

Oberndorf

Oberndorf is a city in Austria located near Salzburg in a scenic Alpine setting.

Get in

Oberndorf is located north of Salzburg and can be reached in about 30 minutes by local train from Salzburg train station, departing many times daily

Get around

It's a small town with no public transportation (other than the train linking the town with Salzburg), but you can walk around with ease.

See

The only sight of worth of the Silent Night Chapel located near the river. This is the original site of the church where Franz Gruber added the melody to Joseph Mohr's poem on Christmas in early 19th century, thereby creating the Christmas carol "Silent Night" and performing with guitar and vocals for the first time.

The church was damaged by the flood since, and the town did not have enough money to repair it, so it was demolished. Today, a small chapel (Silent Night Chapel) stands on the spot, bringing visitors. Next to the Chapel are Joseph Mohr's home and a Museum.

The two-story museum has a gift shop on the first floor and the museum on the second floor. Various displays on Mohr, Gruber, and Silent Night upstairs, but as of 2005, only in German. Visitors who do not speak German will be given a sheet of paper in their languages with explanations of the Chapel and Silent Night, but it's a poor substitute. There is a small charge for the Museum.

The first-floor gift shop sells various Silent Night-themed items, such as candles, snowglobes, etc.

Buy

The Silent Night Museum sells various Christmas-related items, such as candles with Silent Night motif, snowglobes playing Silent Night tunes, etc. As of 2005, they only accept cash, and the items are somewhat expensive (6 Euros for a small candle, more

than 30 Euros for a snowglobe, etc), but people still buy them for the sake of having bought them from the Silent Night Museum.

For more info see www.wikipedia.com

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