An Architectural Overview of Innisbrook Resort

The distinctive architecture of Innisbrook can be characterized as so much more than “retro chic.” We are proud to share that it represents an important architectural contribution and is a hallmark of the innovative decade in which the resort was created. Deeply inspired by the back-to-nature movement—springing up from the renewed environmentalism of the day—1970s architects led an eco-conscious approach to design.

As S. Claire Conroy of *residential architect* describes, “The architects who designed those ’70s houses...liberated future architects from the notion of the house as machine sitting atop the landscape. Instead, architects were freed to design houses as organisms that mesh with their surroundings—living, breathing, and changing together.”

Innisbrook’s low-rise structures exemplify the classic Mansard style, named after its steeply sloped roofline. First credited to Pierre Lescot, who used it in portions of the Louvre in 1550, this style became popular when François Mansart used it prominently in Parisian townhouses and châteaus in the early 1600s. Mansard roofs are seen throughout much of history since then, and they experienced an American revival during the 1960s and 1970s.

Our structures’ well-made (and costly, elite) design still serves valuable and practical purposes today. Constructed of concrete and steel beams, these durable buildings are energy-efficient and provide quiet and privacy like few modern ones do. Thoughtfully designed to sit below the treetops and arranged in small clusters across the resort, they blend beautifully into our 900 wooded acres. Here, nature is truly right outside your suite. Amid large spans of green space, with its centuries-old trees, protected wetland areas and breathtaking nature trails, one can’t help but ease into this tranquil Florida setting.

see: http://www.residentialarchitect.com/design/show-us-your-70s-house.aspx

The Short Story

Innisbrook’s distinctive architecture is inspired by the back-to-nature movement, when eco-conscious 1970s architects designed buildings to mesh with their environment. Our structures are built in the classic Mansard style, which is named after the steeply sloped roofline. They are durable and energy-efficient and provide quiet and privacy like few modern ones do, blending beautifully into our 900 wooded acres.