

Only in Salzburg

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The town of Salzburg has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site for 25 years, making it one of the most sought-after travel destinations in Europe. The town owes its elegance and uniqueness to the prince-archbishops: their architectural, artistic and social heritage is omnipresent in Salzburg and is perpetuated, for example, with renowned musical events such as the Salzburg Festival or exciting exhibitions such as "Salzburg unique" at the Salzburg Museum.

They were absolutist rulers and endowed with very special privileges: the prince-archbishops of Salzburg ruled for almost a thousand years and up until 1803, were the secular and spiritual rulers of a prosperous state, whose wealth was fed by salt, ore and gemstone deposits. In the second half of the 14th century, the prince-archbishopric of Salzburg reached its greatest territorial expansion far beyond today's federal province borders. The prince-archbishops came from the best, noble families and enjoyed a comprehensive education, parts of which they completed abroad. Over the centuries, they transformed the residence town into one of the most beautiful baroque towns in the world, which today knows how to unite past and present in a unique way.

The UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2022

The vision of Prince-Archbishop Wolf Dietrich zu Raitenau (1559 - 1617) was to transform Salzburg into a magnificent "Rome of the North". Even today, the five squares in the old town - Residenzplatz, Domplatz, Mozartplatz, Kapitelplatz and Alter Markt - are considered the most beautiful in Salzburg: together with Hohensalzburg Fortress, they form the heart of the **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Salzburg received this title exactly 25 years ago due to its cultural and musical significance. Embedded in the unique topography on the northern edge of the Alps and with the partly rugged rock faces of the city mountains, Salzburg is the ingenious conglomerate of its individual elements.

On the trail of the prince archbishops

- **Weddings at Mirabell Palace:** Wolf Dietrich zu Raitenau had a partner for 22 years. Salome Alt bore him 15 children, after which he had Mirabell Palace built outside the town walls for them and their joint descendants. Throughout his life, the prince archbishop was unable to legalise the bond. Today, the marble hall in Mirabell Palace is considered the most beautiful registry office in the world, where couples of all nationalities and denominations can get married. www.standesamt-salzburg.at
- **Exhibition "SchauLust - the unexpected world of Markus Sittikus":** The interactive permanent exhibition at Hellbrunn Palace offers unusual insights into the life of the prince-archbishop. 400 years later, Hellbrunn with its trick fountains, the Little Month Palace, stone theatre and zoo are a magnet for visitors. www.hellbrunn.at
- **The DomQuartier as the baroque centre of Europe.** The DomQuartier tells of 1,300 years of history in Salzburg. In this house of art and architecture, apart from the rich art collections of the province, the Archdiocese of Salzburg and the Archabbey of St. Peter, the ceiling paintings and stuccowork are definitely also worth seeing. The exhibits of

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the Residenzgalerie, the Cathedral Museum, the Chamber of Curiosities, the Lange Galerie and the Museum at St. Peter are accompanied by ongoing special exhibitions. www.domquartier.at

- **Exhibition “Salzburg unique – stories from Salzburg Town and Province” at the Salzburg Museum (from 18 February 2022):** exceptional objects portray the multi-faceted art and cultural history of Salzburg in this exhibition. They show the development and significance of this unique cultural region. The tour through the epochs also includes references to customs and traditions, some of which are now part of the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage. www.salzburgmuseum.at
- **Museums at Hohensalzburg Fortress:** Hohensalzburg Fortress is not only THE landmark of the town, it also houses no less than five museums as well as a panorama tour, offering visitors a comprehensive experience. The princes' chamber, the armoury and the Fortress museum, for instance, provide an insight into the history of the prince archbishops and thus of the construction history of the building itself. www.salzburg-burgen.at

A walk through Salzburg's lanes

The World Heritage Site *Historic Centre of the Town of Salzburg* comprises a total of around 1,000 objects and an area of 236 hectares (core zone I). It is impossible to visit the town without coming across buildings, statues and symbols made of stone, marble or wood that do not bear witness to Salzburg's importance and development. Churches, chapels, monasteries and cemeteries vary with gardens and castles and add up to the world-famous ensemble. The magic of Salzburg also emerges during a walk through the lanes and passageways of the Old Town. Each of these 13 passages, which connect the Getreidegasse with the parallel streets, has its own charm, appreciated by locals and visitors alike.

Music City Salzburg - W. A. Mozart, Salzburg Festival and Adventsingen

The prince-archbishops of Salzburg were great patrons of the fine arts and thus laid the foundation for Salzburg as a town of music and festivals, and furthermore as the home of the world-famous Christmas carol "Silent Night! Holy Night!" and "The Sound of Music".

Over the centuries, Salzburg's court music has been able to compete with the best in Europe. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's father Leopold came to Salzburg for professional reasons. His son was considered a child prodigy (1756 - 1791) and is the town's most famous son. In 1880 the Mozarteum Foundation was founded, 40 years later the Salzburg Festival. With the Camerata Salzburg, the Philharmonie Salzburg and the Mozarteum Orchestra, the city boasts top-ranking orchestras, and around 4,500 musical and cultural events take place in Salzburg every year. A particularly charming musical event takes place every Sunday at 11:45 a.m.: a historical custom is commemorated during the *Turmbblasen* (music from the trumpet tower) at Hohensalzburg Fortress. In former times, the tower trumpeters would be used to warn of dangers or to provide accompaniment of important occasions.

Festival Town Salzburg: three renowned music festivals a year

- The Salzburg Easter Festival was founded by star conductor Herbert von Karajan and has complemented Salzburg's festival programme since 1967. The centrepiece of the Salzburg Easter Festival from 9 to 18 April 2022 will be Richard Wagner's "Lohengrin". American tenor Eric Cutler will sing the title role, Christian Thielemann will conduct the

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Sächsische Staatskapelle Dresden. This top international orchestra will be awarded the Herbert von Karajan Prize at the Festival. Richard Strauss' *Alpensinfonie*, the work which the composer dedicated "in gratitude to the royal orchestra in Dresden" in 1915, will be performed. www.osterfestspiele-salzburg.at

- The Salzburg Whitsun Festival was initiated in 1973 by Herbert von Karajan as the Whitsun Concerts – since 2012 Italian singer Cecilia Bartoli has been responsible as the artistic director. The programme of the **Salzburg Whitsun Festival from 3 to 6 June 2022** revolves around the Spanish city of Seville. Gioachino Rossini's opera *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* will feature Cecilia Bartoli as Rosina, the role in which she once made her professional debut. The concert programme is also dedicated to the essence of Andalusian culture. www.salzburgerfestspiele.at
- The **Salzburg Festival in summer** is the world's most important festival for classical music and performing arts. From 18 July to 31 August 2022, the Salzburg Festival will present 174 performances in 45 days at 17 venues. Opera highlights include Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and Verdi's *Aida*. In addition to *Jedermann*, the drama programme includes Schnitzler's *Reigen*. Apart from the *Ouverture Spirituelle* under the title *Sacrificium*, the concerts will feature top-class orchestras and soloists. www.salzburgerfestspiele.at

Musical Advent and the End of the Year: Soundful Winter in Salzburg

The Cathedral Square and Residence Square in the heart of Salzburg's Old Town are the setting for the world-famous and award-winning Salzburg Christmas Market], the roots of which go back as far as the 15th century. It is complemented by other Advent markets, for example at Hohensalzburg Fortress, in the Sterngarten, on Mirabellplatz or the Hellbrunner Adventzauber. Music also plays an important role in Salzburg during the Christmas season: the world's most famous Christmas carol, "Silent Night" originated here. The Adventsingen in the Großes Festspielhaus is attended by thousands of people from all over the world every year. The event is considered the origin of the traditional Adventsingen, which is now known throughout the Alpine region and has been copied many times.

- **Salzburger Christkindlmarkt at the Cathedral and Residenzplatz**, 17 November 2022 to 1 January 2023 www.christkindlmarkt.co.at
- **Hellbrunner Adventzauber**, 17 November to 24 December 2022, www.hellbrunneradventzauber.at
- **Salzburger Adventsingen at the Großes Festspielhaus**, 25 November to 11 December 2022, www.salzburgeradventsingen.at

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