

WIESLER

Hotel seit 1909

„Speisesaal" at Hotel Wiesler

ENJOY COSMOPOLITAN FOOD IN A RELAXED AND CHIC AMBIENCE.
AND THAT'S FROM DAWN TO DUSK, 365 DAYS A YEAR

The Speisesaal is already an institution in Graz's nightlife – open for hotel guests AND locals. Culinary delights are, however, also emphasised all day long, because you can choose dishes from a menu, which is peppered with international classics, from dawn to dusk. In spring 2017, another highlight joined the wide choice: The Sunday Soul Brunch with DJ music and delicacies from around the world. The food quality paired with the room aesthetics creates a very unique atmosphere – equally perfect for getting together with friends or holding a business meeting!

A ceiling height of 4.3m, classic chandeliers, stylish leather benches and walls adorned with street art from Josef Wurm, a Graz-based artist, create an impressive external setting for the culinary offerings in the Speisesaal. Old silver cutlery and beautiful table linen combine harmoniously with stripped wood panelling in this exciting mix of old and new. Nothing appears to have been styled; what counts is liveliness. The total package comes with subtle soul music, lights and a creative floral motif, creating the feeling that you're in a metropolis, in the heart of Graz. „Bouillabaise Marseillaise“, Chelo Kabab“ or „Buffalo Chili Chicken Popcorn“ – the whole world can be found in international dishes, which are given a contemporary twist and a pinch of Speisesaal. Here, really popular steaks, burgers and vegetables are cooked at the centrepiece of the kitchen, probably the best charcoal grill in southern Austria. The drinks also range from local Kardamint spritzers to the Czech Starobrno on tap, as well as superb wines from southern Europe; it's a truly international experience! Anyone looking for a nice rosé simply has to try the “Fräulein Rosé von Döbling”, a wine from a Viennese vineyard.

And what does a day in the Speisesaal have to offer apart from its extensive menu? For starters, let yourself be enticed by an enormous buffet, served from 6:30 to 11:00 AM. Numerous pick-me-ups – from breakfast of the north, to baked beans with a fried egg, a

homage to Bud Spencer – are offered. Extras such as home-made buttermilk waffles with fruit and maple syrup round off the „spectacle à la carte“ described on the menu. A separate spectacle is the à la carte coffee selection. The idea often associated with Hotel Wiesler, “luxury reinterpreted”, becomes clear when your espresso is served to you right at your table in a genuine little Italian coffee maker or a Danish coffee press. The make-it-yourself filter coffee pays tribute to Melitta Bentz, the entrepreneur who separated the coffee from the grounds at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Those wanting to make a quick decision at lunchtime don't need to consult the extensive menu. Instead, they can choose from two lunch menus, one of which is always vegetarian. Afterwards, there are many varieties of the finest coffee served all afternoon, as described above, accompanied by home-made cakes, gateaux, brownies and cupcakes, making the Speisesaal a real alternative to coffee houses in Graz. But with the difference that it's open 365 days a year!

What hasn't changed in the Speisesaal is the tried-and-tested concept for the evening.

With soulful music and candlelight, the Speisesaal shows its guests what “posh” means in a relaxed manner – namely, a hugely pleasant atmosphere. „Steak Frites“, a tribute to the Parisian restaurant “Le Relais de Venise“, has never tasted so good! It's always served for two people and with a carafe of Bordeaux wine. The fact that meals are served until 11 PM means that the Speisesaal is a popular place for people stopping off after their evening activities. It's also not a bad idea to stop by earlier – after all, as mentioned above, the menu can be ordered from all day long.

Since deciding to do without star ratings five years ago, Florian Weitzer has implemented a lot of unconventional ideas at Hotel Wiesler. The extended Speisesaal concept is perfect for a hotel that creates space for the past and for beautiful antiques, but that has never stopped seeking new things. The rooms, which are equipped – according to the category – with free-standing bathtubs, treasure chests and record players in a colourful mix-and-match style, bear witness to this. As well as a female in-house barber's, old-style bikes to hire and other surprising details.

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