, everything is unique.



The small wellness area has a sauna and relaxation room where revitalising massage treatments help to unwind after a hard day on the slopes.



LIMITED ROOMS & SUITES

With only limited rooms & suites available, Kristiania Lech will not merely look private, it will sound private too. All categories exude elegance and comfort while expressing our delightful artistic attitude... and if you find it too quiet to sleep, you can call our sleeping butler who will create an atmosphere that is just right for you. Inspired by the Grand Tour. Choose between Africa or Asia while experiencing the typical Austrian "Sommerfrische" in the Arlberg mountains.



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