



## PRESS RELEASE

### Play, admire and explore Mauterndorf Castle

*From the toll station to the family museum, an experience with character*

Trade routes across the Alps once led straight through Mauterndorf Castle: it was a major toll station and gave the town its name. Today the castle is a fun experience for young and old, offering playfully designed stations, reenacted scenes from the time of Archbishop Leonhard von Keutschach and a 700-year-old defense tower that is part of the guided tour.

The sundial over the main gate once greeted traders, scoundrels and travelers on their journey across the Alps: Everyone had to pass through Mauterndorf Castle where purses were opened to pay the toll. The castle was first documented as a toll station in 1002. Construction of the castle and its 44-meter defense tower started at the beginning of the 13th century. Its present appearance was established under Archbishop Leonhard von Keutschach, who used Mauterndorf as a summer residence. Mauterndorf Castle is one of three surviving toll stations along the "Via Imperialis", the Roman trade route connecting the south to the north. The condition of the 700-year-old defense tower with its spectacular view is unique in Europe and can be viewed on guided tours (in the evening).

#### Explore the castle on your own with an audio guide

Life-size figures - people in authentic costumes and animals - as well as re-enactments from the bustle of the castle invite you to a journey back in time to the Middle Ages. The tour includes the courtyard and the castle. Interesting details on "Attack and defense" are provided in the stone cellar. In the entrance hall you'll encounter "real" people performing medieval occupations and customs. In the clothing chamber, young and old can dress up in medieval costumes and a festive table is set in the Knight's Hall. The tour of the defense tower is a true highlight and begins at a height of twelve meters. The original use of the tower with its treasure chamber, dungeon, emergency shelter and tower room is reenacted on six floors. The tour by audio guide is available for adults and children in seven languages.

#### General visitor information for Mauterndorf Castle

At the Mauterndorf Castle there are special and romantic evening tours for groups as well as holiday and educational museum programs for children. The castle houses the "Lungau Regional Museum" and a large knight's playground as well as a function room and a castle tavern, which can be rented for events. The castle tavern also features a 120 m<sup>2</sup>, new panoramic terrace with views over Mauterndorf. Event highlights of 2017 include the huge Medieval Festival on July 8th and 9th. All events can be found on the website of Mauterndorf Castle.

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#### Opening Hours Burgerlebnis Mauterndorf:

May/June/ Sept/Oct: 10am-6pm, July/Aug: 9.30am-6.30 pm  
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Lungau can be reached in around 90 minutes by car from the city of Salzburg. The castle tour is free with the "Salzburger-Land Card." Admission is reduced with the "LungauCard". Visitors can use the free Wi-Fi and a website with a guide for visitors.

**Save time & money with our attractive online ticket**

Since 2016, Mauterndorf Castle also offers an attractive online ticket for the first time. It allows visitors to buy tickets directly from their smartphone or computer, saving time and money. Families save up to about € 3.50 compared to the price at the ticket window. Another advantage: With the online ticket, there is no hassle of waiting at the ticket window.

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