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### St. Georgi Ride and Sword Dance ( 40 m special sound-track)

This picturesque folkloric event is staged every year at Easter since 1530 when it was first mentioned in the annals of the Bavarian town of Traunstein. The "Easter Ride" as it was called in heathen times - is illustrates the coming of Spring and its victory over the evil spirits of winter. The horses played a big part in heathen life and the heathen worship was changed into an event of the Church. The blessing of the horses will protect these best friends of the farmers against disease and bad luck.

In the town "The Sword Dance" follows the "St. Georgi Ride". The symbolic content of the dance is the age-old fight between good and bad. It dates back to the ancient German tribes and was first mentioned by the Roman writer / Tacitus. The dance, too, illustrates the victory of spring over the evil spirits of winter.

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