

# Kufstein is lighting up at the beginning of the year 1000 LIGHTS

## From 3rd to 5th January is another magical date in Kufsteinerland: the 'Kufstein Festival of 1000 Lights'

From dusk until 8.30 p.m. the town square and the old town center are lit up with candles, lanterns and torches. It is a swarming of flames, lights, shadows, a scenic play of light and darkness that amazes young and old alike. From windows, in the streets, on verandas, thousands of lit lanterns sprout up, creating a dreamlike atmosphere. The alleys, which are already fascinating even in sunlight, acquire a fairytale air, the festive atmosphere echoes through the streets and squares. Gastronomic delicacies, musical entertainment and a children's program welcome in the New Year, which started a few days ago.

## Magical worlds of light and a spectacular program for the 1,000 lights

The beginning of the year does not mark the end of the festivities in Kufstein, but the beginning of a sparkling event. The festive atmosphere is extended in a unique way. 1,000 Lights transforms the fortress town into a magical setting full of twinkling lights, atmospheric shows and festive music **every day from 4 to 9 p.m. from 3 to 5**January.

### Festive charm and fascinating shows

For three days, visitors can look forward to a varied program on Unterer Stadtplatz and in the city park (Stadtpark) that leaves nothing to be desired. Fire shows by Fabula Ignis offer exciting moments every day, while renowned artists such as Manu Delago and the Wilten Boys' Choir provide unforgettable musical experiences with their evocative sounds on the Stadtpark stage.

Another special attraction is the new sky of lights, which floats above guests' heads in the Stadtpark and is sure to amaze visitors. The program is rounded off by carefully designed stands offering regional delicacies from Kufstein's restaurateurs. On 3 January, the shops in the center invite visitors to an extended **shopping evening until 8 pm.** 

#### **First-class musicians**

To ensure that there is something for all visitors and, above all, listeners, 1,000 Lights presents a new musical face every day. And so on the first evening, 3 January, from 6 to 8 p.m., the group DIE3 will delight with Austropop. Their dialectal music celebrates Austrian culture and revives AUSTRIA3's legendary hits.

On the second evening, the audience will be able to enjoy one of the oldest and most renowned boys'choirs in Europe, consisting of 150 young singers: the Wiltener Sängerknaben (Wilten Boys' Choir). From 6 to 7 p.m., 60 of them will perform in the Stadtpark under the direction of Johannes Stecher and entertain with their harmonious voices.

On 5 January, from 6 to 7.30 p.m., the crowning glory will be Manu Delago and his ensemble. The Grammy-nominated composer and percussionist will present his new album *Sow From Yesterday* with the vocal ensemble *Mad About Lemon*. Known for his innovative live concerts, Delago performs with the three singers of *Mad About Lemon* and *Clemens Rofner* on bass and synthesizer. Visual artworks controlled live by the musicians are also created.

### **Program Stage in the Stadtpark (Kufstein City Park)**

Friday, 3 January: 6pm – 8pm // DIE3 - Vienna's austropop cover band

Saturday, 4 January: 6pm – 7pm // Wiltener Sängerknaben (Wilten Boys' Choir)

Sunday, 5 January: 6pm – 7:30pm // Manu Delago Ensemble

All information is available at: www.kufstein.com/en

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