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HOTEL SCHLOSS MÖNCHSTEIN  
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# Hotel Schloss Mönchstein\*\*\*\*\*s

## Luxury above the roofs of Salzburg

Hotel Schloss Mönchstein\*\*\*\*\*s sits atop the Mönchsberg, above the roofs of the city of Salzburg. Having received a “superior” rating, the hotel counts among the most exclusive addresses in Austria<sup>1</sup> and has been described as the most enchanting castle hotel in the world.<sup>2</sup> Alongside the peaceful location in 14,000 m<sup>2</sup> of castle grounds, the luxury hotel offers a unique panorama of the city, 24 individual rooms and suites in a classic design, an award-winning gourmet restaurant with an unparalleled view over Salzburg’s old town, an extensive spa area with a heated outdoor infinity pool, as well as a multitude of opportunities to celebrate exclusive events and dreamlike weddings in suitable surroundings.

Nestled among gorgeous nature, directly above the roofs of Salzburg, Hotel Schloss Mönchstein\*\*\*\*\*s enjoys a particularly special location, considered today to be one of the most exclusive hotel addresses<sup>1</sup> in Austria.

### A historic place steeped in tradition

The history of the castle stretches back to the late 14<sup>th</sup> century and first appears in documents under the name “Tetelheimer Turm”. During the 17<sup>th</sup> century, it came into the possession of the St. Peter’s Abbey, which made the building available to the esteemed “Professoris” so that they could recuperate after “heavy mental labour”, and it subsequently came to be known in the vernacular as the “Professors’ Castle”. The tower room, which still exists today, was then used as an astronomical research station. At that time, the Mönchsberg was made traversable by Archbishop Paris Lodron. Over the centuries, prominent guests came to enjoy the exclusive location: Catherine the Great sent a belt as a thank-you gift, the Princess of Liechtenstein was given her own “garden bench for observing”, and Alexander von Humboldt praised this “small slice of paradise” above the city. It was not until after the Second World War that this special place became accessible to the wider public through its transformation into a hotel in 1948.

<sup>1</sup>Trip Advisor 2017<sup>2</sup> Hideaway Report

## **An owner who invests in quality**

In 2005, the successful Swiss entrepreneur Dr Hans-Peter Wild took over Hotel Schloss Mönchstein\*\*\*\*\*s. Since then, the businessman, who is known for being the owner of all the companies across the globe which trade under the brand names Capri-Sonne© and Capri-Sun©, has continued to invest in the ongoing modernisation and improvement of this traditional hotel: “I invest in quality with potential. Both were present in this hotel. It is wonderful to witness how this special place has been improved, modernised, and developed positively through investments in recent years”, Dr Wild proudly summarises. His words chime with the hotel’s success: at the end of 2020 the hotel received the “World Luxury Award” for the best castle hotel in the world for the fourth time in a row. The entrepreneur also feels at home in Salzburg himself: “Salzburg has always welcomed me with open arms and I relish the time that I get to spend here.”

## **International recognition of quality**

The quality and high level of the hotel have already been rewarded multiple times at the highest level: Top 100 Country Hotels in the World (Dr Klaus Besser), Grand Award of the “Hideaway Report” for the most enchanting castle hotel in the world, the elevation of the hotel by the Professional Association for Hotel Industry of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber to five-star superior hotel. By the end of 2020, Hotel Schloss Mönchstein\*\*\*\*\*s had not only received 4,5 Gault Millau bonets and 17 points once again, but had also been awarded “Best Luxury Castle Hotel” (worldwide) in the renowned World Luxury Awards. These special accolades are also an endorsement of continued investment in the site.

In June 2020 the gourmet restaurant `THE GLASS GARDEN` was additionally awarded with one Michelin star.

## OVERVIEW:

### **Central yet peaceful green location with panoramic view**

Situated within 14.000 m<sup>2</sup> of castle grounds, Hotel Schloss Mönchstein\*\*\*\*\*s offers absolute peace and quiet with a superb panoramic view over the city of Salzburg. Thanks to the central location, Salzburg's old town can be reached in just a few minutes on foot. A comfortable alternative is the nearby Mönchsberg lift, which immediately transports you into the heart of the city.

### **24 exclusive suites and rooms with castle character**

Hotel Schloss Mönchstein\*\*\*\*\*s offers guests 24 rooms and suites with an individual castle character in a classic design. The rooms set themselves apart through their attention to detail, high quality craftsmanship, premium materials and luxury accessories. As well as their unique ambience, they naturally include all the conveniences of top-class, modern hotels. Prices vary according to the size of the accommodation, the time of the season and correspond to the luxury hotels category.

### **Top service with personal character**

The 40 passionate staff at the hotel put their heart and soul into ensuring that their guests enjoy a perfect stay. From accommodating special culinary requirements, right through to designing comprehensive activity programmes, the professional hotel staff carry out every task in order to offer their guests an exceptional experience around the clock.

## **Award-winning gourmet cuisine in “The Glass Garden” restaurant**

Located under the new glass dome and offering a spectacular view, the à-la-carte restaurant “The Glass Garden”, in which head chef Markus Mayr serves up cuisine with a passion to guests and external visitors alike, was recently awarded with 4,5 Gault Millau bonnets and one Michelin star in 2020. With its continuous panorama window façade, which can even be opened in suitable weather, the restaurant offers an extraordinary view of Salzburg’s old town. The interior comfortably holds 40 guests and contains both premium, hand-made furnishings and an elaborate lighting design, which create an outstanding atmosphere. This way, the hand-blown glass sculpture by American artist Dale Chihuly is also cast in the correct light. The sculpture entitled “Chrysolite Aqua Tower” is made up of over 140 handmade glass pieces, which are combined together on a steel structure. The exceptional American artist, whose work is found in over 200 accredited art collections across the globe, has just exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian Museum of American Art. The cuisine itself enjoys an excellent reputation both with Salzburger gourmets as well as with international guests and is best described as creative, modern, light and harmonious. Head chef Markus Mayr encourages guests to enjoy the delicacies he conjures using premium quality ingredients “with all the senses”. In addition, the Hotel offers further locations for exclusive culinary events: the Schloss Mönchstein restaurant, the heritage-protected Gothic Salon and Mönchstein Hall (all three linked to room rent).

## **The Apollo Bar**

The newly finished bar area, which charms guests with its specially handmade bar and subtle suspended lighting design, provides a cosy and inviting atmosphere with a view of the lush natural surroundings from which you can enjoy exclusive drinks. The bar has space for up to 40 people beneath the striking architecture of the glass dome and is also open to external guests from noon until 11:00 pm.

## Weddings and events

Hotel Schloss Mönchstein\*\*\*\*\*s is a popular wedding location for regional and international guests. Weddings of varying scope can be professionally planned. From ceremonies in the intimate space of the historic Gothic Salon to large celebrations in the open air, everything is possible. With its location and romantic scenery, Hotel Schloss Mönchstein\*\*\*\*\*s offers the ideal surroundings for a successful wedding party and, what's more, all the services that make this day particularly special. An exclusive styling for the bride and groom in the hotel beauty spa can be booked as an additional service. If you would rather not indulge in all this grandeur, the "Rent-your-castle" package allows you to reserve the entire castle exclusively for you.

## Wellness haven and day spa

A modern wellness haven awaits hotel guests and day visitors alike with a steam bath, saunas and its own fitness studio, covering a total area of 300 m<sup>2</sup>. First-class beauty treatments, therapies and massages are offered in addition. The expansive outdoor area contains a whirlpool with massage jets and a heated 20 m outdoor infinity pool constructed from steel with a view over the city.

## Seminars and conferences

The easy accessibility, peaceful location above Salzburg as well as the unique ambience and available spaces make Schlosshotel Mönchstein an ideal location for conferences and seminars. The competent advice and comprehensive range of rooms round off the hotel as a seminar destination. Moreover, the spatial infrastructure of the hotel provides the ideal setting for events and functions of any kind.

# FACT SHEET

## HOTEL SCHLOSS MÖNCHSTEIN\*\*\*\*\*S

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<b>Brief description</b>	Hotel Schloss Mönchstein*****s is a five-star superior castle hotel in Salzburg, Austria. As the first castle hotel of this category in Salzburg, it offers guests comfort and service at the very highest level. Alongside its peaceful location above the roofs of the festival city, the hotel charms visitors with its 24 luxurious rooms and suites, its exclusive service, an award-winning gourmet kitchen and a 300 m <sup>2</sup> beauty spa and wellness area. In addition to hospitality, the hotel is known for organising unique functions of all sizes and its myriad different spaces provide a suitable setting for conferences and
<b>Administration &amp; management</b>	Samantha Teufel (General Manager)
<b>Owner</b>	DOCIS GmbH & Co KG
<b>Address</b>	Mönchsberg Park 26
<b>Category</b>	Five-star superior castle hotel
<b>Number of rooms</b>	24 exclusive suites and rooms with city or park view  double rooms: Superior – Executive – Deluxe Junior Suite – Castle Suite – Mönchstein Suite – Apollo Suite ---Maria Theresia Suite
<b>Prices</b>	Corresponding to hotel category
<b>Room facilities</b>	State-of-the-art technology & free WI-FI
<b>Total staff</b>	Approx. 40
<b>Bar</b>	<b>The Apollo Bar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cosy atmosphere under the glass dome with classy furnishings and view of nature</li><li>• Space for 40 people</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusive drinks menu</li> <li>• Opening hours: (also for external guests): noon until 11:00 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Restaurants</b>	<p><b>„The Glass Garden“: À-la-Carte restaurant with 4,5 Gault Millau bonnets and one Michelin star</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch: noon until 1:30 pm</li> <li>• Evening: 6:00 pm until 9:30 pm</li> </ul> <p><i>During festival period à la carte menu through the day.</i></p> <p>Schloss Mönchstein restaurant (linked to room rent)</p>
<b>Day spa &amp; wellness area</b>	<p>300 m<sup>2</sup> area</p> <p>Outdoor infinity pool with panorama view</p> <p>Whirlpool in natural surroundings</p> <p>Steam bath &amp; sauna</p> <p>Modern fitness studio</p> <p>Beauty &amp; therapeutic treatments</p>
<b>Events &amp; weddings</b>	<p><b>Four locations for every occasion and every size:</b></p> <p>Gothic Chamber (max. 22 seats)</p> <p>Schloss Mönchstein Restaurant (max. 55 seats)</p> <p>Haerdtl Garden Villa (max. 100 seats)</p> <p>Mönchstein Hall (max. 100 seats)</p> <p>Award-winning gourmet cuisine</p> <p>Festive setting in castle grounds for reception and photoshoot</p> <p>Experienced and innovative staff for the perfect running of the day</p>
<b>Seminars &amp; conferences</b>	<p>Full and half-day seminar packages</p> <p>State-of-the-art conference equipment in the hotel</p> <p>Personalised supporting programme according to individual needs</p>
<b>Rent-your-castle</b>	<p>Exclusive reservation of the entire castle for closed events</p>



# HOTEL HISTORY

## A hotel with history

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<b>1350</b>	The "Mönchstein" first appears in documents under the name "Tettelheimer Turm".
<b>1531</b>	Virgil Fröschlmoser constructs a "Meyer" house, stables, a barn and a chapel on the castle site. On the rocky outcrop he builds a stone tower and soon afterwards a cistern.
<b>1622</b>	The castle is sold to the Mülln Abbey. Archbishop Paris Lodron has fortifications built such as Monica gates, Augustinian gates and drawbridges.
<b>1643</b>	According to Philipp Harpff, Mönchstein is expanded into a three-floor tower construction.
<b>1654</b>	St. Peter's Abbey takes possession of the castle for "learned Professoris" to "recover from heavy mental labour". As a result, it acquires the name "Professors' castle" in the vernacular.
<b>1661</b>	Formal consecration of the chapel. The present-day tower room is used as an astronomic observation station.
<b>1815</b>	Famous guests visit Mönchstein: Catherine the Great sent a belt as a token of gratitude for the hospitality, the Princess of Liechtenstein was given her own "garden bench for observing", and Alexander von Humboldt enthusiastically praised this "slice of paradise" in Mozart's city.
<b>1887</b>	The banker Leitner has a road constructed from Mülln, which reaches up to the electric Mönchsberg lift. The lift is also a construction that was financed by Leitner.
<b>1895</b>	The town council acquires the lift, which exists until after the Second World War. Only then is the Mönchsberg lift relocated to inside the rock.
<b>1919</b>	The architecture of Schloss Mönchstein is expanded substantially.
<b>1948</b>	Further renovation adds to the castle.
<b>1956</b>	The Mierka family takes possession of the castle and transforms it into a castle hotel.
<b>1984</b>	Dr Klaus Besser includes Hotel Schloss Mönchstein in the "100 best country hotels in Europe".

<b>1984</b>	Awarding as part of the “Grand Awards” of the “most enchanting castle hotel in the world” by the Hideaway Report.
<b>1986</b>	Receipt of the “American Gold Star for Quality” from B.I.D. - USA.
<b>1989</b>	Formal opening of the “Salzburger wedding wall” and three years later of the castle’s baptismal register.
<b>1993</b>	The castle’s restaurant is honoured with two Gault Millau stars and is therefore judged the best restaurant in the city of Salzburg.
<b>1995</b>	The 500 <sup>th</sup> bridal couple formally exchange their vows in the castle chapel.
<b>1996</b>	Hotel Schloss Mönchstein becomes a founding member of European Castle Hotels.
<b>1997</b>	Opening of the “Mönchstein Panorama Path”, which leads to the Mönchsberg old town lift.
<b>2003</b>	Extensive renovation and expansion of the awe-inspiring castle. It shines in new splendour just in time for the beginning of the festival period and is officially opened.
<b>2004</b>	Receives the “Sterne Award” from the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber – Professional Association for Hotel Industry 2004.
<b>2005</b>	Swiss entrepreneur Dr Hans-Peter Wild acquires the hotel.
<b>2008</b>	First investments target the renovation of the rooms, modification of the restaurant and construction of an exclusive spa and wellness area.
<b>2010</b>	Austria’s Professional Association for Hotel Industry selects the hotel as the first hotel in the whole of Salzburg to receive the “superior” rating.
<b>2011</b>	As of January 2011 it is possible to get married in a civil ceremony in Hotel Schloss Mönchstein*****s.
<b>2013</b>	Start of further extensive expansion works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revitalisation of the Haerdtl Villa</li> <li>• Building of Mönchstein Hall</li> <li>• Construction of the 20 m outdoor infinity pool</li> </ul>
<b>2014</b>	Hotel Schloss Mönchstein*****s re-opens and presents, among other things, the outdoor infinity pool and a new terrace.

2017	Start of the last phase of renovation in September:  Construction of a unique glass and steel dome.
2017	In November, head chef Markus Mayr's à-la-carte restaurant is awarded two stars and 16 points by Gault Millau.
2017	In December, the hotel enjoys great success in the renowned "World Luxury Awards", winning awards in the following categories:  Best Luxury Castle Hotel (Worldwide)  Best Luxury Honeymoon Hotel (Austria)  Best Luxury Spa Hotel (Austria)  Completion of the innovative glass dome construction  Opening of the new gourmet restaurant "The Glass Garden"  Opening of the newly-designed Apollo Bar  Complete reworking of the 24 rooms and suites  New seating and renovation of Mönchstein Hall
2020	In October, head chef Markus Mayr's à-la-carte restaurant is awarded with 4,5 Gault Millau bonnets and one Michelin star

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