

VON TRAPP FAMILY

Trapp Family Lodge (Stowe, Vermont)

Settle into one of our delightful rooms or suites with European furnishings and mountain views from your balcony. Indulge in the charm of an alpine lodge, the conveniences of a modern resort, and the warmth of a family-run property. Enjoy year-round activities such as, but not limited to, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, hiking, mountain biking, tennis, and yoga. Whether you seek solitude or spirited activities, the Trapp Family Lodge is the choice for an unforgettable vacation any time of year.

History

The Trapp family was largely fictionalized in the 1959 musical *The Sound of Music*, which was based loosely on the 1949 book *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers* by Maria von Trapp.^{[3][4]} Baron Georg von Trapp and his wife Maria left Austria shortly after its annexation by Nazi Germany in 1938 and settled with their family in

Vermont in 1942.^[5] After the Baron's death in 1947, the family expanded and operated their home as a 27-room ski lodge. It was destroyed by fire on December 20, 1980, forcing 45 people to flee in their nightclothes, including Baroness von Trapp. The body of a guest was found later in the rubble.^[6] A new Austrian-style lodge with 93 rooms was opened in 1983.^[1]

Maria von Trapp died in 1987 and 32 family members shared ownership of the lodge. Johannes von Trapp instigated a merger to eliminate the interests of other family members in 1994. Family members were displeased by the terms of the merger and fought back with legal proceedings about the amount to be paid to them in exchange for their shares, and the controversy went to the Supreme Court of Vermont.

Returning to the Trapp Family Lodge

When Maria returned home to Stowe, she and family members turned their attention to running and expanding the Lodge. She continued to be very active in the day to day operation of the Lodge until her death in 1987. She is buried along side her husband in the family cemetery next to the Lodge.

Johannes von Trapp, the youngest of the Trapp children, is the current president of the Lodge and lives nearby with his wife Lynne and two children.

Family cemetery

A cemetery in the grounds of the Lodge contains the graves of several family members, including Maria.