

TRAKOŠĆAN CASTLE

One of the most beautiful castles in Croatia. It is in northern Croatia, in the Varaždin County.

In the 14th century it was a small medieval fortress.

In the 19th century, the Drašković family turned the castle into a residential manor-house in Neo-Gothic style. There is a beautiful lake there,

too. The castle is now a museum with collections of armour, paintings, books and baroque furniture. We went there on a school trip.

MARUŠEVEC CASTLE

One of many gems in northern Croatia, within the Varaždin county, it used to be a beautiful medieval burg from the 14th century. It was enlarged in the 17th century. It is surrounded by a park, which today is a cultural monument and the other parts of a big park

are turned into lawns. Still it is an impressive building where a famous movie-drama (based on an even more famous book) "Glembajevi" was filmed.

VELIKI TABOR CASTLE

This impressive castle is in Zagorje, near Desinić. This Medieval and Renaissance castle was built in the 12th century,

but its present appearance dates to the 16th century. There is

an exhibiton which includes old vehicles, ethnographic items, swords, paintings and pottery, as well as

a description of its most famous owners, the Ratkaj family. Veliki Tabor is well-known for the legend and tragic forbidden love story between a peasant girl, Veronika Desinić, and a nobleman, Frederick II., Count of Celje.

ORŠIĆ CASTLE

A gorgeous baroque castle settled in Gornja Stubica in Hrvatsko Zagorje is the Museum of Peasants'

revolt that took place in the 16th century. The castle was built in the 18th century on the site of a medieval fortress. It is a well-

preserved castle, with a chapel and surrounded by a

park with a huge monument dedicated to Matija Gubec, a leader of the peasants' revolt.

MAILATH CASTLE

The castle is located in Donji Miholjac, northern Slavonia, and as built in 1903 with 50 rooms, numerous towers, decorative chimneys and terraces influenced by the English

Tudor style. Count Ladislav Mailath ordered the construction because his old castle didn't have enough bedrooms to host the Emperor's Franz Joseph's party. It is located near the river Drava and surrounded by a beautiful park where there once was a bowling alley. Today the castle houses the municipal administration and special events and concerts – therefore it is not a tourist destination, but can be visited on request.

Dioš Castle

Dioš Castle is located 7

km north of Daruvar, in Slavonia, northeastern Croatia. It is one of the newest castles in Slavonia, built in 1904. It was built by the Noble family Tüköry – Alajoš and his wife Paula for their daughter Marija.

From 1995 the castle again came into Croatian ownership.

LAST SLIDE

In Slavonia there are lots of fields and plains. We grow wheat, corn, sugar beet, oil seed rape and oat on the fields. There are also some vineyards there. Agriculture is an important part of Slavonian economy.