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A great day-trip experience to Salzburg's Lungau region

Mauterndorf Castle has seen many travellers in its long history - traders, vagabonds, archbishops and nobility – all of whom had to pay the toll on their way across the Alps. Today, the castle delights visitors young and old with numerous medieval scenes, a large knights' playground and a 700-year-old defence tower open to the public. The latest highlights are a natural circuitous path around the revitalised castle park and an authentic drawbridge.

Round-trip trail with a postcard view

The attractive new **path** around the old castle park allows visitors to explore the castle hill and its wide variety of flora, see the Taurach river flow past and, since last year, enjoy the enchanting waterfall fed by the Stampflbach stream. Visitors savour endless fantastic views of the castle and surrounding countryside in Salzburg's Lungau region. The highlight of the beautiful walk is Toni Schmale's winning project from the 'art in construction' competition: a fully functional drawbridge over the Stampflbach river.

Discover the castle for yourself with an audio guide

On a **tour of the castle**, re-enacted scenes of the hustle and bustle in the castle take visitors back to the Middle Ages. Down in the catacombs visitors discover various aspects of attack and defence; and in the entrance hall they meet 'real' people, finding out about their medieval professions and habits. The clothing chamber provides an opportunity for visitors to dress up in costumes, and there is a fully decked-out banqueting table in the knights' hall. One of the highlights of the castle tour is a **walk around the defence tower** with its entrance twelve metres above the ground. Earlier uses of the tower are authentically reconstructed on six levels – including a treasury, dungeon, emergency quarters and guard's quarters. There are **audio-guide tours** for adults *and* for children, available in nine languages.

New access to the castle chapel and knights' adventure playground

For the past three years, since the old entrance to the chapel gallery was reopened and renovated, it has been possible to explore the **castle chapel**. Visitors can now explore the cultural and historical importance of the chapel at first hand. The gothic murals are some of the most beautiful of their kind in the

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province of Salzburg. The winged altarpiece features a depiction of Saint Barbara, the patron saint of alpine miners, who was greatly venerated in the Lungau region. Another major highlight for families is the large children's playground where kids get to invade a real 'castle within the castle' as the playground is integrated into the medieval walls and courtyards.

A event schedule and exciting special programmes

Mauterndorf Castle offers **special and atmospheric evening tours** for groups, and holiday and **school programmes** for children. The castle houses the **Lungau Countryside Museum**, a large **knights' playground**, an **event hall** and the **Burgschenke castle tavern** – complete with its **sunny 120m²** patio looking out over Mauterndorf. Top events in 2023 include the **medieval 'Spectaculum'**, the **long nights**, and an atmospheric **Advent market** up at the castle. Info on all events can be viewed at www.burg-mauterndorf.at.

Archbishopical summer residence on the Via Imperialis

The first documented mention of the castle was as a toll station, and dates back to 1002. Construction of the castle and its 44-metre-high defence tower was commenced at the beginning of the 13th century. **Archbishop Leonhard von Keutschach** used Mauterndorf as his summer residence and gave the complex its current appearance. Mauterndorf Castle is one of the last three surviving toll stations along the Via Imperialis, the Roman trade route between the South and North. The **defence tower** is in excellent condition, offers views unrivalled in Europe, and provides fascinating insights into castle life during a siege.

General visitor information

The Lungau region is just a 90-minute drive from the city of Salzburg. Admission to the castle is free of charge with the 'SalzburgerLand Card' or the 'Lungau Card', or can be enjoyed at a discount using the 'KatschbergCard'. Visitors benefit from free WLAN, and Mauterndorf Castle offers an attractive **online ticket**, so visitors can buy one on their smartphones or computers – saving time *and* money.

OPENING HOURS: SUMMER 2023

01 May - 31 October

<i>May, June, Sept, Oct</i>	<i>Every day</i>	<i>09.30 - 17.00</i>
<i>July, August</i>	<i>Every day</i>	<i>09.30 - 18.30</i>

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03 January - 11 April

03 - 31 January	Tue & Thu	10.00 - 18.00
01 - 28 February	Mon - Fri	10.00 - 18.00
02 - 23 March	Tue & Thu	10.00 - 18.00
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