

# 80 anniversary of the liberation

‘Didn’t we say **never again?**’

Liberation and Commemoration  
Ceremonies 2025



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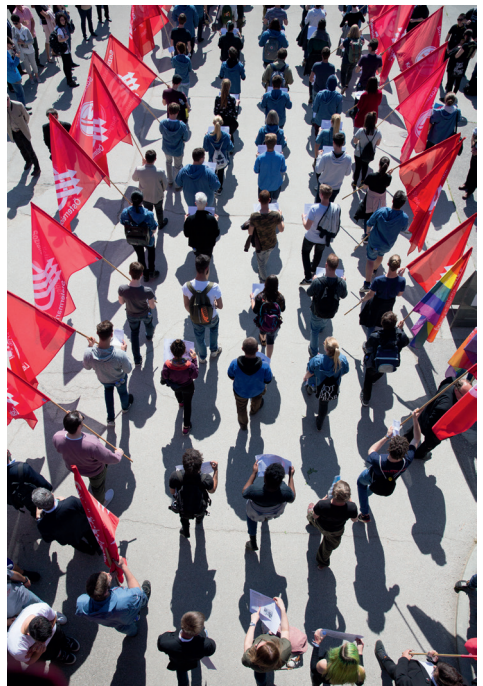
2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen concentration camp and its numerous satellite camps. The commemorative year 2025 once again recalls the immense suffering caused by the Nazi dictatorship. Millions of people were victims of systematic persecution and murder carried out by the Nazi regime.

” Those without memory have no future.  
Those who do not know the past will not be able  
to shape the future. “

Excerpt from the legacy of the Austrian Concentration Camp Community Mauthausen

The liberation and commemoration ceremonies at the Mauthausen Memorial and the sites of former satellite camps have been organised and run by the camp survivors and survivors' associations since 1946. As the official successor organisation to the Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors (ÖLM), Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ) is organising these events again in 2025. The International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony will be held at the Mauthausen Memorial on **11 May 2025**.

As more than 90 percent of the victims of Mauthausen concentration camp and its satellite camps were neither Germans nor Austrians, commemorating these victims is of international importance. **The International Liberation Ceremony is by far the world's largest liberation and commemoration ceremony.** The International Liberation Ceremony is streamed live around the world in multiple languages.



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All the dates can be found at  
[www.befreiungsfeier.at/en](http://www.befreiungsfeier.at/en)



In addition to the International Liberation Ceremony in Mauthausen, each year there are numerous commemoration events at the sites of former Mauthausen concentration camp satellite camps and other sites of Nazi terror across Austria. The key priorities of these events are to represent the different groups of victims of the Nazi regime and to remember the former Mauthausen concentration camp satellite camps and the other sites of Nazi terror. Each year, tens of thousands of people send the clear message of **'Never again.'**

**The theme of this year's liberation and commemoration ceremonies is 'Didn't we say never again?'** An essential part of each year's annual theme is linking it to the present and the idea is that, by focusing on the Nazi period and ideology, this helps young people in particular to relate it to their current experience. As in previous years, a Virtual Commemoration Event is being held on the MKÖ social media channels throughout 2025 on this year's theme.

## Donate to support 'Never again'

As in previous years, the financial support received from public bodies is far from sufficient to meet the costs involved in organising and running the liberation and commemoration ceremonies. We would therefore like to invite you to take a stand by making a donation that will help us to continue our work. Every donation is directly used for memorial and remembrance work.

**Mauthausen Committee Austria strives on a daily basis to make 'Never again' a reality.**

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# 'Didn't we say **never again?**'

**Never again war.**  
**Never again fascism.**  
**Stand up for peace.**

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## 80th anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen concentration camp and its subcamps

2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen concentration camp and its numerous satellite camps. Each year, the annual commemoration and liberation ceremonies within the network of Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ) remember the horrendous crimes of the Nazi regime and commemorate the victims who suffered and lost their lives in these camps.

This year's theme, **'Working together to make "Never again" a reality'**, not only underlines the historic aspect of these remembrance events, but also issues a rallying call to keep the lessons of the past alive for the present and the future.

Mauthausen concentration camp and its many satellite camps were the scenes of unthinkable acts of cruelty, in the form of forced labour, hunger and mass murder. People from across Europe were victims here of an inhuman regime based on hate, racism and political persecution. The liberation of the survivors by the Allied Forces in May 1945 marked the end of one of the darkest chapters in European history. It also marked the start of a difficult process of accounting for the past and of a new beginning, where peace, freedom and democracy were central values.

In the days following their liberation, the survivors of Mauthausen concentration camp and its satellite camps swore an oath of 'Never again'. In 2000, the survivors' legacy was passed to Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ). In addition to commemorating the victims and doing remembrance work, the MKÖ and its local initiatives pursue a common goal: **that this should never happen again.**

The call of **'Never again'** is more relevant today than ever. Anti-Semitism, racism, extremism and authoritarian tendencies are experiencing an alarming resurgence in Austria and many parts of the world. The sharp rise in anti-Semitism in particular is currently cause for concern, especially among young people, who are active on social media platforms such as TikTok. Anti-Semitic content spreads quickly on these social media platforms and reaches a wide, often uncritical target group.

These platforms provide a forum for hate speech and conspiracy theories, which are often packaged as humorous or apparently harmless clips, reinforcing their impact on this young generation. The spread of anti-Semitism in this context represents a serious threat to social cohesion and there is an urgent need for increased education and preventive measures to counteract the normalisation of these kinds of hate ideologies.



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Poverty is not just an economic hardship but it is also a fundamental violation of social rights and it remains widespread in many parts of the world. At the same time, wars and conflicts are exacerbating social inequality and leading to humanitarian crises. **Commitment to social human rights is inextricably linked to the quest for world peace.**

It is important that we fight for the creation of a fairer society where education, health and fair working conditions are accessible for everyone. In order to combat poverty and injustice, we need to address the underlying causes of conflicts and social exclusion. Achieving this will not only take international cooperation but also **the active involvement of each individual** in promoting a solidarity-based and inclusive world order where social human rights are upheld and implemented.

**Remembering Mauthausen** and the other places where atrocities were committed is not just a memorial to the past but a warning for the future: it is our responsibility to stand up for a society that is based on peace, tolerance and human rights. History must never be allowed to repeat itself.

This year’s international liberation and commemoration ceremonies are therefore combining commemorating the victims with an urgent appeal to all generations: peace is not a given. It needs to be defended and promoted daily. Let’s ensure together that Mauthausen and the atrocities of the Nazi regime are not forgotten and that the **fight for a fairer and more peaceful world is continued – in the spirit of ‘Never again!’**



# Commemoration ceremonies at the day of the International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony

Sunday, 11 May 2025

Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1, Oberösterreich

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Before the International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony at 11 a.m.

tba (~ 10:30)	Commemoration Ceremony at the Croatian memorial plaque at the Wailing Wall
09:00	Anti-fascist feminist women's commemoration at the former camp brothel, Barrack 1
09:00	Commemoration Ceremony at the memorial for Roma and Sinti
09:15	Commemoration ceremony of the KZ-Verband/VdA Upper Austria for the 42 resistance fighters murdered on 28 April 1945 at the memorial plaque for the 42
09:20	Ecumenical service in the former camp chapel
09:30	Commemoration Ceremony at the Belgian memorial
09:30	Commemoration Ceremony at the Yugoslav memorial
09:30	Commemoration Ceremony at the US memorial
10:00	Commemoration ceremony for the social democrats murdered in Mauthausen Concentration Camp at the memorial plaque for Richard Bernaschek
10:00	International Youth Commemoration Ceremony
10:00	Commemoration ceremony at the Spanish memorial
10:00	Commemoration ceremony at the Ukrainian memorial
10:00	Commemoration ceremony at the Luxembourg memorial
10:00	Commemoration ceremony at the Jewish memorial
10:15	Commemoration ceremony at the Czechoslovak memorial
10:30	Commemoration ceremony at the Hungarian memorial
10:35	Wreath-laying ceremony at the Polish memorial

Following the International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony

Afterwards	Commemoration ceremony at the Georgian memorial plaque at the Wailing Wall
Afterwards	Commemoration ceremony at the Armenian memorial plaque at the Wailing Wall
Afterwards	Commemoration ceremony at the Danish memorial plaque at the Wailing Wall

# International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony

Sunday, 11 May 2025

Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1, Oberösterreich



**11:00**

## **International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony 2025 on the theme 'Didn't we say Never again?'**

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Mauthausen concentration camp, the International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony will take place at the Mauthausen Memorial. Once again this year, the International Liberation Ceremony will begin with a commemorative procession with an unlimited number of participants.

- » The International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony starts with the commemorative procession at 11:00 am.
- » There will be designated meeting points for all delegations. The delegations will take part in the commemorative procession in alphabetical order. The line-up of delegations for the commemorative procession begins at 10:20 am. The large delegation of youth organizations will conclude the procession.
- » The memorial procession begins with a reading of the 'Mauthausen Oath' by young people in several languages.
- » After the wreath-laying ceremony, the participants of the commemorative procession will be invited to take part in the joint liberation ceremony on the former roll call square.
- » Speeches by MKÖ Chairman Willi Mernyi and CIM President Guy Dockendorf are part of the commemoration.
- » The International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony will be hosted in several languages by actresses Mercedes Echerer and Konstanze Breitebner.
- » Musical accompaniment will be provided by the band Baba Yaga and the Upper Austrian Military Band.

The thematic focus of the Liberation Ceremony is **'Didn't we say never again?'**. Essentially, this year's ceremony builds a bridge to the present.

The ceremony will be streamed internationally and in several languages on the on-line channels of Mauthausen Committee Austria

A free shuttle bus will run at short intervals from the Donaupark parking lot to the Mauthausen Memorial. All further information (on how to get there, wreath delivery, etc.) can be found at <https://www.befreiungsfeier.at/en/international-liberation-ceremony/faq>.

# Commemoration and liberation ceremonies throughout Austria

Monday, 20 January 2025

## Wels

Der Weinphilosoph  
bookshop  
Bahnhofstraße 10  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**Book presentation: VERNICHTET - Österreichische Jüd:innen in den Ghettos des Generalgouvernements 1941/1942 (ANNIHILATED – Austrian Jews in the ghettos in the General Government of Poland 1941/1942)**

with the author Walter MANOSCHEK

Over 9,000 Jews were deported from Vienna to the ghettos of the General Government between February 1941 and May 1942. Using personal letters, documents of post-war processes and meticulous research, Walter MANOSCHEK assembles numerous puzzle pieces into one picture.

Moderator: Thomas HELLMUTH, historian

Sunday, 26 January 2025

## Wels

Minoriten Wels  
Minoritenplatz 4  
Upper Austria

**11:00 a.m.**

**KLANG ZEICHEN SETZEN (TAKING A STAND THROUGH MUSIC) - An event against violence to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

As a Green Party member of the Nationalrat (the lower house of the Austrian Parliament), Harald WALSER was a spokesperson for and speaker on Vergangenheitspolitik (the policy for dealing with the past) until 2017. His motto is 'For social justice, better educational facilities, anti-racism and environmental change.'

The A CAPELLA CHOR WELS led by Julia AUER will perform pieces by the Austrian composers Hugo Kauder (1888–1972) and Erich Zeisl (1905–1959), who both fled to the USA in 1938.

Moderator: Karin WAGNER, musicologist, lecturer at the University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna, and pianist. Her research focuses on exile music and she has written biographies of Hugo Kauder and Erich Zeisl.



## Saturday, 1 February 2025

### Mauthausen

Donausaal  
Mauthausen Event  
Centre  
Josef-Czerwenka-  
Straße 4  
Upper Austria

**8:00 p.m.**

**YESTERDAY-TODAY-TOMORROW – A literary and musical evening to inspire courage**

Cultural and commemoration event in remembrance of the 'Mühlviertler Menschenhatz' (Mühlviertel Manhunt) with Michael KOEHLMEIER, author; Katharina STEMBERGER, actress, and Gregor SEBERG, actor.

With accounts of the 'Mühlviertler Menschenhatz' (Mühlviertel Manhunt). With stories about people fleeing today. With stories about not equating but comparing, about big and small steps, and large and small indignations. With music that will make you reflect, stand up and join in.

The musical accompaniment for the evening will be provided by TONFABRIK and Christian BUCHINGER.

## Sunday, 2 February 2025

### Mauthausen

Mauthausen Memorial  
Visitor Centre  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Following the trail of the 'Mühlviertler Menschenhatz' (Mühlviertel Manhunt)**

Contemporary history walk in partnership with Mauthausen Memorial (KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen)

Speakers: Activists from Perspektive Mauthausen (Mauthausen Perspectives) and employees from Mauthausen Memorial

Meeting point: Visitor Centre of Mauthausen Memorial

### Wartberg ob der Aist

Event Centre  
Schulstraße 5  
Upper Austria

**3:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony 'Never again! 80th anniversary of the Mühlviertler Menschenhatz (Mühlviertel Manhunt)'**

the municipalities of the Untere Feldaist region

Commemoration speech: Andreas GRUBER, director and writer

Pupils from Pregarten middle school and students from HTL Perg Medientechnik will be taking part in the commemoration ceremony.

# Sunday, 2 February 2025

## Ried in der Riedmark

Ried in der Riedmark  
Music School  
Diakoniestraße 2  
Upper Austria

**5:00 p.m.**

**Panel discussion on the 'Mühlviertler Menschenhatz' (Mühlviertel Manhunt)**

in the presence of contemporary witness Anna HACKL

Panellists: Matthias KALTENBRUNNER, historian; Sabine SCHATZ, member of the Nationalrat; Walter HOFSTAETTER, Chairman of Perspektive Mauthausen; Gudrun BLOHBERGER, Educational Manager of Mauthausen Memorial

Moderator: Johannes REITTER, historian and journalist

The event is free to attend. There are a limited number of places. Registration is essential.

# Wednesday, 5 February 2025

## Gallneukirchen

Mahnmal für den  
Frieden (Memorial for  
Peace)  
Anton-Riepl-Straße/  
Gallneukirchner  
Straße  
Upper Austria

**6:30 p.m.**

**'Didn't we say never again?' – commemoration ceremony at the Memorial for Peace**

The commemoration ceremony at the Memorial for Peace remembers the victims of the 'Mühlviertler Menschenhatz' (Mühlviertel Manhunt).

Memorial stone at  
the Diakoniewerk  
(Deaconry)  
Hauptstraße 3  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**'Didn't we say never again?'**

Following the commemoration ceremony at the Memorial for Peace, the commemoration ceremony on the subject of 'Euthanasia killings – useless lives' will take place at the memorial stone in the Evangelisches Diakoniewerk (Protestant Deaconry) in Gallneukirchen.

Gemeindesaal der  
Evangelischen Pfarre  
(Protestant church  
hall)  
Hauptstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**7:30 p.m.**

**'Remembering for the sake of the future'**

Round table discussion with Marlene WOECKINGER, Mauthausen Memorial Education Team

## Tuesday, 11 March 2025

### St. Georgen an der Gusen

Haus der Erinnerung  
(House of  
Remembrance)  
Marcel-Callo-Straße 3  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**Erzählcafé (Oral History Café) - Should we poke around in the past or is it better to leave it be?**

Maria EDINGER used her family's finds to set up a small but fascinating private museum in Katsdorf. She describes her motivation and how this came about.

Maria SCHMUCKERMAIR worked through the roughly 600 harrowing letters sent home from the front by her uncles during the Second World War, which transport the reader back to that time, and used them to write a book with the title 'Wir sind nur arme Erdwürmer' (We are but earthworms).

She is keen to learn from these unsettling documents and to understand. She does not want to be indifferent or to lose sight of the past, but wants to use the letters to ensure this terrible period is never repeated.

Ms SCHMUCKERMAIR and Ms EDINGER will talk about their family histories and how they deal with them.

## Wednesday, 19 March 2025

### Linz

Pfarre Linz-Marcel  
Callo church  
Schörgenhubstraße 39  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**Church service to mark the 80th anniversary of the death of Marcel Callo**

## Thursday, 20 March 2025

### Linz

Pfarre Linz-Marcel  
Callo church  
Schörgenhubstraße 39  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**'Eine kleine Frühlingsweise – A concert for Marcel Callo'**

with Maria RIEGLER, piano, and Josef FUCHSLUGER, violin

## Friday, 21 March 2025

### Gleisdorf

Kulturkeller Gleisdorf  
Weizer Straße 19  
Styria

**7:30 p.m.**

**Epitaph – Concert with Berndt LUEF & Jazztett Forum Graz**

‘Epitaph, eine Grabinschrift in 6 Sätzen’ (Epitaph, a grave inscription in 6 movements) is a musical exploration of the history of the Holocaust.

This composition by Berndt LUEF spans the period from November-Pogrom to the death marches in April 1945.

## Saturday, 22 March 2025

### Langenstein

Gusen Memorial,  
Visitor Centre  
Georgestraße 7  
Upper Austria

**10:00 a.m.**

**Gusen audio tour**

You can follow the audio tour by yourself. It takes around 90 minutes.

There are a limited number of places, so registration is essential.

### St. Georgen an der Gusen

St. Georgen an der  
Gusen/Gusen  
Upper Austria

**10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Guided tour through St. Georgen and Gusen**

with Rudolf HAUNSCHMIED, Gusen Memorial Committee

There are a limited number of places, so registration is essential.

Haus der Erinnerung  
(House of  
Remembrance)  
Marcel-Callo-Straße 3  
Upper Austria

**2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**‘Faith-Work-Resistance’**

Commemoration event to mark the 80th anniversary of the death of Marcel Callo – martyr of the Young Workers

1:30 pm: Kick-off with snacks, coffee and cake

2:30 p.m.: Impulse event on the life of Marcel Callo

Presentation of the publication „Marcel Callo - Christian and Martyr“

Musical accompaniment: Landesmusikschule St. Georgen



Saturday, 22 March 2025

## Oberwart

OHO - Offenes Haus  
Oberwart  
Lisztgasse 12  
Burgenland

**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Conference: 'Shift to the right in Europe: Why are right-wing parties so successful?'**

Isolde VOGEL, Historian, Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance  
Ethnic thinking and anti-Semitism - on the attractiveness of reactionary world views today

Nikolai SCHREITER, Political scientist, University of Passau  
The attraction of the unspoken anti-Semitic consensus

Rosemarie BURGSTALLER, Historian, Vienna  
Critical media as the enemy: The threat to press freedom in Europe

Marion LOEFFLER, Political scientist, University of Vienna  
The gender of right-wing populism. How masculinism, anti-feminism and gender phobia undermine democracy

Moderation: Walter REISS  
Concept and organization: Eva SCHWARZMAYER

Right-wing parties have been growing in Western democracies for at least two decades and are now in power in more and more countries, including the European Union. Globalization is significantly promoting right-wing populist movements. Neoliberal ideas of individualization and flexibilization are dissolving old social and political ties. More and more people feel disoriented and are looking for alternative identities. Right-wing populists who claim to be 'always on the side of the people' are an obvious choice here.

In this mood, what concepts and political strategies can the established centrist parties use to counter the further rise of right-wing populists? What do people need in order to avoid being carried away by these attempts to divide them? Would more citizen participation and co-determination stop the further rise of right-wing parties? Are there or have there been effective responses to right-wing populist agitation in recent years? All these questions will be discussed at the conference.

# Saturday, 22 March 2025

## Mauthausen

'Sanitätslager'  
(infirmary hut) of  
the Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**6:30 p.m.**

**Remembrance walk to the concentration camp chapel**

Remembrance walk from the former infirmary hut to the  
concentration camp chapel at the Mauthausen Memorial  
Meeting point: car park of the Mauthausen Concentration Camp  
Memorial Site

Chapel of the  
Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Service in the chapel of the Mauthausen Memorial**

with Bishop Manfred SCHEUER, Linz and Archbishop Pierre  
d'ORNELLAS, Rennes

Musical accompaniment: „Musica Viva“ choir

Followed by an agape in the Visitor Center of the Mauthausen  
Memorial

# Sunday, 23 March 2025

## Rechnitz

Kreuzstadl Memorial  
Geschriebenstein-  
straße  
Burgenland

**2:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony for all victims of the 'Southeast Wall'  
construction**

Speakers: Paul GULDA, RE.F.U.G.I.U.S.; Klaus Maria BRANDAUER reading  
poems by Miklós Radnóti and others

Oberkantor Shmuel BARZILAI, Jewish Community of Vienna

Representatives of the Jewish Communities of Zalaegerszeg and  
Szombathely

Musical accompaniment: Bogdan LAKETIC

Following the commemoration ceremony: Wreath-laying ceremony at  
the memorial for the victims of the massacre at the slaughterhouse,  
Steinamangererstraße 41a, Rechnitz,  
with Oberkantor Shmuel BARZILAI and Bogdan LAKETIC

# Monday, 31 March 2025

## Mauthausen

Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial, Visitor  
Centre  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**4:30 p.m.**

**GEH-DENK-SPUREN – three-day hike remembering the victims of the ‘death marches’ from Mauthausen/Gusen to Gunskirchen**

31 March to 3 April 2025

Historical events will also be discussed from a range of perspectives during the hike.

GEH-DENK-SPUREN will begin on Monday 31 March with a get-together for all participants and a joint opening event in the Visitor Centre of Mauthausen Memorial at 4:30 p.m.

The first stage of the hike will begin on Tuesday 1 April at Mauthausen Memorial and then continue over several stages, finishing on Thursday 3 April 2025.

The closing event will take place at the site of the former Gunskirchen Satellite Camp.

There are a limited number of places, so registration is essential. It is also possible to just do individual days or stages of the hike.

# Wednesday, 2 April 2025

## Enns

Hauptplatz  
Upper Austria

**2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**David Hersch memorial walk – Following the trail of David Hersch’s flight**

The walk will start from the Hauptplatz in Enns at 2:00 p.m. The route will pass the memorial commemorating the victims of the death marches as it follows David Hersch’s route to Kristein, where he managed to escape the death march. Along the way, his son Jack HERSCH will provide additional information and extracts from the writing of Peter Kammerstätter will also be read out. The walk, which is being organised in partnership with the BG/BRG Enns school, will end at the Basilika Enns-St. Laurenz church at 4:30 p.m.

The walk will cover a distance of around 7 km and no registration is required.

Wednesday, 2 April 2025

## Hirtenberg

Satellite camp stele  
in the park in front of  
the NMS Hirtenberg  
school  
Leobersdorfer  
Straße 66  
Lower Austria

**5:00 p.m.**

### Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Hirtenberg Satellite Camp

The Hirtenberg Satellite Camp was a camp for the arms industry. From autumn 1944 onwards, female concentration camp inmates were used as forced labour for the manufacture of ammunition at the Hirtenberger Patronenfabrik (Hirtenberg cartridge factory). The Initiative KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen-Außenlager Hirtenberg (Mauthausen Memorial Hirtenberg Satellite Camp Initiative), part of the Mauthausen Committee Austria network, is organising this year's commemoration ceremony.

## Enns-Lorch

Steps of the basilica  
Lauriacumstraße  
Upper Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

### MEMORIAL WALK 2025: 80th anniversary of the liberation - 'Didn't we say never again? Coming together for peace'

Commemoration ceremony in remembrance of the Jewish survivors and victims of the death marches from Mauthausen/Gusen to Gunskirchen at the steps of the basilica in Enns-St. Laurenz.

As part of the commemoration event, Mauthausen Committee Enns is unveiling a new memorial to the 87 victims who were originally buried at this site as a visible reminder of those who were murdered. This year's commemoration event will consist of thoughts from artist Karl Riedl, words from Jack Hersch, author and son of David Hersch, who was rescued from the death march in Enns, and musical interludes.





Saturday, 5 April 2025

## Peggau

Evangelische  
Friedenskirche  
(Protestant Church to  
Peace)  
St. Margarethen-  
straße 4  
Styria

### 2:00 p.m. Memorial Walk

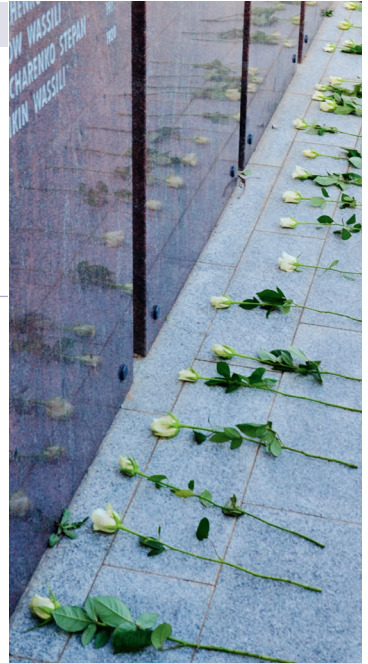
Ecumenical memorial march along  
part of the prisoners' route from the  
forced labour sites to the former  
concentration camp site

Peggau Concentration  
Camp Memorial  
Mittereggstraße 1  
Styria

### 3:00 p.m. Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Peggau Satellite Camp

With an ecumenical service, a  
flower-laying ceremony, and an  
address by the mayor

Musical accompaniment: Mrs REX-  
RAINWALD



## Wien

Sandleitenhof  
Matteotiplatz  
Vienna

### 2:00 p.m. 'April 1945 disarmament operation' – Commemoration ceremony remembering the liberation of Vienna in 1945 in the Sandleitenhof

During the Nazi regime, resistance efforts were organised in the  
Sandleitenhof over many years – people in need were given  
solidarity and support, and deserters were provided with civilian  
clothing.

In the Sandleitenhof, resistance fighters from the communist youth  
association disarmed the local armed forces, enabling Ottakring and  
Hernals to be liberated peacefully and preventing further casualties  
in the western part of Vienna in the final days of the war.

The ceremony aims to focus on organised resistance, solidarity and  
anti-fascism.

Sunday, 6 April 2025

## Hadersdorf am Kamp

Cemetery  
Leuthnersiedlung 28  
Lower Austria

**1:00 p.m.**

### Commemoration ceremony für the victims of Stein prison

In remembrance of the 62 political prisoners of Stein Prison who were executed here on 7 April 1945.

A coach organised by the Arbeitsgemeinschaft der NS-Opferverbände und Widerstandskämpfer/innen Österreichs organisation will depart from Praterstern (VHS) at 12 noon to take people to the commemoration ceremony.

## Stein an der Donau

Cemetery  
Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße  
Lower Austria

**3:00 p.m.**

### Commemoration ceremony

remembering the over 400 victims of the massacre of the released prisoners on 6 April 1945 and the 44 victims of the mass execution of the inmates of the Vienna Regional Court who were sentenced to death on 15 April 1945.

After this, attendees will process to the memorial to the Greek victims opposite the main entrance of the Stein prison building.

Afterwards, in the first courtyard of the prison there will be a silent act of remembrance by the gravestones for the murdered inmates and the judicial officers who were court-martialled and executed, among them Direktor Kodré, who had ordered the release of the prisoners.

A coach organised by the Arbeitsgemeinschaft der NS-Opferverbände und Widerstandskämpfer/innen Österreichs organisation will depart from Praterstern (VHS) at 12 noon to take people to the commemoration ceremony.



Tuesday, 8 April 2025

## Wien-Simmering

Location details to be  
announced  
Vienna

**2:00 p.m.**

**Wreath-laying ceremony at the site of the former Vienna Satellite  
Camp Saurerwerke**

In the former Saurerwerke satellite camp, more than 1,600 prisoners were incarcerated between 20 August 1944 and 2 April 1945. They were forced to perform labour for the Saurerwerke AG company in various areas of vehicle manufacturing.

The wreath-laying ceremony will take place with the participation of students from various Viennese schools.

Friday, 18 April 2025

## Hinterbrühl

Memorial  
Johannesstraße 16-32  
Lower Austria

**2:30 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Hinterbrühl  
Satellite Camp and Way of the Cross with prayers**

Participants can visit five different stations as part of the Way of the Cross with varying themes and musical accompaniment.

Tuesday, 22 April 2025

## Ansfelden

Kremsbrücke  
Ansfelden (Krems  
Bridge)  
Ritzlhofstraße  
Upper Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**Volksschule Ansfelden school commemoration ceremony**

What happened at the Kremsbrücke 80 years ago? At the Kremsbrücke in Ansfelden, pupils remember those murdered on the death marches of the Jews from Mauthausen to Gunskirchen.



Wednesday, 23 April 2025

## Ansfelden

Kremsbrücke Gasthof  
Stockinger  
Ritzlhofstraße 63/65  
Upper Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**MEMORIAL WALK 2025: 80th anniversary of the liberation. 'Didn't we say never again?' – Never again war. Never again fascism. Stand up for peace.**

Given the political and social shift to the right and the rise in extreme right-wing attacks, in the spirit of 'Never again' we must ask ourselves: What can we do?

Commemoration ceremony in remembrance of the Jews murdered on the death marches from Mauthausen/Gusen to Gunskirchen at the Kremsbrücke next to Gasthaus Stockinger.

Thursday, 24 April 2025

## St. Aegydt am Neuwalde

Lower Austria

**6:30 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony for the victims of the St. Aegydt Satellite Camp**

## Weyer

Bertholdsaal  
Oberer Kirchenweg 6  
Upper Austria

**7:30 p.m.**

**Mauthausen Cantata 'Freedom came in May'**

based on a story by Iakovos Kambanellis and a composition by Mikis Theodorakis

Marion AHAMER, piano; Maria HOFER, vocals and Helge STIEGLER, clarinet and reading





Friday, 25 April 2025

## Klagenfurt

Burghof  
(Castle courtyard)  
Burggasse 8  
Carinthia

**4:00 p.m.**

**Memorial walk/Spomenska Hoja for the victims of National Socialist justice in Klagenfurt**

Meeting point: Burghof (castle courtyard) in Klagenfurt

Saturday, 26 April 2025

## Fürstenfeld

Memorial to the  
victims of the Nazi  
death marches of 1945  
Stadtspark  
Styria

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**'Together for peace – Never again war or fascism' – Vigil of the Catholic Austrian Student Association Riegersburg (MKV)**

The vigil against neo-Nazism, violence and extremism will be held at the memorial to the victims of the Nazi death marches of 1945 in Fürstenfeld city park.

Speaker: Gerald L. GUSCHLBAUER

Musical accompaniment: Peter J. HEINRICH

Sunday, 27 April 2025

## Bad Eisenkappel, Železna Kapla

Bad Eisenkappel  
Cemetery / Železna  
Kapla  
Carinthia

**11:00 a.m.**

**Commemoration event remembering the death of national hero Franc Pasterk-Lenart and all the victims who are buried in the cemetery in Bad Eisenkappel / Železna Kapla**

The cemetery in Bad Eisenkappel / Železna Kapla is a place to remember the courageous resistance to National Socialism. Altogether, 154 victims are buried here, including partisans, supporters and civilians who fought for freedom and justice.

The central memorial and numerous graves tell the history of resistance in this region. Figures such as Franc Pasterk-Lenart and Peter Kuchar are symbolic of the courage and self-sacrificing spirit of the people who fought against the Nazi fascist regime here. Their stories remind us to stand up for democracy and human rights.



Tuesday, 29 April 2025

## Graz

KIZ RoyalKino  
Conrad-von-  
Hötzendorf-Straße 10  
Styria

**5:00 p.m.**

**Film premiere of 'Projekt Marmor – verdrängt und vergessen' (Project Marble – Suppressed and Forgotten)**

At the premiere, Graz school students Artur IRMLER and Fynn PRUENSTER will present the film 'Projekt Marmor – verdrängt und vergessen' that they have produced at the young age of 17 years old. The 52-minute documentary focuses on Peggau, a village just outside Graz, which was home to the largest satellite camp in the whole of Styria during the Second World War.

Today, nobody pays much attention to the 900 metre long tunnels where the inmates had to work. They have been broken into and spoiled with litter and graffiti of swastikas.

## Lenzing

Memorial stone in  
Pettighofen  
Agerstraße  
Upper Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**Liberation ceremony at the site of the former Lenzing Satellite Camp**

with Silvia DINHOF-CUETO, Association in Remembrance of the Republican Spaniards in Austria

## Gleisdorf

Pfarrzentrum  
Gleisdorf  
Hauptplatz 4  
Steiermark

**7:30 p.m.**

**20 years of 'Zukunft braucht Erinnerung' (future needs remembrance) – review and outlook**

Film screening with interviews from 2005, reports from those involved and images from 20 years ago.

Prof. Gerald LAMPRECHT, Network Coordinator of erinnern.at und Head of the Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Graz: Commemorating and remembering in the future – but how?

# Friday, 2 May 2025

## Gleisdorf

Nitscha fire station  
Nitscha 154  
Styria

**4:00 p.m.**

**Guided memorial walk: In remembrance of the death march of Hungarian Jewish forced labourers in spring 1945**

with Peter GERSTMANN

Memorial walk from the memorial next to the former Nitscha town hall via the Jungberg and Schießstattgasse to the memorial on Rathausplatz in Gleisdorf.

Meeting point: Nitscha fire station

Travel via taxi is also possible. Contact: +43 (0) 664 201 6182

# Monday, 5 May 2025

## Fürstenfeld

Premises of the  
Lehrlingshaus of the  
Landesberufsschule  
Fürstenfeld  
Übersbachgasse 34  
Styria

**Time will be announced**

**Unveiling of the „Kuhn-Gugig Memorial“**

A memorial for Willi Gugig and Leo Kuhn, survivors of Nazi terror in the Buchenwald and Mauthausen/Ebensee concentration camps, as an impetus for reflection for people today

## Steyr

Steyr-Münichholz  
Church  
Karl-Punzer-Straße 45  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**‘In Memoriam’ – Mauthausen Cantata by Mikis Theodorakis**

Music: ‘I Fisakkordeonisti’

Names of the concentration camp victims

Texts written by former concentration camp inmates

Candles in the chancel of the church

## Großraming

Großraming Cinema  
Kirchenplatz 7  
Upper Austria

**8:00 p.m.**

**Film screening of ‘Hasenjagd – Vor lauter Feigheit gibt es kein Erbarmen’**

with Andreas GRUBER, Screenwriter, film and TV director

## Tuesday, 6 May 2025

### Gleisdorf

Memorial  
Rathausplatz  
Styria

**10:30 a.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the memorial on Rathausplatz**

Marking the Memorial Day Against Violence and Racism – in memory of the victims of the Nazi reign of terror

Welcome: Christoph STARK, Mayor of the Town of Gleisdorf, Member of the National Council

Commemoration speech: Andreja HRIBINEK, Director of the Kunsthaus Graz museum (invited)

‘Never again!': Pupils from the MS Gleisdorf and BG/BRG Gleisdorf schools present contributions on the subject of 1945, 1955 and 1995

Music: Katja FINSEL, cello, Musikschule Gleisdorf (Gleisdorf Music School)

## Wednesday, 7 May 2025

### Ebensee

Ebensee Museum of  
Contemporary History  
Kirchengasse 5  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**Book reading: ‘Komm über den See’ (Come Across the Lake) (Women in the Resistance)**

with Elisabeth REICHART, author

‘Komm über den See’ (Come Across the Lake) tells the story of Ruth Berger, whose mother was broken by the consequences of her resistance in the Third Reich and who today tries to find ways of resisting against a male-dominated world.

Elisabeth REICHART uses recollections, associations and dreams to weave a poetically precise narrative that spans the past and the present day to create an intense reading experience.

## Thursday, 8 May 2025

### Zipf/Vöcklabruck

Memorial in Zipf  
Langwies 48  
Upper Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Redl-Zipf Satellite Camp**

with former Federal Minister Rudolf ANSCHÖBER and the participation of pupils from Neukirchen and Timelkam middle schools. The ARGE Schlier organisation will be participating in the commemoration ceremony.

# Festival of Joy

Thursday, 8 May 2025

Heldenplatz Vienna

**fest  
der  
freude**

**7:30 p.m.**

Festival of Joy

The Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ) is organising the Festival of Joy for the thirteenth time in memory of the victims and to mark the joy of liberation from the Nazi reign of terror. This year, the Festival of Joy is dedicated to the main theme '80 Years of Liberation from National Socialism – Never Again and Peace in Europe'.

The highlight of the Festival of Joy will be the speech by contemporary witness Paul Lendvai. We look forward to an outstanding programme featuring 'Requiem A' by Sven Helbig, soloist René Pape, the Dresden Kreuzchor, 'Neue Wiener Stimmen', and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Martin Lehmann. More information at [www.festderfreude.at](http://www.festderfreude.at)

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NEUE WIENER STIMMEN  
DRESDNER KREUZCHOR**



Friday, 9 May 2025

## Gleisdorf

Albersdorf 22  
Styria

**2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Go West! Ivan Dynja's archive – presentation and performative reading**

As part of an ongoing creative research project, letters to Ivan Dynja will be presented in the form of a performative reading and presentation. The event will take place in the rooms where Dynja lived for several years after he was deported from Ukraine in 1940 for forced labour.

Aio PER, Gernot PASSATH, Andrii DOSTLIEV (in partnership with 'After Silence', Lviv, UKR)

## Spital am Pyhrn

Friedhofskirche  
St. Leonhard church in  
Spital am Pyhrn  
Stiftsplatz 2  
Upper Austria

**5:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony for the victims of National Socialism at the 'Fremdvölkisches Kinderheim' (Orphanage for Children of Alien Ethnicity)**

## St. Georgen a. d. Gusen

Haus der Erinnerung  
(House of  
Remembrance)  
Marcel-Callo-Straße 3  
Upper Austria

**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**International Youth Meeting**

## St. Valentin

Herzograd Memorial  
Anna-Strasser-Platz  
Lower Austria

**5:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former St. Valentin Satellite Camp**

On the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the inmates of the former St. Valentin Satellite Camp, a commemoration ceremony including wreath-laying ceremony will take place on this year's theme: 'Didn't we say never again?'

Speaker: Secretary of State Ulrike KOENIGSBERGER-LUDWIG, Charlotte HERMAN, President of the Jewish Community of Linz and Franz FROSCHAUER

The commemoration ceremony is being organised with the involvement of students from the NMS Schubertviertel school and the band 'Widerstand' (Resistance).

# Friday, 9 May 2025

## Braunau am Inn

Memorial  
Salzburger Vorstadt  
Salzburger Vorstadt 15  
Upper Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration Ceremony at the Memorial for the Victims of National Socialism**

in memory of the victims of war and National Socialism in Braunau

## Ebensee

Ebensee Memorial  
Kirchengasse 5  
Upper Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Ebensee Satellite Camp**

Memorial walk at the 'Löwengang' (Lions' Gate)

# Saturday, 10 May 2025

## Gunskirchen

Memorial  
Bundesstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**10:00 a.m.**

**Wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial**

Memorial  
Bundesstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**10:15 a.m.**

**„Walk of Solidarity“**

After the wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial in the Bundesstraße, the 'Walk of Solidarity' will start at around 10:15 a.m.

Concentration camp  
cemetery  
Upper Austria

**10:45 a.m.**

**Liberation ceremony at the site of the former Gunskirchen Satellite Camp**

Welcome address: Alexander BAECK, Mayor of Edt bei Lambach

Speakers:

Cornelius OBONYA, actor and President of Aktion gegen Antisemitismus in Österreich (Action Against Antisemitism in Austria); György FRISCH, representative of the Hungarian Jewish community; Werner RETZL, Chairman of the Welser Initiative gegen Faschismus (Wels Initiative Against Fascism)

The Mittelschule Gunskirchen school, Singkreis Gunskirchen choir and Peter GILLMAYR will be participating in the liberation ceremony.



Saturday, 10 May 2025

## Ebensee

Opferfriedhof  
(Cemetery of the  
Victims), Ebensee  
Memorial  
Kirchengasse 5  
Upper Austria

**10:30 a.m.**

**Liberation ceremony at the site of the former Ebensee Satellite Camp**

on the 80th anniversary of the liberation from National Socialism

Memorial speech by Robert SCHINDEL, lyricist, director and author

Memorial mine  
gallery, Ebensee  
Memorial  
Kirchengasse 5  
Upper Austria

**8:00 p.m.**

**Choir and orchestra – composition inspired by the ‘Diary from Ebensee Concentration Camp’ by Drahomír Bárta**

Composer: Fritz NEUBOECK

Drahomír Bárta's diary – from November 1943 until the liberation of the camp on 6 May 1945 – is an extraordinary document. After his arrest and deportation, Bárta, a member of a Czech resistance movement was appointed as camp writer in the Ebensee concentration camp; in this way he became the chronicler of daily life in the camp. At the same time, he was a leading member of the growing resistance movement among the prisoners. Bárta's work provides detailed and vivid information about their activities and the resistance of the prisoners in the years 1944–1945.

## Wien

Memorial, Central  
Cemetery Vienna  
Simmeringer  
Hauptstraße 232  
Vienna

**12:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the memorial to all the fallen partisans in Austria in the Central Cemetery in Vienna**

At the memorial to Yugoslavian partisans in the Central Cemetery on 8 May we want to pay tribute to the liberators and resistance fighters, commemorate the anniversary of the liberation and honour the contribution made by the partisans.



Saturday, 10 May 2025

## Wien

Memorial, Central  
Cemetery Vienna  
Simmeringer  
Hauptstraße 232  
Vienna

**2:00 p.m.**

**Anniversary of the liberation / Dan osvoboditve – thanks and recognition for the anti-fascist resistance / zahvala in priznanje protifašističnemu upor**

The Second World War ended in Europe on 8/9 May 1945 when the German army surrendered. This day marked the end of murder, torture, executions and barbarity. It allowed those who were imprisoned to leave the camps and cells and gave those in exile the opportunity to return and those who had had to live in hiding for years the chance to live in freedom. It stopped the perpetrators and enabled at least some of them to be punished.

The contributions made by the Carinthian Slovenes and those who joined the partisans received little recognition after 1945; quite the opposite, people allowed them to be slandered and the memorials to them to be smeared with paint and destroyed. Vienna's only memorial to the partisans was not erected in the Vienna Central Cemetery until 1986 and was forgotten about for a long time.

A tram decorated with anti-fascist messages is being organised to take people through Vienna and to the Central Cemetery.

Departure: 12:30 p.m. Schuberting

Registration essential

For more information, please visit: <https://kz-verband-wien.at/>

## St. Georgen an der Gusen

Haus der Erinnerung  
(House of  
Remembrance)  
Marcel-Callo-Straße 3  
Upper Austria

**1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**'Marcel Callo' guided tour in the 'Bergkristall' (Rock Crystal) tunnel system**

There are a limited number of places, so registration is essential.

Saturday, 10 May 2025

## Gusen

Gusen Memorial,  
Appellplatz  
Georgestraße 7  
Upper Austria

**5:00 p.m.**

**Liberation ceremony at the site of the former Gusen Satellite Camp**

Act of remembrance on the former roll call square at Gusen with commemorative statements and laying of flowers

Followed by a joint procession from the roll call square to the Gusen Memorial (distance approx. 500 meters)

On May 5, 2025, the liberation of the Mauthausen and Gusen concentration camps marks its 80th anniversary. This milestone will be commemorated with a memorial ceremony at the former Gusen concentration camp, emphasizing the importance of remembrance. The event is held under the motto 'Liberated?!' and explores the multifaceted meaning of freedom and liberation – for the victims, the survivors, and our society today.

Sunday, 11 May 2025

## Mauthausen

Memorial to Roma  
und Sinti, Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**9:00 a.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the Memorial to Roma and Sinti as part of the International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony**

As a result of many years of cooperation between the Cultural Association of Austrian Roma and the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma in Heidelberg, the memorial was opened to the public in an official ceremony on 9 May 1998. Shortly before the end of the war, on 9 March 1945, 450 female Sinti and Roma and their children were transported from Ravensbrück to Mauthausen. The babies and children were murdered by the National Socialists as soon as they arrived.

Organiser: Kulturverein österreichischer Roma (Cultural Association of Austrian Roma)

Sunday, 11 May 2025

## Mauthausen

Barracks 1, former  
camp brothel,  
Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**9:00 a.m.**

**Anti-fascist feminist women's commemoration event: 'Hoch die Herzen – Mut zum Handeln!'**  
(Lift up your hearts – have courage to act)

The event will be translated in several languages and in Austrian Sign Language.

Remembering and commemorating lead you to today – remembering the persecution, murder and resistance of women, lesbian women and girls during the Nazi fascist regime.

Commemorating the women and girls who were imprisoned in Mauthausen concentration camp and commemorating the women who were taken from Ravensbrück concentration camp to Mauthausen concentration camp and sexually exploited in the camp brothel.

Never again fascism! Never again war!

Organisation: Autonome Feministinnen (Autonomous Feminists)

Wailing Wall, Memorial Plaque for  
the 42, Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**9:15 a.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony of the KZ-Verband/VdA Upper Austria for the 42 resistance fighters murdered on 28 April 1945**

The memorial plaque, which was unveiled in 2001 in memory of the 42 anti-fascists who were gassed on 28 and 29 April 1945, is an important symbol of commemoration for the political resistance in Austria. The majority of the 42 were part of the so-called 'Welser Gruppe' which was annihilated by the Gestapo in September 1944.

The commemoration ceremony is organised by the KZ-Verband/VdA Upper Austria.



Sunday, 11 May 2025

## Mauthausen

Chapel, Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**9:20 a.m.**  
**Ecumenical service**

Memorial plaque for  
Richard Bernaschek  
(rear wall of the  
former infirmary),  
Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**10:00 a.m.**  
**Commemoration ceremony for the social democrats murdered in  
Mauthausen Concentration Camp**

Organiser: Bund Sozialdemokratischer Freiheitskämpfer:innen, Opfer  
des Faschismus und aktiver Antifaschist:innen (Federation of Social  
Democratic Freedom Fighters, Victims of Fascism and Active Anti-  
Fascists)

Quarry, Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**10:00 a.m.**  
**International Youth Commemoration Ceremony**

International  
Liberation and  
Commemoration  
Ceremony,  
Mauthausen  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Erinnerungsstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**Mauthausen Komitee**  
  
Mauthausen Committee Austria

**80** anniversary of the  
**liberation**

**11:00 a.m.**  
**International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony 2025 on the  
theme of 'Didn't we say never again?'**

In 2025, the liberation of the Mauthausen concentration camp  
and its numerous satellite camps marks its 80th anniversary.  
The Commemoration Year 2025 serves as a powerful reminder of  
the immense suffering caused by the Nazi dictatorship: millions  
of people fell victim to the systematic persecution and murder  
orchestrated by the Nazi regime.

The International Liberation and Commemoration Ceremony will  
focus on the theme: „Didn't we say never again?“ Once again,  
the connection to the present remains an essential part of the  
commemoration.

We invite you to participate in the year-round Virtual  
Commemoration by submitting a contribution. All information can be  
found at [www.befreiungsfeier.at](http://www.befreiungsfeier.at).

# Sunday, 11 May 2025

## Ried in der Riedmark

Memorial stone  
Marktplatz  
Upper Austria

**3:30 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony in remembrance of the 'Mühlviertler Menschenhatz' (Mühlviertel Manhunt)**

After the Liberation Ceremony at the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial, there will be a commemoration of the victims of the 'Mühlviertel Manhunt' at the memorial in the town of Ried in der Riedmark.

Opening and welcome address: Sabine SCHATZ, Member of the National Council; Christian TAUSCHEK, Mayor of Ried in der Riedmark  
Commemoration speech: Andreas KRANEBITTER, Director of the Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance (DÖW)  
Musical accompaniment: Tonfabrik

# Monday, 12 May 2025

## Amstetten

Bildstock,  
Eisenreichdornach  
access road  
Schabfeldstraße  
Lower Austria

**10:00 a.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Amstetten Satellite Camp**

There will be a wreath-laying ceremony and ecumenical prayers.

Speeches: Representatives of MKÖ and of the province of Lower Austria, representatives of Amicale de Mauthausen (Belgium)  
Cultural and musical programme by Amstetten schools.

## Melk

Objekt 10, Birago  
military barracks  
(South Gate), Melk  
Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Prinzlstraße 22  
Lower Austria

**10:30 a.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Melk Satellite Camp**

The commemoration ceremony for the victims of the Melk Satellite Camp, which is traditionally attended by survivors of the camp and their families, will focus in this anniversary year on the theme of 'Didn't we say never again?'

Readings: Students of Melk Stiftsgymnasium  
Musical composition: Melk Middle School for Music



Monday, 12 May 2025

## Steyr

Concentration Camp  
Memorial  
Haagerstraße  
Upper Austria

5:30 p.m.

### Liberation ceremony at the site of the former Steyr Satellite Camp

Welcome address: Karl RAMSMAIER, Mauthausen Committee Steyr

Welcome: Markus VOGL, Mayor of the City of Steyr

Commemoration speech: Heinz FISCHER, former President of Austria

## Biographical traces

Commemoration speech: Claude SIMON, Amicale de Mauthausen  
(French association in memory of the history of Mauthausen  
concentration camp)

### Contributions from young people from Steyr and France

Wreath-laying ceremony and a minute's silence

Music: 'Mandolinenorchester' Steyr (Steyr mandolin orchestra)

In the event of bad weather, the liberation ceremony will be held inside Münichholz fire station, Prinzstraße 1a, 4400 Steyr.

Tuesday, 13 May 2025

## Vöcklabruck

Bundesgymnasium  
Vöcklabruck school  
Schloßstraße 31a  
Upper Austria

9:30 a.m.

## Commemoration ceremony in Vöcklabruck

Memorial stone at the  
regional sports centre  
Bahnhofstraße/  
Schloßstraße  
Upper Austria

11:30 a.m.

## Wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial stone at the site of the former Vöcklabruck Wagrain Satellite Camp

following the commemoration ceremony at the Bundesgymnasium  
Vöcklabruck school



## Tuesday, 13 May 2025

### Wiener Neudorf

Park der Erinnerung  
Palmerstraße corner  
of Eumigweg  
Lower Austria

**10:00 a.m.**

**Commemoration Ceremony for the Prisoners and Victims of the Former Guntramsdorf/Wiener Neudorf Satellite Camp**

Following the commemoration ceremony, a wreath-laying will take place at the memorial site on Industriestraße in Neu Guntramsdorf.

## Wednesday, 14 May 2025

### Villach

Memorial of Names  
Widmannsgasse 35  
Carinthia

**6:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration of the victims of the National Socialist tyranny**

## Thursday, 15 May 2025

### Attnang-Puchheim

Memorial near the  
train station  
Bahnhofstraße  
Upper Austria

**6:30 p.m.**

**Wreath-laying ceremony at the concentration camp memorial at Attnang-Puchheim train station**

Location details to be  
announced  
Upper Austria

**7:15 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony**

with ORF editor Fritz DITTLBACHER

## Friday, 16 May 2025

### Hofamt Priel

Gemeindezentrum  
(community centre)  
Dorfplatz 1  
Lower Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**Opening of 'Zwischenräume' (Spaces) exhibition**

Opening and presentation of the 'Zwischenräume' exhibition by Christian RABL, Director of the Melk Centre for Contemporary History

Gemeindezentrum  
(community centre)  
Dorfplatz 1  
Lower Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tour of the memorial stone in Hofamt Priel**

Led by Hans HOCHSTOEGER, photographer and filmmaker

## Friday, 16 May 2025

### Hofamt Priel

Gemeindezentrum  
(community centre)  
Dorfplatz 1  
Lower Austria

**8:00 p.m.**

**Film screening of 'Endphase'**

Documentary by Hans and Tobias HOCHSTOEGER

Remembrance work often fails due to people's concerns about making enemies in the area where they live. That's why the later born generations need to find the courage to ask uncomfortable questions. In the Lower Austrian town of Hofamt Priel, the filmmaker and photographer Hans Hochstätger has made a documentary of this that will probably be one of the last of its kind: an oral history project, searching for the traces of an almost forgotten massacre, in which contemporary witnesses give their versions of what they remember from 1945.

## Saturday, 17 May 2025

### Bleiburg / Pliberk

Kulturhaus /  
Kulturni dom  
Völkermarkter-  
straße 10  
Carinthia

**6:00 p.m.**

**Concert 'Partisan Songs'**

To mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and commemorate the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Austrian State Treaty, choirs from Slovenia and Carinthia / Koroška have come together with an orchestra to hold a series of concerts.

The central focus will be the partisans' songs and remembering the fight for peace and freedom. The concerts will be accompanied by a small exhibition and multimedia show.

## Sunday, 18 May 2025

### Persenbeug

Persenbeug Parish  
Church  
Schubertstraße 52  
Lower Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**Memorial concert with the Mauthausen Cantata and other songs**

with Otto LECHNER, accordion, and the dachor Persenbeug choir  
Text accompaniment: Anne BENNETT, actress

Sunday, 18 May 2025

## Gallneukirchen

Mahnmal für den  
Frieden (Memorial for  
Peace)  
Anton-Riepl-Straße/  
Gallneukirchner  
Straße  
Upper Austria

**6:30 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the Memorial for Peace**

Main Theme: Freedom and liberation are never-ending responsibilities. Our motto must be: 'Never forget.' (Quote by Umberto Eco)

Word Collages on the Days of Liberation in the Mühlviertel

Keynote Speaker: Michael JOHN, Historian

We remember the dictatorial constraints imposed by the National Socialist regime, from which the US soldiers freed the region. We also recount the conditions under which the US Army handed many thousands of German soldiers over to the Soviets.

In the event of poor weather, the ceremony will take place under the roof of Fleischmanufaktur Riepl in Anton-Riepl-Straße.

Tuesday, 20 May 2025

## Gleisdorf

Stadtbücherei  
Gleisdorf  
Weizer Straße 3  
Styria

**7:30 p.m.**

**Forms of remembrance – memorial cultures in Hungary and Austria**

Lecture and discussion

with Ursula MINDLER-STEINER, University of Graz and Andrásy University Budapest

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

## Linz

Chapel of the  
University College of  
Education Diocese  
of Linz  
Salesianumweg 3  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**Geh!Denk!Feier! (Walk!Think!Celebrate!) 'remember-urge-act'**

in remembrance of the former Linz II Satellite Camp

Students from the two fourth year classes of Adalbert Stifter Praxismittelschule school in Linz have focused on the Nazi period and the Austrian culture of remembrance from a range of perspectives through different projects, workshops and their lessons, but also during excursions and conversations with contemporary witnesses. From this work, they have then created pieces of writing that will be presented as part of the annual Geh!Denk!Feier! (Walk!Think!Celebrate!) event.

# Friday, 23 May 2025

## Weyer-Dipoldsau

Dipoldsau Memorial  
Anger  
Upper Austria

**5:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Dipoldsau Satellite Camp**

The keynote speaker is author Anna GOLDENBERG. In her first book, 'Versteckte Jahre' (Hidden Years), she tells the story of her grandparents, who survived the Holocaust. The event's content is based on the MKÖ's annual theme: 'Didn't we say 'Never Again'?''

Speeches from representatives of the municipality of Weyer and the MKÖ will be part of the commemoration.

Pupils from Weyer Secondary School will perform two musical pieces. The names of the victims will be read out individually, and white roses will be placed at the memorial site.

The ceremony will conclude with a prayer by Weyer priest Walter DORFER, followed by a musical piece from the album 'Silent Tears: The Last Yiddish Tango', based on testimonies of women who survived the Holocaust.

# Saturday, 24 May 2025

## Neumarkt

Schloss Lind/  
das ANDERE  
heimatmuseum  
St. Marein 28  
Styria

**8:00 p.m.**

**Liberation ceremony at the site of the former Schloss Lind (Lind Castle) Satellite Camp**

Karin REINPRECHT: Opening of 'BEIHILFE' (Assistance) exhibition

Music: NOREIA QUARTETT (Noreia Quartet)

# Monday, 26 May 2025

## Persenbeug

Rathausplatz  
Persenbeug  
Lower Austria

**4:00 p.m.**

**'Stones of Remembrance' tour**

Led by Christina KANDLER, Association MERKwürdig Contemporary History Centre Melk

During the tour, details will be shared of the victims' lives and the context of Nazi persecution within the community will be examined. The tour will visit all the memorial sites in Persenbeug-Gottsdorf.

Tuesday, 27 May 2025

## Gleisdorf

forumKLOSTER  
Rathausplatz 5  
Styria

**7:30 p.m.**

**Theatre against forgetting: 'Never again!'**

A collection of scenes by 'Die Wilden Alten' (The Wild Old People theatre group) for a better world

Twenty-two people aged between 65 and 90 years old will bring to the stage their statement against war and for peace and freedom.

Director: Otto KOEHLMEIER



Wednesday, 28 May 2025

## Präbichl

Skiarena Präbichl  
Eisenstraße  
Styria

**9:45 a.m.**

**18th March of Life in memory of the 250 Hungarian Jews who died in 1945**

We will commemorate the 250 Hungarian Jews who died in 1945 and walk along their path together.

The meeting point is at 9:45 a.m. in the Präbichl Skiarena. At 10 a.m. the March of Life will lead via the Almhäuser to the memorial (approx. half an hour's walk).

Please bring a fist-sized stone in memory of the victims. Warm clothing and rain gear are recommended.

## Eisenerz

Präbichl Memorial  
Passhöhe Präbichl  
Styria

**11:00 a.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the memorial**

in memory of the 250 Hungarian Jews who died in 1945

Friday, 30 May 2025

## Klagenfurt / Celovec

Konzerthaus /  
Dom glasbe  
Mießtalerstraße 8  
Carinthia

**6:00 p.m.**  
**Concert 'Partisan Songs'**

To mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and commemorate the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Austrian State Treaty, choirs from Slovenia and Carinthia / Koroška have come together with an orchestra to hold a series of concerts.

The central focus will be the partisans' songs and remembering the fight for peace and freedom. The concerts will be accompanied by a small exhibition and multimedia show.

## Spring/Summer

### Aflenz

Location details to be  
announced  
Styria

**Time will be announced**  
**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Wagna/Leibnitz  
Satellite Camp**

Tuesday, 3 June 2025

## Bachmanning

Vor dem  
Gemeindeamt  
(town hall)  
Dorfplatz 5  
Upper Austria

**6:00 p.m.**  
**Commemoration ceremony for victims of the Nazi regime in  
Bachmanning**

The Bachmanning Commemoration Initiative remembers the local victims of Nazi terror.

Speakers: Karl KASER, Mayor of Bachmanning; Andreas GRUBER, Director; and Robert EITER, Board Member of the Mauthausen Committee Austria

Musical accompaniment: Musikverein Bachmanning

In case of bad weather, the commemoration ceremony will take place at Gasthaus Sterrer, Dorfplatz 1.

Saturday, 7 June 2025

## Loiblpass Strasse

Tunnel portal Loibl-  
North, former  
forecourt of the  
Customs office  
Carinthia

**9:00 a.m.**

**International commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Loibl-Nord Satellite Camp**

Commemoration speech: Heinz FISCHER, former President of Austria  
Voice of the descendants of contemporary witnesses: the family of Janko TIŠLER

Music: Silvia IGERC, zither, and Arthur OTTOWITZ, harmonica  
As in previous years, the event will take place with a speaker representing the young people.

The commemoration ceremony follows the tradition of trying to anchor this long 'forgotten' Mauthausen satellite camp in Carinthia's and Austria's cultural memory. Mauthausen Committee Carinthia/Koroška feels a moral duty towards the victims of Loiblpass Concentration Camps, to tell the story of their suffering and dying, but also to preserve their story of courageous resistance and survival with honour.

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Loibl-Süd Memorial  
Slovenia

**11:00 a.m.**

**International Liberation Ceremony at the site of the former Loibl-Süd Satellite Camp**

Friday, 27 June 2025

## Klagenfurt

Domplatz  
(Cathedral Square)  
Karfreitstraße  
Carinthia

**6:00 p.m.**

**'Svobodni! Liberated! A Festival in Honour of Resistance/Praznujum upor'**

The 'Svobodni! Liberated!' festival on Domplatz in Klagenfurt / Celovec brings together culture, music, talks, gastronomy and discussions to foster a diverse culture of remembrance of the resistance against the Nazi regime. It focuses on the historical burden of the Domplatz and places the existing memorial in a much wider context. Numerous initiatives will present their work and invite visitors to come and talk to them. The festival sends a signal for democracy and social justice and against exclusion by linking historical resistance with current civil society actions.



Saturday, 28 June 2025

## Bretstein

Memorial for  
Bretsteingraben  
Satellite Camp  
Bretsteingraben 16  
Styria

**11:00 a.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the  
site of the former Bretstein Satellite  
Camp**

Speaker: Günter EICHBERGER

Born in 1959 in Oberzeiring (Styria),  
Günter EICHBERGER lives in Graz as a  
freelance writer. In addition to plays  
and radio dramas, he has published  
a number of prose collections.

## St. Pantaleon

Weyer Camp Memorial  
Moosachstraße  
Upper Austria

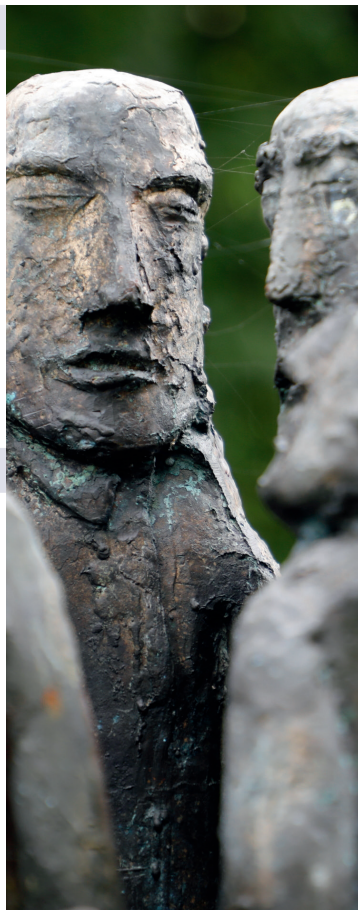
**6:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony for the  
victims of St. Pantaleon-Weyer camp**

The commemoration ceremony will  
take place under the motto '25 years  
as a place of remembrance'

Welcome address: Federal President  
Alexander VAN DER BELLEN

Musical accompaniment:  
Demokratischer Chor Braunau  
(Braunau Democratic Choir)



Sunday, 29 June 2025

## Bad Eisenkappel / Železna Kapla

Peršmanhof  
(Peršman farm)  
Koprein-Petzen 3  
Carinthia

**2:00 p.m.**

**Commemorative event to remember the victims of the Peršman  
massacre and the Hojnik family**

The commemorative event will be held at the Peršman farm. You are  
invited to commemorate the victims and pay tribute to the resistance  
of the Carinthian Slovenes.

At a time when a culture of remembrance is more important than  
ever, this event is intended to send a signal against forgetting and  
act as a firm commitment to anti-fascism and justice.

# June

## Wien-Floridsdorf

Location details to be  
announced  
Vienna

**Time will be announced**

Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Floridsdorf  
Satellite Camp

## Tuesday, 1 July 2025

### Goldegg

Schloss Goldegg,  
Kemenatensaal  
Hofmark 1  
Salzburg

**7:00 p.m.**

Talk: 'My father, the deserter part II'

with Erhard GASSNER, contemporary witness  
Introductory lecture: Maria POHN-LAUGGAS, Universities of Vienna  
and Bochum  
Moderation: Ingrid BOEHLER, University of Innsbruck

## Wednesday, 2 July 2025

### Goldegg-Weng

Böndlsee lake  
Salzburg

**9:30 a.m.**

Following the trail of the Resistance – memorial walk around the  
Böndlsee lake

'Remembrance in motion' under the direction of Esche  
SCHOERGHOFFER, Vienna  
Musical accompaniment: Bertl MUETTER, trombone

### Goldegg

Schloss Goldegg  
(stumbling stones)  
und Goldegg  
Deserters Memorial  
Hofmark 1  
Salzburg

**5:00 p.m.**

Commemoration of the victims of 2 July 1944

The commemoration takes place in memory of the 'Sturm auf  
Goldegg' (Assault on Goldegg) on 2 July 1944.

Commemorative speech: Walter THALER, Zell am See

# Sunday, 20 July 2025

## Bleiburg / Pliberk

Location details to be  
announced  
Carinthia

**9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Memorial hike up the Kömmel / Komelj**

The memorial hike up the Kömmel / Komelj remembers the twelve fallen victims of the Domen Company of partisan fighters, who were brutally murdered by SS troops on 12 October 1944, and Lipej Kolenik-Stanko, a former resistance fighter and a committed and vocal supporter of peace and the democratic renewal of Austria.

The route will take in the different memorial sites for these events and keep the memory of resistance against National Socialism alive.

# Monday, 21 July 2025

## Weidenburg

Promoser Alm/  
Gedenkkapelle  
Carinthia/Friaul (Italy)

**5:30 a.m.**

**Memorial hike 'Summer 1944 – walk of remembrance'**

To mark the 81st anniversary of the massacre of the civilian population by the National Socialists and fascists in the Italian Carnic Mountain pastures, we will hike to the memorial chapel on the Promoser Alm/Cra. Pramosio and on to Timau.

The trail leads via the Bischofalm, a section of the Karnischer Höhenweg (Carnic Peace Trail) and the Kronhofer Törl to the Promoser Alm – Malga di Pramosio (Italy). We will commemorate the innocent victims at the alpine chapel at 10 a.m. After a stop for refreshments at the Alm-Agriturismo mountain hut, we will descend to Timau/Tischlwang via the Plöckenstraße.

Meeting point: Weidenburg fire station at 5:30 a.m.

Please note: This is a long and steep hike. Adequate gear and fitness are required!

Register via telephone and bring a valid ID/passport.

Coordination: Hannes Guggenberger: +43 660 350 32 71

## Sunday, 7 September 2025

### Bad Eisenkappel / Železna Kapla

Location details to be  
announced  
Carinthia

**8:00 a.m.**

**'Following the paths of resistance in remembrance of Johan, Gašper, Lenart and Jelka'**

This memorial hike will lead through Lobnig / Lobnik to all the remote mountain farms that actively supported the resistance and on to the Peršman Museum. These farms are connected by a special story of resistance, which is remembered year after year through this hike.

Karel Prušnik-Gašper, Franc Pasterk-Lenart and Helena Kuchar-Jelka, who the hike was named after, were all born here. The memorial hike remembers these three people and also highlights how crucial the support from the civilian population was for the success of the resistance.

## Friday, 19 September 2025

### St. Valentin

Bahnhofsneben-  
gebäude (adjoining  
building to the railway  
station)  
Westbahnstraße 31  
Lower Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**Opening of 'Codename Spielwarenfabrik' (Code Name Toy Factory) exhibition**

Official opening of the exhibition about the St. Valentin Satellite Camp

## Saturday, 20 September 2025

### Goldegg

Location details to be  
announced  
Salzburg

**Time will be announced**

**Excursion to former satellite camp 'Schloss Lind'**

with a guided tour of 'Schloss Lind: das ANDERE heimatmuseum' ('The alternative museum of local history')

## Sunday, 21 September 2025

### Strasshof

Memorial  
Helmahofstraße  
Lower Austria

**11:30 a.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony for the victims of the former Strasshof transit camp**

Saturday, 27 September 2025

## Greifenburg

Memorial to the  
victims of National  
Socialism  
Carinthia

**5:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the memorial to the victims of  
National Socialism**

Commemoration ceremony for those who were persecuted in the  
Upper Drau Valley. Expansion of the memorial to include Johann  
Tiefnig and Nikolaj Buzomet.

## Autumn

### Neu Guntramsdorf

Industriestraße  
Lower Austria

**Time will be announced**

**Commemoration Ceremony for the Prisoners and Victims of the  
Former Guntramsdorf/Wiener Neudorf Satellite Camp**

For more information, visit [gedenkverein.org](http://gedenkverein.org)

Wednesday, 1 October 2025

### Alkoven

Alkoven/Schloss  
Hartheim (Hartheim  
Castle)  
Schloßstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**5:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony for the victims of Nazi euthanasia at  
Hartheim Castle**

Friday, 3 October 2025

### Ternberg

Pfarrbaracke  
Spielfeldstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**6:30 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Ternberg  
Satellite Camp**

remembering the victims of National Socialism

Music: Choir of Ternberg middle school and the 'Soulservice' band



Saturday, 4 October 2025

## Bad Eisenkappel / Železna Kapla

Peršman Museum  
Koprein-Petzen 3  
Carinthia

**6:00 p.m.**

### 'Long Night of Museums' at Peršman Museum

The museum at the Peršman farm is the only museum in Austria that focuses on the expulsion of the Carinthian Slovenes and the partisan resistance. Part of the exhibition is also dedicated to the massacre that took place at the Peršman farm in 1945.

The detailed reconstruction of events reveals the shocking brutality with which a whole family, including babies and children, was murdered here.

Sunday, 5 October 2025

## St. Johann im Rosental / Šentjanž v Rožu

Location details to be  
announced  
Carinthia

**9:00 a.m.**

### 'Ston Hike'

The 'Ston Hike' remembers the partisan fighters who lost their lives during the Second World War while resisting fascism in the region. The hike will visit the memorial sites in St. Johann im Rosental / Šentjanž and on the Rabenberg / na Rutah, where memorials remember the fallen partisans and the priest Janez Hornböck, who was murdered in Dachau.

The hike is dedicated to the memory of the partisan Bogdan Mohor-Ston, who organised the resistance in Rosental / Rož. It has been held on the second Sunday in October since 2015 and it helps to keep the memory of the anti-fascist struggle and of the victims of Nazi persecution alive.





Sunday, 26 October 2025

## Klagenfurt

Annabichl Cemetery  
Flughafenstraße 7  
Carinthia

**10:00 a.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony for the victims for a free Austria**

The central commemoration event at the Klagenfurt Central Cemetery Annabichl / Trnja vas remembers the partisans and victims of the National Socialist terror regime who are buried there. Many of them were buried by the Nazis secretly in unmarked graves in order to conceal their crimes.

A memorial erected by Carinthian anti-fascist organisations honours the fallen and its list of names is continuously being updated on the initiative of the Memorial Carinthia/Koroška organisation.

The ceremony will particularly remember the partisans Jurij Ravnik-Sašo and Janez Županc-Johan, who lost their lives fighting for Austria's freedom. This event acts as a reminder of the past and sends a signal against forgetting.

Tuesday, 28 October 2025

## Goldegg

Memorial stone in  
Goldegg  
Hofmark  
Salzburg

**5:00 p.m.**

**Silent act of remembrance**

Remembering the executions of Alois Buder, August Egger, Karl Rupitsch and Kaspar Wind at Mauthausen Concentration Camp 81 years ago

October

## Südkärnten / Južna Koroška

Location details to be  
announced  
Carinthia

**Time will be announced**

**Remembrance and wreath-laying ceremonies for the fallen and murdered victims of National Socialism**

Every year we remember by laying wreaths in cemeteries and at memorials to the fallen resistance fighters across Carinthia / Koroška.

# Saturday, 1 November 2025

## Wien

Zentralfriedhof,  
Rundplatz Gruppe 41  
Simmeringer Haupt-  
straße 232  
Vienna

**3:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the memorial of the Municipality of Vienna to the victims of a free Austria 1934–1945**

with guard of honour by the armed forces

Meeting point: 3 p.m., Central Cemetery, roundabout Group 41

Then (around 3:30 p.m.): Speech and reading at the National Memorial, Group 40

Then: Wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial to the Yugoslavian partisans

## Hinterbrühl

Memorial  
Johannesstraße 16-32  
Lower Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**Commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Hinterbrühl Satellite Camp on All Saints Day**

# Sunday, 2 November 2025

## Großraming

Memorial in the  
roundabout  
Upper Austria

**2:00 p.m.**

**March for peace for the victims of the Großraming Satellite Camp**

The march for peace will start with a wreath-laying ceremony at the 'Kriegerdenkmal' (war memorial) on Kirchenplatz. This will be followed by a silent procession through the village to the memorial in the roundabout. The names of the 227 victims will be read out during the silent procession.

Adolf BRUNNTHALER will commemorate the victims at the memorial in the roundabout with a brief address.

## Sunday, 2 November 2025

### St. Michael ob Bleiburg / Šmihel pri Pliberku

Location details to be  
announced  
Carinthia

**2:00 p.m.**

**All Souls' Day commemoration event**

The All Souls' Day commemoration event in St. Michael ob Bleiburg / Šmihel ob Pliberku remembers the young partisan Karel Klun-Marko, who died fighting against National Socialism aged only 18. Since it was relocated in 1947, his grave in the cemetery of the St. Michael Parish Church has been carefully tended to and honoured with the addition of an obelisk with a bilingual inscription.

The commemoration event honours his sacrifice and acts as a symbol of the fight against oppression and remembering those who gave their lives for freedom and justice.

### Pichl bei Wels

Church cemetery  
Pfarrplatz 1  
Upper Austria

**7:00 p.m.**

**Act of remembrance for the victims of the 'Fremdvölkisches Kinderheim' at Etzelsdorf Castle (Orphanage for Children of Alien Ethnicity)**

To commemorate the '20 Jahre Erinnerungsarbeit' (20 years of Remembrance Work), we remember the children of Slavic forced labourers.

Commemoration speech: Manfred SCHEUER, Diocesan Bishop of Linz

## Monday, 10 November 2025

### St. Valentin

Mahnmal für den  
Frieden (Memorial for  
Peace)  
Park Westbahnstraße  
Lower Austria

**5:00 p.m.**

**Wreath-laying ceremony and commemoration with musical accompaniment**

## Wednesday, 31 December 2025

### Hinterbrühl

Memorial  
Johannesstraße 16-32  
Lower Austria

**6:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Eve commemoration ceremony at the site of the former Hinterbrühl Satellite Camp**

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# Memorial year 2025

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The Legacy of the Concentration  
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**The Legacy of the Concentration Camp Survivors** forms the basis for the work of Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ). In addition to work to commemorate the victims of the crimes of the Nazi regime, particularly those who were imprisoned at Mauthausen concentration camp and its satellite camps, **activities to combat right-wing extremism and share knowledge, and dedicated anti-fascism and anti-racism work** – with young people in particular – are key areas of focus for Mauthausen Committee Austria. The MKÖ is organizing Talks with Contemporary witnesses. More Information under [www.mkoe.at](http://www.mkoe.at).

**In the 2025 anniversary year, Mauthausen Committee Austria will provide our free offerings for young people all year round.**

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