

Salzburg

Salzburg, the fourth-largest city in Austria, is located just on the **border** between **Germany** and **Austria**, in the **Salzkammergut** district.

The city is especially known for its beautiful “Altstadt”, **Old Town**, with the world famous baroque architecture which was listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 1997. It was also the birthplace of composer **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** and the setting for the film “**The Sound of Music**” (1965).

Between the most prominent sights in Salzburg one can count the **Salzburg Cathedral** which is seen as the most impressive early Baroque edifice north of the Alps, the **Hohensalzburg Fortress**, built in 1077, the largest, fully-preserved fortress in central Europe, and the fantastic **Baroque park gardens of Schloss Mirabell**. Furthermore, **Hellbrunn Palace** in the Southern part of the city is always worth a visit with its idyllic garden including the famous watergames.

The **Getreidegasse** is probably **Salzburg's most famous shopping lane**, with high, **narrow houses**, enticing shops and wrought iron **guild signs**. **Getreidegasse No. 9** is the address of **Mozart's birthplace** which has been a museum since 1880.

It is possible to enjoy the music of Salzburg's most famous son at a **Mozart Dinner** where the atmosphere is completed by the musicians dressed in contemporary costumes. Film enthusiasts can relive “**The Sound of Music**” at the show with the same name which includes all the favorite tunes from the movie or retrace the classic's locations on the “Sound of Music” tour.

On the **culinary sector**, Salzburg mostly offers **traditional** and hearty **Austrian kitchen**. More modernly orientated restaurants and bars can be found on the left and right sides of the river **Salzach** and on the **Mönchsberg**.

Beside the famous chocolate confection **Mozartkugel**, the city is also known for the **Salzburger Nockerln**, a fluffy and warm **dessert** made of eggs, sugar and flour.

Right outside the gates of Salzburg, the beautiful **Salzkammergut** begins, with numerous possibilities for excursions, f.ex. to the **hunting castle Fuschl** or the idyllic **Wolfgangsee**.

The surroundings of Salzburg offer uncountable **winter sport resorts**, which are of internationally **high repute**. Most of them are connected under the name **Ski Amadé** with a total of 860 km of slopes. This includes well-known resorts like Bad Gastein, Flachau and Schladming.

