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ADVENT IN SALZBURG 2024

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SALZBURG

Salzburg is globally known as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. He was born in 1756 and is considered the first true "child prodigy." His life and works are omnipresent in his hometown, and with this tradition, Salzburg became an important city of music.

In 1997, the entire historical center of the city was declared a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO due to its exceptional architectural beauty, homogeneity, and large number of monuments worthy of preservation.

The city of Salzburg is dominated by the surrounding mountains and the Fortress "Hohensalzburg." the symbol of the city. In Salzburg, there are over 100 castles, palaces, and churches. For nearly 500 years, the city was an independent state, governed by the archbishops. Each of them has left their mark, and some have remained in Salzburg's memory as important patrons of art, while others for their excessive lifestyle. The salt trade brought wealth to the city. The city center is the Cathedral.

When the first snowflakes cover Salzburg, the most enchanting season of the year begins. With a traditional Christmas market situated at the foot of the imposing Hohensalzburg Fortress and surrounding the majestic Salzburg Cathedral. Here, Christmas choirs and instrumental groups share their music during these festive dates.

On the other hand, in the village of Oberndorf, visitors are drawn to its famous Silent Night Chapel, the place where the carol of the same name originated. Undoubtedly, it is an ideal destination to experience the authentic Christmas magic.



ITINERARY

This is a non-competitive choral festival in the charming city of Salzburg, open to all choirs. The city of Mozart becomes a grand stage with over 4000 cultural and musical events each year. Salzburg is rich in art, history, and tradition. The venue itself invites singing and dancing. This is a city with a rich and glorious past and a vibrant present that makes it a place worth visiting often... because... once is not enough!

The festival takes place over three intensive days during which the choirs will have a scheduled performance and a friendship concert with other local choirs. Additionally, weather permitting, the program can be adjusted for singing during a Sunday morning mass service.

DAY 1

Arrival at the hotel around 2:00 PM for check-in.

In the afternoon, concert at the Christmas market located in front of the cathedral or at Hellbrunn Castle.

Dinner at the hotel.

DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meeting with the local guide and guided tour (approximately 2 hours on foot, without entrance fees).

Free time for lunch in the historic center of Salzburg.

After lunch, return to the hotel and preparation for the friendship concert in Salzburg or its surroundings.

After the concert, enjoy a glass of mulled wine with the other choirs. Dinner at a restaurant or at the hotel.

DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out and departure.







Concerts at the Christmas Market

From early afternoon, choirs perform at the traditional and bustling Christmas Market. These outdoor performances take place on the steps of the cathedral or on the stage in front of Hellbrunn Castle.

Date: Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Duration: Approximately 20-25 minutes.

Repertoire: Carols and Advent songs, a capella.

Rehearsal: At the hotel.

Presentation: Each choir can introduce themselves. Sound system and microphone available.

Parking: Approximately a 10-minute walk away.

Rain alternative: None

Advent Concerts

You can perform on Friday or Saturday evening along with another invited choir and a choir from Salzburg in an Advent concert. These concerts take place in churches in Salzburg or the surrounding areas. The aim of these friendly choir gatherings is to bring people together where music, culture, and Christmas traditions can be exchanged.

Date: Friday or Saturday evening.

Participants: Maximum 3 - 4 choirs.

Duration: Approximately 25 minutes per choir and 1 common song.

Repertoire: Advent songs and sacred music.

Rehearsal: At the hotel or in the church (must be organized).

E-piano: Available.

Presentation: By a multilingual presenter.

Parking: Approximately a 10-minute walk away.





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