



Montana:Musica Festival “Echoes of Gastein“ Bad Hofgastein/Austria

International Festival for choirs & music groups in the Gastein Valley



Located in the province of Salzburg, the alpine Spa **Bad Hofgastein** invites international music groups and choirs to a weekend full of music into the Gastein Valley.

A wonderful mountain world with fresh air, crystal clear mountain streams, rustic mountain lodges, remarkable fauna and flora, all these elements contribute to the special charm of the Gastein Valley!

At the occasion of the traditional “Bauernherbst”, the period when the harvest festival is celebrated, international choirs and music groups get together with local music groups and perform at different venues while enjoying regional specialties. The festival is open to choirs and music groups with a secular music program. All kinds of ensembles are welcome to attend such as folk-dance groups with live music, orchestras and music groups of various genres (for example jazz bands, brass band music among others). The repertoire is free to choose, all music styles are permitted. Performances in traditional costumes are very welcome!

The festival highlights include the participation in a “Hoagascht”, a relaxed musical get-together as well as the Gala Concert in the Kursaal Bad Hofgastein. Interested choirs or individual participants are invited to take part in a hiking tour in the Gastein Valley and to rehearse a yodel.

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Our program for your trip:

Friday: Arrival & Festival Opening

Outward journey with your own bus. Meeting with your Montana:Musica festival assistant **and check-in to your accommodation in Bad Hofgastein.**

Early dinner at accommodation.

Evening: Official opening ceremony of the Festival Montana:Musica in the Alpenarena in Bad Hofgastein (**in case of bad weather: Kursaal**). Welcoming speech by local representatives of the town of Bad Hofgastein and local wind band. First **meeting with the Artistic Director** of the Festival.

Saturday: Outdoor Performances / Rehearsals & Gala Concert

Breakfast at accommodation.

Morning: Outdoor performances on public squares in Bad Hofgastein.

Afternoon: Individual rehearsal for all participants and joint rehearsal for the Gala concert in the Kursaal of Bad Hofgastein.

Early dinner at accommodation.

Evening: Montana:Musica Gala Concert of all participating groups at the **Kursaal in Bad Hofgastein!**

Each group will perform a freely chosen program of 15 minutes.

Distribution of participation certificates to all participating groups.

The Festival will end with the performance of a common piece.



Sunday: Singing at the Schlossalm and “Bauernherbst” meets Montana:Musica

Breakfast at the accommodation.

Morning: Today you will glide with the new **cable car** from the ground station in Bad Hofgastein to the **Schlossalm** which lies **2.066 m above sea level**.

Individual open-air performances of the participating choirs and music groups high up on the mountain.

Afternoon: Bauernherbst meets Montana:Musica.

Enjoy the “Bauernherbst” – the period when after a busy summer the herdsmen and dairymaids return with their livestock from their alpine pastures down to the valley. This period is the “fifth season” of the year in the Gastein Valley. The harvest festival is celebrated with delicacies from the farmhouse and traditional festivities in the Salzburger Land and **the celebration calls for singing, laughing and dancing during social get togethers**. Explore one of the many inns and cafes of Bad Hofgastein. While you can taste some of the mouthwatering regional specialties, a local music group will entertain the guests and the festival-participants.

In the region, this sort of social get-together is called a “**Hoagascht**” and in the Gastein Valley you will find the “**Masters of Hoagascht**” dressed in their traditional **lederhosen** and **dirndl** dresses.

Spend a free evening on your own.

Monday: Departure

Breakfast at the accommodation.

Check out and departure or extend your stay (upon request).

All program details are subject to changes!

Upon request and additional charge, we would gladly organize an extension of your stay or help you planning the following excursions:

- Guided tour to the **Hohenwerfen Fortress with birds of prey show** (48 km)
- **Visit of Salzburg** (98 km) including a guided 2 hour walking tour of the Old Town