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SALZBURG BEYOND THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Less a squeal and more of a scream escaped me when a giant vulture flew rather closely over my head. We had reached our next stop, Fortress Hohenwerfen, just in time for the daily birds of prey show. "You better put anything colorful away", staff member Birgit Meixner told me. "The birds are notorious for scooping up children's toys and dropping them outside the castle walls", she winked. Falconry has been practiced at Hohenwerfen for decades and there are currently around thirty birds of prey including buzzards, kites, and eagles living here.



FALCONRY AT HOHENWERFEN.



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