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St.Gallen's outstanding cultural offering

has been shaped both by tradition and modernity. The Abbey of St.Gallen, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the old town with its alleys and more than 300 bay windows are in perfect harmony with architecture by Santiago Calatrava, for example in the Pfalz Keller, the fountains and installations by Roman Signer on various buildings, and of course the «Stadt-lounge», the city's «Red Square». St.Gallen's many museums and galleries exhibit art of all genres, natural history and ethnology, as well as history. The Textile Museum and Swiss Museum of Naive Art in the Lagerhaus are absolute gems.

Fans of classical music and operas will find what they are looking for in the Tonhalle concert hall, the St.Galler Festspiele and Theater St.Gallen, as will devotees of open-air and sacred music. Jazz, rock, pop, gospel and folk music festivals are also regularly staged at many venues. Theatre and dance, whether traditional, modern or alternative, also feature regularly in the city's cultural life. From established theatre, experimental dance and avant-garde cabaret all the way through to puppet shows at the «Figurentheater, St.Gallen» offers everything in its programme.





At a glance

- Old town charm and architectural treasures
- Fascinating museums and galleries
- The very finest music, drama and dance
- Active alternative cultural scene



The charm of St.Gallen's old town is spellbinding. The Abbey of St.Gallen with its magnificent baroque cathedral, the abbey library and its lapidarium are just as impressive as the winding lanes bejewelled with bay windows and the palatial residences, villas, factories and museums. All were built in the heyday of the textile industry at the turn of the century. These are harmoniously punctuated by modern architectural treasures including Santiago Calatrava's emergency services centre and the Pfalz Keller, and the Stadtlounge by Pipilotti Rist and Carlos Martinez. St. Gallen-Lake Constance Tourism organises a range of theme-based city tours that really get to the heart of the matter.

More than a dozen museums with permanent and ever-changing exhibitions attract a broad audience. There is a historic and ethnographic museum, an art and natural history museum, a textile museum, the Museum for Naive Art and Art Brut and the «Kunst Halle St.Gallen». Other local museums are the beer bottle museum, the music box museum and a private fountain pen museum. Art lovers will certainly strike it lucky in one of the more than half-a-dozen galleries.

Abbey library www.stibi.ch

Concerts and theatre

www.lokremise.ch, www.theatersg.ch

Cultural information www.kultur.stadt.sg.ch,

Culture magazine www.saiten.ch

Event calendar www.lokremise.ch, www.ostevents.ch,

www.saiten.ch, www.stgallen.usgang.ch,

www.stadt.sg.ch > Freizeit Veranstaltungen > Veranstaltungskalender

Kellerbühne, city theatres www.kellerbuehne.ch

Palace, Grabenhalle, event venues www.palace.sg,

www.grabenhalle.ch

Places of interest, city tours, museums

www.st.gallen-bodensee.ch, www.st.gallen.ch/museen

Puppet theatre www.figurentheater-sg.ch

St.Galler festival www.stgallerfestspiele.ch

The Tonhalle and Theater St.Gallen stage 400 productions every year for a wide audience. Their programme includes musicals and operas, concerts by the St.Gallen Symphony Orchestra, guest concerts by foreign ensembles, and traditional performances of modern theatre and world-class classical and experimental dance. Since autumn 2010 will see the opening of the newly renovated locomotive shed. This coming summer the abbey grounds will provide the stage for a unique open-air opera and dance experience during the St.Galler Festspiele.

St.Gallen's varied cultural offerings also include the with its ever-changing shows, the «Grabenhalle» and the former «Palace» cinema. They are all widely known as favoured haunts of the avant-garde and alternative scene. There and in many clubs and bars, fans of jazz, rock and other styles will find what they are looking for.

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