



1892-2017 - Hotel Belvedere Locarno active for 125 Years and on the 12th of May 2017 honors its guests:

Locarno/ February 09th, 2017 – „Actually we have to thank our guests for being able to celebrate our 125th anniversary as a hotel. Without them we would not have been able to always keep the Belvedere up to date and be so successful“, says Diego Lissi, Chairman of the board.

In 1892 the Belvedere is mentioned for the first time as a pension and thus begins its career. Located just below the Madonna del Sasso church, with an incomparable view over Lake Maggiore it becomes a popular destination for travellers. The hotel experiences a real boom in the 20ies, when a lot of Germans and British come to visit. For almost a century the Belvedere remains in the hands of the Franzonis, a private family. Meanwhile the Belvedere is about to be divided into apartments as part of a real estate development, but this is prevented by the Ticino family Lissi as they buy the house in 2000 ensuring that the Belvedere remains a hotel. Renovations are constantly carried out without neglecting valuable testimonies of the historic building. In the past 16 years the private family never stopped investing and keeping the Hotel on a high level, therefore they can look back on two record years now, 2015 and 2016. But even in the year of its 125th anniversary the Belvedere does not stand still: 13 rooms will be renovated within March and the trendy „La Fontana Ristorante & Bar“ with a show kitchen just opened its doors last year.

As a “Thank You” on the 12th of May 2017 the Belvedere offers its guests one of their beautiful „Chic“ double rooms for CHF 125 per person. For CHF 125 two people can dine in the trendy „La Fontana Ristorante & Bar“ with show-kitchen being served a four course menu. Again, the same day one can relax in the Oasi Spa experiencing a harmonizing velvet skin massage with clay and essential oils for one hour.

The Hotel with its 89 rooms – all providing a wonderful lake view - is located directly on the foot of “Madonna del Sasso”, famous pilgrim place. It is the only four star superior hotel in Locarno that remains open all year around. For those who like to take it easy the hotel is reachable directly by the funicular railway (stop „Belvedere“). Walking one easily reaches the historic city center and can enjoy the film festival city’s Mediterranean charm and climate. Both the funicular railway and the cableway are available so that hikers can reach Monte Cardada – a special place with spectacular alpine views and numerous hiking trails. Other activities in the Lago Maggiore area include cycling and golf which, thanks to the mild climate, is also possible in wintertime. Lugano airport Agno is 40 km distant, a 45-minute car drive. The Milan Malpensa airport remains 110 km south. As the new Alp-Transit has been finished the hotel can be reached via the Gotthard base tunnel from Zurich, Lucerne and Zug by train within a good two hours.

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