



IS IT SAFE?

Salzburg

SOLO TRAVELER SAFETY GUIDE

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OVERALL SAFETY ASSESSMENT

RATING ●●●●● Very safe. Standard awareness sufficient.

Salzburg is one of Europe's safest cities. Violent crime is virtually nonexistent in tourist areas, and the city ranks among Austria's most secure destinations. The UNESCO-listed Altstadt is pedestrianized, beautifully lit, and heavily visited — security concerns are minimal at any hour. The main practical consideration is not safety but cost: Salzburg is an expensive city. Budget carefully, but move through it freely.

RATING SCALE

- = Very safe
- = Safe
- = Use caution
- = Avoid at night
- = Avoid

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY AT A GLANCE

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Very safe

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Safe

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Use caution

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Avoid at night

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Avoid

AREA	RATING	NOTES
Altstadt (Old Town)	●●●●●	UNESCO zone. Exceptional safety.
Monchsberg / Festungsberg	●●●●●	Well-patrolled hilltop paths.
Linzergerasse / Neustadt	●●●●●	Quiet residential. Very safe.
Nonntal	●●●●●	Peaceful southern area. No concerns.
Schallmoos	●●●●○	Local residential area. Safe at all hours.
Central Station area	●●●●○	Standard awareness near transport hubs.
Lehen	●●●○●	Away from tourist zone; standard awareness.

Salzburg's Altstadt is among the safest urban areas in Europe. The narrow cobbled lanes feel entirely secure day and night — explore them freely.

GETTING AROUND SAFELY

MODE	RATING	NOTES
Bus (Salzburg AG)	●●●●●	Reliable and safe throughout the city.
Train (Salzburg Hbf)	●●●●●	Excellent connections; safe.
Walking (Altstadt)	●●●●●	Outstanding pedestrian city.
Cycling	●●●●●	Good infrastructure; safe routes.
Taxi / Bolt	●●●●●	No overcharging concerns.
Night transport	●●●●○	Night buses available; quiet and safe.

COMMON SCAMS & HOW TO AVOID THEM

- Mozart concert ticket touts:**
Sellers outside venues charge premium prices. Book directly with the venue or reputable online platforms.
- Souvenir price inflation:**
Compare prices before buying in tourist-heavy streets near the Getreidegasse.
- Currency exchange kiosks:**
Rates are poor compared to bank ATMs. Use bank machines only for best exchange.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

- Dial 112 or 144 for medical emergencies.
- LKH Salzburg is the main public hospital with international patient experience.
- Apotheken (pharmacies) throughout the city; English widely spoken.
- Tap water in Salzburg is safe and excellent quality.
- EHIC / travel insurance recommended.

SOLO WOMEN TRAVELERS

Salzburg is one of the finest cities in Europe for solo women travelers. Safety concerns are minimal across the entire city, day and night. The Altstadt and tourist zone present virtually no risk at any hour. Solo women routinely walk Monchsberg and the old town well into the evening without concern. Standard awareness is entirely sufficient.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police (Polizei)	133
Ambulance (Rettung)	144
Fire (Feuerwehr)	122
All Emergencies	112
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