

DAS WEITZER

The rooftop sauna at Hotel Weitzer: a panoramic sauna experience in the centre of Graz



Hotel Weitzer, located directly on the Mur and around the corner from Kunsthaus Graz and the main square, has always enjoyed a fabulous view of the Schlossberg. Now that view has been topped: The Weitzer sauna features with a 360° view looking out over the city's rooftops. The shower landscape in the renovated fitness area is no less spectacular.

For anyone else, it would be unusual to put a sauna on the roof of a building with over 100 years of history, but it's typical of Florian Weitzer. Just as he did with the LoftCube on the rooftop of Daniel Graz and with Erwin Wurm's sailboat at the Daniel in Vienna, Weitzer spared no effort when it came to this project. The centrepiece finally opened in Winter 2018/2019.

Guests reach the new sauna via a terrazzo staircase leading from the fitness area on the fifth floor through a short, covered glass and steel entryway. Space was carved out of the southeast side of the hotel's roof to build the 4.50 x 4.20 x 3.10 m steel and glass structure. Floor-to-ceiling glass walls and walls with a sleek narrow window provide a spectacular 360° view of Graz. The Schlossberg appears just within reach of the open-air terrace with lounge chairs and an outdoor shower. The thermal-treated ash and Canadian hemlock used inside create the perfect sauna climate. Outside, the rooftop sauna is clad with horizontal aluminium slats, creating a feeling of security and blending the structure into Graz's existing roofscape. An expanded-metal structure in the same colour as the slats adds an artistic touch.

Fitnesszone with extravagances

Guests who want to get their blood flowing before their sauna can take advantage of the hotel's fully renovated and expanded fitness area with state-of-the-art Technogym equipment, ranging from treadmills to a versatile weight bench. Lush plantings, dark oak floors and grey walls balance out the high-tech equipment and give the room a comfortable penthouse ambiance. During the day, skylights flood the room with light. Once night falls, exciting light from a red chandelier and a second-hand theatre spotlight set just the right mood. The large shower area, which rounds out the wellness experience, is the absolute highlight of the space. The area is covered in thousands of shimmering glass mosaic tiles in blue, turquoise and gold made by Italian luxury brand Bisazza. It's as if Florian Weitzer brought twilight inside. The play of colours is reinforced by a glamorous oversized lead-crystal chandelier. Suspended at eye level, it transforms showering into a magical experience. The chandelier in Maria Theresa style meets requirements for use in wet rooms and was custom made in Italy for Hotel Weitzer. Vola fixtures in untreated brass complete the grand look. Spanish Cevica ceramic tiles in sleek white in the separate toilet area balance out the extravagance of the shower area.

When it comes to beautiful design, nothing comes close to the rooftop sauna and fitness area and the Weitzer Suite recently built on the same floor. What makes the new spaces different is that they are open to all hotel guests. They fit seamlessly into the Weitzer brand, with its long tradition, and are the latest striking milestone in the hotel's history, which Florian Weitzer has guided over the last 17 years with a keen awareness of all things current.

'The Weitzer' and the facts in short

CATEGORY:

Business/City Hotel, member of Worldhotels

LOCATION:

Central Graz 5 minutes walking-distance to the main square, right next to the 'Kunsthau'
art museum, a few metres away from Graz Congress

ROOMS:

204 room in 7 categories

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES:

10 seminar rooms for 8-300 people, contact event network:
+43 316 703 200 E: events@weitzer.com

PARKING:

203 car garage spaces (Weitzer city garage)

CUISINE AND SPECIALS:

'Der Steirer' with the 'Steirer Shop', current opening hours: see website der-steirer.at,
the 'Kaffee Weitzer', the 'Engelreich' dining room, lounge-bar,
the 'Blumeninsel' florist, bikes and 2 Vespas Elettricas for rent,
rooftop sauna and fitness area, cash machine, free Wi-Fi.



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