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## EXCLUSIVE GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR 2019

9TH - 14TH MAY 2019 - MERANO & THE GARDENS OF TRAUTTMANSDORFF







# *Merano and the Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle*

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Join us on the 9th May 2019 for five nights to indulge in photography, local culture, fantastic cuisine and breath-taking scenery and experience this amazing journey to Merano in the South Tyrol. You will have the opportunity to learn more about photography and capture every moment with this exclusive tour, discovering the history of Trauttmansdorff Castle as well as the beauty of its award-winning gardens.

## The History of Trauttmansdorff Castle

**1327:** The castle was first documented as a farmstead called Neuberg.

**1777:** Within the 1770's the tower collapses and destroys the chapel. Today's staircase is located in what was previously the tower.

**1899:** Baron Fredrich von Deuster raised the east wing of the castle by one level by building the "Grand Rococo Hall". This significantly altered the shape of the castle.

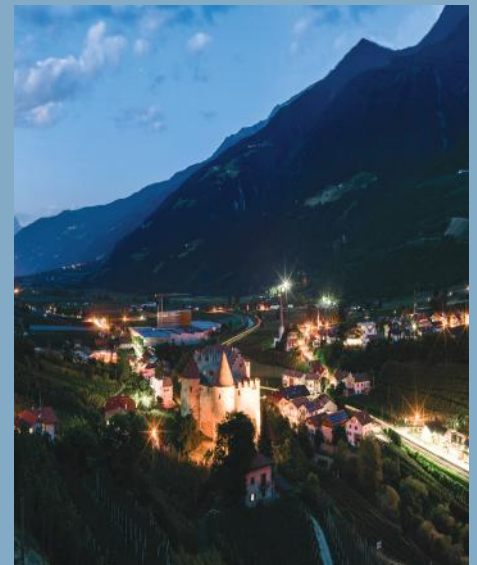
**1543:** Nicholas Von Trauttmansdorff bought Neuberg. Two generations later his Trauttmansdorff bloodline dies out. After this, Neuberg falls to decay.

**1870-89:** Austrian Empress Elisabeth chose the Trauttmansdorff Castle to become her winter residence based on its sunny, sheltered position.

**2000-03:** The castle had been neglected after the World Wars so was recently renovated again; the siding, chapel, crypt, Rococo Hall and Empress Elisabeth's second floor living quarters have all been restored to their former magnificence.

Tyrone and Michael will be on hand to offer photographic help and guidance throughout this tour and there will be opportunity to showcase your photos for a fun competition.

***Merano*** (Italian pronunciation: [me' ra' no] German pronunciation: ['meran'] )



This small town in Northern Italy is generally best known for its spa resorts. The town itself is located in a basin, surrounded by mountains standing up to 10,942 feet above sea level.

Merano offers wonderful photographic opportunities and we will visit various parks and gardens along with the towns of Bolzano and Parcines. The area is well known for its wines, both red and white, and vineyards that stretch right into the town. Of course our trip would not be complete without a wine tasting!



## Meet our Photographers



Tyrone  
McGlinchey  
FLS FRSA

Tyrone is the Managing Director/Co-Owner of the International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY). IGPOTY is the world's most prestigious competition and exhibition of its kind specialising in garden, plant, flower and botanical photography. The competition is run in partnership with Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew where the flagship exhibition of winners is launched each year. The exhibition then tours to iconic cultural and horticultural venues across the world, from UNESCO World Heritage Sites, to local museums and botanic gardens. IGPOTY manages the European Garden Photography Award with Tyrone being a judge for the European Garden Book Awards at Schloss Dennenlohe in Germany. Tyrone is also co-owner of the world's oldest horticultural image library, Garden World Images. GWI is a world renowned supplier of quality horticultural/botanical imagery, and has been serving picture buyers worldwide, such as leading publishers, magazines and newspapers, since 1951. Tyrone is the Vice Chairman of the Garden Media Guild, is a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London and Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.



Michael  
Warren  
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Horticulturist, Michael will be accompanying the tour to answer questions, share his knowledge and enthusiasm, give presentations, lead garden visits & help to make the tour a most memorable one for you. His career, spanning fifty years, has involved him in horticultural photography, writing, lecturing, planning and leading garden tours. He is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners & is involved with the London Gardens Society, official photographer to both.



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### Thursday 9th May:

Check in at the 4\* Meranerhof hotel where there will be time to find our bearings and relax before dinner.

### Friday 10th May:

After breakfast we will meet at reception and take a leisurely half hour walk or ride the shuttle bus to Trauttmansdorff Castle. Here Tyrone will give a lecture on garden and plant photography before we venture into the gardens to improve on our photographic skills with the help of Tyrone and Michael. Lunch is provided at the garden's restaurant and after lunch there's more time to capture the beauty of the gardens before reviewing all the photographs later. We then return to the hotel in time for dinner.

### Saturday 11th May:

Today we take the train to Bolzano and visit the Otzi Museum to say hello to Otzi, the world famous glacier mummy! Lunch is provided at a local restaurant before a guided tour of Bolzano. Return by train to Merano for dinner at the hotel.

### Sunday 12th May:

This morning we will take a chairlift to visit Burglehen Park and Tyrol Castle. Lunch is in Merano before a guided tour of the city including the parks and gardens. There will be a chance for leisure time before joining everyone for dinner at the hotel.

### Monday 13th May:

We will drive by coach to Parcines, to discover a tour of medicinal and wild herbology. Lunch is at a local restaurant before a guided tour of the 7 Gardens of Kränzelhof with wine tasting. We then drive back to Merano to dine at the hotel. This evening we will showcase all our photos and choose a winner of the fun competition.

### Tuesday 14th May:

Checkout of the hotel and transfer to the airport for our journey home.



Pricing includes flights from London Stansted (regional flights available), overseas transfers. Hotel accommodation on a half board basis, selected tours with lunches and entrance to attractions. Fully escorted by Fred. Olsen Travel.

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I GIARDINI DI CASTEL TRAUTTMANSDORFF  
THE GARDENS OF TRAUTTMANSDORFF CASTLE



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