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## 2 Millionth Passenger on the Festungsbahn

**On November 13, 2025, the Festungsbahn once again welcomed its two millionth passenger of the year: Sushmita and Manoj Gurung from Nepal.**

*Salzburg, 13. November 2025* – High above the rooftops of Salzburg, a very special milestone is being celebrated once again this year: the Festungsbahn welcomed its two millionth passenger of 2025. Sushmita and Manoj Gurung from Nepal were visibly surprised and delighted when they and their friends were personally greeted and honored by Michael Baminger, CEO of Salzburg AG, Tobias Pürcher, Managing Director of Salzburg AG Tourismus GmbH, and Gabriel Schmalzl, Operations Manager of the Festungsbahn.

The Festungsbahn is Austria's oldest funicular still in operation and one of the city's most iconic landmarks. Since its opening in 1892, it has linked the Old Town with Hohensalzburg Fortress. For Salzburg AG, the two millionth passenger of this year is a strong indication of how vibrant and beloved Salzburg's oldest funicular remains to this day.

"With its more than 130-year history, the Festungsbahn stands for the combination of tradition, innovation, and sustainability – a living piece of city history that continues to inspire locals and visitors from all over the world. At Salzburg AG, our goal is to always offer our guests an exceptional experience – fully in line with our ambition to be perceived as a *Customer Hero*. The fact that we are once again able to welcome more than two million passengers this year underscores its significance for our city. Two million passengers – that's two million stories, encounters, and unforgettable views of one of Europe's most beautiful cities," said CEO Michael Baminger.

Tobias Pürcher is equally pleased with the achievement: "The fact that we were able to surpass the two-million mark again this year despite a very rainy July that temporarily slowed summer tourism is a great testament to the appeal of the Festungsbahn and to Salzburg's strength as a tourism destination."

With around 2.3 million passengers annually and a total distance of roughly 9,600 kilometers traveled each year, the Festungsbahn ranks among Austria's most successful tourist transport systems. The yearly distance traveled corresponds approximately to the distance by air from Salzburg to Los Angeles – an impressive symbol of the international reach of this historic railway.

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And the year in tourism is far from over: as the days grow shorter and the evenings more atmospheric, Hohensalzburg Fortress invites visitors to its romantic Advent Market in the castle courtyard. From November 21 to December 21, every Friday to Sunday, as well as on December 8, guests can enjoy arts and crafts, culinary specialties, and the unique view of the festively illuminated city from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The FestungsBahn whisks visitors up to this special Advent highlight high above Salzburg in just 54 seconds.

In addition to the FestungsBahn funicular, the MönchsbergAufzug lift, and the WasserSpiegel museum in Salzburg, Salzburg AG Tourismus GmbH also operates the WolfgangseeSchiffahrt ferries and the SchafbergBahn cog railway in the Salzkammergut. There, the ever-popular Advent and New Year's schedules once again promise unforgettable excursions during the most peaceful time of the year. At Café & Restaurant EQ located at the SchafbergBahn valley station, visitors can also look forward to culinary highlights and a small-yet-charming Advent market.