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# Tempel 74

**BREGENZERWALD, AUSTRIA**

Strikingly modern design and humble heritage are the trademarks of Tempel 74 Apartments in the heart of the Mollau-Damüls ski region, just 500-metres to the ski lifts. Centuries-old Alpine craftsmanship marries pioneering architecture: a design concept that is very much at home in Bregenz, a region of Austria famed for its archi-candy buildings and BAU culture which dots the Alpine villages. The architecture is standout sharp and the fresh timbered façades are as indigenous as the wraparound Kanisfluh mountain range.

Tempel 74 is the construction and architectural brainchild of owner Jürgen Haller, a local famed for his trademark design aesthetics. Tempel 74 is actually two buildings, one in the folksy Bregenz style of traditional diamond-shape windows, native spruce shingles and Alpine shutters, the other a bold statement piece of timber design with its groomed structural clean lines.

Reflecting the drama of the encircling spruce and fir-clad peaks across the lush valley, both buildings gather around the village Tempel Fountain creating a modern take on the mountain commune. Once the cattle were watered here and the laundry washed, today the fountain is a meeting point for guests and locals with the church spire and hilltop framing the rural idyll.



The ten apartment interiors follow the sleek narrative of less-is-more with native spruce, silver fir and oak headlining the design and cocooning the spacious layouts. Bespoke cabinetry completes the modernist Alpine look adding design purity. Floors are made from brushed oak with under-floor heating, and the scent of wood lingers throughout.

Handmade Vorarlberg furniture and original Bregenzerwald box windows nod to tradition, while designer lighting creates warm pools of light. There are balconies and covered terraces which face the mountain panorama.

Whether you come here in summer or winter, the sauna with relaxation area is available for rejuvenation. Cocoon yourself in the detoxifying warmth of the spruce-scented sauna before succumbing to comfort in an oversized padded lounger. The sunbathing area is the perfect spot to soak up some rays and feel imbibed with Vit D.

A little about the founders of this original residence. Hostess Evi Haller with the designer, builder and planner Jürgen Haller, had a dream. In their words: “we wanted to renew traditions and continue with our own handwriting” which sums up the passion they brought to the project. Taking inspiration from Bregenzerwald itself, they focused on high-quality cosiness – attributes they considered essential to Alpine living.





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Born and bred in Mellau, Jürgen Haller was already a connoisseur of the village and had a lifetime obsession with its building culture with personal links to many of the area's finest craftsmen. Working in tandem with ever-welcoming Evi, they have created a place to stay that inhabits both authenticity and personality.

Tempel 74 Apartments calls to all 'connoisseurs of cultivated idleness' to enjoy the cultural landscapes with independence in a boutique hotel setting. In winter, ski in the Mellau-Damüls region, or in the summery months head off amid spruce forests to seek mystical waterfalls, traverse wild meadows and climb the Alps for lofty highs. Or simply settle into village life — now brought sleekly into the present with Tempel's modernist rethink.

