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A short introduction to a historically interesting place

Salzburg's most famous son

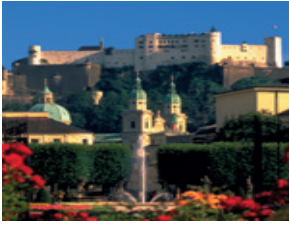
In 1756 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Salzburg's greatest son, was born here. 1842 saw the erection of a monument to him in what is today Mozart square. It was not until 1816 that the Kronland Salzburg became part of the Habsburg Empire. The founding of the Salzburg Festival in the early years of this century brought new creative energy to the city, a stimulation still felt to this day.

The years following World War II saw Salzburg develop into one of Austria's leading trade centres. At the same time the city became one of the most popular tourist venues in the country.

In 1964 the world famous film "**The Sound of Music**" was made in Salzburg. To this day numerous visitors wanting to see the film locations for themselves flock to the city. The Festival continues a long tradition of acting as a major stimulus to the cultural life of the city.

Salzburg is proud to offer theatre, concerts and art on a par with the major cities of the world. Alongside the sensitively renovated old city, contemporary Salzburg is also a modern city. As an administrative centre it also provides services for a whole region. Nor has modern architecture been neglected in Salzburg; recent years have seen the creation of a number of impressive buildings which have brought the city international recognition.





What is so special about Salzburg?

The city of Salzburg - and especially its historic city center – is one of the loveliest places in Europe, winning international acclaim in 1997 when it was designated a world heritage site by UNESCO.

For one, its convenient location the Salzach River, flowing from the Prealps in the south, winds through the city as its historic lifeline and separates it into two halves, the so-called left and right banks of the Salzach.

The Old City is picturesquely surrounded by the Mönchsberg, crowned by the Fortress which is visible for miles, and the mighty Capuchin Mountain on the right banks of the river.

The Old City with its variety of building styles is a true architectural delight, also a result of the city's strict preservation laws.

Hardly any age failed to leave its architectural imprint on Salzburg.

Since much of the Old City is a pedestrian zone and relatively small, it is ideal for walking and window shopping – it only takes about 20 minutes to walk from Nonntal (the southern end) to Mülln (the northern end).

Those in a hurry can take a taxi whereas those with time to spare can indulge in a Fiaker ride, an oldtime horse and buggy creation, for a leisurely tour of the city.

The city's most famous squares include Residence Square with its splendid fountain, the neighboring Old Market, University Square, as well as Mozart Square with the memorial of the city's genius loci.

There is no lack of imposing buildings, the most striking of which include the Cathedral, Hohensalzburg Fortress, the Residenz, St. Peter's Monastery with its impressive cemetery, the Franciscan Church and Collegiate Church as well as the Large and Small Festival Halls and the Summer Riding School in the Festival District. On the right banks of the Salzach one should not miss Mirabell Palace with the romantic Mirabell Gardens (one of the city's most popular snapshot scenes) or St. Sebastian's Church with its charming cemetery. Hellbrunn Palace with its trick fountains and the zoo is situated just outside of the city gates.

So we are looking forward to welcome you at this ancient and nevertheless modern place and join in a very special and outstanding meeting at Salzburg's modern, unique and famous university.

**Hope to see you there
Your BFE Team**

