

The pilgrimage tutor education in Styria

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This is an overview of the elements of the trainingscourse, to see the main issues and contents of the programm.

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1. Conception & goals of the training course

- **Development of a contemporary training course based on the training courses in other provinces.**
- **Global Goals**
 - To accompany and instruct groups of pilgrims for a day or a few days
 - Learning to cater für a group`s needs, use its capabilities, give spiritual impulses and create an agreeable environment
 - Develop and implement individually designed pilgrimage routes
 - Getting information about the European dimension of pilgrimages

Personal Skills:

- **Personal competence**
- **Competence to act**
- **Group-pedagogic competence:**
- **Thematic competence**

2. Requirements for the tutors

- **Target Group**
- **Prerequisites for attending**

3. Contents of the course

- **Sequence overview**

The course is designed in five stages based on a five day pilgrimage.

1 st stage: Sally	Fr. 16:00 – Sa. 17:00
2 nd stage: Accompany	Fr. 16:00 – Sa. 17:00
3 rd stage: Walk	Fr. 16:00 – Sa. 17:00
4 th stage: Arrive	Fr. 06:00 – Sa. 20:00
5 th stage: Harvest & celebrate	Sa. 09:00 – 19:00

- **Contents of the elements and illustrative examples**

4. Guidelines for Certification

Requirements to get the certificate:

I. Writing of a final paper (preparation of a pilgrimage lasting at least two days)

II. Work shadowing (observing good practice) – attendance of a pilgrimage

III. Liturgy paper

IV. 80% attendance

5. Certification according to wba

wba (short for “**W**eiterbildungsakademie Österreich”/Austrian Academy of Continuing Education) is a system for the qualification and recognition/accreditation of adult educators.

6. Added value

The added value of such training is:

- To have a pool of competent tutors/companions that are able to lead groups in a high personal and content-related quality
- Besides the old or shortly created new pilgrimage routes, they create new routes and/or pilgrimages for different target groups. (old, young, disabled, women, baby buggy, burn-out patients, ...)
- You can get qualified feedback about the quality of the route descriptions and markings and of the accommodation possibilities along the route.

7. How to organise, finance and manage a pilgrim tutor training

1. **Conception of the training course**
2. **Definition of the goal**
3. **Financing plan**
4. **Participants and group size**
5. **Selection of the trainers**
6. **Promotion**
7. **Structure of training course – Tasks**
 - **Tasks Management:**
 - **Tasks Supervision:**
 - **Tasks Instructors:**
8. **Miscellaneous**