Project Description

Weissensee at the foot of the Gailtal Alps is not only the highest lake in Carinthia, it is also a gem among bathing lakes as it has escaped the rampant construction mania found elsewhere with barely a mark. In fact quite the reverse is true: In recent years, building land there has been gradually rezoned as parkland. Two thirds of the water’s edge has remained untouched as a result.

The new lake spa fits perfectly into this concept – a stirring sense of well-being at the lakeside Bio-Vitalhotel Weissenseerhof. The natural state of the lake is the major attraction of this new building. It skilfully incorporates modern design and a natural setting that blend harmoniously into the landscape of the water’s edge.

Two thirds of the building is embedded in meadows and reeds and sits on stilts in the lake, creating the impression that it is floating over the reflecting water. The internal architecture is fully geared towards spa-related functions and is original and eye-catching at the same time. Special finishing techniques produce a partly rustic feel with interesting colour schemes and clear lines. Rough is also the theme for the external area: The larch wood has been roughly sawn and the gable roof has been covered with unfinished wooden boards. Extensive landscaping was chosen for the flat roof. Several saunas, beauty and massage rooms, plus rest areas with large panoramic windows are available for guests to relax. One highlight is the turquoise spa bistro, which provides a heavenly view of the western shore of the Weissensee and the mountain backdrop of the Lienz Dolomites. Fans of the fresh air can then stretch out on the spa’s roof terrace or have a drink on the terrace of the spa bistro.

The lighting design of the lake spa is constructed to low-energy standards and is based on indirect lighting and the latest LED lights with their warm white tone, which matches the wood perfectly. The wood, water, and lighting combine in the evenings to create a truly unique atmosphere.

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