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SALZBURG BEYOND THE SOUND OF MUSIC



Another peculiar garden is part of Castle Hellbrunn about three miles outside of Salzburg. Markus Sittikus, a prince-archbishop with a wicked sense of humor, surrounded his summer palace with exotic fauna, citrus trees and trick fountains which are quite unparalleled in the world today. From the mock Roman theatre to the shell-clad Neptune Grotto and the 18th century water-powered Mechanical Theatre, where 200 lime wood figurines depict life in a baroque city—nothing here is quite as it seems. Water sprouts everywhere from hidden corners and although forewarned we didn't quite manage to escape the aquatic treachery dry and joined the happy squeals of everyone around us.

