

Review

Fly-In Würthersee 2025 – Places of longing!

Thursday, 12th - Sunday, 15th June 2025



Seeschlössl in Pörschach = the Schnür family's famous boat and bathing house

Klagenfurt Airport LOWK

Dear members,

"Our" hotel ***Schloss Seefels*** was and is an oasis of luxury and style. Nestling in a breathtaking landscape, we enjoyed this. We experienced culinary delights in the hotel's own restaurants and some of us immersed ourselves in the superbly equipped wellness area. The castle itself radiates a majestic splendour and provides every stay here with a touch of royal flair. It is the perfect place to relax in, to enjoy, and to experience to the fullest the beauty of the **Techelsberg** and its surroundings.

Thursday, 12th June, 2025



The participants were picked up by vintage cars at Klagenfurt Airport and taken along the country road to the boutique hotel "Schloß Seefels." The "Historama" and "Nostalgia Railways in Carinthia" had made it possible.



The reception with its antique Murano chandelier was most inviting.



13:30 - 18:00: The Welcome on the Bar Terrace. As agreed, here were the first delicacies, together with a stunning view of Lake Wörthersee.



The restaurants in *Schloss Seefels*, which have been awarded three Gault Millau toques, provide a culinary journey of the highest class. Our breakfast and dinners were pure enjoyment.

“Eating is a need, enjoying is an art.”
François de La Rochefoucauld

Friday, 13th June, 2025



Traveling by boat is, of course, the obvious thing to do on the lake. We were lucky enough to be able to use two historic boats from 1924 - the Lorelei and the Loretto - for a round-trip on Lake Wörthersee. The journey took us from Seefels Castle past Velden, Dellach, Pörtschach, Maria Wörth and Reifnitz to the Restaurant Loretto.



Even the description of the on-board toilet was appropriate and original.



Brigitte was also allowed to take the helm!



Pure enjoyment!



We passed Peter Alexander's villa and those of many other celebrities who appreciate the special atmosphere at Lake Wörthersee.



Lake Wörthersee has always been known for its beautiful turn-of-the-century villas and its water, which can be as warm as 25°C.



The “Falkensteiner Hotel” in Velden beside the famous Wörthersee in a film-worthy setting.

“Actually, the **Falkensteiner Schlosshotel Velden am Wörthersee** is ‘only’ a **5-Star Hotel** in Austria. Originally it did in fact serve as Baron von Aichelberg's residence directly on Lake Wörthersee. *Bartholomäus Khevenhüller* (1539-1613) had the castle built, the character of which can still be seen in its four towers. However, it became much more famous in 1890, when it was converted into a hotel. From 1952 onwards, it was used as a **filming location for cinema and TV productions**. The best known is probably the RTL series *Ein Schloss am Wörthersee*, which was filmed there from 1990 to 1992. One of the main roles was played by the well-known pop singer *Roy Black*, who died in 1991. He is still remembered today with a memorial bust not far from the castle.” (<https://worthseeing.de/woerthersee-oesterreich/>)



Many people find the Catholic church in Maria Wörth also well-worth seeing.



Reifnitz Castle is now privately owned, but it remains one of the sights at Maria Wörth – a great photo opportunity!



We had booked lunch at the well-known restaurant "Maria Loretto" for 1 o'clock. The vintage boats were able to dock right next to the restaurant. As far as we know, the members were most satisfied.



At around 3 o'clock, three vintage convertible buses were already waiting for us to take us on a special excursion to Klagenfurt. The tour through Klagenfurt was scheduled to last an hour and a half.



The **Lindworm Fountain** on the New Square in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee from the 16th century represents the town's heraldic animal, a Lindworm.

The completed work, weighing 6 tons and made of chlorite slate, is said to have been transported to the New Square by 300 white-clad youths in 1593.

In 1636 the Hercules-Statue by the Gurker sculptor Michael Hönel was added to the ensemble. The club-wielding Hercules reduces the effect of the heraldic fountain, but recalls the legend of Klagenfurt's founding. The dragon is said to have been slain by brave men in the area surrounding the Carinthian state capital, thus making the area safe and habitable.

([https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lindwurmbrunnen_\(Klagenfurt\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lindwurmbrunnen_(Klagenfurt)))



According to a legend, Lake Wörthersee was created by too much wealth

There is an old saga concerning the creation of Lake Wörthersee: A city with magnificent buildings is said to have once stood on this spot. Its inhabitants had become wasteful through excessive wealth. On the eve of Easter, all the inhabitants gathered for a great celebration. Towards nightfall, a small, ice-grey man entered the hall. He was disgusted by the noise during this night, knowing that the great Easter festival was due the next day.

The little man advised those present to return home before the hour of repentance came upon them and they would all be punished for their lavish lifestyles. However, he was only laughed at and sent away. Later, he returned. This time, he had a barrel under his arm. Once again, he urged the revelers to stop their drinking. Otherwise, the barrel would open, and death and destruction would befall the city's inhabitants. Once again, no one listened to his advice!

When the church bells struck midnight, it was too late. All the lights went out, the walls shook, and a terrible thunderstorm broke out. Vast quantities of water poured from the barrel.

The rain didn't stop until the whole city had been swallowed up by water. This is how Lake Wörthersee was created.

(<https://worthseeing.de/woerthersee-oesterreich/>)

Later we were taken back to Hotel Schloß Seefels, where an excellent dinner awaited us at 8 o'clock.

Saturday, 14th June, 2025



At 10:00 o'clock we set off by coach to Taggenbrunn Castle, which is owned by the Riedl family, owners of the Jacques Lemans watch and jewelry company.



Andrée Heller's visual worlds weren't the only thing that enriched our visit. Everything was most impressive.



Those who were animated enough could even experience the giant slide and take the elevator back up – slide down again – yes!

At around 1:30 p.m. we were taken by coach to our next surprise destination – Domäne Lilienberg in Tainach.



The driveway itself is impressive!



A beautiful composition in preparation for the meeting.



Aperol Spritz Lilienberg-style



Here, we were warmly welcomed by the owners, the Orasch family. Nothing was missing!



At 4:30 p.m. we happily made our way ‘home’ to Hotel Schloss Seefels.
Dinner was scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, 15th June, 2025

Unfortunately, the day to fly home had already arrived.

The first bus to the airport left at 10 o'clock while some found an alternative solution in a taxi.

Once again a special aviation get-together has come and gone, but one which most people will remember as one of the best.

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With best aviation greetings

Wilhelm Schröer