

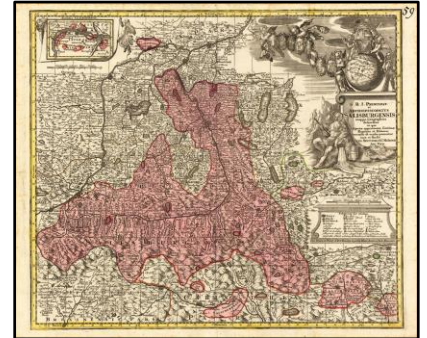


Salzburg in German is Salzburg (*Zaltz-borg*)

★ Fun Fact: The word Salzburg means “Salt Fortress”, it derives its name from the barges carrying salt on the Salzach river.

Location: Salzburg,
an Austrian city, is

located on the border of Germany with a view of the grand eastern alps



Culture: Many traditions in Salzburg are based around Pagan and Christian customs. Salzburg holds a seasonal event called the Saint Rupert Festival which celebrates the founder of modern Salzburg, this is similar to Munich's Oktoberfest as it's placed in the fall month of September. During the winter Saint Nicholas' counterpart, the mythical creature Krampus, is paid tribute. Krampus' name is derived from the German word Krampen which means claw, he is characterized as an anthropomorphic¹ half goat, half demon.

Juxtaposed to the Jolly Saint Nick, Krampus is meant to swat naughty

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children, stuff them in a sack and take them to his lair. On December 5th Salzburg celebrates Krampusnacht (Krampus Night). Then on



December 6th Nikolaustag is celebrated when children look to see if the boot they have left outside their door was filled with presents (Good) or a rod (Naughty).

Traditional Austrian Food: Speck (similar to prosciutto) and Schnaps (liquor) are the staple foods of South Austria which includes Salzburg. Some common traditional appetizers and

street foods include Belegte Brote (Open-Faced Sandwiches),

Wiener Würstels (Vienna Sausages), and Krainer Sausage or

Käsekrainer (Cheese Krainer). Wienerschnitzel is the national dish of Austria it is a cutlet of veal or pork that is breaded and fried in oil.

Knödeln are an important part of Austrian cuisine and can be found in many dishes or eaten on their own. These dumplings are usually

filled with cheese and served with goulash. Mozartkugel can be found in almost every Austrian candy shop and are especially prominent in

the city of Salzburg. Created as an homage to Wolfgang Amadeus

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Mozart these small round bonbons are filled with pistachio, marzipan and nougat then covered in a bittersweet chocolate.

Fashion: The traditional dirndl dress is an ongoing folkwear staple in Salzburg, Austria and a requirement for Salzburg festivals. The dirndl is a type of tracht⁴



which is based on the traditional clothing of alps peasants. The placement of ribbons on the dress indicates marital status. If you are a virgin the knot on your apron would be placed in the middle, if you are in a relationship it would be placed on the right side, single and it would be on the left, then finally if you are widowed or a waitress it would be tied on your back. The male version of a dirndl is the lederhosen. Lederhosen are a pair of leather breeches that are a characteristic of the austrian bavarian alps. Buckskin is the most popular type of leather used for lederhosen. During a traditional

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dance the sound which the bavarians call Krachlederne, (Cracking



leather) is when leather clad thighs slap together.

The Beginnings of Salzburg: The first real settlements in the area began during the neolithic period with celtic colonies in 15 BCE² founded by the Romans at this time Salzburg was called Ivuvavum. Salzburg wasn't a founded city until Saint Rupert received the ruins of a monastery in the area as a present in 699 CE³ from the

Duke of Bavaria. Rupert then became the city's bishop and patron saint. Finally in the 14th century Salzburg became independent of Bavaria and became an entity within The Holy Roman Empire and the German Nation. In the 17th and 18th century Salzburg came into its prime because the Prince Archbishops Wolf Dietrich von Raitenau, Markus Sittikus and Paris Lodron craftily took the wealth from the salt trade and funneled it to transform Salzburg into the world's most

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outstanding baroque city with magnificent palaces, churches and gardens.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart:



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in a time of transition for central Europe in the mid 18th century. It was the cusp of a new musical era, Compositions



became full bodied and complex as composers

moved on from the central themes of the heavily ornamented Baroque and Renaissance periods. Mozart was born January 1756 to Leopold and Maria Pertl Mozart. As a three year old Mozart watched his seven-year old sister Maria Anna nicknamed Nannerl play the piano under their father's instruction. Quickly, Mozart demonstrated that he excelled in tonality, chords, rhythm as well as overall musicality. Leopold was devoted to his children's musical education

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and soon Wolfgang began to exceed his father's teachings. He made his first composition at age five and showed tremendous ability on the harpsichord and violin. He would later go on to play the piano, organ and viola. Mozart at the age of six had an important meeting with Johann Christian Bach when traveling with his father and sister during a spree of musical “tours”. Eventually Nannerl reached marriageable age and by tradition was not allowed to express her artistry in public; consequently, she was left behind on the outing to Italy where Mozart would be showed off as a young prodigy. During this Italian venture Mozart at age fourteen would compose “Mitridate re, di Ponto” an opera themed with love and vengeance for the court of Milan. Many commissions followed after the successes of his Italian travels. The Archbishop Hieronymus von Colloredo soon appointed Mozart as his assistant concertmaster, in which he made a small salary. Mozart, eventually growing quite discontent with his position as the assistant concertmaster, set out to find a more prosperous position, by this time he had just turned twenty-one. The

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archbishop was also quite disgruntled with Mozart's haughty disposition and ungrateful attitude and dismissed him from his post. Mozart then traveled to Vienna and took on numerous pupils. He then transitioned to a spot in the court appointed by Joseph II, the musical King of Austria. While Mozart was composing his opera *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* He found love in Constanze and married her soon after despite his father's great disapproval of their union. Mozart and Constanze had six children but only two of them survived past their infancy, Karl Thomas Mozart and Franz Xaver Mozart. During his appointment under Joseph II Mozart composed one of his most celebrated pieces: *Le Nozze Di Figaro*, in which the libretto was written by Lorenzo Da Ponte who frequently collaborated with the composer. They had a successful premier in Prague and went on to continue their work with *Don Giovanni*. Joseph II after these two great musical successes appointed Mozart in the position of “Chamber Composer” which came with a very low salary but Mozart took the job to get out of debt caused by his luxurious lifestyle. Mozart eventually

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moved from Vienna in order to help his financial quandary but still had to ask friends for money which were only repaid when he received commission. Then there was the last of the three Lorenzo Da Ponte operas, *Così fan tutte* which premiered in 1790. Then came a two year period of “Black Thoughts” in Mozart's own words. Some historians would argue that Mozart had bipolar disorder because of his periods of hysteria paired with sporadic moments of astounding creativity. Mozart's most celebrated composition, *Die Zauberflöte* (The Magic Flute) was in progress. This libretto was written by Schikaneder who also played Papageno in its premier. Eventually Mozart began to pay off many of his debts, but during this time he began to deteriorate physically and became ill. He was present in Prague for his premier of *La Clemenza di Tito*; however, during the opening of *The Magic Flute* Mozart fell seriously ill and was bedridden, Constanze and her sister Sophie tried to nurse him back to health but he was so preoccupied with finishing his requiem that their efforts were in vain. Mozart never finished the requiem and

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died a poor man. He was buried in a mass grave and very few people attended his funeral; however, Constanze went on to sell many of his unpublished manuscripts and hosted profitable memorial concerts for the dead composer which gathered quite a lot of publicity, thus helping her to pay off her large families debts. Constanze was then able to send her children to private school and give them music lessons under the teachings of famous kapellmeister Antonio Sallieri.

Architecture: An important landmark that towers over the city is the Salzburg cathedral. The Salzburg cathedral has survived more than

10 fires, been completely rebuilt three times and

stood the test of time as

it has been

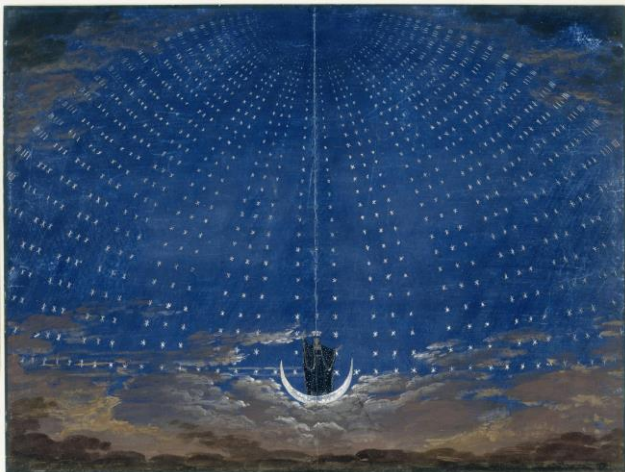
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himself was baptized in this cathedral. The baroque city also harbors the Hohensalzburg Fortress which looks down on the city from its tall mountaintop. Inside, one can visit the marionette exhibit and theater, an important and relevant tradition of Salzburg. Many of the marionette shows that are shown are Mozart operas such as *The Magic Flute* and *Così fan tutte* but there are also modern stories such as *The Sound of Music*. In regards to modern structures In the 1960s Clemens Holzmeister designed the Großes Festspielhaus which he built into the side of the Mönchsberg mountain; it is one of the world's largest existing opera houses. It was christened with a performance of Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier*. The Mozarteum University also contends with the baroque setting of Salzburg old town as a simplistic contemporary building. This university was built in dedication to Mozart and is a four minute walk to Mirabell Palace. Mirabell Palace stays in the theme of the 17th century. Its architect was Wolf Dietrich von Raitenau the archbishop of Salzburg, he reigned from 1587-1612 he brought italian renaissance architecture

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to the city, the most notable being Mirabelle Palace. He built the palace for his beloved Salome Alt. The couple ended up having 15 children together and lived a happy life until Wolf Dietrich was overthrown and imprisoned, he eventually died behind bars in 1617. Today, the palace is famous for its gorgeous weddings and concerts.

The Hapsburg Empire:The Hapsburgs

took control of Austria from 1273-1918 and were extremely disliked by the people. They were characterized by the “Hapsburg Chin” an unfortunate feature



of the family which gave them a protruding jaw and underbite. This was the result of inbreeding a feature that also characterized the family of Vlad Tepes (the Impaler). The Habsburgs maintained power for



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a majority of Austrian history. One memorable Habsburg was Empress Elizabeth she was known for her beauty, ankle length hair, tragedy, and her murder by the hands of the Italian anarchist Luigi Lucheni.

The 20th Century: WW1 and WW2: The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to Austro-Hungary when he was visiting Sarajevo threw the Austro-Hungarian Empire into WW1. They needed an excuse to go to war with Serbia and the assassination by the hands of Gavrilo Princip was all the empire needed to declare war. They offered Serbia 10 commandments and only 9 were accepted, Serbia had rejected the ultimatum and Austro-Hungary declared a war that would last for four years. 1918 began with the end of the Hapsburg Empire. They relinquished their claim to the throne in their defeat during WW1. This marked the collapse of Austria-Hungary, they now became two separate entities. There was immense pressure put on Karl I who was the last Habsburg king of the empire due to extreme shortages of food. He had refused to

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abdicate and therefore was exiled, eventually tried to regain power twice and failed both times. With the end of the Hapsburg Empire the Treaty of Germain defined Austrian borders in 1919. Things remained quiet after the destruction of WW1 until 1934 when the government had to crush socialist uprisings. All political parties were then banished except for the Fatherland front. Following the revolt there was imprisonment of Nazi conspirators who attempted a coup. Chancellor Englebert Dollfuss was assassinated and replaced by Kurt von Schuschnigg. Against the treaty of Versailles Hitler invaded Austria in the anschluss⁶. Hitler secretly began an Austrian Nazi party in order to join the two countries in a union. Following this invasion and the invasion of Czechoslovakia, Hitler was warned by Britain and France to halt his invasions out of fear for their own countries. Hitler agreed and then defied this agreement by invading Poland in 1939, this prompted the beginning of WW2. Austria's armed forces fought with Germany on the Eastern front and were a part of the axis powers under the control of Hitler. Finally, in 1945

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Vienna was liberated by the Soviet Union, Austria was then occupied by Soviet, British, and French forces. Displaced persons camps were housed in Salzburg as many Jews did not have a home to return to and their options were limited. Elections then resulted in people's party and socialist coalition. In 1946 denazification laws were passed in an attempt to reconstruct.

Government In Modern Austria: Today,

Austria is known as a parliamentary democratic republic. The territory of the federal republic consists of nine states or provinces, Vienna being the federal capital as well as the seat of the supreme federal authorities. There

are five political parties that are currently represented in parliament including: The Austrian People's Party, The Social Democratic Party of Austria, The Austrian Freedom Party, the Greens,



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and The Neos. Sebastian Kurz works as the Austrian Chancellor and Alexander Van der Bellen is their president. Austria ranks as the fourteenth richest country in the world per capita. Their most important industry being tourism; consequently, places like Salzburg and Vienna get a lot of attention. Other than tourism their economy thrives off of machinery, metallurgical⁵ products and textiles.



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