



toronto children's chorus
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Chamber Tour to Slovenia

June 28 to July 9, 2024



Dear TCC Community,

I'm Michael Denomme, a member of the TCC artistic staff and co-tour manager for our recent tour to Slovenia. I'm delighted to share my reflections on the incredible journey we all experienced together. From the breathtaking performances to the unforgettable cultural exchanges, this tour was a remarkable adventure that highlighted the talent and dedication of our choir.

The first few days of our tour were spent in rehearsals, both alone and as a massed choir with the **Slovenian National Children's Choir**.



These days were all spent on the campus of **St. Stanislav Institute**, where we were so warmly welcomed during our stay in Slovenia.

On July 3rd, Both our TCC choristers and the Slovenian National Children's Choir embarked on a journey up **Sveta Gora**, to **Bazilika Svetogorske Matere Božje**. (Basilica of the Queen of Svetogorska).

This beautiful space was an ideal setting to begin our tour. We can still feel the chills when we think of how beautiful "Salve Regina" sounded with these beautiful high ceilings and hard stone floors.



Our second concert was arguably the most important moment for us while on tour. This concert was held at the **Slovenian Philharmonic** hall, which is the oldest philharmonic hall in the country, representing a rich history of musical excellence since 1701.



We had a difficult time singing with our jaws on the floor because of the beauty of the hall! Right in the heart of Downtown Ljubljana, this hall is like stepping into the past, where you feel totally disengaged from the outside world.

Following our performance, we were greeted by a very special guest: the former Prime Minister of Slovenia, **Alojz Peterle**.



The third concert had to be our absolute favourite. For this performance we had another special opportunity to share the stage with the outstanding **St. Stanislav Girls' Choir**, directed by **Helena Fojkar Zupančič**.

This concert was held at the amazing **Academy of Music**, which is a branch of the University of Ljubljana.

This concert was truly spectacular, and concluded with a reception where our two choirs mingled and shared baked goods that the St. Stanislav Girls' Choir had made for us. Ask us about the lemon squares... SO GOOD!

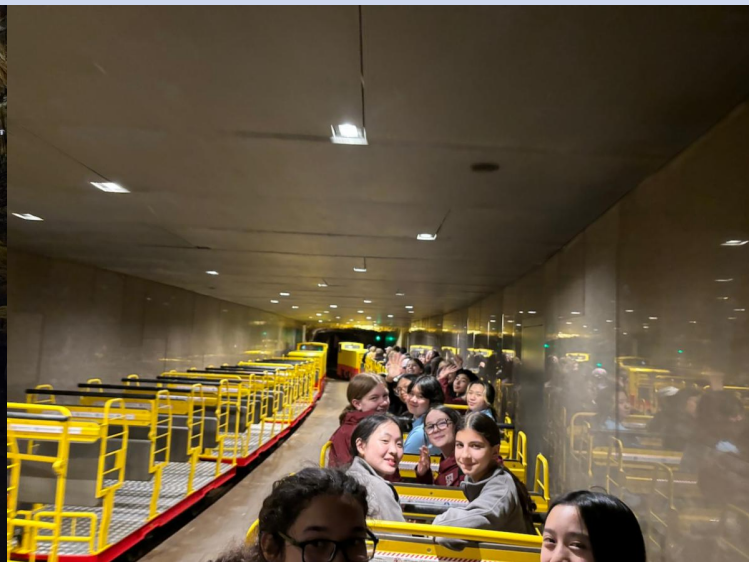


Our fourth and final concert day had us travel about 2 hours away to a very small town called Brežice. Our concert took place at the absolutely stunning **Knight's Hall** located in the **Brežice Castle**.



After the performance portion of our tour, we were able to spend three days touring the best of the Slovenian sights we could find. Thanks to our board member Maria, we were able to plan a robust tourism plan to celebrate such a successful year of choral singing and wonderful performances.

The absolute highlight of these tourism days was when we travelled to visit two caves, **Predjama** and **Postojna**. These two cave systems were magnificent and more massive than you'd expect from the photos.



It is hard to believe that the tour is now over, and impossible to put into words just how spectacular this tour was for all of us, and while this is just a snapshot of our tour, we hope it gives you all a peak into how special it was for all of our singers, staff and volunteers along the way.

For a more detailed report click the button below for the full tour recap and breakdown (with more photos!):

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