

**ORIENTATION LETTER #5 - OPTIONAL TOURS**  
**ST. MARGARETHEN OPERA - Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023**

Experience a memorable evening of opera in St. Margarethen's Roman quarry, one of Europe's loveliest open-air stages. The 2023 Opera in the Quarry season will feature "Carmen" with German subtitles, composed by Georges Bizet.

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.

visit any of the onsite cafes to enjoy a glass of regional wine or other beverage, appetizing snacks, delicious desserts, or warm meals.

**Cost: To be confirmed after April 30; approximately \$125 depending on available seat selection and number of people registered for tour.**

**Reservations due by April 30.**



**The story.**

"Carmen" is the story of a hopeless soldier, Don José, who is seduced by Carmen, a fiery gypsy woman with an appetite for smuggling. Abandoning his childhood sweetheart and turning his back on his military career, the opera follows José in his pursuit of Carmen's attention.

**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 Eisenstadt

**Backstage Tour**

Upon arrival, we'll have a special backstage tour. After the tour and during the intermission,