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The visitor's train, the Salt Cathedral and the Mirror Lake are the hearts of the multimedia installation on a subterranean surface of approximately 6000m<sup>2</sup>. The Salt Laboratory and the Treasure Vault make you familiar with the nature of salt, its history and its abundance of functions, which are essential to people and life. Stefan Seigner/Intertainment Kulturmanagement GmbH was wholly responsible for the reconstruction. He had previously produced, in association with the House of Music in Vienna, one of the greatest modern success stories in the world of sensory experiences. He was also responsible for the construction of the *Kristallwelten* [crystal worlds] and for the revival of the *Wiener Riesenrad* [Vienna's Giant Ferris Wheel] – truly superb experiences.

After dressing in specially made and newly created overalls, the tour leads the visitor – accompanied by SALZI, the mascot – into the depths of the mountain. In the “Kaiser-Franz” sink works, the secretive stage-setting of light, colour and salt creates a Salt Cathedral, in which the universe is reflected. The 36 metre long miner's slide leads from here down into the depths. It continues in the tunnel, past a salt grotto in mystic lighting, past memorials of earlier salt mining. In the Treasure Vault and the Salt Laboratory, questions about the whole salt range are answered playfully and in an abundance of languages. Equipped with the latest multimedia technology, the themed route is a paradigm for the successful combination of info- and edutainment. The 150 metre deep Mirror Lake leads back to the reflective area: the ferry crosses the water in a fascinating composition of sound and light – with the music of the world-famous composer Peter Wolf - taking the visitors to the other bank of the brine, under the canopy of salt crystals, which are growing and reflected in the lake. Mighty salt veins reveal the potential of the rocks, before the path leads back up to daylight.

Besides this wealth of experiences, additional innovations and benefits also await the guest: the new checking-in system reduces waiting times, the glassy visitor's centre, imbedded in the landscape, gets visitors in the right mood for the adventurous journey into salt; the light-flooded salt shop and a new restaurant round off the visit. Accessible from inside and outside, the Salt Gardens with their crystal sculptures, telling the stories of the surroundings, mythology and appearances of salt, bring visitors to the historic connecting paths around the "Moserrösche", a 500-year-old tunnel, and to the reconstructed and remodelled Powder Tower, where according to the Berchtesgaden history the "Bergmandl" lives, which allows the great achievement of the mine to be imagined even from outside.

Imbedded in the mountain landscape of Berchtesgaden, the new Salt Time Journey is an attraction for daily visitors but also for visitors, who want to spend an extended summer or winter holiday in the region.

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