

# The best MARCO POLO Insider Tips

## Our top 15 Insider Tips

### INSIDER TIP Sit back and relax

Hop aboard a *cycle rickshaw* and let the driver escort you through the streets of Salzburg's old town to your own personal hotspots → p. 38

### INSIDER TIP Experience nature

Immerse yourself in the natural world at the Lungau *Biosphere Park* with guided hikes exploring wild plants, mountain lakes and moors → p. 86

### INSIDER TIP Take a trip back in time

Farm life doesn't get any better than at the historic *Winterstellgut* in Annaberg, where you are guaranteed a warm welcome → p. 71

### INSIDER TIP Conquer the rope bridge and the treetops

Walk the *Treetop Trail* in Saalbach-Hinterglemm, which runs 42 m/138 ft above the ground through the canopies of the trees and offers commanding views of the surrounding mountains → p. 95

### INSIDER TIP Peek behind the scenes of the Salzburg Festival

A guided tour through the *Festival Halls* in Salzburg gives you a glimpse of what goes on backstage → p. 35

### INSIDER TIP Organic delicacies from a top chef

The organic food and vegetarian delights at *Josef und Maria*, the bistro in the Mesnerhaus gourmet restaurant in Mauterndorf, cannot fail to please → p. 82

### INSIDER TIP Aerial adventure

Sail through the air with a paragliding taster session in Abtenau → p. 70

### INSIDER TIP Much more than just a hike

For a walk offering great views and a glimpse into the region's geology, try the Copper Ore Path in the "Ore of the Alps" Geopark, where you will find show mines and museums along the way → p. 79

### INSIDER TIP Mozart to your ears

At *Mozart's Residence* you can listen to the world-famous genius's entire repertoire – without paying any admission charge → p. 37

### INSIDER TIP From canyon to mountain

Hike from Glaserbach canyon to *Erentrudisalm*, where you will find both a wonderful view and delicious food → p. 46

### INSIDER TIP Alpine breakfast

The perfect start to the day: hearty Tennengau fare tastes particularly good when accompanied by panoramic views on the terrace of *Rocheralm* → p. 70

### INSIDER TIP Not for the faint-hearted

Only the brave will choose to make their way from the top of the Asitz mountain in Leogang down into the valley via the spectacular *Flying Fox XXL* steel zip line, which boasts a top speed of 130km/h (81 mph) → p. 97

### INSIDER TIP Island picnic

In need of a little relaxation after all that walking? Then unpack your picnic hamper and blanket on the *Mur island* in Sankt Michael (photo left) – and clamber aboard the pirate ship once you're done! → p. 84

### INSIDER TIP Adrenaline in the nature park

Hikers will love the guided tours in the *Weißbach Nature Park* – but cyclists can find plenty to do here too, with many kilometres of mountain bike trails to tempt adrenaline junkies (photo below) → p. 90

### INSIDER TIP Final resting place under grand arcades

The *Friedhof Sankt Sebastian* (St Sebastian's cemetery) in Salzburg city, modelled on an Italian campo santo, is the burial place of many famous Salzburg families. A perfect place to relax after your sightseeing tour or a spot of shopping → p. 35



# BEST OF...

## GREAT PLACES FOR FREE

Discover new places and save money

### ● *Baroque beauty*

The baroque gardens of *Mirabell Palace* are among the most beautiful in the world, and their views of Hohensalzburg castle make them popular with photographers. Stroll through the gardens, play hide-and-seek in the hedge maze, and take refuge from the hustle and bustle of modern life in the dwarf garden – all without paying a penny (photo) → p. 38

### ● *Geocaching: a modern treasure hunt*

Geocaching is the modern way to explore the natural world and your surroundings. The tourist office in Lofer offers GPS devices free of charge that you can use to get started → p. 89

### ● *Enjoy the Salzburg Festival without a ticket*

Festival performances are broadcast live on a giant screen on *Kapitelplatz* behind the cathedral, along with screenings of productions from previous years. You don't need a ticket, but bring warm clothing as the nights are often chilly in Salzburg → p. 32

### ● *Relax in healing water after a long hike*

Kill two birds with one stone when you stay in the *Bad Vigaun* spa hotel: make the most of the luxurious accommodation, and relax in the medicinal waters of the thermal bath and its accompanying spa after a long hike or mountain bike ride at no extra charge → p. 75

### ● *Climb above the city rooftops*

The *climbing wall* on the Mönchsberg in the centre of Salzburg is open to the public and free of charge. Twelve routes are available, ranging from easy to moderate and very hard. The *City Wall* on Glockengasse leads up to the Kapuzinerberg – though safety gear is needed → p. 118

### ● *Picnic in a beer garden*

The *Augustiner Bräustübl* in Salzburg boasts the biggest beer garden in Austria. Enjoy its well-known beer in the shade of chestnut trees. You have to pay for your drinks but you are allowed to bring your own food → p. 40

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# ONLY IN SALZBURG AND SURROUNDINGS

Unique experiences

### ● *All ears at the Salzburg Festival*

Attending the Salzburg Festival is a real experience, with opera stars and the most renowned orchestras in the world giving their all on-stage. It's a good idea to pack your ball gown or suit and to book tickets in advance, as remainders are few and far between! → p. 124

### ● *Boating, bathing and coffee*

Chug across the *Wolfgangsee* by boat, take the cog railway up the Schafberg and back, stroll through *Sankt Wolfgang im Salzkammergut*, take a dip in the lake and then enjoy coffee and cake in *Bad Ischl* just like the Kaisers used to → p. 67, 66, 55

### ● *Falcons over the fortress*

High above the Salzach valley lies *Hohenwerfen Castle*, where you can take a walk through the past and watch in thrilling close-up as eagles and falcons soar during demonstrations by the state falconry centre, before relaxing in the castle's medieval tavern → p. 78

### ● *Above the mountaintops*

The most extraordinary lookout point in Salzburg's province is no less than 3029 m/9938 ft above sea level. At *Gipfelwelt 3000* on the Kitzsteinhorn you can learn about the wonders of the high-Alpine environment and enjoy stunning views from the highest panorama platform in the entire country → p. 99

### ● *The Middle Ages brought to life*

At *Mauterndorf Castle* you can experience the magic of history – especially when mercenaries, knights, jesters, merchants and craftsmen in authentic costumes bring the past to life during the Medieval Festival every summer → p. 82

### ● *Water roaring through a narrow gorge*

Brace yourself for something special on entering the *Liechtensteinklamm* gorge, where torrents of water rage between the bare rocky walls before plunging down – but don't worry, you can observe the drama from the safety of the secure pathways (photo) → p. 76



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# DISCOVERY TOURS

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## SALZBURG AND SURROUNDINGS AT A GLANCE



**START:** ① Salzburg  
**END:** ⑱ Krimml Waterfalls

**7 days**  
Driving time  
(without stops)  
around 6 hours

**Distance:**  
➔ 352 km/219 miles



**COSTS:** approx. 50 euros, boat and rail tickets, museum admissions approx. 115 euros per adult, accommodation 70–100 euros per adult per day

**WHAT TO PACK:** swimming costumes, hiking gear, hat, scarf, gloves

**IMPORTANT TIPS:** You need to book in advance if you would like a ranger to guide you through the ⑱ **Hohe Tauern National Park**. Information and reservations at [www.nationalpark.at](http://www.nationalpark.at) oder tel. 06562 4084933

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This tour takes you from the rolling hills of the Flachgau past the romantic lakes of the Salzkammergut and through the narrow valleys leading to the central mountains right up to where you can feel the spray from the mighty Krimml Waterfalls

The route begins in ① **Salzburg** → p. 32 and leads east out of the city on the B158 via Hof and the Fuschlsee to the bathing resort of ② **Fuschl** → p. 48. The small lakeside promenade offers a good view across the turquoise waters of the Fuschlsee to Schloss Fuschl in the north, which served as a backdrop to the "Sissi" films starring Romy Schneider.

