



„Choir Festival Alta Pusteria“ Puster Valley/Italy

International Choir Festival



The International Choir Festival “Alta Pusteria” is an annual event held **every June** in the beautiful **Val Pusteria (Puster Valley)**. Choirs from all over the world share their love for music in a spectacular alpine scenery along the Austrian border, dominated by the South Tyrolean mountains.

The festival is **open to choirs of all categories and offers up to sixty performances** such as concerts in theaters, concert halls and churches in various small towns of the Val Pusteria. Open-air performances are being held at spectacular viewpoints in the heart of the Dolomites like alpine huts, music gazebos or castles.

All choirs have the possibility to perform three to six concerts. The repertoire is free to choose, all music styles are permitted and there are no compulsory songs. Furthermore, the festival offers **daily get-together events: the opening concert** on arrival day, the welcome event **„Fiesta di Benvenuto“** on top of Plan de Corones (2275m), the **Tyrolese Party in Villabassa**, the **Choirs’ Parade in San Candido** and the **“Festa dell’ Arrivederci”** on departure day.

Discover the wild and romantic landscape of South Tyrol and be part of this unique festival experience!



Festival program

Wednesday: **Arrival & Festival Opening**

Upon arrival in **Val Pusteria**, check-into your booked accommodation.
Meet your local **festival assistant for a brief welcome meeting.**

Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

After, attend the opening ceremony "Opening Concert" in the Gustav Mahler Hall Dobbiaco.

Overnight at your booked accommodation.

Thursday: **Welcome Festival & Concerts**

Breakfast at accommodation.

Morning: "Festa di Benvenuto" on the Top of Plan de Corones: all participating choirs meet for a **welcome party on the Top of Plan de Corones, at an altitude of 2,275 meters.** A stage is set up under the big '**Campana della Concordia**' (the second largest Italian bell) where each choir is asked to sing a song. At the end of the performances all participants will have the pleasure of listening to the musical tolling of the bell.

Afternoon: Program according to festival schedule **(at least one performance)**

Afternoon concerts in either concert halls, churches or outdoor venues.

Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

After, **evening concerts.**



Friday: Festival Concerts & Tyrolese Party in Villabassa

Breakfast at accommodation.

Program according to festival schedule **(at least one performance)**

Concerts in either concert halls, churches or outdoor venues.

Afterwards: All participants attend the “Tyrolese Party” in Villabassa:

The **Tyrolean feast** takes place during the whole day at Villabassa’s main square.

The square will be full of stands displaying local food handicraft.

There will be **two Tyrolean folklore performances.**

During the party choirs will perform according to the official festival program.

Saturday: Concerts & Choir Parade

Program according to festival schedule **(at least one performance)**

Concerts in either concert halls, churches or outdoor venues.

Afterwards: “Choirs’ Parade” in San Candido.

The choirs’ parade in San Candido is the highlight of the Festival:

All choirs will parade in uniform along the streets of the town and will gather at the Piazza del Magistrato, in the center of San Candido, for the mayor's official greetings.

The parade is followed by a joint choral performance.

Evening: Typical Tyrolese dinner at the hotel.

Evening concerts after dinner.

“Choirs’ Night” Nightly concerts at different places in Bruneco and San Candido.

Sunday: Closing Ceremony & Departure

Breakfast at accommodation & check-out.

Morning: “Festa dell’Arrivederci” in Sesto

All participating choirs meet at "Casa Sesto" for the **closing ceremony.**

Each choir will receive a certificate of participation.

Noon: Individual departure.

Tour prolongation on request.

The program is subject to change!



Add an additional day?

On request, we gladly arrange either a **guided visit to Bruneck**, the capital town of the Puster valley, an **excursion to Merano**, the famous spa town in Southern Tyrol with its charming Old Town or a **city tour in Bozen** incl. a visit to the winery in Kaltern.

Individual arrival/departure at/from the Puster Valley. Depending on your travel arrangements, we'll be happy to assist you with ground transportation arrangements (local coach company).
Airport transfers from/to Innsbruck, Munich or Venice and during the festival.