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HOTEL DES BALANCES
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Dear Guest

A very warm welcome to the Hotel Des Balances. We wish you a pleasurable stay in Lucerne and hope that you enjoy your time with us. If you have any questions or would like further information, we are at your disposal at any time.

Have a great time!

As early as 1200, an inn was built on the site of the present Hotel Des Balances. Its location and its immediate proximity to the fish and wine market have always been made it a hot spot. Consequently the present four-star hotel has gone through many eventful and significant times. Municipal companies also used it as their headquarters and gave the house a special touch. Many prominent guests made a pilgrimage to Des Balances, which has been called Des Balances since 1836. Among them is the famous Irish playwright George Bernhard Shaw. But also aristocrats such as Princess Luise of Baden or the Dutch Queen Wilhelmine were regular guests at Des Balances. Successful hoteliers have always worked in this house. Among them Jean Haecky and Fritz Rindlisbacher, both excellent hosts, who celebrated a great tradition of the best gourmet art at Des Balances. Inside and out, this historically rich hotel shows itself from its best side. Its façade paintings - in the style of the famous painter Hans Holbein - are among the most photographed subjects in Lucerne. It was also in Des Balances that Lucerne's Emil Steinberger, known as "Emil", began his career in the 1960s. He performed his first solo programme "Emil and the 40 Thieves" on the Balances stage. Today the hotel enjoys the reputation of a gourmet hotel with high room comfort in a prime location in the heart of Lucerne.



Arrival - Departure

Savor your first arrival, as first impressions are said to be among the best.
Following these instructions will help.

Travel by car: Follow the directions to "Des Balances" and "Altstadthotels", until you reach our front door. Our Parking Service will park your car for you in a private garage or a public parking lot for CHF 33 per night and will pick it up and bring it to you at any time.



At the train station: Train travellers can grab a taxi which will bring you to the hotel in minutes. On your return let our Reception call a taxi for you. Alternatively the train station is a ten-minute walk from the hotel.

Our porters will gladly take care of your luggage. On the day you depart we will hold your luggage for you after checkout at 12pm. This way you can continue to get around town unencumbered and extend your visit for a couple more carefree hours. A bespoke service for connoisseurs and gourmets alike.

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Restaurant Balances

Foodies expect to be indulged. Our chef Andreas Flüri has it covered with the finest international cuisine; market fresh and imaginative. His extensive experience includes among others, a stint as head chef under the renowned Hans Stucki in Bruderholz. Not only thanks to its address 'Am Weinmarkt', but also thanks to Director Peter E. Büsser's long standing commitment to offering top wines, the best vintages can be had at here at reasonable prices. Our guests come to our restaurant for a unique experience, the authentic atmosphere that this historically significant house has to offer. The superb view of the Jesuit Church directly opposite combined with a cuisine oriented towards quality and freshness make it an unrivalled location for distinctive gastronomy.



Bar and Lounge

casual elegant

In this trendy locale, whose wooden bar resembles the bow of a ship, relax in the chic and lively ambience.

This is where Lucerne comes to chill. The Bar and Lounge is well known for Andreas Fluri's delicious creations. In this relaxing atmosphere the Inspiration Menu convinces ever palate with its 5 to 7 course menu. Accompanied by: a glass of wine. Choose from a wide selection of splendid wines on display in our attractive refrigerated wine shelves.



Terrace

The view from the Terrace of the infamous Covered Bridge and Water tower is a must. From this vantage point taking in the magnificent Jesuit Church directly across calls to mind the Grand Canal in Venice. The swans and seagulls on the Reuss River, the panorama of the mountains and the lake are amongst the most poignant images Lucerne has to offer. The view from the Terrace of our hotel is truly a feast for the eyes. Combined with the finest Swiss dishes from the Restaurant Balances your holiday mood is complete.



Time flies by on gossamer wings.

Reservations recommended

Opening hours Restaurant: 7am to 12.30 am

Opening hours Kitchen: 11.30 am to 11 pm

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Seminar-Service

Meetings, gatherings, training, presentations and/or seminars and conferences in an appropriate environment? At the Hotel Des Balances unique rooms for up to 80 participants are equipped with modern technical facilities and are at your disposal. The quiet, central location, the elegant and functional rooms as well as the professional seminar service guarantees the success of your event at the Hotel Des Balances.



Banquet

Company dinners, Parties, Anniversaries and Banquets require stylistic assurance and professionalism. That's what the Des Balances has developed, a sophisticated service that turns every celebration into an event, be it a light business lunch or a richly decorated wedding table. Our event team will advise you in all matters.



Breakfast

For breakfast a rich selection of fine delicacies, müsli, fresh bread, seasonal fruit, tempting specialties, homemade pancakes, egg dishes, specially selected teas, fresh pressed juices and coffee round off your stay at the Hotel Des Balances. Between 7 and 11 you will be spoiled with our rich breakfast buffet and guarantee an enjoyable start to your day. In the restaurant or in your room.



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Catering

Whether it be in a romantic forest glade, a sophisticated castle or a party tent.
From 10 people onwards our Balances Catering Service is on the road for you.

From a crazy cocktail to a noble gala dinner, we can take care of the entire organisation down to the smallest detail if desired.

Our creative and market-fresh cuisine and the absolutely professional service of our "event team" guarantee your event at the highest level.



Radio and TV

You are spoiled for choice with over 100 stations. Check out the latest TV/Radio station list or zap through the vast selection of international channels.

Telephone

Outside line: 0

Reception: 666

Restaurant: 815

From room to room just dial the room number.

Internet

High speed internet access is available throughout the hotel. Join by clicking on «Hotel des Balances Guest» entering your room number and surname. Or simply register as a day guest.

