



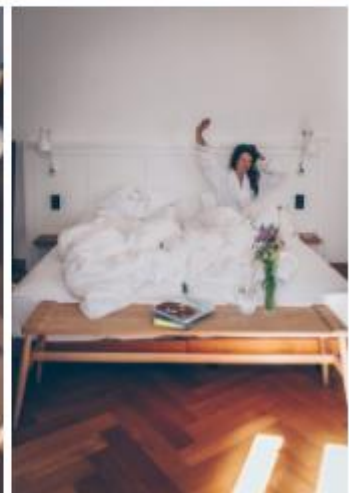
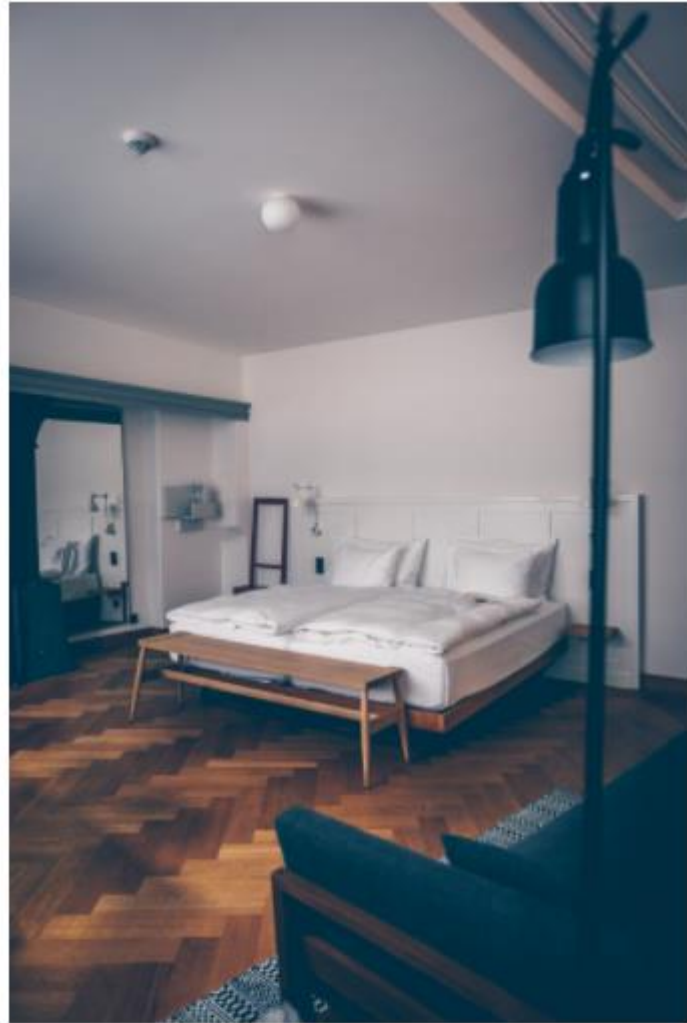
MINIMALIST DREAM IN HISTORIC ZÜRICH: MARKTGASSE HOTEL REVIEW

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“ Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. ~ Leonardo da Vinci

We landed in Zurich, Switzerland on a sleepy Friday morning. The sky was grey and cloudy and the temperatures colder than we anticipated. Our taxi driver welcomed us with a friendly “Hoi zäme”. And the question if the kebab in Istanbul is better than the one in Zurich. The drive into town was short and peaceful. Coming from busy and loud Istanbul, arriving in Zurich’s Old Town feels like stepping into a world of quietness, serenity and coziness. We made our way through narrow alleys and quaint cobbled streets, lined with picturesque buildings and medieval sights. Passing by smiling elderly tourist groups, artisan shops and historic Cafes selling traditional Swiss cakes and pastries. Just when we thought the narrow lanes couldn’t get any smaller we arrived at our final destination, the Marktgasse Hotel.







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Where: [Old Town, Zurich, Switzerland](#)

Stayed at: [Marktgasse Hotel](#) – Marktgasse 17, 8001 Zürich, Switzerland

When: Mid of May at 15-20°C/59-68°F

Why: A minimalist boutique hotel in the inside, a 15th century building on the outside with a focus, both on its heritage and eclectic timeless design. For travelers who seek a place with individual charm located in the historic Old Town of Zürich. Surrounded by winding lanes, cobbled streets and cultural highlights. Marktgasse Hotel offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere, stunning views from one of its suites and beautifully designed and decorated rooms. Comforting cinnamon rolls at the delish Cafe for breakfast, gin beetroot infused cocktails and creamy Burrata ravioli at Baltho Kitchen & Bar are just a few of the many culinary highlights at Marktgasse Hotel.







FOOD

Let's make one thing clear. The coffee at delish Cafe, where breakfast is served to hotel guests and locals alike, serves delicious coffee. I heard it from my inner coffee loving voice, my boyfriend said it, the ladies from the table next to us said it and a day later the couple sitting a table away from us also said it. Other than that, breakfast is all you ever wanted in the morning. From Bircher muesli, croissants and cinnamon rolls to chia pudding and fruit salad to poached eggs, traditional rolls and hearty cheese and ham cuts, the breakfast selection is diverse and admirable.

Dinner at Baltho Kitchen & Bar is kind of a must, especially after a long day of walking and not wanting to take one more step. But first, have a superior cocktail at Baltho Bar like the gin beetroot infused coconut cocktail Kokotiki. The bar is very popular among locals, so save a table in the cozy corner next to the window by coming early. You can either order food straight to your bar table or move down to the open-space Baltho restaurant. The wine list is extensive and delicious. The food menu eclectic and fresh and the apple pie for dessert puts a surprised smile on your face.





ROOMS

I say this with all honesty but I've never felt so relaxed and comfortable in a hotel room like our Junior Suite at Marktgasse Hotel. There is just something I loved about its very pure and minimalistic interior design alongside the ancient uneven floors, the bright windows facing a pedestrian square and stylish bathroom with a detached bathtub and well stocked with Aesop products. Maybe it was the comfortable mattress and soft pillows or the sound insulated windows. Maybe it was the Nespresso coffee machine that came in handy in the early morning hours. Or it could have been the enormous size of the hotel room which I didn't expect in the narrow Old Town of Zürich. But I'm pretty sure it's the black and white colours of the furniture, checkered bathroom tiles and woven carpets. Either way, I absolutely loved our room. Another room we had a chance to look at is the Junior Suite with a Private Terrace. It has a beautiful view over the Old Town.





HOTEL & LOCATION

At first, the historical building looks like all the other medieval houses from the outside. But upon entering the modern and timeless vibe takes you a little by surprise. The reception is located on the first floor. Just right around the corner the sunlit library and reading space are a quite place to get some work down or catch up on emails. Downstairs the delish Cafe serves breakfast in the morning and turns into a healthy deli before lunch. Next to it, the Baltho Kitchen and Bar are popular among hotel guests and locals, so make sure to reserve a table at check-in.

Marktgasse Hotel is located in Old Town, Zurich. It's a stone throw away from the Lake Zürich. And only a few steps from Zürich's picturesque skyline at River Limmat. Everything else in Zürich is close by too. It doesn't take longer than 15-30 minutes of walking to reach other neighborhoods.



DOWNSIDE

There isn't much to complain about Marktgasse Hotel. As said before, I never felt so comfortable and relaxed in a hotel room. Though I wish the internet connection could have been a little faster sometimes.