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The landmark in the heart of the city of Mozart

2019 brings many new highlights to the Hohensalzburg Fortress

With over a million visitors per year, the Hohensalzburg Fortress is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Austria. It's no wonder, after all, the landmark not only offers exciting insights into the history of Salzburg, but also a fantastic panoramic view of the city of Mozart and the surrounding mountains. **New in the summer of 2019: an interactive exhibition in the former Armory.**

For centuries, artillery, armor and weapons were stored in the armory in case of emergency. Over time, these things were sold or disappeared in the dark passages of history. Thus the armory lost its original importance. Through an elaborate conversion of the rooms from its last use, one of a garage, it is once again an armory with a museum. It tells the story of the artillery, armor and weapons of the fortress. Using interactive models, visitors can try out the various possibilities of attacking and defending themselves in a medieval castle complex. The Armory Museum will open in June 2019.

Great progress in accessibility

Earlier, only the city terrace of the fortress was fully accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. With a new funicular in the former water reservoir of the "Tröpferlbahn" (water-powered funicular), people with restricted mobility had from then on access to the castle courtyard, the castle tavern, the Kuenburg bastion and of course to the new museum. The fortress also offers iPads with self-produced videos for the deaf and wheelchair users. These illuminate exciting details of the fortress and describe those parts of the area that are not accessible to people with disabilities. The website of the fortress provides information in detail about barrier-free visiting.

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The Fortress Museum shines in new splendor

The fortress museum will be completely renovated for the 2019 season. On display there are testimonies of the changing fortress history: including weapons, furniture, a castle kitchen and exciting short films on the history of its architecture, the medieval castle and modern fortress, but also about children's games. The newly designed fortress museum will be open to visitors starting in June 2019.

The Magic Theater and the State Rooms invite visitors on a journey to the Middle Ages.

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. With music, light effects and video installations, it is an experience for all the senses and captivates children and adults alike.

The State Rooms and the Magic Theater, as well as the Rainer Regiment Museum and the Marionette Museum, can be visited year-round with the All-Inclusive Ticket. Additional 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 for adults in eleven languages, and for children in three languages. For groups and school classes, Hohensalzburg Fortress also offers numerous individual special tours. Visitors will learn exciting details from an educated tour guide about the history of the fortress and gain access to the hidden corners of the building. For the special tours registration is required.

Exciting events all year round

With its colorful event calendar, the Hohensalzburg Fortress is a meeting place for locals and guests from all over the world. For example, the atmospheric evening tours (3 May, 7 June, 6 September, 4 October), summer cinema (12, 13, and 14 August), and a production of the play "Jedermann" in the courtyard (July & August) or the fortress concerts (daily). The Advent market in the Hohensalzburg Fortress is especially popular: The authentic Christmas market offers Salzburg handicrafts, regional delicacies and romantic Advent atmosphere. Additionally, visitors can enjoy the magnificent view over Salz-

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burg's old town with a cup of hot punch or mulled wine. All event dates for the year and details can be found at www.festung-hohensalzburg.at.

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 website with "Comic & Guide" are available to visitors. As one of Salzburg's first attractions, the Hohensalzburg Fortress offers an attractive online ticket. It allows visitors to buy tickets directly from their smartphone or computer while saving time and money. Families can save up to € 4.70 with the early bird discount compared to the price at the ticket window.

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