

Media Information

Hellbrunn Palace and Trick Fountains

Experience history in a refreshingly different way

Magical grottos, treacherous splash fountains and a real unicorn - those who visit Hellbrunn Palace and the Trick Fountains should be prepared for some surprising encounters. Prince Archbishop Markus Sittikus ultimately had this pleasure palace and the surrounding parkland built for his guests' entertainment. That playful spirit has been preserved in Hellbrunn to this day. Those who visit this attraction dive into another world and learn a lot about the history of Salzburg in an entertaining way. No wonder then that Hellbrunn is one of the most popular attractions in Salzburg.

Hellbrunn Trick Fountains - Lust for life since 1615

About 400 years ago, Salzburg's Prince-Archbishop Markus Sittikus built a complex at the gates of his residence city, which was intended solely for pleasure. He had the garden around the pleasure palace filled with hidden grottos, spray nozzles and hydraulically driven figures for the pleasure of his guests. Most of these have been preserved to this day and can be discovered as part of an entertaining tour.

A tour of the trick fountains is a special adventure for every visitor. Children enjoy the many wet surprises that lurk at all corners and ends, those interested in history are amazed by the rich world of legends and technically interested visitors will be amazed by the hydraulic constructions with which the machines were driven then and still now. If you want to, you can get really wet here. However, you can also get away with just a few splashes.

Grand Delight - The fabulous world of Markus Sittikus

Not only in the trick fountains, but also in the neighbouring palace under builder Markus Sittikus, everything revolved around pleasure – after all, it is not called a pleasure palace for nothing. Today, visitors can expect an exciting, multimedia exhibition on the fascinating world of Prince Archbishop Markus Sittikus. He was an absolutist ruler, a man full of life and a formative figure in Salzburg, in political, cultural and spiritual terms. Even a real unicorn can be admired as part of the exhibition.

Exclusive themed tours for groups

Would you like to dive even deeper into the history of Hellbrunn? Then crown your stay in Hellbrunn with an individual guided tour according to your wishes. For groups, Hellbrunn offers very special, thematically tailored tours. For example, you can take a look behind the scenes of the fascinating complex or learn more about the legends and myths around the statues and figures.

Salzburg's most popular park

After visiting the palace, visitors should definitely take time to walk through the extensive park. There you can discover statues, sculptures and ponds where sturgeons and carp majestically swim around. No wonder then that the park is very popular not only with guests, but also with locals. It is perfect for walking, jogging, picnics or for a visit to the large and well-kept playground. The Hellbrunn Zoo is also located in the immediate vicinity of the Palace Park.

The Stone Theatre - A piece of theatre history

If you have more time, you should also plan a visit to the Stone Theatre on the “Hellbrunn Mountain” in Hellbrunn. This natural stage is within walking distance of the park and is about a 20-minute walk from the palace. This spectacular natural structure is one of the most beautiful natural stages north of the Alps. If you slip through the narrow rocky outcrop at the back of the stage, you will get a good impression of the fascination the theatre may have had on the audience at the time.

The "The Sound of Music" Pavilion

Guests from all over the world are delighted that the famous pavilion from the "The Sound of Music" film is located in Hellbrunn Palace Park. It made its grand appearance in the song "Sixteen Going On Seventeen", which Liesl sings together with her beloved. Real fans know the text, of course, and singing along is expressly desired in Hellbrunn!

Get married and celebrate in the palace

Hellbrunn Palace is one of Salzburg's most popular event locations for events of all kinds. From wedding banquets to concerts, the complex offers just the right setting. Various locations are available, such as the Orangery, the palace premises or the trick fountains with their extensive grottoes. For more information on hiring, please visit us at www.hellbrunn.at.

Playful learning in Hellbrunn

Also to inspire the children, Hellbrunn offers a wide range of museum educational activities for all ages. Just for children, there is also a specially developed audio guide through the palace exhibition and the trick fountains. Even children's birthday parties can be held in the palace on request. All information on the museum's educational offer can be found on the website www.hellbrunn.at.

Contact for media enquiries

Ingrid Sonvilla

Head of Hellbrunn Palace Administration

Ingrid.Sonvilla@stadt-salzburg.at

Tel.: +43 662 82 03 72-4915