

## TOPIC 1: Following Traces of Lattuce/Trnovo Salat

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MY ROUTE TO TRNOVO

Why I have chosen this topic?

When I was a little boy I used to visit my aunt, who lived in a house with a garden next to the Kolezija swimming pool. I went there by bike along the strictly set route – my route to Trnovo. It went from my home, pass the Prešeren square, along the Wolfova and Vegova street, pass the Križanke to the Gradaščica river and in front of the Trnovo church it turned toward Kolezija.

There were various interesting things on the way that made my time pass quickly. I still remember the »watch house«, as we named it, »a sip of water from the jug« in the Zvezda park, and then the route passed »the big heads« in front of the music school and the house, to which a plane crashed (today this is the National and University Library - NUK). I was more interested in the obelisk honouring Napoleon than for example Križanke. A small chapel on my route to Trnovo was also very interesting for me at the time it seemed to me just a »weird and incomplete house with a beautiful roof« and just an ordinary »bridge with the pyramids and a statue«.

When I was middle aged I got an opportunity to listen to a lecture of an architect who talked about the work and significance of Plečnik in Ljubljana. All of a sudden my childhood view on the route changed completely. Now that I know their author in person, the houses and the monuments along the route got their place in history and became the remnants of time. My route from the childhood was now filled with messages. Today, when I walk in the Vegova street, I always look toward the South square, which was never constructed, and for which before that lecture I did not know it even existed.



Today, in my third age, the understanding of my aunt's cherries and the Kolezija swimming pool has been enriched again. Now, I can see the characteristics of the city streets more vividly. Now I will be able to add a new meaning to the historical and artistic knowledge of my route to Trnovo, the meaning of one of the characteristics of Ljubljana, namely I have started understanding the importance of the provision of the inhabitants of the Ljubljana with fresh vegetables from Trnovo.