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Archiepiscopal Residence in Salzburg *Breathtaking splendor in the heart of Mozart's city*

Salzburg Residence in the heart of the historic city center was once the seat of the prince archbishops. Over the centuries the building was used as a city residence and for official entertaining purposes. Today the 15 magnificent state rooms invite visitors on a tour of 200 years of architectural history from the Renaissance to the Baroque and Neoclassicism. The State of Salzburg's most elegant receptions as well as lavish celebrations are still held in the Residence today.

An episcopal city palace that developed over the centuries is hidden behind the façade of Salzburg Residence. It owes its modern-day appearance to Prince Archbishop Wolf Dietrich von Raitenau (1559 – 1617). The first documentary evidence of the Residence goes back to 1232. Salzburg's clerical and secular rulers extravagantly furnished the palace in great splendor to demonstrate their power: the neoclassical tile stoves, Venetian mirrors, ceiling frescoes by Johann Michael Rottmayr, crystal chandeliers made of tinted Bohemian glass, ceiling stucco with gold leaf from the Late Baroque, precious clocks and paintings are an indication of the life lead by the archbishops in Salzburg. The abundance of rooms reflects the effort associated with an audience with the archbishop and the important role played by hierarchy, power and arbitrariness.

Archiepiscopal protocol – how audiences were held

A tour of state rooms is conducted in the same order the messengers from foreign rulers had to pass through to obtain an audience with the archbishop: from the spacious, sparsely furnished state rooms to the most precious room, the audience room. Today visitors take the tour without any effort, admiring the 600 m² Carabinieri Hall, the large Rittersaal (Knights Hall), the magnificent Audience Room with its wooden floor made of oak, maple and walnut (the oldest floor in the Residence), the bedroom with its private chapel, the Throne Room and the White Hall. A walking tour with an audio-guide is offered in eight languages and takes about 45 minutes. Special private tours with an entertaining culinary and music program such as an organ concert in the Franciscan Church is available for groups upon request.

Further information on Salzburg Residence

The Residence is built around three inner courtyards and has over 180 rooms. It houses part of Salzburg University as well as the Residence Gallery on the 3rd floor, whose changing exhibitions can be seen with the combined ticket. The state rooms can be rented for events. Attracting nearly 50,000 visitors each year, the Residence is one of Salzburg's top 10 attractions.

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