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### **Grandiose Excursion Experience: Hohensalzburg Fortress** *From a symbol of the archbishop's power to the landmark of the city*

More than a million people visited the Hohensalzburg Fortress in 2017: This makes it one of the most visited tourist attractions in Austria. In addition to fascinating insights into the history of its architecture, the medieval castle and modern fortress offers a wonderful 360-degree panoramic view of Salzburg's old town and the surrounding mountains. The Magic Theater and the impressive State Rooms take visitors on a journey through the history of the fortress.

#### **Attractive all-inclusive ticket for the funicular, audio-guide tour and four museums**

Hohensalzburg Fortress is one of Europe's largest castles from the 11th century. Particularly impressive are the residential quarters or "Hohe Stock" with its magnificent State Rooms. Together with the "Golden Chamber" and its intricately designed tiled stove, they are among the most beautiful Gothic secular rooms in Europe. Like the Rainer Regiment Museum and the Marionette Museum, these can be visited year-round with the All-Inclusive Ticket. Highlights of the standard fortress tour with audio-guide include the Reck Tower and the "Salzburger Stier," a mechanical organ whose first and last chords sound like a bellowing bull and can be heard several times a day. The audio-guide is available in eleven languages, and for children in three languages. The themed tour "Hidden Corners", for groups as well as student- and youth tours, completes the offer.

#### **Magic Theater and convenient online tickets**

Since the redesign of the State Rooms, the fortress has been enriched with a highlight: in the lovingly designed Magic Theater, visitors to the State Rooms take a fascinating journey through the history of the construction. The elaborately designed Magic Theater is an experience for all the senses with music, visual effects and video installations, captivating children and adults alike. As one of Salzburg's first attractions, the Hohensalzburg Fortress also offers an attractive online ticket. It allows visitors to buy tickets directly from their smart phone or computer while saving time and money. Families save up to € 8.10 compared to the price at the ticket window. Another advantage: with the online ticket, there are no annoying wait times.

#### **Advent market at the castle: reopened in 2018**

The Advent market in the Salzburg Fortress is especially popular with locals and guests from all over the world: The authentic Christmas market offers Salzburg handicrafts, regional delicacies and romantic Advent atmosphere. Additionally, visitors can enjoy the magnificent view over Salzburg's old town with a cup of hot punch or mulled wine. In 2017, the market had to be canceled because of important construc-

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#### **Hohensalzburg Fortress:**

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tion measures in the castle courtyard. In 2018, it will take place again on the weekends during Advent. The exact dates can be found at [www.festung-hohensalzburg.at](http://www.festung-hohensalzburg.at).

### **Immerse yourself in the history of the Hohensalzburg Fortress**

Archbishop Gebhard von Helfenstein started building a castle on the fortress hill in Salzburg in 1077. The aim of this construction was to protect the Archdiocese and the Archbishops from attacks. However, the fortress never actually had to prove its defensive function. Rather, it served the archbishops as a symbol of their power and rarely as a haven. The history of the fortress from a Roman fort to its current appearance can be found in the 100-page fortress guide. It is also especially vividly illustrated in the Romanesque church by means of modern 3D computer animation.

### **General visitor information of the Hohensalzburg Fortress**

Hohensalzburg Fortress is open all year, 365 days a year. The fortress funicular railway runs every 10 minutes. On foot, the fortress can be reached in about 20 minutes through the arched gates, the "Mayor's Gate" and the outer courtyard. Guests will be spoiled with culinary delights in the castle restaurant and the castle tavern, which can also be booked for celebrations. Fortress concerts are performed in the State Rooms. The Hohensalzburg Fortress can be visited free of charge with the Salzburg Card. Free W-LAN and the informative new website with "Comic & Guide" are available to visitors.

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