



# Salzburg Marathon

Lauffestspiele der Mozartstadt

9.–15. Mai 2022

## Austrian national champions shine at great comeback of Salzburg Marathon

Austrian Mario Bauernfeind in a personal best of 2:22:27 hours and Hungarian Barbara Molnar in 3:02:10 hours are the winners of the 19th Salzburg Marathon. On a bright summer day with very warm temperatures, Bauernfeind also won the Austrian national championships. In the women's category, the overall runner-up Luzia Ludwig took the championship gold medal in her marathon debut in 3:03:10 hours. Austria's marathon record holder and pre-race favourite Eva Wutti had to end the race early with stomach problems. Winners of the half marathon event were Austrian mountain running specialist Hans-Peter Innerhofer in a personal best of 1:06:47, and Verena Cerna from Germany in 1:22:23.

### Spirit of togetherness at inspiring comeback

After a three-year break, the Salzburg Marathon was returning with a fantastic atmosphere and a great response by the public. „The spirit of togetherness has been present throughout the event week. So many smiling and happy faces showed that our concept was right and that the broad range of running events have been very well received. Running stands for joy and enthusiasm. We want to get a lot of people moving with it and motivate them to lead a healthy lifestyle,“ says Race Director Johannes Langer.

Known as a world-wide centre for classic music, the running event took place under the name of „Running Festival in Mozart City“. A diverse and colourful programme with eight different runs and the motivating atmosphere of peaceful togetherness inspired more than 6,000 participants from 60 countries. More than 1,000 of them have registered for the full marathon distance.

### Personal best for the winner despite high temperatures

Temperatures rose from 18 °C at the start to 25 °C in the afternoon. The direct sunlight made it all the hotter for the runners. These were no conditions for top times. The performances of the runners are to be rated all the higher. Winner Mario Bauernfeind increased his personal best in a constant and well-judged race by over seven minutes. „This success means a lot to me. A time of 2:20 was my goal, but it was too hot for that. It's wonderful that there is so much enthusiasm for sports and that so many take part, we need that very much after the last few years,“ he said. Second and third place went to Isaac Kosgei, a Kenyan living in Austria for many years, in 2:27:01 and Austrian Georg Schrank in 2:29:11.

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## Surprise champions at the women's marathon

Women's winner Barbara Molnar could not believe at first that she had won the race. „Did I really win? That can't be true! I am very happy. I am not satisfied with my time, it was too hot. This is my second time competing in Salzburg. The course is beautiful, I enjoyed it very much,“ said the Hungarian.

22-year-old Luzia Ludwig showed her potential at her debut in the full marathon distance. She has only been training specifically in running for a year. Before that she was active in triathlon. After a bike crash in training with a broken jaw, however, she said goodbye to this sport. „I don't know exactly what happened today. I held on and was mentally strong, that was decisive. It really makes you want more. It wasn't too hot for me. I felt quite good for a long time,“ beamed the surprise winner of the national title. Five-time Austrian national marathon champion Karin Freitag came third overall (second in the championships category) in 3:06:35.

## Flat and scenic course

The route was a two-lap course in the city and through the green surroundings of Salzburg. It led through the historic old town, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site for 25 years. It is a flat and AIMS certified course that is officially recognized as a qualification event for international championships. Finish area is located in front of the world-famous Grosses Festspielhaus (Large Festival Hall) with a breathtaking view on Fortress "Hohensalzburg".

## Motivation to run and lead an active lifestyle

Shorter distances at the Salzburg Marathon weekend motivated many people to participate. On Sunday, in addition to the marathon and the Sparkasse Half Marathon, the Hervis-10K Salzburg CityRun and the Hyundai Relay Marathon took place. The Salzburg Women's Run (5.5 km) on Friday as well as the Cup&Cino breakfast run, children's runs and the Inclusion Run on Saturday were also part of the Running Festival in Mozart City, that evoked much enthusiasm and raised support for the charity partners of the event.

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## A sustainable marathon event

Public transport to and from the race is available free of charge to all participants within the region of Salzburg on their day of running. Salzburg Marathon is certified as an ecologically sustainable event by Austrian control authorities. Runners enjoy high quality organic food made of local products at the marathon village. The use of renewable materials and an integrated programme for the reduction of transports and natural resources is in force.

For more information and all results please visit [www.salzburg-marathon.at/en/](http://www.salzburg-marathon.at/en/) or contact Thomas Kofler (Press Officer) [presse@salzburg-marathon.at](mailto:presse@salzburg-marathon.at)

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