

A WARM WELCOME TO THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL ERNST

THE GRAND HOTEL WITH HEART AND SOUL

Right next to world-famous Cologne Cathedral lies the Excelsior Hotel Ernst in the very heart of Cologne's Old Town. The motto of the house, "The Grand Hotel with heart and soul" is delivered with passion in Cologne's one and only Grand Hotel. Because this is where the Cologne spirit is fused with warm hospitality, high service standards and exquisite comfort. Our 180 staff demonstrate this every single day through their hard work and commitment, bringing their own individual charm to this historic house.

The Excelsior Hotel Ernst has been family-owned for over 160 years and is still seen as the social hub of the Rhineland. It was built in 1863 by Carl Ernst, who bore the title "Royal Court Restaurateur at the Central Station". And it has stood in Trankgasse ever since – right by the Cathedral and the Central Station. This tradition brings with it a sense of duty: to this day, it is the only hotel in Cologne that is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World association and one of the Selection of German Luxury Hotels. If you look closely, you'll find references to our famous neighbour, Cologne Cathedral: for example, in the listed façade, the wood panelling and the cross-shaped window decorations.

ROOMS AND SUITES

A HOME LIKE NO OTHER

Our 134 rooms and suites are of the highest standard and each has its own special character. Guests can expect a private, homely atmosphere with high levels of comfort. The wishes of our hotel guests always come first – and that is one reason why most of them return. The team led by Managing Director Georg Plesser combines tradition and innovation with an enduring sense of timeless elegance. For workouts and relaxation, guests have at their disposal a fitness area, sauna and steam bath. The gastronomy of the house is legendary.

CULINARY OFFERING

HANSE STUBE

In the Hanse Stube, "Cologne's salon par excellence", guests from across our city and around the world come together to enjoy innovative French haute cuisine with a Rhineland twist. The gourmet restaurant has already won several awards for its outstanding cuisine and first-class service. Some 80 percent of guests are locals.

TAKU

Downstairs is the celebrated taku. Here, Michelin star chef Mirko Gaul fuses exquisite fine dining with unabashed experimentation to create exciting, Asian-inspired compositions. He has been thrilling the international gourmet scene for years – since 2012 he has been awarded a Michelin star every year.

WINTERGARTEN

Another popular eatery is the Wintergarten. Here, everything revolves around "the art of small things", as we often say at the Excelsior Hotel Ernst. The delicate patisserie of the house and the "Excelsior Afternoon Tea" are accompanied by the sweet piano sounds of Robin Meloy Goldsby, who – after stints at the New York Plaza, Grand Hyatt and Waldorf Astoria – now brings her musical magic to the Wintergarten of Cologne's Grand Hotel.

CHARLES BAR

A trusted favourite among the people of Cologne, the Charles Bar is still something of an insider tip on the international scene. In the Charles Bar, named after hotel proprietor Charles Roulet, aficionados of good wine, champagne and cocktails come together to forget about time for a moment. Because that's what it's all about here: time and the chance to savour it.

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

FOR SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AND MEETINGS

Birthdays and weddings, conferences or business dinners – the guest supplies the occasion, the Excelsior Hotel Ernst provides the perfect setting. In a stylish atmosphere, eight event rooms – for up to 200 guests – offer a stately backdrop for business and private events. Always accompanied by attentive service, outstanding cuisine with sophisticated menus, and modern event technology.

DISCOVER COLOGNE

STARTING AT THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL ERNST

The ideal base from which to explore the city on the Rhine is the Excelsior Hotel Ernst – with its central location in the heart of Cologne, right next to Cologne Cathedral. The main train station and exhibition grounds are within easy walking distance. Whether it's luxury shopping, museums, art exhibitions, events or exploring the city, our concierges will be happy to help you. They know the city inside out, can book tickets or arrange a limousine for you. The Opera, Philharmonic and many museums are just a short walk away. Luxurious boutiques and attractive shopping options await in the immediate vicinity. And just a few minutes' walk will take you to Cologne's traditional breweries, bars and cafés.

PRESS CONTACT

Britta Funke, Director PR & Marketing

EXCELSIOR HOTEL ERNST AG
Domplatz / Trankgasse 1-5
50667 Cologne

phone: 0221 270 3157

email: britta.funke@excelsior-hotel-ernst.de

www.excelsiorhotelernst.de