



History of the Alemannenhof Hotel

The Drubba family bought this piece of land by the side of the lake and decided to pull down the existing café-restaurant and build a new hotel instead of a private house. One thought was that this beautiful corner of the world should be available to as many people as possible.

Plans were made and it was clear that the hotel should be built in the typical style of the Black Forest, showing all of the excellent qualities of the traditional handicrafts of the Black Forest area.

The book, "Das alte malerische Schwarzwaldhaus" by Richard Schilling was the basis for most of the ideas integrated in the building of the hotel. Building started in March 1982 and it was planned to open in April 1983. This meant very exact planning for all concerned. All of the firms involved in the building of the hotel were from the Black Forest.

After much thought and after asking the opinion of friends and colleagues, it was decided to name the hotel the "Alemannenhof".

Around 600 A.D. the empire of the "Alemannen" tribe spread over the area of Baden-Württemberg we know today, Alsace, German-speaking Switzerland, West Tyrol as far as the town of Augsburg. This area can be seen in a relief on the wall in the reception hall of the hotel. This was painted by Paul Tscholl, a local painter. The word "Alemannen" derives from the battle-cry of the "Sueben" tribe during the battle at Limes when they shouted "All men together against the Romans / Alle Mann zemme gegen die Römer".

In the Alemannenhof of today, you will find peace and quiet and can enjoy the hospitality of the Black Forest.

The hotel interior is made mostly of wood and the old meeting up with the new conjures a special atmosphere in the hotel. In the "Ofenstube" there stands an old kitchen range which still can be used today. The "Hebelstube" named after Johann Peter Hebel, a local poet, was removed from an old farmhouse in the village of Bernau and rebuilt, piece by piece, into the Alemannenhof.

The outside of the hotel is covered by 32.200 shingles and on the 25th of March 1983, nearly one year after building started, the hotel opened its doors to the public.