



01 Rough traces of the 17th-century interior contrast with the smooth, modern lines of the restoration.

02 The spacious parlour, which can be hired for parties, has a large table and other furniture custom-made for Berge.

03 A 67 m² loft gains an individual personality thanks to the bold use of colour and Moorman's playful furniture, including the Last Minute table and Kleiner Trommler chairs.



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Photos courtesy of Nils Holger Moormann

Berge, Aschau am Chiemsee

Typical guest Skier, climber, Alpine enthusiast
Daily rate €60 to €180
Atmosphere No-tech minimalist rural retreat
Featuring Moorman furniture, with a rustic accent
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Design Nils Holger Moormann, www.moormann.de
Floor area 28 m² to 140 m²
Completion December 2008
Furniture Moorman, www.moormann.de; Vitra, www.vitra.de; Magazin, www.magazin.com
Lighting Switches from Merten, www.merten.de
Flooring Local cabinet maker
Walls Local craftsmen

'I didn't want a Design Hotel feeling, but something quite simple,' says Nils Holger Moormann of his recently opened guest house Berge. Located in the idyllic Bavarian Alps, it is right across the street from his furniture company's office, and also functions as its showroom. Originally, the 17th century building and the plot of land on which it stands was acquired to build a warehouse, but Moormann changed his plans and restructured the former village bakery into a lodge with 12 holiday apartments and one backpacker 'camp'. All the rooms have a unique atmosphere, thanks to the use of natural (and archaic) materials like wattle-and-daub panels for walls and lime washes as paint. There is no TV or wireless Internet service, just plenty of books for guests. 'To keep it as simple as possible,' Moormann explains. Instead of creating a chic showroom, the aim was to experiment with the furniture,

combining it with other pieces and finding practical solutions. As a result, each apartment is different and has its own character. They range from small 28 m² units to large 140 m² lofts—each with a custom-made kitchen and some surprises for guests. Take the 'North Wall' apartment, for example: when you lie in bed, narrow glass strips in the old wooden roof reveal views of an imposing building on the top of a high peak—the ancient Castle of Aschau am Chiemsee near the lodge.

