

Berchtesgaden SaltMine – SalzTimeJourney

Globally unique:

The Salt Time Journey in the Berchtesgaden Salt Mine

One of the world's most innovative salt mining adventure centres was opened in Berchtesgaden in 2007. Through a complete reconstruction, the visitor discovers a completely new, modern underground experience on the Salt Time Journey, combined with the venerable tradition of mining.

The visitor's train, the Salt Cathedral and the Mirror Lake are the hearts of the multimedia installation on a subterranean surface of approximately 6000m². 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.

After dressing in specially made and newly created overalls, the tour leads the visitor 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. 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.

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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