



**Berchtesgaden, April 2015**

**Berchtesgaden Salt Mine  
Anniversary year 2017 – we are celebrating 500 years!**

The Salt Mine Berchtesgaden, a site at which salt has been mined since 1517, opened its gates for visitors for the first time more than 170 years ago. In 2017 we are celebrating 500 years! For the anniversary year we are planning a lot of special events and attractions. You are cordially invited to celebrate with us!

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.

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 stagesetting of light, colour and salt creates a Salt Cathedral, in which the universe is reflected. The 40 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.

Imbedded in the mountain landscape of Berchtesgaden, the Salt Mine tour 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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