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Romantik Hotel Turm
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Welcome to the Turm and his birds

The suites have names of birds, for lunch we sit on the terrace of the owl, the big statue of a raven in the garden and the labels of the wines of their own production feature different birds... I wonder what this all means. I let myself get enchanted: by the art, by the historic walls, by the amazing views onto the Dolomites, by the many small details, like this passion for birds, and by the people behind all of it, and I simply enjoy this exceptional time. I have arrived to the hotel Turm and his birds!



“The average gives the world its substance, the exceptional gives it its value” *(Oscar Wilde)*





Modern design set in walls from the 13th century

Yesterday evening I participated at the guided art tour with the hotel owner Stephan Pramstrahler. The stories he tells are lovely! I saw paintings and drawings by Picasso, Dalí, Kokoschka and some other artists as well. Today I walk alone through the house and I explore the four towers. Here modern design is set in historic walls dating back to the 13th century, with its sandstone pillars and vaults amongst corridors bathed in light. Everywhere I meet the natural rock on which this exceptional hotel has been built. What else will I discover?





The exquisite cuisine of the Turm

Obviously I expect a gourmet cuisine with great food! With 14 points in the Gault Millau and 3 spoons in the Aral Guide – how else could it be? Luckily the plates aren't too exaggerated, I love this down-to-earth approach where a product of the highest possible quality, with a reference to the region, stands in the focus! Today it is our wedding anniversary and we booked a romantic table in the rose garden. A degustation menu with the suitable wines was the recommendation and it sounded perfect! I already look forward to Saturday, where there will be that fantastic buffet of strudel! I could not feel better!



Stephan Pramstrahler









Winery Tenuta Grottner

Now I am at the winery Grottner, which belongs to the Romantik Hotel Turm and I am about to taste their four wines. I can only imagine that this vineyard represents a big challenge and that a lot of the work needs to be done by hand. I have never had so much fun during a wine tasting as I am having here! And I've already found my favourite amongst the wines: the elegance of the pinot blanc Pica is unbeatable, for sure I'm going to take some bottles back home with me. A magpie on the label, what a great idea! Again, I can clearly see the passion for the birds! Before we drive back to the hotel, I have to talk to the owner. Next year I celebrate a special birthday and I could not imagine a better location than this one!



Sleep in luxurious suites in the winery Grottnerhof of the 13th century (www.grottner.it, info@hotelturm.it).



The suites in the Turm – noble and luxurious

This time I have booked the dragon suite. Again, I am completely amazed: this suite is remarkable! Sometimes I sit on the design sofa reading a book and in the background the fire dances in the fireplace. On an exceptional nice day I have a glass of wine on the balcony whilst enjoying the fantastic view over the Eisack valley and the mountain Schlern. The choice amongst the offered rooms was really difficult: no suite and no room is the same as another, all of them arranged individually and with a lot of care. But for this stay I am absolutely satisfied with my choice! Next time I might try the Turm suite, or maybe better the raven deluxe comfort suite?





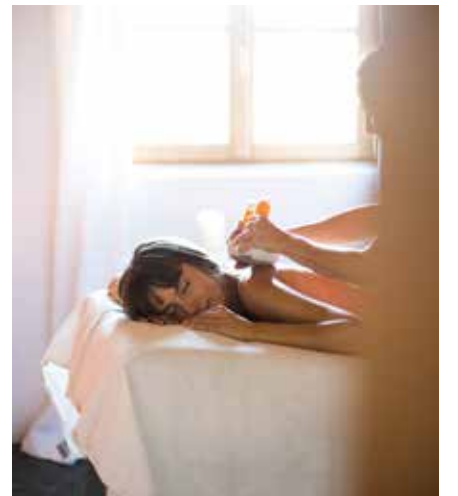






Wellbeing and spa: pure and powerful

Already before breakfast I have been swimming in the black pool and enjoyed the view onto the mountains, all by myself! Spa treatments have been booked: today I will try a traditional hay bath. This is exactly what I love: here I can experience spa in a pure and authentic way with all the strength of nature and the traditions of this amazing region. In the afternoon there will be a sauna infusion with Johanna in the "mystic sauna of the fire guardian". My partner prefers the gym with panorama view and he will climb the unique indoor climbing wall on the natural rock over 9 meters. To spend a romantic moment I booked a wine bath for us together for tomorrow. Relaxing here is easy!











In the middle of a world heritage site

What should I do today? Discover the surroundings by mountain bike or better go hiking through the impressive mountains of the Dolomites, an UNESCO world heritage? The reception recommended a hike onto the Schlern. Probably I will do just that and at the end of the tour I can go swimming in the lake of Völs, in the middle of the woods. And, who knows, maybe I'll even meet one of the legendary Schlern witches! It is amazing to have so many possibilities!







18-holes Golf Course St. Vigil Seis

The first drive was perfect: with the driver I got straight over the lakes and the ball lays now in the middle of the fairway, only about 100 more meters to the green. I look forward to play hole number 15, apparently the „signature hole“– the par 3 with the greatest height differential of any in Europe! Experts call the golf course St. Vigil Seis one of the most fantastic 18-hole golf courses in Northern Italy and the best part of it: it is only 10 minutes away from the hotel! This is the perfect golf holiday for me!





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