

Strolling through the old city of Salzburg means constantly recognizing scenes from the movie "**The Sound of Music**". All the locations in the old city are situated within walking distance from each other.

This sheet shall help you to find the most important locations on your own. The indicated numbers show up on the city map on page 2.

City Centre Salzburg



The Palace of Mirabell with its baroque gardens is a colourful world of flowers and sculptures, artistically trimmed hedges and arbours, blossoms and water spouting fountains and was built in 1606 by the archbishop Wolf Dietrich for his mistress Salome Alt and their 15 children.

In the movie, Maria and the children dance around the fountains and run up the steps singing "Do-Re-Mi". You see two fountains in the movie, a round one and a polygon, and you can see some statues.



Residence Square (Residenzplatz) lies in the heart of the old city of Salzburg. The Residence Fountain is 15 meters high and is made of marble of Mount Untersberg (see page 4) and under the control of archbishop Wolf Dietrich it was constructed between the residences.

Maria crosses the square singing "I Have Confidence", she stops at the fountain to splash the water back at the spouting horses.



Nonnberg Abbey is the oldest female convent north of the Alps (it was founded in 714 A.D.), where Maria Kutschera actually was a novice. The Nonnberg Abbey is situated beneath the fortress Hohensalzburg.

Scenes shot here include the opening part where the nuns go to mass singing the song "Maria"; the children who come to the abbey's gate to ask for Maria and the escape scene, where the cars are parked outside the Abbey Gate.



St. Peter's Cemetery with its unique ambiance is one of the oldest and most beautiful cemeteries in the world. The Catacombs, hewn out of the Mönchsberg rock, are one of the special attractions in St. Peter's Cemetery and are said to be of early Christian origin.

It was here that the dramatic flight scenes were filmed.



The **Rock Riding School (Festival House)**. For the construction of the cathedral, rocks were cut out of Mount Mönchsberg. In 1693, Archbishop Johann Ernst von Thun decided to use this cavity and had a riding school built in which tournaments were held. Today the Rock Riding School is a theater and one of *the* venues situated in the Festival District. The "real" von Trapp family sang here at a choir competition.

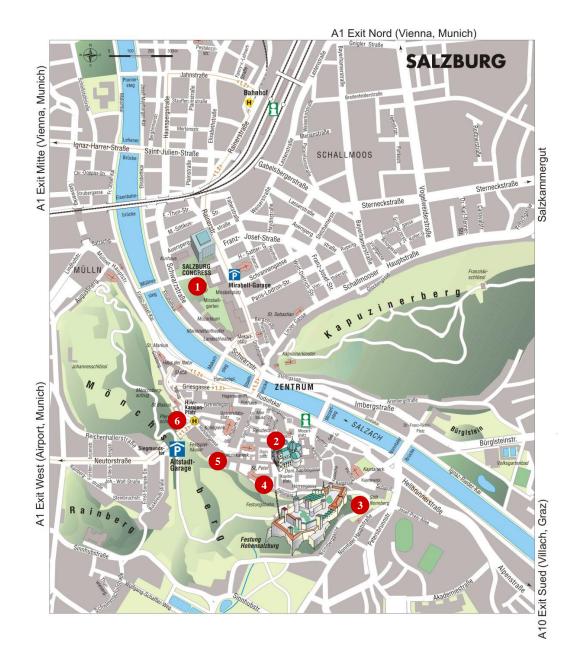
In the movie, the family members sing "Do-Re-Mi", "Edelweiss" and "So Long, Farewell" in the Rock Riding School, and escape before they can receive their first prize.



The **Horse Pond**, next to the Festival House, was built in 1695 by the Austrian architect Fischer von Erlach and served as a watering place for the Archbishop's riding stables.

You can see the Horse Pond in the scene of "I Have Confidence", when Maria leaves the Abbey to take care of the Von Trapp children.

Overview





Close to the City Centre of Salzburg

The following "Sound of Music"- locations are close to the city centre and easily to reach by public transport or bicycle. The exact situation you find on our city map available at the Tourist-Information offices or on http://www.salzburg.info/static/cms/salzburginfo/bdb07_service/stadtplangr.pdf



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Frohnburg Castle was built in the 17th century as a country house for the prince archbishops.

Used in the movie as the front of the Von Trapp Villa the following scenes were shot: when Maria's first arrival at the Von Trapp Villa; the Captain tearing down the nazi flag above the doorway and the family's attempt to escape from the nazis by pushing their car silently out of the gate and get caught.

Bus n° 3 or 8 from bus-stop "Rathaus" (city center) to the bus-stop "Polizeidirektion", then turn right to "Frohnburgweg". By bicycle or foot through the lane "Hellbrunner Allee"



The **Gazebo**. The palace Hellbrunn with its parks was built in 1612 by Markus Sittikus as summer-seat south to the city. After a complete renovation, the Sound-of-Music-pavilion was reconstructed close to the Hellbrunn Trick Fountains (from the Renaissance).

One of the main locations for the movie is the glass gazebo, setting for the two main love scenes: "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" (Liesl and Rolf) and "Something Good" (Maria and the Captain).

City-map Grid J10, n° 45 (inside the Park). Bus n° 25 to Hellbrunn,



Leopoldskron Castle is without doubt one of the most beautiful rococo buildings in the Salzburg region and was built in 1731 by Archbishop Leopold Count Firmian as a residence for his family. Today it is owned by the "Salzburg Seminar in American Studies", an institution that focuses on economy matters and is run as a hotel.

Scenes in which you see the garden and the terrace: the family drinking pink lemonade ("not too sweet, not too sour, just too... pink!"); the children falling off the boat in the lake, Maria and the Captain arguing. The Venetian room from the castle was copied and used as the ballroom for the interior shootings which were done in the studios.

City-map Grid F7. Take Bus n° 22 from "Hanuschplatz" (fish-market) – bus-stop "Wartbergweg"; follow the "Firmianstraße" straight ahead



Sound of Music Locations



Salzburg Surroundings

Sites situated outside Salzburg e.g. the church in Mondsee, can be visited with a private car or public bus.



Mount **Untersberg** – 1,853 meters above the Salzburg basin - offers a great view across the region. You can climb Mount Untersberg, which takes more than 2 hours and which you should not attempt without proper footwear and windbreaker, as well as food and water provisions. You should also not be afraid of heights. There is an easier way though, you can also take the cable car.

You can see Mount Untersberg twice in the movie: in the opening scene, when Maria sings "The Sound of Music", and in the escape scene (the end), when you hear "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" while the family climbs their way to Switzerland. A lot of footage shown in the very first scenes (before Maria starts singing), was also filmed from the Untersberg.

Bus n° 25 ("Rathaus") or "Trainstation" or "Mirabellplatz", all three from the city center of Salzburg to Grödig – Untersbergbahn Talstation (Cable car Valley station)



The **Cathedral of Mondsee** dominates the small town of Mondsee. It once was the heart of an important monastery. Founded in 748 A.D. on the ruins of a Roman settlement, it influenced the culture of the region for more than a thousand years until it was dissolved in 1792.

The wedding scene for "The Sound of Music" was filmed here, the impressive organ is seen and heard.





St. Gilgen is a beautiful village that is situated at a popular lake of the Salzkammergut, The Wolfgangsee. Anna Pertl (Mozart's mother) was born and his sister Nannerl died here. That is why a little Mozart museum has been set up in the city center.

You can see the village in the aerial view at the beginning of "The Sound of Music".





Anif Castle. The castle of neogothic style was built in the 19th century as a summer residence for the Bishops of Chiemsee, Bavaria. Today, it is the **private** property of the Count Moy family. It is of historical interest because the last Bavarian King, Ludwig II, abdicated here in 1918. NOT ACESSIBLE!

The castle can be spotted in the beginning of the film, during the aerial view of the Salzburg region.

Bus n°25 in direction to "Untersberg"

There also exists the possibility to go on "**The Sound of Music Tour**", born in 1965, shortly after the release of the movie, when the first fans came to Salzburg, trying to find locations like the gazebo or the villa.

This tour takes you to the main locations of the movie while the tour guide provides you with behind the scenes information and lets you listen to the soundtrack. The duration of the tour is about 4 hours. You can join the tour at *Salzburg Sightseeing Tours* (www.salzburg-sightseeingtours.at), *Panorama Tours* (www.panoramatours.com), *Bob's Special Tours* (www.bobstours.com) or on bike with "*Fräulein Maria's Bicycle Tour*" (www.mariasbicycletours.com).

A shorter tour is provided by the *Hop-on-Hop-off-bus* (<u>www.salzburg-sightseeingtours.at/hopon-hopoff-info.php?lang=2</u>).

Information on prices you will see from the homepages.

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