

Salzburg



Along the banks of the Salzach River, a breathtaking city emerges. Renaissance houses adorned with pastel hues of sage and primrose overlook emerald waters. Behind them, the baroque spires of magnificent churches mimic the tapered pines of evergreen forests, creating an unrivaled cityscape that instantly enchants. Nestled against the northern edge of one of Europe's most spectacular mountain ranges, the city of Salzburg appears like a storybook village. Birthplace of one of history's most enduring composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, this Austrian city resonates with a devotion to the arts. Year round, the strains of symphony orchestras waft through the region's crisp alpine air.

Memorable Experiences

Traditional Sweets

Taste gingerbread hearts, among 18th century portraits at Cafe Tomaselli.

Intrinsic Flavors

Enjoy a wurst while wandering by flowers and cheeses at the Green Market.

Old Town Refreshments

Taste the cold water at one of fourteen newly renovated drinking fountains.

Window Shopping

Peek into the distinctive shops that line Getreidegasse.

Distinctive Details

Upon grand stages, exceptional theater unfolds. Concert halls fill with the sounds of Beethoven and Strauss. For five weeks each summer, the finest actors and musicians gather for the Salzburg Festival.

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends

Schloss Mirabell

Baroque stairways lead to marble halls in Schloss Mirabell, a neo-classical palace dating from 1606. Dramatic statuary, sculpted hedges and flower beds cover the princely gardens that surround. Concerts often occur in a room where Mozart once played.

Destination Information

Country Austria
Province Salzburg
Elevation 424 meters
Population 150,000
Language German, English



Area Code: 662
Country Code: 43



Salzburg Airport (SZG)



Transportation:
Car, Taxi, Train, Bus, Fiaker (Horse Cab)



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Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



Hotel Goldener Hirsch

Getreidegasse 37
Salzburg, 5020
Phone: (43)(662) 80840



Schloss Fuschl Resort & Spa

Schloss Strasse 19
Hof bei Salzburg, Austria
Phone: (43)(6229) 22530



Culture

Intriguing art galleries, museums and emblematic landmarks offer infinite discoveries.

Family



Hohensalzburg Fortress

Perched atop a rocky hill, a snow colored castle dominates Salzburg's fairy tale skyline. Impenetrable walls surround the immense complex, bursting through pine hedges like a regal throne for this most enduring landmark. Renowned as Europe's largest fortification, the majestic fortress is comprised of mysterious vaults, secret niches, and intriguing museums where emblematic relics, like armor and marionettes are displayed. The sounds of horses hooves and blaring trumpets resound through its courtyards during cavalcades and festivals.

Address: Mönchsberg 34, accessible from Kapitelplatz through the Festungsgasse
Phone: (43)(662) 84243011

Highly Recommended



Salzburg Panorama Museum

An ice-blue river snakes through moss green farmlands and foggy mountain ranges. Rows of oak trees cast shadows upon sheep pastures. Chimneys and spires rise above rooftops as the citizens of Salzburg go about their daily lives. A masterpiece of the panorama medium, this exquisite work is the centerpiece of this rare museum. Completed in 1829 by Johann Michael Sattler, it masterfully captures the details of architecture and city life. Large-format paintings by Sattler's son Hubert, join the panorama, portraying New York and Paris of the 19th century.

Address: Neue Residenz, Residenzplatz 9
Phone: 43(662) 620808730



Rudolf Budja Galerie

Herringbone floors of lustrous chestnut stretch across a stunning five hundred-square-meter space. Upon walls, painted unconventional shades of evergreen, cinnamon, and plum, Andy Warhol images of General Mao join a photograph of Marilyn Monroe by Lawrence Schiller, and "Flowers" by Richard Pettibone. In the gracious rooms of this stately 19th century mansion, exceptional pieces of modern and contemporary art contrast vividly with original moldings and limestone mantelpieces, forming a distinct environment to encounter art.

Address: Palais Kuenburg, Wiener Philharmonikergasse 3
Phone: (43)(662) 846483



Museum der Moderne Salzburg Mönchsberg

Smooth blocks of grey marble merge with vast panes of glass. Nestled into the cliffs of the Mönchsberg, a thrilling museum looms sixty meters above Salzburg's old town. Acclaimed as one of the most beautiful museums in the world, this minimal, cube-like structure rises beside a turreted tower, and is surrounded by an alpine forest. An impressive collection that includes Austrian Expressionism, photography, and sculpture is displayed on two levels, along with rotating exhibitions of 19th and 20th century artists.

Address: Mönchsberg 32
Phone: (43)(662) 842220401



Shopping

Global fashions mingle with fine chocolates and antique porcelain in esteemed shops.

Indigenous Flavors



R.F. Azwanger

Springtime shades of mint and tangerine frame bars of Bachhalm chocolate. Bottles of “Golden Balsam” vinegar gleam in the light of elegant brass chandeliers. Colorful rows of marmalade bare the distinctive labels of regional brands that entice with evocative ingredients like black currant, ginger, and lavender blossom. In this haven of culinary delights, fine gourmet products from Austria and beyond fill the wooden shelves of antique cupboards. One of Salzburg’s most revered shops, R.F. Azwanger was established in 1656.

Address: Getreidegasse 15

Phone: (43)(662) 8433940

Local Charms



Wohnen Mit Tradition

Kelly green French latté bowls sit among white porcelain creamers and butter dishes behind the sliding doors of a china cupboard. Upon richly stained farm tables, bone-handled teaspoons and stemmed water glasses add touches of elegance to a country-style breakfast setting. Handcrafted furniture and lovingly curated home accessories fuse tradition with modernity in this exquisite shop just outside Salzburg’s old town. Inspiration abounds among painted tin pails and classic hemstitched linens that evoke the gracious details of a fine European home.

Address: City Center Mall, A01, DC 1, Sector 1, Ground Floor, Salt Lake

Phone: (91)(33) 23581625

Neighborhoods



Old Town and Altermarkt

Lilac, sage, and pale pink hues cover princely Renaissance facades. Garden chairs huddle beneath lush oaks, while thick ivy frames inviting doorways. Since the 13th century, the lively hum of commerce has echoed through Salzburg’s evocative Altermarkt. Here, the sweet chocolate of the original Salzburger Mozartklugel is wrapped in silver foil as it has been since 1890. From this alluring square, at the heart of Salzburg’s old town, authentic streets branch out, with hundreds of shops, offering traditional costumes, fine jewelry, antiques, and leather.

Address: Altermarkt, between the Salzburger Dom and the river



Cuisine

Gourmet elements infuse exquisite meals based on authentic Austrian recipes.

Acclaimed



Restaurant Goldener Hirsch

Rustic dark, hand-carved wood chairs surround tables draped with woven linens. Neat rows of Austrian green stags, the Hotel Goldener Hirsch's signature motif, leap across each one. An authentic environment, this traditional restaurant, steeped in the timeless nuances of a beloved Alpine heritage, is one of the city's most revered. For nearly two decades, chef Gernot Hicka has stood at the helm of an acclaimed kitchen, where national dishes such as ham mousse, saddle of farm-raised venison, and bohemian dumpling with cranberries are skillfully prepared.

Address: The Hotel Goldener Hirsch

Phone: (43)(662) 80840



Magazin

The cool air of night descends into an intimate courtyard, surrounded by sophisticated modern architecture. Animated chatter drifts from a terrace above, while a warm interior is illuminated behind walls of glass. Awarded a Michelin star just a year after opening, Magazin's kitchen is pervaded by the tantalizing scents of a gourmet abode. Apple-parmesan cannelloni is paired with mountain trout, pear-celery chutney joins black truffles to enhance the flavor of a goose liver tart, and lime, mint, and ginger infuse chocolate cake.

Address: Augustinergasse 13

Phone: (43)(662) 8415840



Ikarus

Beams of steel frame a pale blue sky at twilight. On the grounds of the Salzburg Airport, an immense structure curves triumphantly beneath nearly two thousand panes of glass. In this radiant space, the gleaming surfaces of World War II bombers, single-engine Cessnas, and vintage jets dazzle, while palm trees unfurl their bountiful leaves. The magnificence of technology combines with the art of exceptional gastronomy, as the world's most celebrated chefs, from Andalusia to the Far East, take the reins of command each month at this unparalleled restaurant.

Address: Hangar 7, Salzburg Airport, Wilhelm-Spazier-Strasse 7A

Phone: (43)(662) 219777

Indigenous Flavors



Purzelbaum

Yellow daisies rise from vases, the centerpiece of tables, complimenting walls, window shutters, and banquettes, all painted an attractive sage green hue. In this cheerful domain, Austrian charm merges with the elegance of Art Nouveau. A handsome bistro in a peaceful neighborhood at the foot of the Hohensalzburg Fortress, Purzelbaum offers an alluring choice of dishes. Simple ingredients from the garden combine with meats and fish in flavorful, aromatic courses such as white parsley foam soup with truffles, tarragon-infused sea bass, and asparagus risotto.

Address: Zugallstrasse 7

Phone: (43)(662) 848843



Noteworthy

From palaces to breweries, rare gems of craft and beauty offer surprising encounters.

Day Excursions



Hellbrunn Palace

Streams of water spring from trick fountains and tranquil reflecting pools at this elegant estate, resplendent in sunflower hues. Just outside Salzburg, its verdant lawns harmonize with the forested landscape. Mythological scenes unfold on walls inside vivid rooms where Prince-Bishop Markus Sittikus once entertained his affluent guests. Dating from the 17th century, Hellbrunn Palace is a haven of enchantment. Discoveries await in secret places like the Orpheus Grotto and the whimsically pruned hedges of the water parterre.

Address: Fürstenweg 37, 5 kilometers south of Salzburg city center
Phone: (43)(662) 8203720



Hallstatt

Cream and yellow half-timbered houses cluster at the foot of a steep mountain. Their front doors open onto the sapphire waters of a glistening lake. This tiny, prominent town is one of Austria's most delightful locales. A quintessential Alpine village, where ivy tumbles over the sides of carved wooden balconies and church steeples rise against a backdrop of pine-covered peaks, it lies seventy-five kilometers southeast of Salzburg. Ice caves, salt mines, distinctive chapels, and picturesque streets are all on offer at this stunning UNESCO World Heritage site.

Address: 75 kilometers southeast of Salzburg in the Salzkammergut region

Indigenous Flavors

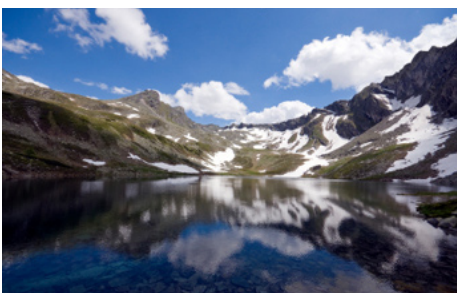


Augustiner Brewery

Topped by a cap of soft foam, a golden brew rises to the rim of a tall clear glass. Crisp and creamy, it tastes of fresh mountain hops, and a subtle flavor of malt. The skilled workers of Augustiner Brewery who ferment and filter the revered beer, follow in the footsteps of the Renaissance monks who founded this historic brewery in 1621. Tours of the facility reveal every step of the process from the fermentation and lagering cellars to the pitching room, where authentic oak barrels store the handcrafted beer, as they have for centuries.

Address: Lindhofstrasse 7
Phone: (43)(662) 431246

Recreation



Gastein

A blanket of white snow cloaks the radiant mountain terrain. Magnificent slopes reflect the brilliant rays of a warm winter sun, undulating in jagged peaks and tranquil valleys, beneath a stunning blue sky. Come summer, this Alpine paradise allures with the promise of pine-scented hiking trails, picturesque villages, and memorable afternoons filled with recreation and adventure. Gastein features four different ski areas that accommodate everyone from the true beginner to the most advanced skier. Hot springs offer soothing renewal.

Address: 90 kilometers south of Salzburg
Phone: (43)(643) 233930