



**SALZ
BERG
WERK**
BAD FRIEDRICHSHALL

**COME
DOWN
HERE!**

HISTORY

SALT

TECHNOLOGY

180m



THE VISITOR MINE

The salt mine in Bad Friedrichshall-Kochendorf is the perfect excursion destination for young and old in any weather. The special atmosphere and unimaginable dimensions underground invite you to stay and come down. Unique and unforgettable.



SALT

Learn all sorts of interesting facts about the exciting and diverse subject of salt.

HISTORY

Experience the approximately 200 million year old history of our earth at a depth of 180 metres.

TECHNOLOGY

Being fascinated by the gigantic mining technology underground.

UNDERGROUND FASCINATION

An exciting experience awaits you at a depth of around 200 metres: Upon leaving the lift, you will enter the world of salt with its fascinating attractions.

In the huge salt chambers, interesting and interactive presentations tell the history of salt mining and spectacular media and light installations captivate both young and old. Here past and present meet in fascinating displays of information whilst walk-through cubes present many themes concerning salt.



180 metres

About 1,5 kilometres long

Disabled-friendly
paths also
underground

Underground
temperature: 18 °C

Sturdy footwear
recommended

HOW TO GET HERE

By car/bus:

The salt mine Bad Friedrichshall is near the motorway exit Heilbronn/Neckarsulm on the A 6. Then follow the B 27 towards Bad Friedrichshall/Mosbach, take the Bad Friedrichshall-Kochendorf exit and look for the signs to the "Salzbergwerk" (salt mine). Free parking available.

By public transport:

By rail: The salt mine is on the Mannheim/Würzburg to Stuttgart lines directly by Bad Friedrichshall-Kochendorf train station. Following the footpath, it is only two minutes to the entrance.

By bus: If travelling by bus, get off at the "Kochendorf Bergstraße" bus stop in Bad Friedrichshall-Kochendorf. The shortest route, which takes around eight minutes by foot, leads through Bergstraße and across Bahnhofstraße towards the railway station. The salt mine is located directly behind it.

By bike:

Numerous cycle routes in the Heilbronn region (for example the Salt and Brine Cycle Route, the Neckar Valley Cycle Route or the Kocher-Jagst Cycle Route) lead to the salt mine. Bicycle parking spaces are located near the entrance or at the nearby railway station. There is also a Bike-Service-Point at the lock.



THEN

Two hundred million years ago the area around Bad Friedrichshall was part of an immense shallow inland sea which adjoined a deep ocean. Saltwater flowed from this ocean into the inland sea which did not have an outlet. This inflow ran dry and, at the same time, the water evaporated due to a desert-like climate which led to an increase in the salt concentration. Salt crystals formed which settled on the sea bed and, during the geological epochs, were covered by rock layers.

In 1816, mine councillor Bilfinger in Jagstfeld ordered the first drilling at 150 metres depth of a solid rock salt deposit in central Europe. However, it was only in 1859 under the guidance of geologist and saline specialist Friedrich von Alberti that the shaft construction was a success. After salt mining in Jagstfeld finished in 1895, a new shaft called King Wilhelm II was constructed in the neighbouring village of Kochendorf and completed in 1899.



TODAY

In 1994 the mining of salt in Bad Friedrichshall-Kochendorf came to an end and since this time the site has been used as a visitor mine and backfill mine.

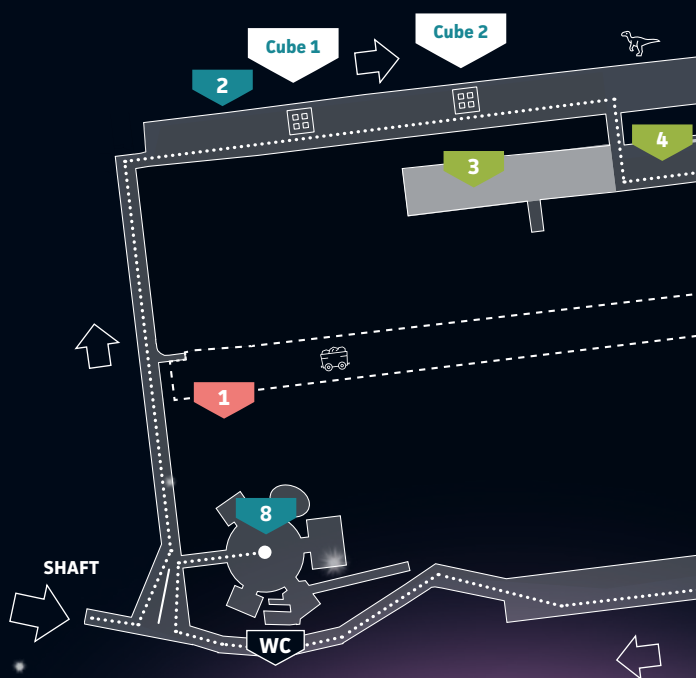
Visitor Mine:

The mining chambers near the shaft have been converted into an attractive visitor's tour that provides its guests with unforgettable impressions.



Filling the cavities:

A large part of the cavities created by salt mining is filled by Südwestdeutsche Salzwerke AG with residual materials which cannot be reintroduced to the raw materials cycle. Today, the cavities are an important component in solving environmental problems in a responsible way through safe storage.



1 Processing plant

2 Geology chamber (Cube 1 + Cube 2)

3 Kochendorf Concentration Camp Memorial

4 Art Storage

SALT



THE GEOLOGY CHAMBER

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A journey in time into the earth with a unique and impressive 160 metres long geological drilling core accompanied by dinosaur replicas and changing light moods. Find out everything about salt – in walk-through elements which have been designed to resemble the crystalline and cube-shaped structure of salt. A modern presentation with media installations, laboratory equipment and interactive areas.

Cube 1: Movies show and explain how salt was formed in the Heilbronn region and document worldwide supplies and the various methods of salt mining.

Cube 2: An interactive laboratory for young and old – “Salt up close!” – great interactive fun for all the family.

Cube 1+2



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MEMORIAL



EUROPÄISCHES
KULTurerbe-SIEGEL



The “Kochendorf Concentration Camp Memorial” offers a moment of reflection and quiet. The mining chambers of the salt mine were also considerably affected by the period of the Third Reich. The bombproof tunnels were alienated and used for the armament industry. At the start of 1944, part of the Natzweiler-Struthof concentration camp was established here. The prisoners here had to help set up an armament factory in the salt mine which made parts for the aircraft industry.

For the exhibition as well as the cross-border cooperation, the Miklos Klein Foundation was awarded the European Heritage Label as one of twelve satellite camps of the former Natzweiler concentration camp.

ART STORAGE

Numerous artworks of national significance were also stored in the mine during the war to protect them from damage.



THE TECHNOLOGY CHAMBER

This presents the incredible technical development which has occurred in recent decades in the mining and transport of salt with effective machines. An impressive visual show offers an idea of what immense powers are at work underground. Other media for passive and active information include special learning cubes, partly with monitors and partly with exhibits.



THE CRYSTAL ROOM

The Crystal Room has always been a showplace for underground festivities. In 1951, for example, the town of Bad Friedrichshall celebrated, under the light of its clear salt crystals, receiving its town privileges and, in 1999, the mine celebrated its centenary.

HISTORY



TECHNOLOGY



THE HIGH TECH CHAMBER

One of the largest types of mining equipment in the world, which introduced mining by cutting in 2006, is the Continuous Miner. These machines are deployed at the Heilbronn rock salt mine. One example is vividly presented in the High Tech Chamber. Here, the work of the Continuous Miner is also shown on a large screen.



Cube 3

***Cube 3:** Here exhibits show how important salt is in our everyday lives – in foods, industry and medicine.*



THE DOME ROOM

With its powerful simplicity, the Dome Room conveys a memorable impression. It represents, as honorary dome, a unique mining achievement. At a height of 25 metres, the salt and stone rings from the rock formation flow together in a sea of light up to the dome. Sculptural reliefs document the myth of salt. To finish, visitors can enjoy a trip down the 40 metres long slide.



OPENING TIMES

The salt mine is open from **May 1st up to and including October 3rd**, exclusively **on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays!** Entrances will take place between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm (last entry). Please arrive by 3.00 pm at the latest. The last exit from the salt mine is at 5.30 pm.

ADMISSION

Adult **13,00 €**

Adult groups (20 persons or more, per person)..... **11,50 €**

Children under 6 years **free**

Children/school pupils (6 - 16 years) **7,50 €**

Students (17 - 24 years)..... **10,50 €**

Nursery school

(children under 6 years with accompanying adult)..... **16,00 €**

Family ticket (parents with their own children, 6 - 16 years).... **38,00 €**

Reduced admission for people with disabilities

Adult **10,00 €**

Children (6 - 16 years) **5,00 €**

Season tickets (valid from May 1st to October 3rd each year)

Adult **24,00 €**

Children **13,00 €**

Family ticket..... **68,00 €**

Please register groups in advance. • It is not possible to bring animals into the underground world. • Further information about the visitor's tour and the rules of conduct can be found on the website.

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