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## PRESS INFORMATION



### Fortress Hohensalzburg: Landmark at the Heart of Mozart's Home Town

***Salzburg's most popular tourist destination starts the summer season in 2020 with the highly-affordable Panorama Ticket and some thrilling events.***

Fortress Hohensalzburg is *the* landmark most commonly associated with Salzburg – the city of Mozart. Offer guests a majestic panoramic vista of the city and take them on a fascinating journey back into the history of the building – to an age under the rule of powerful Prince Bishops when Salzburg's mighty 'Stier' (bull) organ could be heard far beyond the rooftops of the town.

#### **Magical performances and tours of the princely chambers bring history to life**

Fortress Hohensalzburg is one of Europe's largest and best-preserved 11<sup>th</sup> century fortress complexes. Despite the mixed fortunes of its contemporaries it was never destroyed – so today it can offer visitors unique historical insights reaching back as far as the Middle Ages. The upper floor (*Hoher Stock*) is particularly impressive with its stunningly splendid princely rooms, considered among the most beautiful gothic secular chambers in Europe – and including the 'Golden Room' (*Goldenen Stube*) and an elaborately adorned tiled oven. The lovingly crafted Magic Theatre takes those visiting the princely chambers on a fascinating historical journey through the building phases of the fortress. Music, lighting effects and video installations guarantee a multi-sensory experience to enchant children and adults alike.

The princely chambers also feature the magic theatre, and can be visited the whole year round with an All-Inclusive Ticket; as can the Rainer Regiment Museum, the fortress museum and the marionette museum. Further highlights of the classic audio-guide fortress tour include the watchtower (*Reckturm*) and the 'Salzburg Bull' (*Salzburger Stier*), an instrument similar to a pipe-organ, whose initial and closing chords are reminiscent of a bellowing bull, that can still be heard around the town several times a day. The audio guide can be enjoyed by adults in any of eleven languages, and is available for children in three languages. Fortress Hohensalzburg offers groups and school classes a wide variety of specially tailored tours. Certified guides add fascinating historical details to the story of fortress, and access is granted to hidden corners of the building complex. Advance registration is required for visitors requesting special tours.

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#### **Fortress Hohensalzburg:**

Mönchsberg 34, 5020 Salzburg, Austria  
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**Jan. – Apr. & Oct. – Dec.: Every day 09.30 – 17.00**  
**Advent weekends & Easter: 09.30 – 18.00**



### **New: The exhibition in the armoury**

Many visitors will come across the exhibition in the armoury for the very first time, since it was only recently opened in 2019. For centuries the armoury was used to store cannons, armour, melee weapons and firearms for emergencies. Over time, some of this inventory was sold off or disappeared into the dark annals of history, slowly stripping the armoury of its original significance. Elaborate rebuilding activity enabled this forgotten section of the fortress complex to be restored to its original function as an armoury. The new exhibition tells the story of the cannons, armour, melee weapons and firearms used at the fortress. Interactive models allow visitors to try out various methods of attack and defence employed by troops of medieval fortresses.

### **New in 2020: 'Panorama Ticket' for extra-early and extra-late visits**

Since 2020, to guarantee every visitor the best possible experience, there has been a new and easily-affordable Panorama Ticket available for early and late visits to Fortress Hohensalzburg. It's available from 08.30 – 10.00 and 18.00 – 20.00 and targets guests who mainly come for the view and to soak in the wonderful morning and evening atmospheres. It is sold during the peak season from 1<sup>st</sup> May until 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Exciting events in 2020**

Fortress Hohensalzburg has lined up a colourful programme of events of interest to local, domestic and foreign guests from around the world for the whole year. There are atmospheric guided tours in the evenings (1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October), open-air summer movie evenings (8<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July), performances of 'Everyman' in the fortress courtyard (July & August), and (daily) fortress concerts. The Salzburg Advent period up at the fortress is particularly popular, with an authentic Christmas market featuring Salzburg-produced arts and crafts, regional culinary treats and a romantic pre-Christmas atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy the marvellous views across the old town of Salzburg with a mug of mulled wine or punch. All events and details can be viewed at [www.festung-hohensalzburg.at](http://www.festung-hohensalzburg.at).

### **General visitor info about Fortress Hohensalzburg**

Fortress Hohensalzburg is open 365 days a year. The funicular rail service to the fortress and back runs every 10 minutes. Alternatively, a leisurely stroll up through the defence portal, the mayor's archway and into the outer castle courtyard takes no more than 20 minutes. Great food and drink are available to visitors in the castle restaurant and tavern (*Burgrestaurant & Burgschenke*), which can also be booked for celebrations. Fortress concerts are held in the princely *Fürstenzimmer* chambers. Fortress Hohensalzburg can be seen free-of-charge with the Salzburg Card and visitors benefit from free WLAN and the informative website with a 'Comic & Guide'. Fortress Hohensalzburg also offers an attractive Online Ticket. Visitors use their smartphones, notebooks or PCs to purchase tickets online – and save money.

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