

Mariastein Pilgrimage church

15 km to the north west of the Hohe Salve, hidden at an altitude of 575m, is one of the best known pilgrimage towns in the country: Mariastein. The snow white pilgrimage church is situated on an impressive location on a 14 m cliff. The church was built around 1360 and in the 18th century was elevated to the status of pilgrimage church after a Marian miracle. Since the late middle ages it has been a popular place of pilgrimage. The church can be visited daily between 9:00 and 17:00 for self-guided tours. Entry is free!

The wonderful Chapel of Grace in the 42 metre high tower is a destination for many pilgrims and visitors. The chapel is accessible via a spiral staircase which has exactly 142 steps. Along with the exhibits in the castle museum, the coffered ceiling in the Prince's Hall, the sacred objects made from gold and silver, the pilgrimage boards, musical instruments and the right of asylum, there are two other very special pieces to discover in the pilgrimage church. The 'Tirol state insignias' including the archducal hat and sceptre. They were donated by territorial prince Maximilian in 1600 and are wonderful decorative items from Tirol's history.

Sights

- ✓ Castle museum
- ✓ Coffered ceiling in the Prince's Hall
- ✓ Sacred objects made from gold and silver
- ✓ Pilgrimage panels
- ✓ Musical instruments
- ✓ Right of asylum
- ✓ Tirol state insignia including an archducal hat and sceptre

'Mariastein is a great place to pray', says Pastor Matthias Oberascher. Since 1999 he has been a pastor in Mariastein and is probably right, after all in the well-fortified walls holy Masses have been celebrated here for 640 years. Mariastein is one of the most important pilgrimage towns in Tirol. Actually it is due to the invention of gunpowder that the 42 metre high keep on a vertical rock face became a pilgrimage church. Built in 1360 to protect the road between Innsbruck and Rosenheim, the 'Herren auf dem Stayn' structure soon lost its strategic importance and became a pilgrimage site practically over night. Since that time countless visitors have been coming with their concerns to the miraculous image of the Mother of consolation, that has been in Mariastein for 551 years.

Dates/Events

Gelöbniswallfahrt Mariastein – an oath-taking pilgrimage

On the first Sunday in September.

In remembrance of the faithfulness and willingness to make sacrifices of the Tyrolean reserve forces from 1915 – 1918, the comrades' association Tiroler Kameradschaftsbund organize a pilgrimage every year.

Mariasteiner Woman Day

8th of September/every year

Holy Mass in honour of the church's patron saint in the inner courtyard, at 9 a.m.

Unterländer Wallfahrt

Am vorletzten Sonntag im September

Church services

Sundays | 10.30 a.m. | Pilgrims' Mass (in summer in the castle courtyard in fine weather)

Mondays | 07.00 p.m. | Holy Mass

Wednesdays | 07.00 p.m. | Liturgy of the Word

Thursdays | 07.00 p.m. | Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays | 03.00 p.m. | Holy Mass

Saturdays | 07.00 p.m. | Liturgy of the Word

Guided tours

Visiting hours: 9.00 a.m. – 05.00 p.m. daily

Free admission!

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Directions

A12 motorway exit Wörgl Ost:

2nd exit at the roundabout – along Federal Road B171 in the direction of Kufstein – after approx. 50 m to the left into Europastraße and via Angath and Angerberg to Mariastein.

A12 motorway exit Kirchbichl:

2nd exit at the roundabout – in the direction of Niederbreitenbach to Mariastein

Parking space for buses available!