

Following the Footsteps of Laibach ...

Cultural heritage that shaped the sound, aesthetics, and themes of one of Slovenia's most iconic multimedia collectives.

Experience the legacy of mining through virtual reality. Step into the miner's shoes and live a day in their life - feel the rhythm of industrial sounds echoing through the tunnels and tools that inspired the musical identity of Laibach. Discover the fighting spirit of miners who spent days, weeks, and years in darkness so that their community could thrive through the power of their labour.

We move from the workday into everyday life and visit an authentic mining colony. Like entering a time machine, we explore homes from the last century - wood-burning stoves, shared toilets at the end of open hallways. We feel the reality of miners' lives, their resilience and defiance in the face of a system that served itself rather than the people. These ideas echo - often with biting irony - in Laibach's music and art.

The tour continues past the Cultural centre of Trbovlje, built - literally and symbolically - on the foundations of mining and industry. Sculptors Marij Pregelj and Stojan Batič immortalized miners' lives in mosaics and stairwell statues.

We ascend to the **miner Prometheus statue**; a colossus forged from discarded mine iron. Its heart is coal, its lamp shines across the valley toward Drajer shaft. In Trbovlje, through new media and emerging industries, we weave our own future.

Descending into the valley, we reach the **Culture Park** and its memorial bench dedicated to Laibach. A new media monolith at its centre points toward a brighter future - built on the solid foundations of mining, just as Laibach carved their avant-garde path to the stars.

Register for the tour by 15 October at the latest through the following <u>link</u>.