

# A must-visit guide to Salzburg - The Stage of the World

Recommended length: 2-3 nights



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## The highlights



- [Fortress Hohensalzburg](#)
- [Hellbrunn Palace](#)
- [Salzburg Cathedral](#)
- [Residenz Palace](#)



- [Salzburg Festival \(August\)](#)
- [Mozart Birthplace](#)
- [Sound of Music Tour](#)
- [Museum of Modern Arts](#)



- [Blaue Gans](#)
- [St. Peter Stiftskulinarium](#)
- [StieglKeller](#)
- [Café Tomaselli](#)

### Our top tip:

The [Salzburg Card](#) offers free entry to the most important sights.

The baroque city centre of Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace and home to the famous Salzburg Festival, was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. The cityscape is marked by numerous churches and palaces, the baroque palaces of Mirabell and Hellbrunn to name but a few. Salzburg Cathedral and the medieval Hohensalzburg Fortress are other architectural highlights. And there is one rule to Salzburg: you should not leave without taking some of the city's sweetest souvenirs with you, the [original Salzburg Mozartkugel from Konditorei Fürst](#).

The city centre lies between several local mountains which means nature is never far. The Festungsberg and the adjacent Mönchsberg, the Kapuzinerberg, the Gaisberg, and the Untersberg to the south of Salzburg. All of them treat visitors with a different perspective of the city and its surroundings. The [self-guides city walk 'Salzburg City Mountians'](#) take you on a leisurely hike above the rooftops of Salzburg with plenty of lookouts along the way.

From ancient salt mines and Medieval castles to Austria's highest peaks and biggest glaciers, the [province of Salzburg](#) itself offers something for everyone. The countryside has an enjoyable bucolic charm and if you decide to explore the region, we suggest to stop in the small historic town of [Hallein](#), the lovely lake resort [Zell am See](#) or the breathtaking gorge and waterfall at [Liechtensteinklamm](#). Not to mention Austria's highest [waterfall in Krimml](#) or the [Giant Ice Caves](#).



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