

DACI 2024 - LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

ABOUT DACI CONFERENCES

Dance and the Child (daCi) conferences are held every three years. The first was held in 1978 in Edmonton. There have been 15 conferences in total and Carousel has attended 9. These tri-annual gatherings provide the opportunity for youth from around the globe to share their dance experiences. The focus is on building connections, broadening experiences, and challenging dancers creatively and artistically. The students participate in dance workshops, creative gatherings, performances, and an opening and closing ceremony. There are 21 countries who have membership in daCi.

Our group will prepare a piece of choreography to perform at the conference. Additionally, we are submitting an application to continue our twinning project with Pazzaz Dance and Dancin' Africa, two groups from Barbados. This project will continue the pairings we established in 2021, providing the opportunity for the children to work together via Zoom to develop movement and choreography in advance of the conference. At the conference, the project will culminate with a performance where the groups come together to perform as part of a lecture demonstration. To maintain equal pairings, not all our group members will be involved in the twinning project.

PROPOSED TRIP ITINERARY

July 4 - flight Toronto to Ljubljana

July 5&6 - sightseeing Ljubljana

July 7-12 - daCi 2024 conference Ljubljana

July 13 - bus from Ljubljana to Venice

July 13-16 - sightseeing Venice

July 17 - depart Venice for Toronto

TRIP COST *the estimated trip cost is approximately \$4000 – actual costs are to be confirmed

**please note that food has not been included in the budget*

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
Flights	\$2000-\$2500
Airport Transfers	\$75
Accommodation (Ljubljana) – Hostel Tabor (\$40/night x 9 nights)	\$320
Accommodation (Venice) – location TBA (\$75/night x 4 nights)	\$300
Bus – Ljubljana to Venice	\$50
Sightseeing – Ljubljana & Venice	\$250
Public Transit	\$50
Conference Fee	\$225 (actual)
Chaperone Fee	\$200
Admin Fee	\$75
Choreography Fee	\$100

**Some additional fees to anticipate - notary, trip insurance, travel Visas and possibly costumes and/or spirit wear.*

FUNDRAISING

Cash Calendars – Students will have the option to sell cash calendars. Calendars sell for a cost of \$20. Purchases have daily chances throughout the year of winning cash prizes. Students receive \$10 towards their fundraising for each calendar sold.

Additional fundraisers may be organized depending on whether the group is in favour of additional fundraising for the trip. Fundraisers would need to be led by a volunteer parent committee.

REGISTRATION

We can bring a maximum of 24 students and will require 3-4 parent chaperones. If we have more than 24 students who would like to attend, students will be prioritized by age/level. At this point, we anticipate that there will be space for all dancers who choose to attend.

TO CONFIRM YOUR DECISION TO ATTEND, PLEASE COMPLETE THE INTENT TO TRAVEL FROM WHICH CAN BE PRINTED FROM OUR WEBSITE.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

All deposits paid will be non-refundable.

- Initial Deposit – Due Sept 29th - \$200.00
- Installment 1 – Due November 1st - \$1000.00
- Installment 2 – Due February 1st - \$1000.00
- Installment 3 – Due April 1st - \$1000.00
- Final Balance – Due June 1st – balance of trip less fundraising dollars accumulated

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will be scheduled on occasional Sunday afternoons throughout the year, with a weekly rehearsal schedule, likely 2x per week, following recital and during the month of June.