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Wolfgangsee Salzkammergut

Lake Wolfgangsee in the Salzkammergut is a mystical place. 1,100 years ago, St. Wolfgang threw his axe down the Falkenstein mountain to find the right place to build a church. The axe landed five kilometers further on the rock above the lake, where the market town of St. Wolfgang was established. To build the church, Wolfgang made a pact with the devil, who he eventually outwitted with a trick. Over the centuries, the Falkenstein and the church of St. Wolfgang became one of the most important Christian pilgrimage sites in the West, alongside Rome, Aachen and Einsiedeln.

Popular vacation destination and well-known place of pilgrimage

The Wolfgangsee region counts around one million overnight stays and a million day visitors a year. Lake Wolfgangsee, which is also very popular with water sports enthusiasts, is shared by two federal states:

SalzburgerLand and Upper Austria. The most popular excursion destinations include the Schafbergbahn, the Zwölferhorn, the Falkenstein and St. Wolfgang pilgrimage churches and the Mozarthaus. The shipping between the idyllic towns of St. Gilgen, Strobl and St. Wolfgang and the Wolfgangsee Christmas markets also attract many tourists. During winter, the Postalm Winter Park with its ski slopes and cross-country ski trails and the wonderful winter hiking trails on the Zwölferhorn attract my guests.

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New Salzkammergut lake stage on Lake Wolfgangsee

In spring 2024, as the highlight of the "1,100 years of St. Wolfgang" anniversary, a new mobile Salzkammergut lake stage Wolfgangsee will be erected. The stage was designed by the architect Professor Eduard Neversal, who himself has already performed roles such as "Papageno" and "Figaro" as a baritone. The

special thing about the stage is that it can be dismantled without leaving any residue and rebuilt at other locations as required.

On May 23, 2024, the completely covered venue for 800 visitors will host the musical play "Wolf - The Mystical" by Gerd Hermann Ortler and Franzobel. The director is Victoria Schubert. The WolfgangseeSchiffahrt boats take visitors from the landing stages in the municipalities to the lake stage in less than 20 minutes.

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