



DIARY 2019

Clean living and an appreciation for the arts and outdoors characterises the Austrian mentality – an approach encapsulated by Salzburg’s annual events. Words: Karen Worrall

JAZZ & THE CITY

WHEN: Mid-October

WHAT: This popular five-day festival incorporates jazz, world and electronic music. Distinguished settings such as Mozarteum University and Stieglkeller restaurant are featured big names, while wine bars, churches and cafes host up-and-coming entertainers of the 100-plus free concerts.
salzburgjazz.com

OUT OF BOUNDS FESTIVAL

WHEN: First long weekend in June

WHAT: Out of Bounds is a popular bike festival combining the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Downhill, with a Freestyle Motocross show. It takes place in the Alpine town of Leogang where an open-air concert and expo area keep punters entertained between big races.
bikepark.saalfelden-leogang.com



Livestock are reared on fresh grass and alpine herbs in order to produce 'hay-milk', the secret ingredient in Almkase produce.

Alpine Cheese Festival

WHEN: First weekend in July

WHAT: One of Salzburgerland's many festivals celebrating cheese takes place in Golling Castle in the Tennengau region.

Intense Tennengau cheese made from hay-milk, and locally reared mountain lamb take centre stage, with regional folk music providing the soundtrack.

While enjoying the tasty food and drinks, visitors will be able to take tours of the medieval castle and its museum.
tennengau.com



EVENTS



Winterfest in Volksgarten

WHEN: November until January
WHAT: For six weeks every winter, the big top in Salzburg's Volksgarten park is home to several contemporary circuses. Past performers include Cirque Zanzibar and The Tiger Lillies Freakshow. Winter blues are chased away with performances of acrobatics, magic and poetry. A restaurant tent provides pre-show district delicacies to add to the experience. winterfest.at

SALZBURG FESTIVAL

WHEN: Mid-July to end of August
 This famous festival's programme is composed mainly of operas and classical music that form an important part of Salzburg culture. Events are mostly located within the UNESCO World Heritage designated Baroque historic district. A perennial highlight is Hugo Von Hofmannsthal's play *Jedermann*, or *Everyman*, staged dramatically in Domplatz in front of Salzburg Cathedral. salzburgerfestspiele.at



BAUERNHERBST (HARVEST FESTIVAL)

WHEN: August-November
WHAT: The Harvest Festival runs from late August to the beginning of November, with an array of events that celebrate traditional rural life with unique markets, folk music, hikes, folklore events and cultural demonstrations. Many locals dress in regional garb while reflecting on the summer, as they begin the autumnal activities of jam preserving, juice pressing and meat smoking. bauernherbst.com 📍

Mozart Week

WHEN: Last week of January
WHAT: Fans have cherished this annual week-long tribute with its various interpretations of Mozart's music since its inception in 1956. French-Mexican tenor Rolando Villazón is the artistic director who's programmed the next five years of this celebration; with the overall theme being that 'Mozart lives'. Orchestral concerts, chamber music, a ballet gala, dance, mime and marionette theatre help make up over 60 events devoted to keeping his music alive. mozartwoche.at/en

ESSENTIALS

Getting there & around

British Airways, Ryanair, Jet2.com and EasyJet fly direct from London to Salzburg in under two hours. ba.com ryanair.com jet2.com easyjet.com

Taxis are readily available from the airport to the city, taking just 15 minutes for around £15. There is also a 20-minute bus for £2.

The Obus trolleybus system provides regular service to most destinations within the city. Salzburg's railway station, the Hauptbahnhof provides regional and international rail services.

Salzburg is also one of Austria's most bike-friendly cities, having developed an extensive network of bicycle paths, shown on maps. May to

September, bicycles can be rented at Topbike. members.aon.at/topbike

Car rentals can be booked in advance from Avis, Hertz and Europcar, but be advised that much of the Altstadt (old town) is for pedestrians only. avis.co.uk hertz.co.uk europcar.co.uk

When to go

Salzburg is a year-round destination. It's at its busiest around July and August, when the Salzburg Festival is held and the days are longer with temperatures reaching highs of 27C. Autumn and spring offer more moderate crowds, with temperatures usually between 5 and 15C.

More info

salzburgerland.com