



## 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 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 held at spectacular viewpoints in the heart of the Dolomites, such as 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 Coronas (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-in to 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 stand displaying local food and handicrafts.

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 would 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.