

Mondsee



The MondSeeLand with the two lakes Mondsee and Zellersee (Irrsee) has jet been in the Monarchy a preferred holyday resort. Only a short trip of 27 km away from Salzburg it is now one of the most wanted summer resort of international guests.

The parish church, dedicated to St Michael in Mondsee – a very special treasure near Salzburg.

The unique Benedictine-church of the 12th century built new from 1470 – 1478 in gothic style, is one of the biggest church in Austria with a magnificent interior. For the american movie musical 'The Sound of Music', the wedding scene has been filmed in this church. The parish church of St. Michael is famous all over the world since some decades and so there are a lot of visitors from overseas. The Mondsee abbey, dating from 748 AD, was one of the most important cultural centres



in the Bavaria of the day and was a quality place of Christian workmanship. The first monks came from Monte Casino. The mondseean Matthews, the eldest germane translation of the holy bible was written in Mondsee just after 800 a.d.. Today, the Basilica of St. Michael, which joins on to the former Benedictine Abbey.

The extraordinaire baroque furnishings and equipments came in the late 17th and early 18th century. The Baroque artist Meinrad Guggenbichler lived in Mondsee for 44 years. He enriched especially the parish church of St. Michael with his art treasures.

The Dragon wall



The dragon wall received his name from the dragon that lived in the cave. A knight lied in wait to survive the fight with the beast. He even built a watchtower and spied



to the rock face until he found the hiding place of the dragon. He had time and possibility to learn something about the dragon and finally to kill him. This should have given the castle of "Wartenfels" (waitingrock) its name.

