



Relive Your Childhood on Salzburg's Sound of Music Tour



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This year, one of Hollywood's most beloved movies is turning 50. That's right, it's been half a century since the hills came alive and **Dame Julie Andrews** twirled in the fields above Salzburg. **Lady Gaga** may have paid the ultimate tribute to "**The Sound of Music**" at the **Academy Awards** the other night, but you can pay your own tribute by walking in Fräulein Maria's footsteps on a Sound of Music tour in **Salzburg**.

For anyone who grew up loving the movie, the tour is a must. From the second the painted bus pulls up in Salzburg, you'll feel like a kid again. The bus tour visits sights not only in Salzburg itself, but also out into the surrounding Austrian countryside and lakes region. Among the Salzburg highlights are the gardens where Maria teaches the children to sing "Do Re Mi" and the gazebo where young Liesl and Rolfe have their duet in the rain. In the small town of Mondsee, you can wander through the stunning cathedral where the movie's classic wedding scene was filmed. And no Sound of Music tour would be complete without a full movie soundtrack accompanied by a knowledgeable guide. Sing-along is optional, but highly encouraged.



gorgeous Austrian landscape that you might otherwise miss. The tour guides are informative beyond just providing movie trivia and there are ample opportunities to get off the bus and walk around. For anyone who needs more convincing, you can purchase adult beverages on the bus to make the experience even more enjoyable.

Unlike a lot of bus tours, the Sound of Music tour is utterly delightful. So, rather than wearing out your DVD copy of the movie, book a trip to Salzburg today and become an honorary Von Trapp. Salzburg might just become one of your favorite things.

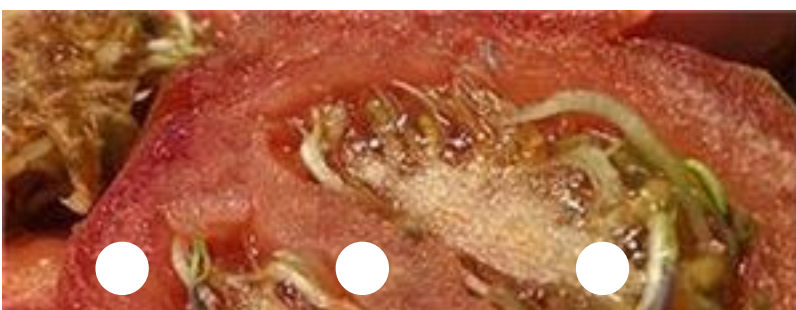
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