

Day Three – Thursday, May 14, 2015

After a long day yesterday, today was a sleep in for some and for others a chance to further explore Cahors. Then off to Chateau de Bonaguil. Although the skies were clear when the bus left at 2:30 p.m. the clouds were beginning to build up and the forecasted rain threatened.

Chateau de Bonaguil dates from the 13th century, but was entirely rebuilt at the beginning of the 16th century. A marvel of military architecture covering 7500 m², it incorporated the latest developments in artillery. It was never attacked and was obsolete by the time it was completed. Some things never change! It was classified as a historic monument in 1862.



By the time we reached the Chateau de Bonaguil one hour later, we were experiencing a torrential shower.

We sang here in 2012 and experienced the same problem, rain. So, once again, instead of singing outside in a courtyard of the chateau grounds, we sang in the chapel. However, that year, the concert was such a success that they asked us to come back. And we have. And the weather is just as bad. And we sang in the chapel again. That was not anticlimactic as the acoustics are wonderful.

It was a great concert and we sang extremely well according to the packed house of about 70 – another standing ovation. This concert reinforced the knowledge that we have an incredibly talented group of soloists with us. Tonight they were superb. Here they are singing - with an intruder on the right adding some extra reinforcement.

It was a pity about the weather. Maybe we should eliminate the Famine Song from our repertoire. It seems to have worked too well.

