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Wombat's City Hostels

"By travellers for travellers" – The personal story of the founders became the DNA of this hostel chain: Marcus Praschinger and Sascha Dimitriewicz were passionate backpackers themselves and traveled on a very tight budget in the late 1980s. They experienced first-hand what travellers crave, what makes for magical moments far from home, and how encounters can have a lifelong impact.

Co-Founder Sascha Dimitriewicz: "We were travelling through Australia in the late 1980s when we first came into contact with hostels and found ourselves among like-minded people. Immediately, we felt the spark."

In 1999, the first hostel in Vienna was opened under the name "Wombat's" (referencing the formative experience in Australia). The two young entrepreneurs' concept worked and for 20 years it has grown organically. The successful and multi-award-winning hostel chain now comprises five hotels in top European destinations: Vienna, London, Munich, and Budapest.

All Wombat's City Hostels maintain a standard that is anything but ordinary in the industry.: The hostels (size 350 to 700 beds) mainly offer small shared rooms, always with their own showers and toilets, free open guest kitchens for culinary self-catering, 24-hour reception, secure luggage storage, washing machines for worn-out travel wardrobes, and rental of essential items from hairdryers to umbrellas and adapters.

Wombat's City Hostels are located in places selected with a lot of love and know-how, always well connected to the public transport network, and always just a stone's throw away from top attractions in the respective city.

Reliably Unexpected

Wombat's also places special emphasis on ensuring that all offerings are of the highest possible quality at reasonable prices, collaborating with local partners and producers whenever feasible, and adhering to fair trade and sustainability standards.

Wombat's sets new benchmarks with its food and beverage offerings in the hostel industry, such as serving craft beers and selected wines in its WomBARs, and offering the exclusive Wombat's roast for breakfast or at the chain's in-house WomCAFÉs.

Moreover, Wombat's has always regarded itself as a vibrant and integral part of the local cultural scene. The WomBEATS initiative underscores its strong ties to the music community by providing new platforms for artists and hosting exciting concerts with free admission within the City Hostels.

Customer Rating: Wombat's is Multiple HOSCARS Winner

The Wombat's City Hostels chain has received more than 50 international awards over the years - from "Cleanest Hostel Worldwide" to "Best Hostel Chain Worldwide" (HOSCAR Awards). The ratings in the relevant hostel forums also speak for themselves.

As of today, Wombat's hosts a total of 558 rooms with 2,469 beds in four cities, averaging 300,000 overnight stays per year.

Co-Founder Marcus Praschinger: "In the long run, you can probably only run a business like this if it's fed by a focused attitude and genuine passion. We create inspiring spaces where people can meet in a warm and safe atmosphere. That's what we were looking for as travellers back then, that's what we want to offer travellers now and in the future."

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