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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Travel through time to the Middle Ages at Mauterndorf Castle** *From toll station to family museum, an experience with character*

The trade route across the Alps once led straight through Mauterndorf Castle: It was an important toll station and gave the town its name. Today, the castle is a thrilling experience for young and old visitors, with numerous playfully designed stations, re-created scenes from the time of Archbishop Leonhard von Keutschach and a more than 700 year old defense tower, which can be visited during guided tours. New in 2019: the beautiful castle chapel has been restored and can be visited via a newly renovated entrance from the gallery.

The sundial above the portal has long welcomed traders, scoundrels and travelers on their journey across the Alps: no one could avoid Mauterndorf Castle. Here you had to open your purse and pay the toll. The first documented mention of the castle as a toll station dates back to the year 1002. At the beginning of the 13th century, the construction of the castle began, including a forty-four meter high defense tower. Under Archbishop Leonhard von Keutschach, who used Mauterndorf as a summer residence, the castle complex acquired its present appearance. Mauterndorf Castle is one of the last three preserved toll stations along the "Via Imperialis", the Roman trade route from south to north. The defense tower in its good condition is unique in Europe and can be visited during (evening) guided tours.

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

Life-size figures - people in authentic attire, and animals - as well as re-enactments of the bustle of the castle, invite you on a journey back in time to the Middle Ages. The sightseeing tour includes the courtyard and the castle. In the stone cellar you will learn details on the topic of "Attack and Defense", in the entrance hall you will encounter "real" people performing their medieval professions and customs. In the wardrobe chamber, visitors can dress up in medieval costumes and a festive table is set in the Knight's Hall. Among the highlights is a guided tour of the defense tower with its twelve meter high entrance. The original use of the tower is recreated on six floors with a treasury, a dungeon, emergency quarters and a guard room. The audio-guide tour for adults and the one for children are available in nine languages.

#### **New: Access to the Castle Chapel.**

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Starting this year it is also possible to visit the castle chapel. An old entrance to the gallery was reopened. Now visitors can get a first-hand impression of the cultural and historical significance of the chapel. The Gothic murals are among the most beautiful in Salzburg. Saint Barbara, seen on the winged altar, is patron saint of miners and was much revered in the Lungau valley. In 2019, the large children's playground in the castle will also be reopened. There, your children can conquer a real "castle in the castle", because the playground is integrated into the medieval walls and courtyards of the castle. It's not just the children's eyes that will shine!

### **General visitor information of the Mauterndorf Castle**

Mauterndorf Castle offers special and romantic evening tours for groups, as well as holiday and educational programs for children. The castle is home to the "Lungau Regional Museum" and a large knight's playground, as well as an event hall and a castle tavern. The castle tavern also has a 120 m<sup>2</sup> sun terrace with views overlooking Mauterndorf. Among the event highlights in 2019 are the Spectaculum on the 27th and 28th of July and on the 3th, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th of August and the festive Advent market at the castle. On the 29th of June the summer cinema will take place for the first time in the castle courtyard. All events can be found at [www.burg-mauterndorf.at](http://www.burg-mauterndorf.at).

### **General Visitor Information**

From the city of Salzburg, the Lungau valley can be reached in about 90 minutes by car. The castle can be visited free of charge with the "SalzburgerLand Card" or the "KatschbergCard" and at a reduced admission price with the "Lungau Card". Free Wi-Fi and an informative website with guide are available to visitors. As one of the first attractions in the province of Salzburg, Mauterndorf 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 € 3.50 compared to the price at the ticket window. Another advantage: with the online ticket there are no wait times.

### **Opening hours 2019**

#### **In summer**

1 May - 30 June: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm  
1 July - 31 August: 9:30 am – 6:30 pm  
1 September - 31 October: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

#### **In winter**

January: Tue & Thu 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
4 February – 1 March: Mon – Fri, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
5 March – 11 April : Tue & Thu, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
15 – 23 April open daily, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

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