



Liberation!  
1945



## GO THERE and REMEMBER

Three-day walk in memory of the victims of the 'death marches'  
from Mauthausen/Gusen to Gunkirchen  
31 March to 3 April 2025

2025 marks the 80th year of the many crimes committed during the period of National Socialism. Countless so-called 'end-of-war crimes' had taken place until the concentration camps of the Mauthausen camp system were liberated at the beginning of May 1945. These include the infamous 'death marches from Mauthausen/Gusen to Gunkirchen'. During April 1945, thousands of Jewish people were marched from the tent camp of the Mauthausen concentration camp and from the Gusen concentration camp to a primitive barracks camp in Gunkirchen, more than 60 kilometers away. There, more than 20,000 were subjected to appalling conditions of detention. At least 5,000 to 6,000 did not survive. In the days and weeks that followed, countless people still died in nearby field hospitals as a result of their imprisonment.

In memory of the victims the Mauthausen Memorial is organizing a three-day walk with many cooperation partners. During the walk, historical events will be discussed from different perspectives. Second and third generation family members (from Israel, Australia, the USA, ...) will share stories from their family history. Information, discussions and encounters during the walk are intended to promote exchange between the participants and intended to make the history of the Gunkirchen camp accessible to a wider public.

### Information for participants travelling from outside of Austria

#### What is being provided by the organizers?

- bus transfer from Vienna Airport to Linz (hotel) and return
- bus transfer from and to the hotel (Linz) on the days of the walk
- vegetarian lunch and water during the walk
- vegetarian dinners
- content design of the walk and the accompanying events
- transport vehicle for luggage and any emergencies that may occur

#### What must be organized by the participants?

- booking of flights
- booking of hotel in Linz, 30 March – 3 April 2025, 4 nights + breakfast
- E-mail to: [julia.unger@hotel-spinnerei.at](mailto:julia.unger@hotel-spinnerei.at); please add code: 'Memorial'
- booking of further accomodation 3/4 April 2025 at **NH Vienna Airport Conference Center**
- We strongly recommend taking out travel insurance!
- appropriate clothing for the weather, including rain or snow protection, hiking boots suitable for walking on tarmac
- good physical condition and stamina (walking distance: 55 km/34 miles in 3 days)

Please pre-register via [education@mauthausen-memorial.org](mailto:education@mauthausen-memorial.org). After pre-registration, a detailed registration form will be sent to you via email.

Participation on only one of the days or taking part in only one of the routes is also possible.

Limited number of participants!

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Todesmarschdenkmal in Mauthausen, Wiener Graben. Photo © Ruth Longodor 2014.

## Program Outline

### Sunday, 30 March 2025

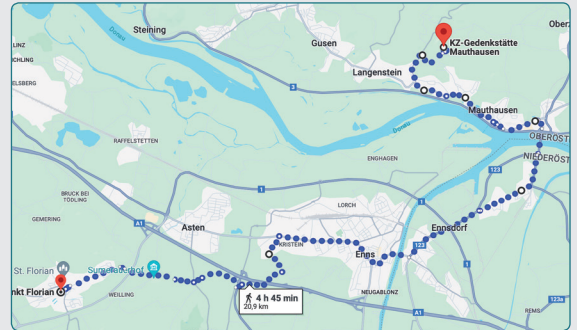
- Individual arrival from abroad, bus transfer from Vienna Airport to Linz (hotel) at approx. 09:00 p.m.

### Monday, 31 March 2025

- bus transfer from the hotel in Linz to Mauthausen (distance approx. 20 km/12.5 miles)
- 10:00 a.m. – guided tour through the Mauthausen Memorial in English
- lunch break
- bus transfer to Gusen (distance: 4 km/2.5 miles)
- guided tour through the Gusen Memorial in English and transfer back to Mauthausen
- 04:30 p.m. – 'Get-Together' in the visitor center of the Mauthausen Memorial
- bus transfer to the hotel in Linz: dinner, hotel

### Tuesday, 1 April 2025

- bus transfer from Linz to Mauthausen
- 09:00 a.m. – start of the walk at the Mauthausen Memorial
- route for the day: from Mauthausen, Ennsdorf, Enns, Lorch, Kristein, Asten to St. Florian
- arrival approx. at 06:00 p.m., total walking time of the day approx. 5 h, about 20 km/12.5 miles
- bus transfer from St. Florian to Linz: dinner, hotel



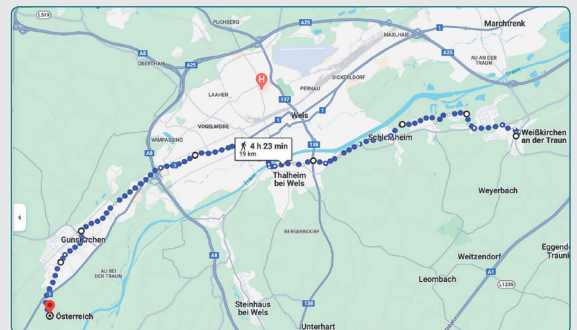
### Wednesday, 2 April 2025

- bus transfer from Linz to St. Florian
- 09:00 a.m. – second part of the walk
- route for the day: Ansfelden, Kremsbrücke, Pucking and Weißkirchen
- arrival at approx. 06:00 p.m., total walking time of the day approx. 5 h 30 min, about 23 km/14 miles
- bus transfer from Weißkirchen to Linz: dinner, hotel



### Thursday, 3 April 2025

- bus transfer from Linz to Weißkirchen
- 09:00 a.m. – third part of the walk
- route of the day: Schleißheim, Thalheim bei Wels, Wels and Gunskirchen
- arrival at approx. 03:30 p.m., total walking time of the day approx. 2 h 30 min, 10 km/6 miles; another 6 miles are covered by an organized bus
- formal closing event at the site of the former Gunskirchen forest camp
- bus transfer to final dinner at Schloss Puchberg/Wels
- bus transfer to Vienna at 07:30 p.m., arrival at the hotel at the airport in Vienna at approx. 10:00 p.m.



### Further information:

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