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### **Hohenwerfen Fortress invites you on a journey back to the Middle Ages *Special exhibition about the genius Leonardo da Vinci is a new visitor highlight***

Hohenwerfen Fortress towers hundreds of meters above the Salzach valley. Over the centuries, it has served as a defensive fortification and prison. Today, it takes visitors on an adventurous journey back in time to the Middle Ages: From the creepy torture chamber, to the bell tower with its magnificent views, to the stunning birds of prey flight demonstrations.

#### **From medieval castle to family tourist attraction**

Hohenwerfen Fortress looks back on an eventful history: coinciding with the Hohensalzburg Fortress and the Friesach Castle in Carinthia, in 1077 under Archbishop Gebhard von Helfenstein the construction of Hohenwerfen Fortress began. Great rulers and territorial lords were prisoners in the castle. In its varied history, the mighty building served as a movie set and gendarmerie school, until 30 years ago when Hohenwerfen Fortress was finally opened to visitors from all over the world. Since then, the castle has become one of the most popular attractions for families in the province of Salzburg.

#### **Guided tour of the fortress and lots of fun for kids**

As part of a guided tour, visitors get to know the castle in a fun way. Among the highlights of the tour is a visit to the creepy torture chamber or the fantastic view from the bell tower. For foreign-language visitors an audio guide in 13 languages is available. For children, there is a funny audio-guide in German, Italian, English, Dutch, Danish and Hebrew. Additionally, the little visitors can explore the entire castle area on their own during a scavenger hunt. When all of the questions have been answered and all of the puzzles have been solved, a little surprise awaits you in the knight's shop.

#### **Special exhibition: Leonardo da Vinci - The mysterious world of the genius**

Since last year, Hohenwerfen Fortress has been offering a special exhibition about the genius inventor and artist, Leonardo da Vinci. In addition to the well-known highlights: Visitors can immerse themselves in the world of the genius on four levels of the historic armory. Vehicles, machines and holograms provide excitement for adults and children, demonstrating in a vivid way how Leonardo da Vinci's bold visions shaped the world of technology. Already in the first year of its existence, the exhibition has be-

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#### **Hohenwerfen Fortress:**

Burgstraße 2, 5450 Werfen  
**Opening times: 30.3. to 04.11.2018**  
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come a magnet for visitors. Interested parties have a chance to visit the special exhibition until 2019. The individual special tours, which are completely tailored to the theme, are particularly exciting. Details can be found at [www.burg-hohenwerfen.at](http://www.burg-hohenwerfen.at).

### **Historic Falconry Center and an overflowing event calendar**

Several times a day, the spectacular flight demonstrations with eagles, hawks and buzzards of the Historic Falconry Center take place on the great linden tree meadow. The castle is home to Austria's first falconry museum. Year round, the calendar of events overflows with night tours, special falconry programs and a festive Christmas market. The castle tavern invites you to take a culinary break and can be booked exclusively for "chivalrous" events. Hohenwerfen Fortress can be reached from the city of Salzburg in 30 minutes by car. The climb up the "Vogeltenn" path takes about 30 minutes or you can take the lift. The castle can be visited free of charge as part of the "SalzburgerLand Card". W-LAN and an informative website with guide are available to visitors.

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