

# SALZBURG

Because Salzburg is in the center of Austria, and Austria is in the center of Europe, Mozart's birthplace is often called "The Heart in the heart of Europe".



## Transportation

The best way to see Salzburg is by foot. But if you get tired, city buses are a good way of sightseeing. The Salzburg Public Transport Authority publishes a "Public Transport" brochure which lists all buses, ticket prices and provides other useful tips. This brochure is available from most tobacco shops, many hotels, the Salzburg Tourist Information Offices and from the sales offices of the Salzburg Public Transport Authority.



## Banks and Currency

Salzburg's currency is the Euro. Coins in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 cents and 1 & 2 Euros. Bank notes of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 & 500 Euros are legal tender. Banks are open weekdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, and 2:00 to 4:30 pm. There are exchange offices at the train station and the airport open daily.



## Telephones

For transatlantic calls, go to the main post office at Residenzplatz 9. It's

open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm weekdays, and weekends from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. There is also a post office at the main train station. If you must call from your hotel, call collect, because hotels add exorbitant charges.



## Shopping

Store hours are generally from 8:00 am to 6:00 or 6:30 pm weekdays (some shops close for 1 or 2 hours during lunch), and from 8:00 am – noon or 1:00 pm on Saturdays. The main shopping areas are on Getreidegasse, near the Festival Halls, Mozart Square, Kaigasse, Alter Markt, Linzer Gasse, Makart and Mirabell Square. Look for Austrian glass, fancy jewelry, petipoint handbags, and traditional Austrian dress.



## Eating

Traditional Austrian dishes are wiener schnitzel, tafelspitz (boiled beef), geröstete leber (calf's liver with herbs in butter), goulash, and smoked pork. Some good places to go eat are Stiegl-bräu, in the center of town, which also is the biggest brewery in town and has reasonably priced, typical Austrian meals, and Drei Mohren, on Judengasse off Mozart Square, which is a little more upscale. And in case you get homesick, a few feet away from Drei Mohren is McDonald's, serving typical American meals.



## Places to Visit

Mozart's birthplace on 9 Getreidegasse houses a museum dedicated to the composer's work. His house is on the other side of the Salzach River. The Hellbrunn Castle has interesting water gardens, seen in The Sound of Music. Built in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, the Mirabell Palace has beautiful gardens and a great view. Near the Mirabell Palace is the Salzburg Marionette Theatre which has a repertory puppet company that performs operas of Mozart. St. Peter's Abbey and Cemetery was constructed in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and renovated in rococo style in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. And the Hellbrunn Zoo has many unusual animals, like the European bison and tarpan. To get a feel for Salzburg walk through the old part of town along narrow streets to see the shops and medieval architecture. And if the weather is good, have a picnic along the river. There are many festivals throughout the year, and especially in the summer Salzburg is full of music. The Salzburg Festival is held between Easter and October.