

ORIENTATION LETTER #5 - OPTIONAL TOURS
ST. MARGARETHEN OPERA - Friday, Aug. 15, 2025

Experience a memorable evening of opera in St. Margarethen's Roman quarry, one of Europe's loveliest open-air stages. The 2025 Opera in the Quarry season will feature "The Flying Dutchman" composed by Richard Wagner, sung in German with German subtitles.

Since 1996, the St. Margarethen Quarry has been a favorite meeting place for international opera lovers, attracting over 200,000 visitors each year. This open-air stage, just a short distance from Eisenstadt, provides a natural setting with its stunning rock formations that serve as a spectacular backdrop for these opulent opera productions.

Backstage tour: Upon arrival, we'll have a special backstage tour. After the tour and during the intermission, visit any of the onsite cafes to enjoy a glass of regional wine or other beverage, appetizing snacks, delicious desserts, or warm meals.

NOTE: In the event of adverse weather, the St. Margarethen management reserves the right to delay the start of a performance or interrupt a performance and then continue it. If a performance is canceled or interrupted before 45 minutes have elapsed, the ticket price will be refunded.



The story.

"The Flying Dutchman" plot is based on the centuries-old Dutch legend of a ghost ship. The title character, the Dutchman himself, has been cursed to wander the seas forever, and is allowed to make landfall only once every seven years to try and find a woman who will be faithful – only she can save his soul.

Cost: \$159 (includes bus transportation to and from the opera, backstage tour and opera ticket)

Reservations due by April 20; Payment due by June 1. 20 person minimum required.

Schedule (approximate times):

5:30 pm Bus departs Eisenstadt hotels
6:30 pm Backstage tour (30 minutes)
8:00 pm Performance begins
11:00 pm Performance ends
11:30 pm Bus departs
12:15 am Arrive in Eisenstad