

A visit to the Weisshorn Hotel

Back in the summer of 2018 Andy and I walked from Zermatt to Zinal (account in 2019 Journal) and after crossing the Meidpass stayed at the famous Weisshorn Hotel for 2 nights. The Hotel is above St Luc in Val d'Annivers at a height of 2337m.



View of the Weisshorn Hotel from the Meidpass (insert)

The Hotel was opened around 1884. Initially the ground floor was made of stone and the first floor of wood. The Alpine Garden, which still exists, was opened in 1885 and used as a test station for the Jardin Alpin in Geneva.



Hoarding for the Hotel and 'Jardin Alpin'

In September 1889 the Hotel was destroyed by fire and it was rebuilt in stone. The building was enhanced with a basement, four floors and public rooms, all of which survive today.



The Hotel continued to trade and attract visitors until 1966, when the owner shut it down.

In 1969 the Hotel, under new owners, was reopened and has remained open since. Owners come and go, but the style of the Hotel has changed little over time.

Although the Hotel now boasts its own hydroelectric power station and water supply.

The Hotel is run very much like an Alpine Hut. Boots are taken off in the hallway and 'hut shoes' are offered! The bedrooms are very comfortable, lined with Valais fir and spruce pine panelling. All have twin beds but no en-suites are available instead here are communal bathrooms on each floor.

However in many ways it is run as a Hotel with a full bar and terrace serving food and drink all day to residents and passers by alike. The outdoor terrace has wonderful views across the valley.



The bedrooms are all lined with Valais fir and spruce wood and each floor has a bathroom with showers and toilets.

The lounge and 'smoking room' on the ground floor and still in use by customers.



We were blessed with good weather during our stay and were able to enjoy the comforts of the Hotel to the full. The Hotel was busy with a ladies walking group stopping over and several other couples and families. The only access is by foot or mountain bike. However there is vehicle access for luggage to be transported for the walking groups!

- The panoramic dining room overlooking the valley. The set dinner is served in the restaurant and in true Alpine Hut style 'seconds' were offered to the guests!
- The buffet breakfast, although early, was not at Alpine Hut time.



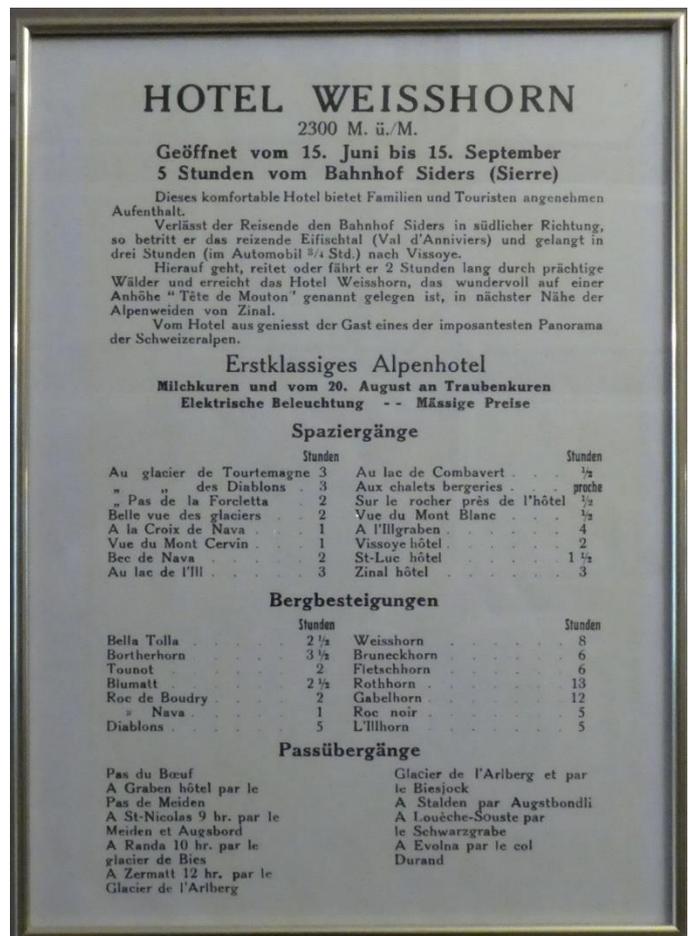
After an early evening thunderstorm at dinner we were treated to a wonderful sunset.

The day we spent in the valley we walked up the Bella Tola (3025m) and walked along the ridge, returning on the Planet Trail for welcome refreshment on the terrace.





We enjoyed our short stay and on our last day of the trek walked up the valley to Zinal.



The picture below shows the Jardin Alpin, the Planet Trail and the Weisshorn at Zinal.



Perhaps during your visit to the area on the 2024 Alpine Meet to Grimentz you may be tempted to visit.

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