**Melodious, masterly, fascinating – an autumn visit to Salzburg**

***When the leaves are turning and the days are drawing in, Salzburg once more bursts into bloom. The "world stage" offers all manner of wonderful experiences. Here are some top tips for those seeking music, culture and folklore.***

Jazz, hip-hop and performances: the sound of Salzburg in autumn

Salzburg is an excellent choice for great music. Mozart's birthplace offers not only classical music. There's the jazz festival Jazz & the City, held from 17 - 20 October 2024 – a really cool festival resounding through the baroque Old Town. Then there's the international Flavourama Festival from 1 - 8 September, with lots of hip-hop and House Dance events. And of course, for the tenth time, 5 - 15 September, the Take The A-Train music festival in the Elisabeth suburb around Salzburg's main station – with concerts, performances, club nights and screenings.

Culture: Romeo and Juliet in the Marionette Theatre, masterworks in the DomQuartier

The town known as the "Stage of the World" sets a magnificent autumn scene – however small the stage. This autumn's highlights include a new production of Shakespear's Romeo and Juliet in the Salzburg Marionette Theatre, which celebrates its 111th anniversary. The première is on 24 October, as part of the *PUPPETS!* festival (24–27 October), during which several guest performances will be presented, including *Everyman* by the Altenburg Gera Puppet Theatre, as well as puppet theatres from Catalonia, Italy and France.

From the end of June, to celebrate its 10th anniversary, the DomQuartier presents a fascinating exhibition in the Residenzgalerie, in collaboration with the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna (until 6 January 2025). *The Colours of la Serenissima.* *Venetian masterworks from Titian to Canaletto* tells the remarkable success story of Venetian painting from the Renaissance until the Rococo.

September sees a further celebration, when the Cathedral Museum marks its 50th anniversary by presenting the restored St Rupert's Cross. The famous 8th-century processional cross, named after Bishop Rupert, patron saint of the Province of Salzburg, is 158 cm high and 94 cm wide. Having undergone exhaustive restoration, the gilded wooden cross will soon be on display again in the Museum.

Made-to-measure dirndls from the Heimatwerk – summer exhibition until the end of August

The name-day of Salzburg's patron saint is the signal for Salzburgers to turn out in their traditional costume for the Rupertikirtag, the annual five-day fair celebrating the consecration of the Cathedral in 1628. On St Rupert's Day (24 September) and other feast-days, Salzburgers uphold tradition by wearing dirndls and lederhosen as they throng the squares around the Cathedral.

The Salzburg Heimatwerk on the Residenzplatz is the place to go for traditional costume. The in‑house tailoring workshop – where you can watch the work in progress – has been producing high-quality traditional costumes, suited to every occasion, for over 80 years. This year's summer exhibition (25 July - 31 August) focuses on the work process. On selected dates, the seamstresses and tailors are there to demonstrate their work and to allow visitors to try their hand.

At the Rupertikirtag you can sample all the Salzburg beers

Salzburg's great beer tradition goes back as far as 1492, the year in which not only Columbus "discovered" America, but also the first documented mention of the "brewery on the shore" [of the River Salzach], which became today's world-famous Stiegl [stairs] brewery. At St Rupert's fair, the importance of beer for Salzburg is evident – you can sample all the Salzburg beers on the Residenzplatz. There are eleven breweries in and around the town, and the Augustiner Bräu in the Mülln district, which seats 1,400, is the largest beer garden in Austria. The Stiegl brewery has even produced a "hoppy, fruity discoverer Columbus 1492 beer". History connects us.

Discover Salzburg on a Town Walk

The topic of "beer culture" turns up again on the popular Town Walks. The many different fascinating tours through Salzburg range from traditional and cultural to modern. Walks round the UNESCO World Heritage sites or in the footsteps of Salzburg's famous son, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, delve deep into the town's history. Explore traditions with a thirst – not only for knowledge – on the beer trail, where the main historical locations are explained, starting from the very first brewery, with visits to the pubs with the best beer.

The contemporary town is best explored with "Creative Salzburg", a tour of unorthodox architecture, fascinating museums, exceptional art and eclectic galleries.

Detailed maps of each tour, with descriptions of the individual locations, are available both online and offline. The routes often follow little-known paths through the Old Town, so that visitors make closer acquaintance with Salzburg.

A walk through the Salzburg Freilichtmuseum [open-air museum] in Grossgmain offers time-travel through six centuries, with 100 reconstructed original buildings from agriculture, trades, rural businesses and industry. This year, the Museum celebrates its 40th anniversary with all manner of events and festivities.

Main links:

Jazz & the City: <https://www.salzburg-altstadt.at/en/salzburgjazz>

Take-The-A-Train music festival: <https://ttat.at>

Philharmonie Salzburg: <https://www.philharmoniesalzburg.at/en/>

Salzburg Marionette Theatre: <https://marionetten.at/en/>

Puppets festival: <https://marionetten.at/en/puppets-das-festival>

DomQuartier: <https://www.domquartier.at/en/>

Heimatwerk: <https://salzburgerheimatwerk.at>

Rupertikirtag: <https://www.salzburg-altstadt.at/en/rupertikirtag>

Town Walks: <https://www.salzburg.info/en/hotels-offers/guided-tours/city-walks>

Freilichtmuseum: <https://www.freilichtmuseum.com/en/visitors-information.html>

Salzburg beer culture: <https://www.salzburg.info/en/salzburg/beer-culture>

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