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PALIĆ LAKE

BELA CRKVA LAKES

LAKE OF BOR

SILVER LAKE

GAZIVODE LAKE

VLASINA LAKE

LAKES OF THE UVAC RIVER

LIM RIVER

DRINA RIVER

SAVA RIVER

ADA CIGANLIJA LAKE

BELGRADE

DANUBE RIVER

TIMOK RIVER

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WESTERN MORAVA RIVER

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GREAT MORAVA RIVER

TISA RIVER

MORE RIVERS AND LAKES



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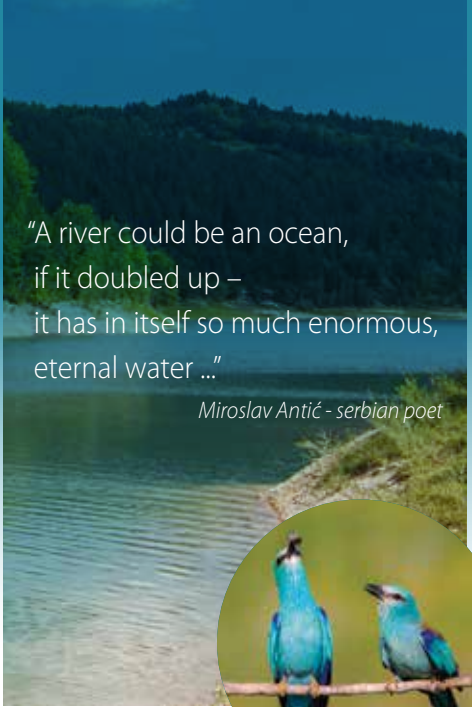
Photo-poetry on the rivers and lakes of Serbia

There is a poetic image saying that the wide lowland of Vojvodina in the north of Serbia reminds us of a sea during the night, under the splendor of the stars. There really used to be the Pannonian Sea, but had flowed away a long time ago. Serbia has no sea, but it does have a very large number of rivers and lakes.

Nature has richly gifted this climate with waters, demonstrating its creative skill. The network of the rivers, ranging from those peaceful low-land ones to the fast mountainous ones, is what makes the lifeblood of the country. We are inviting you to become familiar with our rivers and lakes, and enjoy yourself, because they provide you with a lot of possibilities of quality resting and of different sporting activities.

We have cited the length of the rivers, but we have not used too many figures – how wide a river is or how deep a lake is. The rivers and the lakes must be experienced. The beauty of a landscape, the feeling of serenity, waking up with the murmuring of water and the chirping of birds cannot be conveyed. They must be felt, just like a friendly handshake.

It is up to you to choose the final destination. On the lakes, you can enjoy swimming and watersports, as well as walking in intact nature. On the rivers, you can enjoy navigating, swimming, rafting, kayaking, canyoning. Even small rivers can carve marvelous canyons, and it is possible to navigate down the canyons of the big rivers.



"A river could be an ocean,
if it doubled up –
it has in itself so much enormous,
eternal water ..."

Miroslav Antić - serbian poet



The famous Viennese waltz *The Blue Danube* by Johann Baptist Strauss, Jr. is known to have been composed exactly on his journey down the Danube, the river that connects 10 European countries. On our journeys, we can see different landscapes and acquire new experiences and new memories. You can come to Serbia by navigating down the Danube. According to many people, these 588 km of its flow are the most beautiful part of it.

Serbia is inwrought with an emotion both when nature is spoken about and when people are spoken about. People are what Serbia may be the most recognizable for. Fertile soil has made them hardworking, mountains have made them curious, and numerous rivers and the beauty of their banks have made them respectfully treat nature. People living in this country are attentive, cheerful and hospitable. They like guests and like to treat them. It is not unusual for them to invite you to come into their house and offer you plum sweet. The Serbian gastronomic offer is an extremely rich one.

In the country in which more than thirty nations live together, there are a large number of cultural-historical monuments, and your vacation can be a good opportunity for you to familiarize with the country's cultural heritage, customs, tradition, music, dance... Once you have come to Serbia, you will want it not to be the last time. Serbia will fascinate you with its extraordinarily beautiful landscapes, clear air, healthy and drinkable water, rich tourist offer and special energy.

It is a custom here that a guest should first be treated with sweet and water. Welcome!



In the north, between the two big rivers, the Danube and the Tisa, there is Palić Lake (Paličko jezero), a water treasury gently tucked among the fertile fields and vineyards. Once the Pannonian Sea stretched here – what remained is a lake with its blueness in the middle of the grains.

A blue gem of the plains



Palić has a long tradition of a fashionable place. The beautiful old park and the beaches for women and for men and other facilities dating from the 19th century, which gives a special charm to this modern resort. So you can easily slide into the romance of “Belle Époque”.



An attractive shore

Along the tourist shore of the lake there are beaches, thermal pools, hotels, fish restaurants and coffee shops. You should use the large number of sunny days and lie on the beaches, you can rent a boat, a pedal boat and/or cruise the lake on a tourist boat... In the evening the programme on the summer stage is recommended.

A sports oasis

The moderate climate and favourable winds make sailing enthusiasts especially happy. The lake surface is suitable for all water sports. Sixteen years before Pierre Coubertin did it, Vermes Lajos from Subotica had organised the Palić Olympic Games in 1887, in which about one hundred athletes from Europe had competed. Today, there are still sports competitions organised at the lake. A rowing club and two sailing clubs organise regattas and sailing schools. On land, there are jogging and cycling trails, tennis courts, mini golf and mini bowling alleys at disposal.

A touch of nature

Enjoy the Nature Park while engaging in sports fishing, horseback riding, photo safari, hang gliding and definitely visit the beautiful zoo.

EXCURSIONS

- Ludaš Lake (Ludaško jezero)
– an Eldorado of birds
- The city centre of Subotica,
wineries and farms

www.visitsubotica.rs
www.jk-palic.org.rs
www.windsurfing.rs

Yachtsmen on Palić Lake



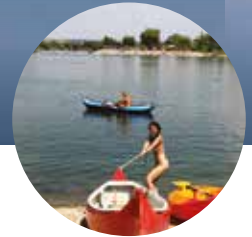


Near Bela Crkva there is a combination of 6 lakes, which unexpectedly appeared from the bottom of the Pannonian Sea, at places where gravel was excavated.

Freshwater archipelago



Bela Crkva lakes are different in size and depth, and they are all characterised by exceptionally clean water and clear green colour. They are suitable for swimming, diving, sailing, kayaking... and some of them are hidden corners of beauty, where one can enjoy peace, with no noise.



The Main Lake

A nice bathing area with a beach, diving boards, water polo playground, boats for rent, sports courts and restaurants, is only 800 m from the city centre. Accommodation at the lake is possible in suites, studios and camping area.

Vračevgajsko lake

The right choice for camping in nature. In addition to the pebble beach there are two camping sites, a playground and trails for recreation.

Šljunkarsko lake

Vivid - surrounded by willows, with a number of secluded coves and a large and organised beach.

Šaransko lake

A paradise for divers and lovers of underwater photography.

New and Little Lake

Favourite for nature lovers and those who have the spirit to research.

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

- Go fishing on nearby rivers, the Nera and the Karaš and the Danube-Tisa-Danube Canal
- The bike is a common means of transportation. Why don't you join? Cruise along Bela Crkva and its beautiful surroundings
- We suggest a trip to Vršac, the city with beautiful architecture and home of the famous wines



A rower on Vračevgajsko Lake



HUNTING BESSIE

Bessie, not the one from Loch Ness, lives in Bela Crkva waters! Bessie is a giant catfish seen by many, but each hunting was - so far unsuccessful!

The luxurious beauty of woods and meadows reflects on its surface. Also, air freshness comes from Black Peak, at whose foot the lake is situated... The lake of Bor (Borsko jezero), it seems like it has been here forever.

Crystal lake



The mountain rivers and springs, which are captured by the dam, have created a great expanse of water. The water of the lake of Bor is crystal clear and during the summer months very pleasant for swimming. There is a great number of beach resorts and sport grounds along the shore. There is also a hotel, as well as various villas and boarding houses in the green surrounding. The auto camp is located on the very shore, surrounded by conifers.



The place of peace and enjoyment

Boats, pedal boats, restaurants, as well as many other options for recreation, are available to swimmers on the Main Beach. There are four bigger and a great number of smaller sandy beaches, which allows everyone to find a place according to their mood, whether they feel like spending some time with others or not. There is also a park for children.

The complex of basketball, football, handball, volleyball and tennis courts is situated next to the hotel 'Lake'. The hotel offers a variety of sport activities, as well as the wellness and the fitness center. You can rent a bike here, and there are running tracks and a lot of places for a walk around the lake. The mountain air, clean and mild, the healthy climate and the beautiful landscape suit your body and spirit. Fishing is good for relaxation, especially for impatient fishermen, since the lake is full of fish.

VISIT

- The Museum of Mining and Metallurgy and the Zoo in Bor
- Brestovac Spa



A motorcycle gathering on Borsko Lake

NATURE GIVEN TO PEOPLE

- Plenty of caves adorn this region. Visit the cave of Lazar
- Nearby mountains are challenge for nature admirers. Explore Stol
- Visit volcanic cup 'Tilva njagra' (Black hill)

Silver Lake (Srebrno jezero) lies in a beautiful valley on the right bank of the Danube, in the vicinity of the small town Veliko Gradište. This wide water owes its name to a dazzling glare on the surface which under the rays of the sun shimmers like silver

Serbian silver sea



The lake is 14 km long and surrounded on three sides by wooded hills, and from the Danube it is separated by an embankment. Pleasant, crystal clear water that is filtered through the sandy soil, rich tourist offer and a variety of opportunities for recreation and relaxation make it an ideal place for a vacation.



A tourist centre

The long shoreline is arranged for swimmers and those who love to stroll near the water. Numerous restaurants and bars have a view of the lake, there are hotels, villas, hotels, resorts and a camping complex located between pine trees and glades. An aqua park and a spa centre are located within the Silver Lake Resort complex.

On a large sandy beach there are courts for beach volleyball and water polo; you can rent a kayak or a pedal boat for a ride. Local winds provide good conditions for sailing and kite surfing. There are tourist boats, tennis and mini-golf courses, bike trails and numerous entertainment facilities.

Catches for Guinness

It is very popular for fishing. The fish world is diverse, and a carp weighing 45 kilograms caught here broke the Guinness World Record.

EXCURSIONS

You will have a complete experience of the lake if you dedicate one day to a boat ride to the Golubac and Ram fortresses. If you are for a different perspective, the take-off area for paragliding is located in the village of Zatonje. Do not miss to try out gold panning in the River Pek, either.

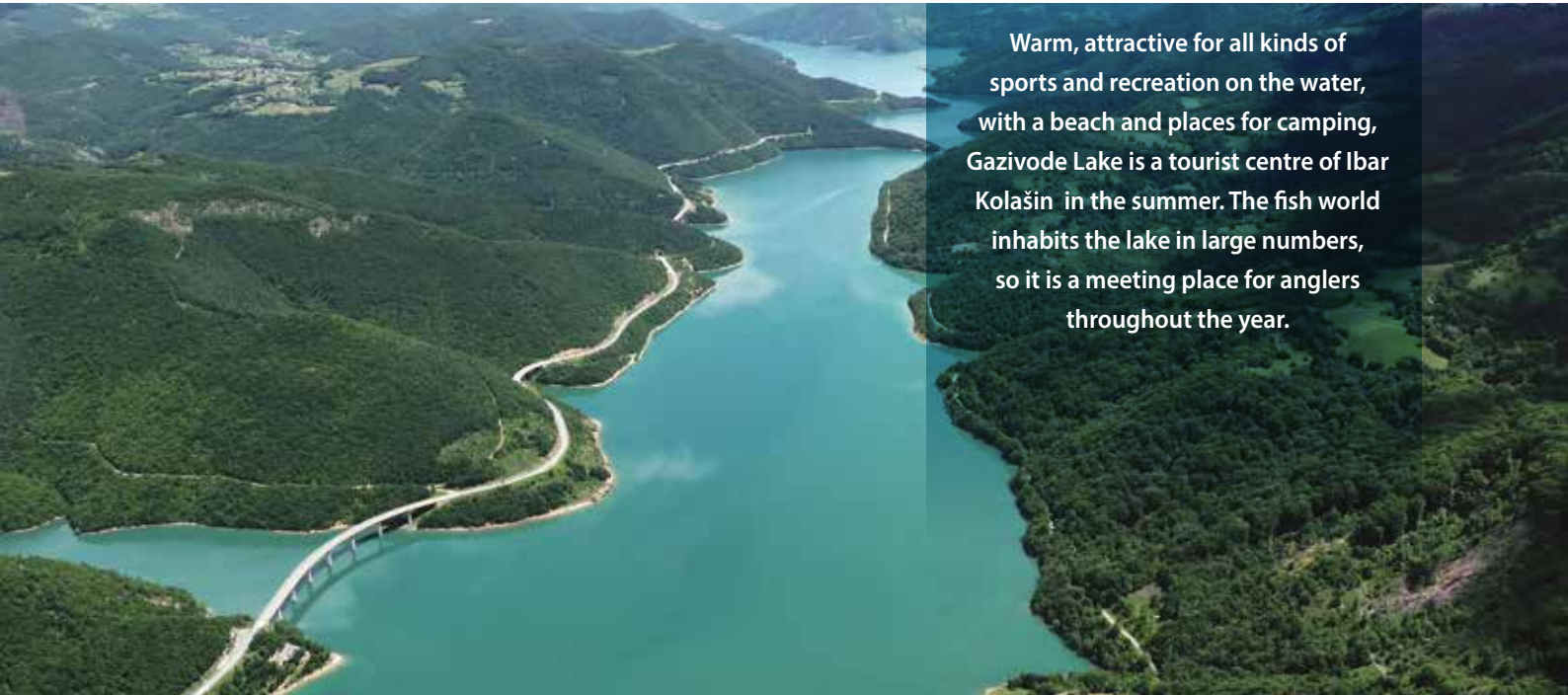


The Main Promenade on the Silver Lake



In the northwest of Kosovo and Metohija* there is a beautiful Lake Gazivode under the mountains of Mokra Gora and Rogozna. It was created by raising the dam of natural materials on the Ibar river.

Landscape of original beauty



Warm, attractive for all kinds of sports and recreation on the water, with a beach and places for camping, Gazivode Lake is a tourist centre of Ibar Kolašin in the summer. The fish world inhabits the lake in large numbers, so it is a meeting place for anglers throughout the year.



CURIOSITIES

- In the 13th century, in Brnjak on the bank of the Ibar, near the present-day lake dam, Serbian queen Helen of Anjou opened the first school for women not only in Serbia but also in the Balkans.
- To the north from the town of Kosovska Mitrovica, some 20 kilometres from Zubin Potok and Gazivode lake, there is the Zvečan medieval fortress standing above the Ibar river, once home to the royal palaces of the Nemanjićs. In written documents it is mentioned for the first time in the 11th century.

Windsurfing – in water and in the air

Conditions on the lake for sailing (windsurfing) are very favourable for beginners and amateurs since the wind is very gentle. Above the lake, there is a take-off point for paragliding for competitions, as well as tourist tandem paragliding flights.

Diving

At a depth of 20 m there is a flooded hydroelectric power plant dating back from 1931, attractive for tourism and sport diving.

Hiking and mountain biking

The untouched nature and a large number of springs, waterfalls and streams, natural vistas and mild climate are additional advantages of rest on the lake. Even those who did not like it will fall in love with cycling thanks to an accessible and pleasant landscape. If you enjoy walking or hiking, there are marked trails for it, so take the opportunity to see the lake from the height of 1.733 m.



A para-gliding tandem, Mokra Gora Mount

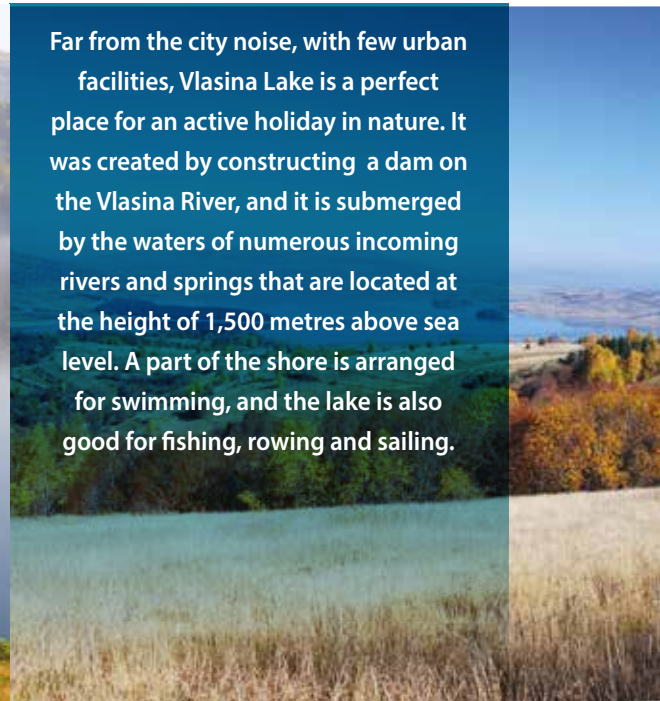
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Surrounded by mountain ranges, birch forests and medicinal herbs, in the spacious plateau near Surdulica, there is Vlasina Lake. Located at 1,213 metres above sea level, it is the highest one in Serbia, and world-famous for its floating islands.

Where silence is heard



Far from the city noise, with few urban facilities, Vlasina Lake is a perfect place for an active holiday in nature. It was created by constructing a dam on the Vlasina River, and it is submerged by the waters of numerous incoming rivers and springs that are located at the height of 1,500 metres above sea level. A part of the shore is arranged for swimming, and the lake is also good for fishing, rowing and sailing.



Uncommon sailing

In addition to two real islands, the lake has two floating ones as well! They float freely on a 16 square km large water body, from one bank to another. You might use them for a "ride", although their course is often unpredictable. You should at least see them – as they are unique in the world!

Breathing deep

This is the area of exceptional importance. There are over 150 km of marked walking trails and cycling paths to which you get through the habitat of blueberries and blackberries. The vegetation is lush and many natural rarities found their home here: round-leaved sundew, downy birch, yellow beech... The mountain air and a specific microclimate will help you to rest well while walking, and enjoy the landscape from the gazebo and a watchtowers. Many sports facilities are scattered in this green vastness. The hotels also offer sports facilities.




Sportsmen preparations on the Vlasina river




AN ADVENTURE MORE

- Win the mountain peaks of Čemernik and Besna Kobila
- Participate in the Vlasina regatta, Catfish festival Somovijada, Vlasina jeep ride Džipijada



A view of the miraculous flow of the river and the blue firmament gently blending with the rocks and the vegetation takes your breath away. The canyon of the Uvac river is more beautiful than any paintings can conjure it up.

The lakes of the fairy-tale river of Uvac



Between the slopes of Zlatar Mountain and the Massif of Zlatibor, water and stone had been struggling for centuries before a space of pronounced beauty arose from the struggle. For the reason of the natural and cultural heritage of this space, it has been declared a Special Nature Reserve. By cutting its flow through calcareous rocks, the Uvac has formed numerous meanders and 120 km of its river bank.

FANTASTIC VIEWS

The meanders are visible all along the river flow, and some of them have an angle of the incredible 270 degrees. The meandering flow gave the river the name, and the three lakes have made it especially charming. Across them, as well as across some wide steps, the Uvac flows down to the confluence with the Lim river.

Uvac Lake

Uvac Lake is the first one in line and the closest to the spring, located at almost 1,000 meters above the sea level. The arranged belvederes offer a magnificent view of the river and its carving skill; this fairy-tail-like landscape should also be gained an experience of from the water as well. A boat ride with a view of the impressive rocks and the powerful water is a wonderful experience.

In the riverbed, there is the entry into the Ice Cave (Ledena pećina), which is part of the system of the caves of the canal longer than 6 km. The cave lies 6 km away from the confluence of the Vapa and the Uvac rivers.

Lake of Zlatar

Apart from its beauty, the Lake of Zlatar is also known for the richness of its fish species. It is suitable for watersports and there are places where people can swim. On the lake, especially on the dam nearby Kokin Brod, there are a lot of boats and small ships, and during the summer, a regatta is traditionally organized. It is located 15 km away from Nova Varoš and the tourist center on Zlatar.

Radoinjsko Lake

The lake is the last one in line and was formed by erecting an obstruction to make alterations to the gorge-like part of the Uvac valley. It is located at 800 m above the sea level and is characterized by great transparency. The rocks reflect themselves in the light green water, so one gains an impression of the rocks as if they were 3-4 m under the surface of the lake. Navigation down the gorge offers us sights we cannot see every day.



In the hug of nature

A stay on the Uvac river should usefully be used for active rest and relaxation. Canoe- and kayak-lovers are all welcome here; over 30 km of paths have been arranged for hiking, too. The lakes can be paid a visit to in organized groups, by a catamaran or by boats. Sport fishing and photo-safari are very popular, as well as birdwatching is.

Zlatar – a mountain of gold

The lakes of the Uvac are frequently called the lakes of Zlatar, given the fact that they are located on Zlatar – a beautiful mountain characterized by luxurious forests and vast pasture lands. Its healthy climate and ozone and turpentine-enriched air are the place for you to rest and recreate yourself.



GRIFFON VULTURE

The river's attractive canyon is an extremely well-preserved nature zone. The griffon vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) is an ornament of the Uvac and the pride of the Nature Reserve. This rare and endangered species of the vulturine eagle inhabits in a large number the cliffs of the canyon. It impresses us by its size, the wingspan of up to three meters as well as the flying technique, whereas the role it has in the ecosystem is irreplaceable.



AN OUTING

Zlatibor – more than just a mountain

The Tourist Center of Zlatibor, located on the mountain of the same name, lies just a little more than 20 km away from the lakes of the Uvac river. It is equally attractive in the summer and in the winter.



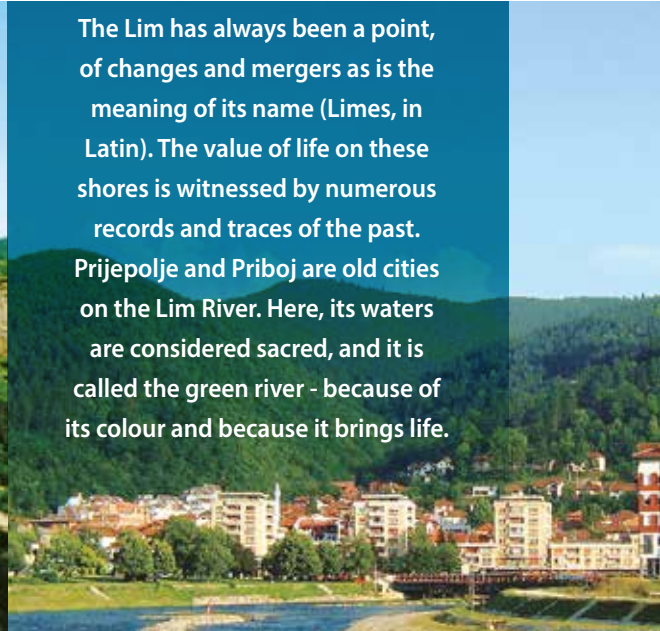
Molitva (The Prayer), one of the belvederes

"To understand the bank, a river you need to be..." one poet once said at the bank of the Lim River, mesmerised by the beauty of the emerald green waters and the magnificent old edifices. Like a string of pearls, along the river, there are medieval monasteries Kumanica, Davidovica, Pustinja, Mileševa, Mažići, St. Nikola...

The holy waters



The Lim has always been a point, of changes and mergers as is the meaning of its name (Limes, in Latin). The value of life on these shores is witnessed by numerous records and traces of the past. Prijepolje and Priboj are old cities on the Lim River. Here, its waters are considered sacred, and it is called the green river - because of its colour and because it brings life.



Exciting flow

From its source to its confluence with the Drina, the Lim runs 66 kilometres through Serbia. In its course, intertwined are high limestone cliffs and green valleys, shoot rapids and sandy coves, and is very attractive for rafting. In the cities along the river there are artistic and entertainment programmes, sports competitions, poetry evenings...



Rafting on beech-tree trunks down the Lim

WATER ADVENTURE

- Rafting on the Kumanica gorge - from Kumanica monastery to Prijepolje
- May three-day regatta Plav - Prijepolje
- Rafting in August Priboj - Rudo
- Competition in jumping in the water at the beach in Petrovac

RIVER VALLEY

- Visit the monastery of Mileševa, Sopotnica waterfalls and the canyon of the Mileševka River
- Fly by paragliding from Kamena Gora or find its 108 water sources by riding a bike
- Enjoy fishing on Potpečko lake and visit the nearby monastery of Mažići
- Try free climbing in the canyon of the Sućeska
- The air, perfectly clean and magical images of nature in the surrounding area in the Prijepolje and Priboj lure you to keep on going... choose your trail



“Who is the one to straighten the crooked Drina” is what we usually say when we do the work but in vain. For its extremely meandering flow, the Drina is mentioned in this folk saying, and for its color and in delight over it, it is called The Green River (Zelenika). There are times when it deafens us and domineers, and there are also times when it is tamed and placid, celebrated in verse; sometimes, however, it is rebuked

A river with a soul



The Drina originates in Montenegro and through Bosnia and Herzegovina, it enters Serbia. It is in Serbia that the river competes with Mount Tara over which one of them is more beautiful. By circling the mountain, the Drina has carved a magnificent canyon. Leaning against the exuberant forests and highlands of Tara, the canyon reaches 1000 m in depth and is considered as one of the most beautiful canyons in the world.

A view from the Banjska Stena (Banjska Rock) Belvedere

The beauty contest

The richness of nature and the preserved vegetation have enabled the survival of a large number of endemic species on Tara, a mountain that has been declared as a National Park. Only here did the Pančić's Spruce find its shelter and survive the Ice Age. In such a healthy environment, one should dedicate one's time to rest and relax. There are numerous opportunities, and we do warmly recommend that one should pay a visit to the belvederes, from which one has an unforgettable view of the river.

Cruising the Canyon

Paying a tourist visit to the canyon is what one should not fail to do. The Drina is one of the most exciting rivers for cruising. Should you opt for a longer cruise, you will be enjoying unforgettable sights and moods of the green beauty for hours. The little ship leaves the dam at Perućac Lake, in the vicinity of Bajina Bašta. The lake is one of those that were made once the wild power of the Drina had been tamed by building the dams.





A Drina Regatta

- Gain an experience of the Drina by enjoying a kayak descent. Two-seat kayaks are also offered
- Gain an experience of paddling on a board – a hit in the world. Enriches you with a completely new experience



Rafting down the Drina

In the past, rivers used to be tamed only by the courageous and those with the knowledge of rafting skills, and ones of the most renowned amongst them were the Drina rafters. For over one hundred years, the river had been used for the purpose of having tree trunks transported from Tara to Belgrade, which was stopped by building dams.

In the honor of the Drina rafters and wishing not to forget the glorious tradition, regattas are organized along the whole river-flow of the Drina during the summer, all the way to its confluence with the Sava. A day spent on the river, socializing with other people and having a good time continue into the night with a music program. Regattas are held at different times and each has a different program and route.

Bajina Bašta

The Drina Regatta starts at Perućac. Traditionally, several hundreds of different vessels and several authentic Drina rafts made from pine tree trunks take part in it. After having passed the 15 km from the start of the rafting down the river, the participants reach the finish in the small town of Bajina Bašta. It is also possible to descend the river by boats steered by experienced kayakers.

Ljubovija

The Drina Regatta Ljubovija is organized between small town of Rogačica to Ljubovija. The waterway of the most joyful descent is 40 km long.

Loznica and Mali Zvornik

In the Rhythm of the Drina and the Dance is the name of a long line of vessels moving 18 km from the small town of Mali Zvornik to Banja Koviljača Spa. At the finish, sports competitions are organized on Žića's Beach.

Bogatić

The Brigand Regatta (Hajdučka regata), organized in the small town of Bogatić, starts from the village of Prnjavor. After the 25 km of the regatta, participants reach the place of Crna Bara, in the vicinity of the confluence of the Drina and the Sava rivers.



Cruising the canyon of the Drina river

Recreation

On the Drina flow, there are several beaches, whereas one of the most attractive is the one located on Perućac Lake. There is a nice pontoon beach beside the tourist settlement. Paddle-boats and boat rides are also offered. The lake of Zaovine, surrounded by the forest and clearings, suitable for swimming and watersports, is located on Tara mountain. In the vicinity of the lake there is a little lake of Spajići, a trout fishing area and the habitat of the Pančić's Spruce.

Rest by the river

If you need to rest and run away from the urban environment, enjoy the peacefulness of the tourist ethno-villages of Vrhpolje and Sunčana reka, and of course, all the amenities of Banja Koviljača Spa!

Rest in the towns on the river

Feel the sensibility and the atmosphere of the small towns of Bajina Bašta, Ljubovija, Mali Zvornik, Loznica and Bogatić, which, swarming with people, have a life of their own in the river valley.



ATTRACTIONS

The river of 365 days

The Vrelo River in Perućac is the shortest European river, but yet deserves our full respect. It is called Godina (the Year) because it is no longer than 365 meters. The river flows into, or to be more precise – falls heavily down into – the Drina, with its exceedingly beautiful about-ten-meter-high waterfall.

The queen of the kingdom of fish

In the Drina, there are about 30 species of fish, and the dream of each fisherman is to catch the huchen, called "the Queen of the Drina".

A small house on the Drina

The house is one of Tara's motifs most frequently photographed. – It was built on the stones in the river bed.

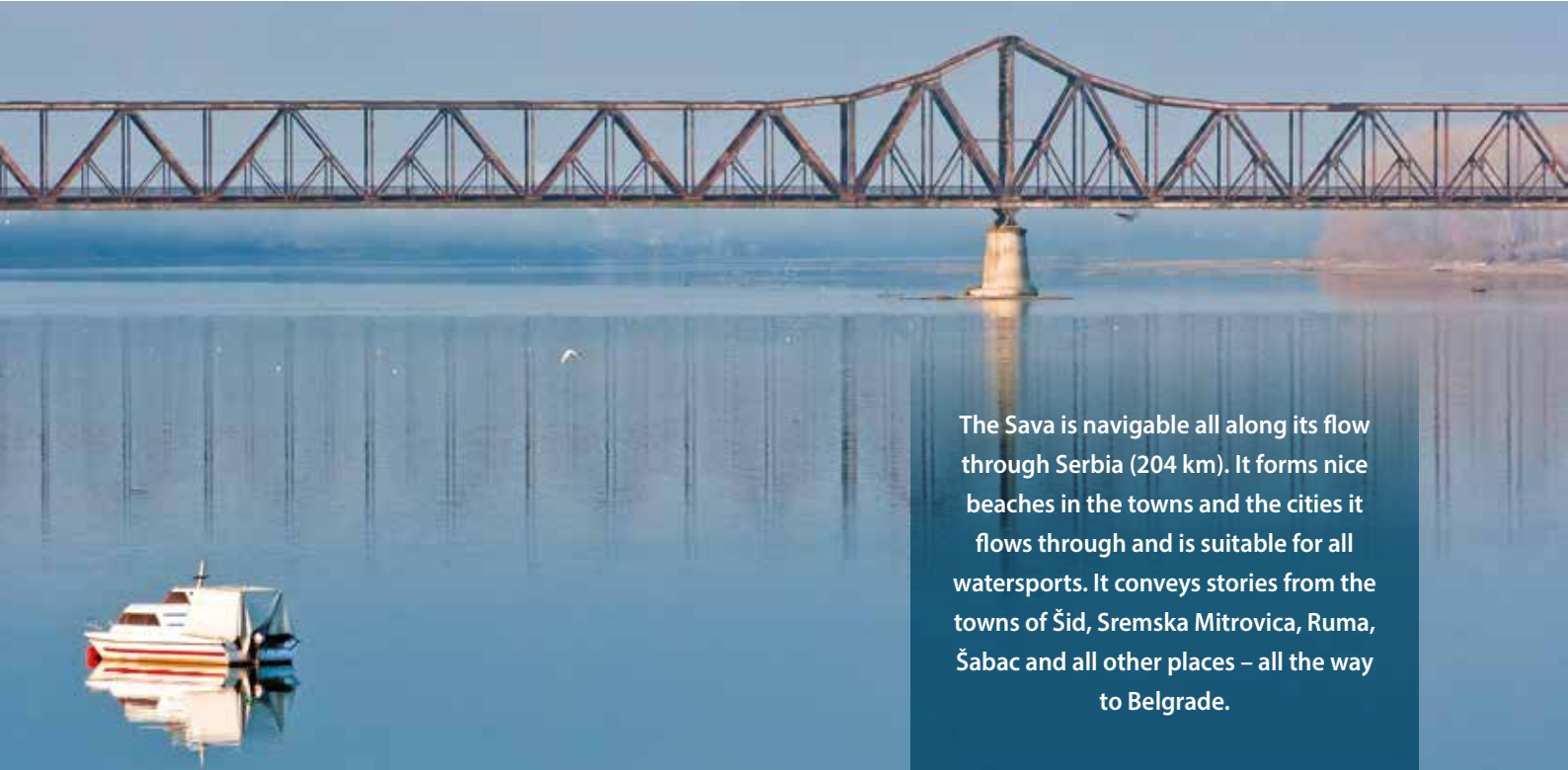
Canyoning

On Tara, there are a lot of locations for canyoning lovers, and the most attractive ones are the canyon of the Rača River and the canyon of the Spring of the Brusnica River (Brusnički potok).



Navigation on this river has an already-three-millennia-long tradition. The Sava originates in Slovenia, flows through Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and flows into the Danube in Belgrade, Serbia, as the biggest tributary.

A tranquil and plentiful river



The Sava is navigable all along its flow through Serbia (204 km). It forms nice beaches in the towns and the cities it flows through and is suitable for all watersports. It conveys stories from the towns of Šid, Sremska Mitrovica, Ruma, Šabac and all other places – all the way to Belgrade.

Towns and cities on the Sava

Šid has a long history, but for the most part it is related to Sava Šumanović, a painter in the first half of the twentieth century. The Gallery with over 400 artistic works is located in the house he was born in. The Museum of Naïve Art in Šid was named after another famous naïve painter – Ilija Bosilj.

- In the vicinity of Šid, in the location where the Srem Front had been broken, a magnificent monument was erected – the compound “Srem Front” – to remind us of one of the hardest battles in the Second World War.
- Borkovačko Lake, nearby Ruma, offers numerous possibilities of resting in a quality way.
- In Zasavica, you can taste mangulitsa (type of pork meat) ham, liqueur made from donkey milk and donkey cheese – the most expensive cheese in the world.
- In Pećinci, there is a Museum of Bread, which has a large number of exhibits. It is interesting to see different ritual sorts of bread.



Sremska Mitrovica, once the city of Sirmium, was one of the four capital cities of the Roman Empire. The remains of the Imperial Palace can be seen in the Visitor Center. In the center of the town, there is a big sandy beach, next to which there are a sports-recreational center, a playground for children, a cycling path etc.

According to one interpretation, the name of Šabac was derived from the word Sava – on the Sava. The beach of Šabac, the fortress of Šabac and the Šabac fair are known as well as the people of Šabac are for their frolicsome spirit, resourcefulness, bohemianism and special lifestyle. The “Stari Grad” (“Old Town”) Beach is located beside the fortress.



The Umbra tourist ship, Zasavica



Zasavica

Zasavica is a Special Nature Reserve, in which the original beauty of the landscape and the rare old species of flora and fauna have been preserved. This is where you can enjoy the ambience and birdwatching. Navigation on a tourist ship through the Reserve is very attractive. There are arranged locations for sport-fishing and other activities. In the vicinity, there is a car-camp.

Obedska Bara Pond

In the vicinity of Šabac, there is a Special Nature Reserve – Obedska Bara (Obedska Pond), one of the oldest protected natural goods in the world. This marshy and forest complex has exceptional natural values. There are arranged educational paths, observation posts, information boards and sightseeing boats.

WITHIN REACH OF BELGRADE

A complex of picturesque little houses-apartments on water i.e. the nautical village of “Biser” (“Pearl”) is located in the village of Boljevci, 35 km away from Belgrade. In the vicinity of the nautical village Bojčinska Forest and Salaš Stremen (Stremen Grange) are located.

Nautical village of Biser (Pearl), Surčin





Ada Ciganlija, a river lake on the Sava river, no more than 4 km away from Belgrade downtown, covered by a dense oak forest and laced with meadows, is Belgrade people's favorite city resort and beach. They call it "The Water Flower".

The Belgrade sea



Floats on the Sava river

A GIFT OF NATURE

It is not impossible to see squirrels, rabbits, a doe... The green wide open space with a specific microclimate, the trees a hundred years old and the water area is what makes Ada an ideal place for one to relax.

Join us!

It is a usual thing for one to see cyclists, walkers, joggers and sportspersons on Ada throughout the year. It is the most attractive place for people to rest and recreate themselves during the summer, when even officially the swimming season on the lake lasts. Not even during the night hours does the life on Ada quieten down.



The beach

On Ada, there is one of the best arranged and the most visited city swimming resorts in Europe. The water of Savsko Lake is warmer and cleaner than the water of the river. A nice 6-km-long gravel beach is an ornament on the bank, and beside it, there are a promenade, numerous restaurants and cafés.



A sports oasis in the city center

The lake is suitable for swimming and all watersports. You can engage yourself in kayaking, rowing, sailing, play water polo or do waterskiing. Toboggans and other pieces of water equipment are available to swimmers, and canoes and paddle boats can be rented. In the vicinity, there is a marina.

Recreation on land is diverse. There are over 50 sports fields, a tennis balloon hall, as well as a contemporary golf course covering 35 ha. The cycling and trim tracks and parks for the youngest have also been arranged. There are numerous possibilities for you to have fun and relax, and during the season, cultural, entertainment and tourist events are organized here. Floats-restaurants are the trademark of Ada Ciganlija.

Belgrade is one of the four European capitals situated on the Danube river. A modern, large city situated at the intersection of important roads. Belgrade is applied many a nice epithet, a special charm and a cosmopolitan spirit.

The capital city

Learn about some parts of the city before you walk down to the river. Pay a visit to the Fortress of Belgrade and Kalemegdan Park, Knez Mihailova Street, Skadarlija, Savamala, museums, galleries... Tourists coming to the Port of Belgrade by cruising boats have a reverse route to follow.



A city lying on two rivers

The Belgrade Fortress offers you a unique view of the confluence of the Sava and the Danube rivers. There are many ways for you to gain an experience of the city by enjoying its atmosphere and by absorbing the energy of the Serbian capital city.

The Great War Island

A natural oasis, the habitat of rare birds, is situated in the city center. The island can be toured by kayak. There is a beach covering one part of the island – the "Lido" Beach.

Zemun

One can have the most beautiful view of Belgrade from the Tower of Gardoš. The Tower can be reached along the Danube Quay. You will pass by numerous marinas, nautical clubs, restaurants...



BACHES AND CITY RESORTS

Go on an outing by boat, to Bela Stena (White Rock) and Gročanska Ada. Cruise along the banks of the Danube and the Sava rivers and find a tranquil cove, a place for fishing...

NAVIGATION AND SPORTS

We suggest panoramic sightseeing, program cruising or renting a boat or a ship.

BELGRADE FLOATS

The numerous floats along the banks of the Danube and the Sava rivers are the choice for you to spend a night and have a good time.

VINČA

Pay a visit to the archaeological site dating back to pre-historic times on the bank of the Danube, about 15 km away from the city center.

A view of the confluence of the Sava with the Danube



Once, the river was called Istar, Danibius... Today, it originates as die Donau in Germany, and is called the same name in Austria; in Slovakia, it is named Dunaj, and in Hungary – Duna; in Romania, the river is known as Dunărea; in Croatia, Serbia and Bulgaria, it is known as Dunav, and in Moldova and Ukraine – Dunai, under which name the river flows into the Black Sea – as a witness of changes and a witness of duration, the Danube.

The lord of waters

The Danube is a powerful river, whose 2783-km-long flow connects ten countries. It also connects the inhabitants of the Danube – people of different nationalities, speaking different languages and of different religions. By this river, settlements have been built for centuries, and it cannot be described without mentioning stories about people living in the fold of the river.

The Fortress of Petrovaradin

THE “MUST-SEES”

- Taking tour of the Petrovaradin Fortress and its subterranean corridors and galleries
- The charms of the beach of Novi Sad and Ribarsko ostrvo (Fishermen Island)
- The Danubian rafting and panoramic sightseeing by ship
- A tour of the Pedestrian Zone of the City

In a slow rhythm from Bezdan to Ram

The Danube flows through Serbia in the length from the 1433rd to the 845th river kilometer. The waterway, part of the European traffic corridor 7, is 588 km long. The Danube flows through the first part, from Bezdan to Ram, as a typical Pannonian river, then carves the 100 km long Gorge of Djerdap, and afterwards peacefully continue to flow and, once it is joined by the Timok tributary, leave Serbia.

“The capital Town of the Danube”

People of Apatin say that the Danube is the main street of Europe and add to it (*as a joke) that Apatin is its capital town because it is situated at exactly halfway from its source to its confluence. Their beach is distinguished by the most contemporary marina. The center for sailing, sports fields, Banja Junaković Spa etc. are available to you.

The Danubian Gibraltar

The charm of the city of Novi Sad has been modelled by many nation and its position on the Danube. The city, the second biggest one in Serbia, is connected by a bridge with Petrovaradin (Gibraltar on the Danube), where the Fortress of Petrovaradin is located, in which fort there are a museum and numerous art ateliers. Every year in July, the Exit Festival takes place here.

The treasures of Fruška Gora Mount

A beautiful mountain situated by the Danube and a National Park, with a network of cycling paths and resorts. The mountain is also ornamented with lakes and numerous vineyards. In this nature park, there are 16 orthodox monasteries, erected between the 15th and the 18th centuries. The forest paths, the monasteries and the cute settlements are waiting for you to discover them!

The Danubian wine-growing hills

The supreme wines of Fruška Gora Mount can be tasted in one of the numerous wine-cellars in Sremski Karlovci, as well as in Irig, Neštin, Čerević etc. The “must-sees” of Smederevo are its famous Fortress (from the 15th century), the Zlatni breg (Golden Hill) Villa, and the erstwhile summer residence of the Obrenović Royal Dynasty, as well as some of the wineries. It is difficult to decide whether the wines of Fruška Gora Mount or Smederevo are better. They have in common that the vineyards are bordered by the Danube and their wines are of an exceptional quality, although they are about one hundred kilometers or so away from each other.

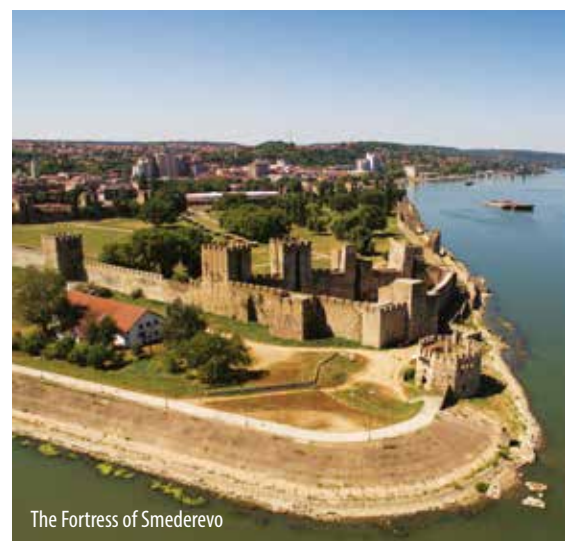
Near the end of its flow through Serbia, the Danube has a benevolent influence on the vineyards of Negotin, situated along the river. Wine from this area is considered as extremely superior, particularly the autochthonous sort of the black tamjanika grape variety, which is especially well-grown here.

Viminacium

Feel the atmosphere of Ancient Rome. Pay a visit to the archaeological site of Viminacium, the capital town of the erstwhile Roman province at the confluence of the Mlava with the Danube. The Mammoth Park, a prehistoric site, where the whole skeleton of the mammoth was discovered, is a special attraction within Viminacium.



Fruška gora Mount



The Fortress of Smederevo



Nautical Marina of Apatin



Near Ram, the Danube leaves the never-ending Pannonian lowlands. It spreads widely, bordered by the rocky bank, on the one side, and the Pannonian lowlands, on the other; near Golubac, about thirty kilometers or so farther, the river seems to be turning into a sea.

The flowing one



Erected at the very entrance to the Gorge of Djerdap, the Fortress of Golubac heralds the most impressive river flow in Europe. The Danube has won the battle with the massifs of the Carpathian Mountains, carving its way to the Black Sea, and cut itself into the rocks of the four attractive gorges between which, as resting points, there are three very wide-spreading depressions.

Gain an experience of the Djerdap Gorge

Cruising the gorge is the best way for you to gain an experience of this picturesque landscape, and only from the water can the Tabula Traiana be seen. It was built almost 2 millennia ago to testify of the end of the Roman land route through the gorge and the victory won by Emperor Trajan "against the Danubian and mountain rocks". In the Kazan (Pot) Gorge, the high-reaching banks narrow the river by reducing it to even several hundred meters (the shortest width is 140 m).



Tabula Traiana

Cruising the Gorge of Djerdap

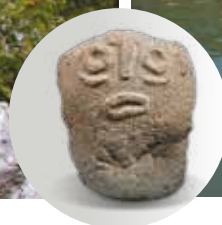




A view from the Ploče Belvedere



Visitor Center of Lepenski vir (Lepen Whirl)



Views and paths

The view of the gorge from the belvederes Mali and Veliki Štrbac (Small and Large Štrbac) and Ploče is a spectacular one. The belvederes are located within the National Park of Djerdap. A large number of plant and animal species live there, as well as rare birds and ancient plants do, and in certain places, there are arranged cycling paths and walkways. One cannot gain a complete experience and impression of Djerdap unless they have tasted healthy and delicious specialties, made from groceries grown in this area.

The mysterious inhabitants of the Danube

Artists, mathematicians, the first urbanists... these are the words describing the inhabitants of the prehistoric settlement discovered on the Danube's bank. Lepenski Vir (Lepen Whirl), a locality 9 millennia old, is a locality of the worldwide importance, simultaneously being the proof that this area has always been a good place to live in.

Resorts in Djerdap Gorge

There are three small towns in the gorge that can be applied an epithet of a littoral town. Nearby Veliko Gradište and Donji Milanovac, the Danube is about 2 km wide, and nearby Golubac, it is almost 7 km wide. Apart from these areas being exceptional ones for watersports, you can also enjoy tourist events there. In Veliko Gradište, on Srebrno jezero (Silver Lake) and in Donji Milanovac, you can swim, and in Golubac, you can sail past the Fortress and the Babakaj rock, of whose origin you will hear several legends.

TO EXPERIENCE

ONE MORE ADVENTURE

- Cross the Danube by the ferry-boat, as in old times – use the scheduled service from Ram to Stara Palanka and explore a large sand area of Deliblatska Peščara (Deliblato Sands), located on the left bank of the river.
- Make a tour of the bank on the European Bicycle Route Euro Velo 6, which goes along the Danube,
- Enjoy the most beautiful view of the Danube, in Donji Milanovac, from Kapetan-Mišin Breg (Captain Misha's Hill).



CATCH A CATFISH (DJERDAP BUČKA)

At the exit from the Gorge of Djerdap, there is a fishermen's small place known as Tekija. At the beginning of August, the traditional way of fishing catfish with a bučka is organized here, hitting the water with a sort of baton. Learn how to use a bučka to make the sound that upsets catfish!

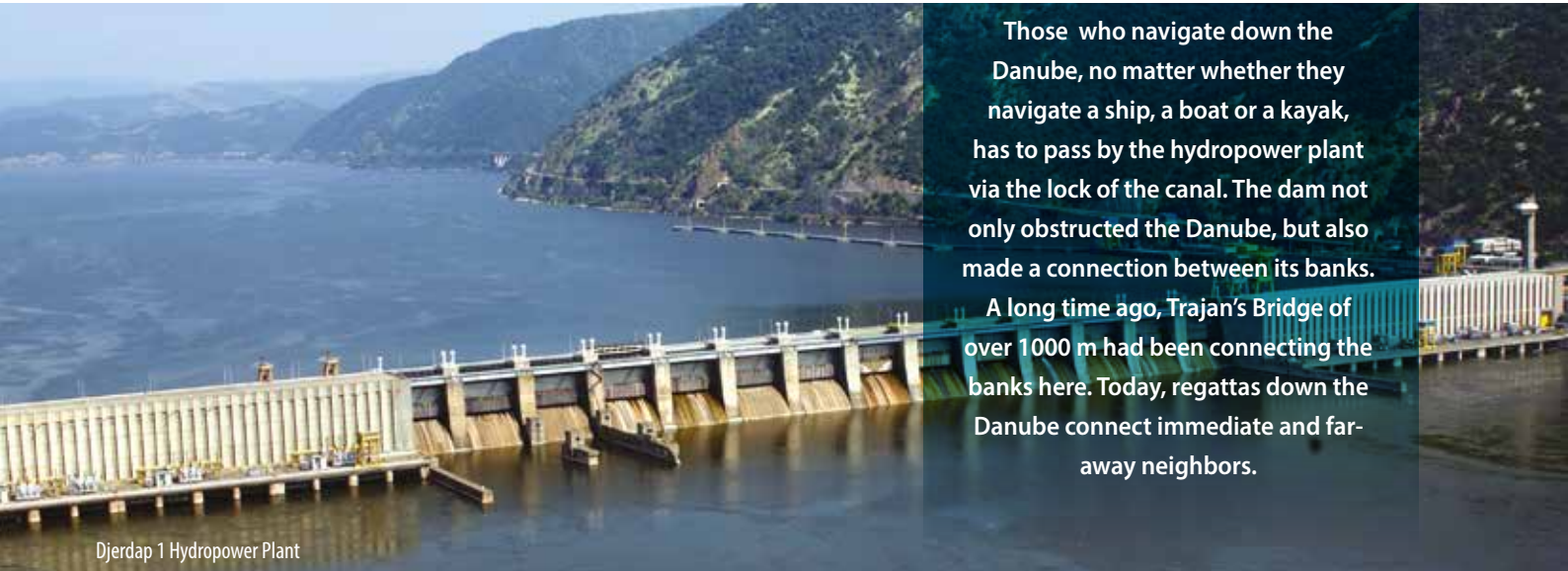


Yachtsmen Competition in Golubac



Ships used to be navigated through straits of the Danube by specially trained Danubian captains. By building the hydropower plant of Djerdap 1 in the 1970's, the level of the river was raised and navigation through the gorge is safe.

Where the Danube meets the sky



Djerdap 1 Hydropower Plant

Those who navigate down the Danube, no matter whether they navigate a ship, a boat or a kayak, has to pass by the hydropower plant via the lock of the canal. The dam not only obstructed the Danube, but also made a connection between its banks. A long time ago, Trajan's Bridge of over 1000 m had been connecting the banks here. Today, regattas down the Danube connect immediate and far-away neighbors.

ON THE WIDE DANUBE

- Take part in the three-day-lasting Djerdap Regatta Tekija-Kladovo-Kusjak at the end of July
- Pay a visit to the Museum of the HPP Djerdap
- Rent a kayak in Kladovo or in Kusjak (Negotin).
You can also take a catamaran.



The Kladovo Quay

FISH FIND THE DANUBE TO BE CAPTIVATING

- Lovers of the Danube say that, when the Danube is so beautiful in Serbia, it seems to be "captivating for fish" – the river is famous for being rich in fish species and exceptional fishing areas.

THE MYSTIC STONE GATES

- Visit the miraculous stone gates on the small rivers of the Vratna, the Prerast and the Zamna, situated in the hinterland of the Danube.

On the Danube Riviera

The first two pillars of Trajan's Bridge, the roman fortification, Diana and the mediaeval fortress Fetislam speak about the significance of the town of Kladovo, which also has other great assets to offer: the Town Beach, reminding us of sea-beaches (which is also contributed to by the dark-blue color of the river), a gym in an open space, hotels on the quay... From this point on, the Danube is wide, tamed, slow.

At the beginning of August, Kladovo hosts the famous TID regatta, which every year starts in Ingolstadt in June and travels for two months before it reaches the Black Sea.

From this point to the confluence with the Timok river and before it "crosses the border", the Danube flows about a hundred kilometers or so, through a very picturesque landscape. In Brza Palanka as well as in the neighboring Mihajlovac, there is a long, nice beach. Kusjak is a small settlement, but the base for people of Negotin, because the town is only ten kilometers or so away from the Danube. In Kusjak, you can rent a canoe, a bicycle, and the offer also includes a tourist little boat.

The sand beach in Kladovo



Bordered by Stara planina (Old Mount) from the East, wide at the source and narrow before reaching the confluence with the Danube, the river basin of the Timok reminds us of an unusual triangle. The valley it flows through was named Timočka krajina.

The five Timok rivers as the five brothers



The Svrlijski Timok river, Knjaževac

The Timok river is unlike other rivers. There are five Timok rivers – the Svrlijski Timok and the Trgoviški Timok that make the Beli Timok (the White Timok), which, with the Crni Timok (the Black Timok) makes the Veliki Timok (the Great Timok), i.e. the Timok. They differ in their flows, the places that one should see and the towns they are related to. Accommodate yourself in Knjaževac, Boljevac, Svrlijig, Zaječar or Negotin and enjoy your rest, recreation and fishing.



Serbian Venice

With the three Timok rivers, namely the Trgoviški, the Svrlijski and the Beli Timok rivers, the seven bridges and most beautiful Stara čaršija (Old Bazaar), Knjaževac even impressed Corbusier. There is an arranged spring of warm medicinal water nearby the town, and the lovers of active rest in intact nature can enjoy the mount of Stara planina (50 km).

Zaječar

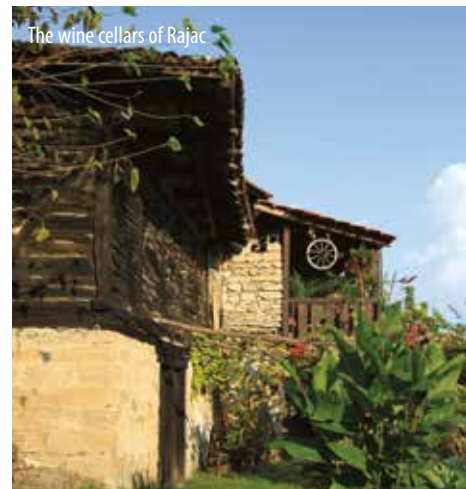
This town, lying at the confluence of the Beli and the Crni Timok rivers, with the sports-recreational complex "Popova plaža", will offer you a handful of possibilities for fun and recreation. The National Museum is certainly a "must-see".

The imperial Roman town of Felix Romuliana (4th century), **under UNESCO protection** is located in Gamzigrad, nearby Zaječar.

Crnorečje – the Black Timok Valley

The valley of the Crni Timok that originates at the foot of mount Rtanj, called "the Serbian pyramid" because of its shape and mysticism, is interesting for exploring. You should also pay a visit to Bogovinska Cave.

The wine cellars of Rajac



WINE CELLARS

Rajačke and Rogljevačke pivnice - wine cellars are the unique settlements of viticulturists, located in the vicinity of Negotin, where one can enjoy tasting quality wines.

Felix Romuliana, Gamzigrad



The Timok river regatta



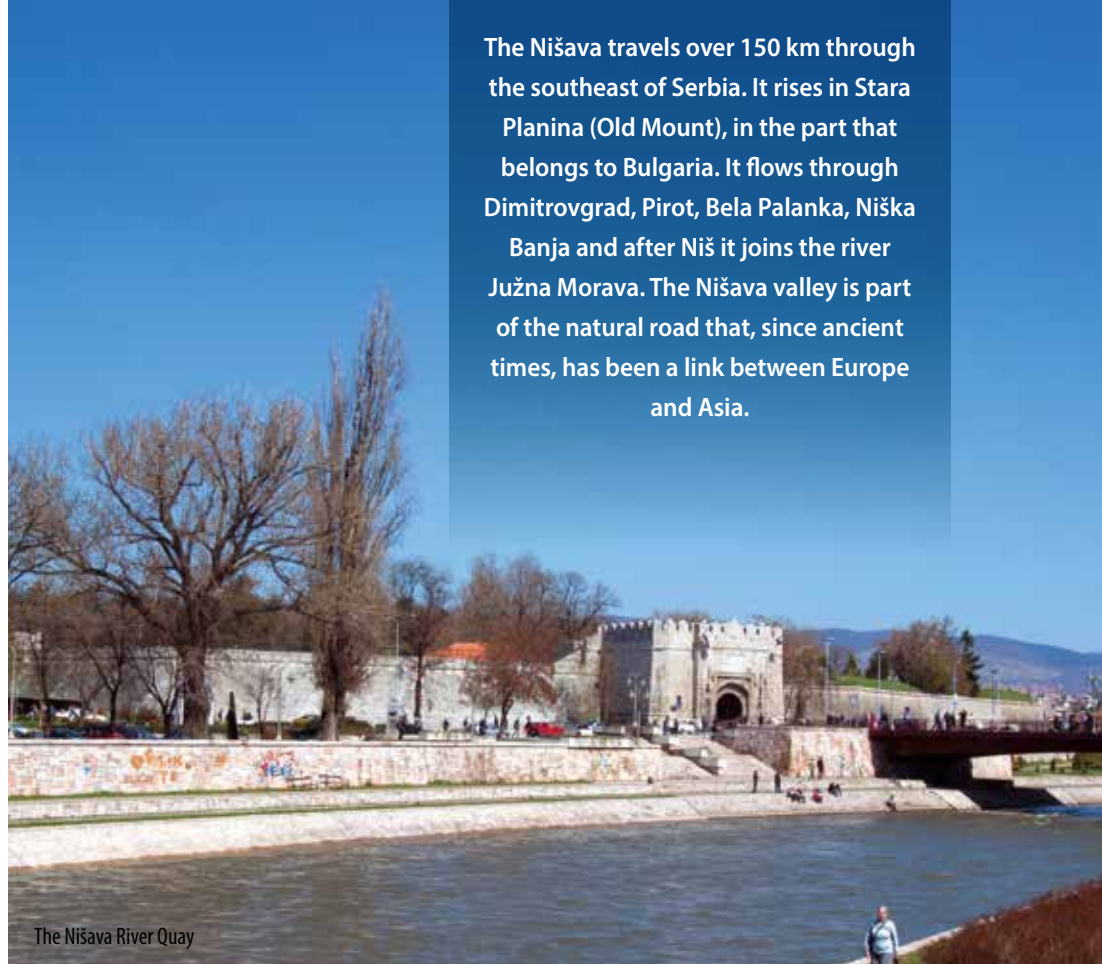


It got its name from the Celts who in the 3rd century BC built a settlement on its coast. They named it Naissus, the city on the Fairy River, in the belief that fairies live in these waters.

Fairy river



A rafting way on the Nišava river



The Nišava River Quay

The Nišava travels over 150 km through the southeast of Serbia. It rises in Stara Planina (Old Mount), in the part that belongs to Bulgaria. It flows through Dimitrovgrad, Pirot, Bela Palanka, Niška Banja and after Niš it joins the river Južna Morava. The Nišava valley is part of the natural road that, since ancient times, has been a link between Europe and Asia.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF ADVENTURE

- Try a rafting and kayaking through the Sićevac Gorge, and also try climbing in Jelašnica Gorge
- On Suva Planina, choose Jeep safari, trails for mountain running, mountain climbing...
- To raise the adrenaline - Malča shooting range, paragliding and mountain biking



Niš

The city, like the river, has not changed its name ever since it was given that name. A beautiful quay, arranged for enjoyment, recreation and fishing, follows the Nišava while flowing through the city. On the left bank there is the urban centre, a modern city that offers an abundance of artistic, sporting and entertainment facilities and on the right one, there is the Niš fortress from the 18th century, where there are signs of different epochs of the long history of Niš. In this area, formerly a Roman fortification, Roman Emperor Constantine the Great was born.

Beauty in heaven and on earth

Not far from Niš stretches 17 km long and 400 m deep Sićevac Gorge (Sićevačka klisura), richly decorated with caves and wildlife. A legend says that it was eroded by dancing fairies. In the beautiful surroundings Ramonda Nathaliae and Ramonda Serbica - autochthonous plants grow, and traces of material culture in the gorge date from prehistoric times.

The gorge is named after the place of Sićevo, located on a plateau high above the river. The village is famous for its quality wines and one of the best trails in the world for paragliding. The riverbed, die cut between the mountains Svrlijske Planine and Suva Planina, is extraordinary for rafting.



A view of Sicevačka Gorge



Čunguljski Waterfall

Bela Palanka, Pirot, Dimitrovgrad

These are charming little towns with rich cultural heritage, the places where tradition and nature are preserved. The Joyful Descent down the Nišava River is organized in Bela Palanka. It is accompanied by good fun and socializing. It is possible to camp and swim on the arranged beach of Divljansko Lake.

In Pirot and Dimitrovgrad, the town swimming-pools with sports grounds have been built by the Nišava River. The natural swimming beach by the beautiful quay with the avenue of linden-trees is also a favorite place for people of Pirot to visit. Out of all the sports, many people like fishing the best. And they say that there is no fishing area as beautiful as this one to find by far.

The miraculous tributary rivers of the Fairy's River

The small tributaries – yet, they carve grandiose canyons and make striking waterfalls!

- The canyon of the Temštica River, the Nišava's tributary, is almost 20 km long, and for its being extraordinarily beautiful, it has been called "Small Colorado". The Toplodolska river also makes an impression, with the reddish color of the soil and stones.
- The village of Topli Do, surrounded by the waterfalls of Piljski (64 m) and Čunguljski (40 m) as well as other waterfalls, "competes" with another village in the Old Mountain (Stara Planina) – the village of Dojkinci – over which of the two villages is richer in the waterfalls!
- The gorge of the Rosomačka river and the canyon of the Jerma are also famous. There are arranged resorts, the paths are signposted and one should not go there without a camera.

IN THE HEART OF THE OLD MOUNTAIN

Zavojsko Lake, 17 km long, is a true delicacy for nature-lovers. There are spots for camping as well as those for swimming, and the village households in the vicinity have accommodation in their offers.



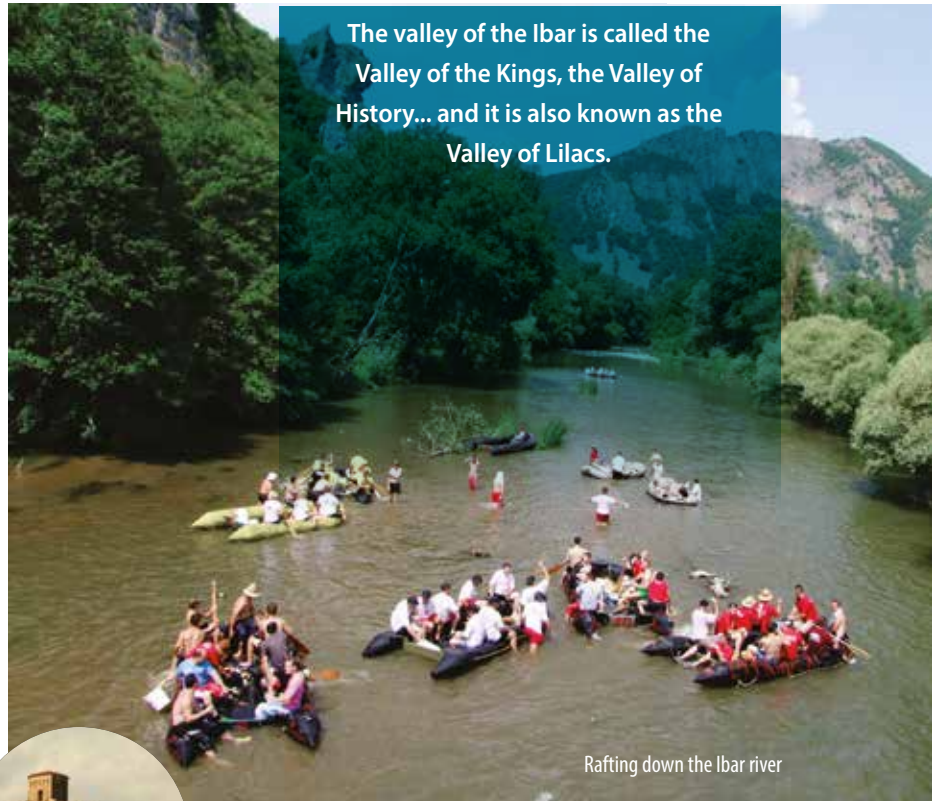
Zavojsko Lake



The gorge of the Rosomačka river

The Ibar originates in Montenegro, and flows through Kosovska Mitrovica, passing on its way Zubin Potok (Gazivode Lake), Zvečan, Leposavić*, Raška, and into the Zapadna Morava (the Western Morava) river nearby Kraljevo.

The river decorated with monasteries



The valley of the Ibar is called the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of History... and it is also known as the Valley of Lilacs.

Rafting down the Ibar river



A ROAD DRESSED IN LILACS

In the middle of 13th century King Uroš I ordered that lilacs should be planted in the valley of the Ibar, so that the French princess Helen of Anjou, and the future queen of Serbia, could be reminded of her native soil. Lilacs also bloom today.

SPAWNING OF NOSE CARPS

In the spring, schools of nose carps come to the Ibar river, upriver, from the Danube and the Velika Morava (Great Morava) rivers, and start spawning there – in a beautiful spring “dance”.

Chroniclers

If rivers were only capable of speaking, those would be the most miraculous stories ever told, because their banks are the faithful chroniclers of history. Numerous monasteries erected by the Serbian rulers in the valley of the Ibar are the silent witnesses testifying to that.

Not far away from the town of Novi Pazar, there are the monasteries of Sopoćani, Djurdjevi Stupovi (St. George's Pillars), Studenica and St. Peter's Church, which are inscribed in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List. The monastery of Žiča, in the vicinity of Kraljevo, also belongs to the Valley of the Kings. In that monastery, seven Serbian rulers were crowned.

A joyful descent

The town of the kings organizes one of the most joyful fluvial adventures in the honor of the Ibar. Near the end of June, a joyful regatta navigating all the way to Kraljevo starts in the old town of Maglič. The fun continues on several nice beaches in Kraljevo.

A descent without limits

Around mid-July, there is yet another joyful regatta that starts in Leposavić* and navigates to Raška, and the whole event is accompanied by ecological workshops, exhibitions and sports competitions.

On its 208-km-long way from Požega to the confluence with the Velika Morava (Great Morava) river, the Zapadna Morava (Western Morava) river flows from the west to the east. There are three lakes and two spas along its flow.

The yin and yang hugging

The view of the meanders of the Zapadna Morava (Western Morava) river from Ovčar and Kablar is one of the most beautiful panoramas of Serbia. There are even deeper and longer gorges than this one is, but yet not one of them has been celebrated in songs as this one has.

Meanders of the Zapadna Morava (Western Morava)

Ovčar-Kablar Gorge

The Zapadna Morava (Western Morava) carves a gorge between the massifs of Ovčar and Kablar, which is particularly distinguished for the three unusual meanders. Many have said that this scene reminds them of the symbols of Yin and Yang.

A unique compound of ten monasteries and holy places dating back to the end of the 14th century gives this ambience a special value.

The belvederes offer you a magnificent view. The gorge is networked with mountain paths (50 km), and a ride on a tourist small ship offers you a different experience because some monasteries can be reached from the water.

The magic of the trumpet

A unique event – a competition in playing the trumpet – has been held in Guča for 55 years now. The event has made this region and the trumpet famous throughout the world. The popular “Guča” is held every year, at the beginning of August.

The queen of spas

Vrnjačka Banja Spa is a natural oasis, with its seven medicinal springs, with medicinal, spa and wellness programs, as well as numerous entertainment and cultural events. “The Bridge of Love” is one of the spa’s symbols.

WATER ADVENTURES

- Čačak – Cruising the Gorge of Ovčar and Kablar



Cruising down the gorge

- Kruševac – The Morava river descent, rafting from Bele Vode (White Waters) to Jasika
- The place of Bele Vode (White Waters) is known for its museum of stone-mason’s art and the art of sculpture.





The Južna Morava (Southern Morava) river starts its journey in the extreme south of Serbia. It flows 246 km through southern Serbia only to reach the confluence with the Zapadna Morava (Western Morava) river, with which it creates the Velika Morava (Great Morava) river.

Praised in songs



A fluvial meander, a view from Mojsinjska gora Mount

DOWN THE MORAVA RIVER'S VALLEY

- In Vranje – the swimming resort on Lake Prvonek at the foot of Besna Kobila (Mad Mare) Mount
 - In Vladičin Han – six Jovačka Lakes
- In Leskovac – the Vučje river and the old power plant which is still working, and natural swimming resorts



The Tower of Duke Prijezda

THE TOPLICA RIVER PHENOMENON

The Toplica river originates on the mountain Kopaonik and through Kuršumlija, it reaches Prokuplje, where its flow becomes remarkable (Epigenia), a hydro-morphological phenomenon visible from the Hisar, the fortress overlooking the town.

A story about the river

Praised in songs, paid respect to... the river can be whimsical and so high to flood fields, whereas in a lot of places it can be crossed on foot with ease. When the Toplica river flows into it, it then has up to 100 m in width. Rarely does it flood the towns.

The river first pays a visit to the town of Vranje, and, as if it had taken with itself a little bit of their southern temperament, the river cuts in the long and deep Grdelička Gorge. In Vladičin Han, it flows through the small town. This is where sports fields and swimming-pools have been built on its bank.

In Leskovac, the river expands into fertile fields, and nearby Aleksinac, it becomes angry because there are no longer watermills as before, and between the mountains, it carves a long gorge all the way to Stalać. This space around Mojsinjska Mount used to be important for the capital in Kruševac in the time of Prince Lazar, in 14th century. The Dungeon Donjon Tower is the only one part of the mediaeval fort that has remained visible today. It was named after Duke Prijezda to remind us of the legend of the last defender of Stalać, who jumped into the Morava river when he found himself unable to defend the town against the Turks.





When near the end of the 19th century a French poet, Lamartine was travelling through these parts, he called this region “the ocean of Serbian forests”. The lands to the west of the Velika Morava (Great Morava) are today called Šumadija, and the region through which the river flows is known as the Morava River Basin – the most fertile and the most densely populated part of Central Serbia.

Like a beautiful girl



The Velika Morava (Great Morava) is the biggest Serbian river. It originates from near Stalač, where the Zapadna (Western) and the Južna (Southern) Morava rivers meet, making the Velika Morava (Great Morava), the river that flows into the Danube at the 185th km from that point. It is navigable the last 3 km before the confluence.

Fishing on the Velika Morava (Great Morava)

The native soul of Morava

The majority of the towns are distanced from the river, which is known for its being whimsical and its habit of changing its flow, meandering, flooding fields... The river has been praised in many a song, both for its magnanimity and for its whim. This is the river people love, scold and respect – (for many) it is the native soul.

In Čičevac, visit the area of Mojsinjska Mount, known for its numerous monasteries and water springs. In Paraćin, the picnic area of Grza, and in Jagodina, pay a visit to the Aqua Park and the Zoo. In Svilajnac, visit the museum of The Natural Science Center Serbia. In Požarevac, in the vicinity of the Morava, there is the Horse Farm of Ljubičevo.

The Morava River Park

The most beautiful beach and park on the bank of the Morava are located in Čuprija. The park is distinguished by its recreational paths and the playground for children, whereas, inclining towards the town, it is people’s favorite walk and the place where they bring together.



THE MORAVA SCHOOL

In the basin of the Velika Morava (Great Morava), which was known as the Moravian Serbia in the 14th and the 15th centuries (in the time of Prince Lazar and his descendants), there are magnificent monuments of the Serbian medieval art – Morava School – the monasteries of Ravanica, Manasija, Ljubostinja, Kalenić and Lazarica Church in Kruševac.

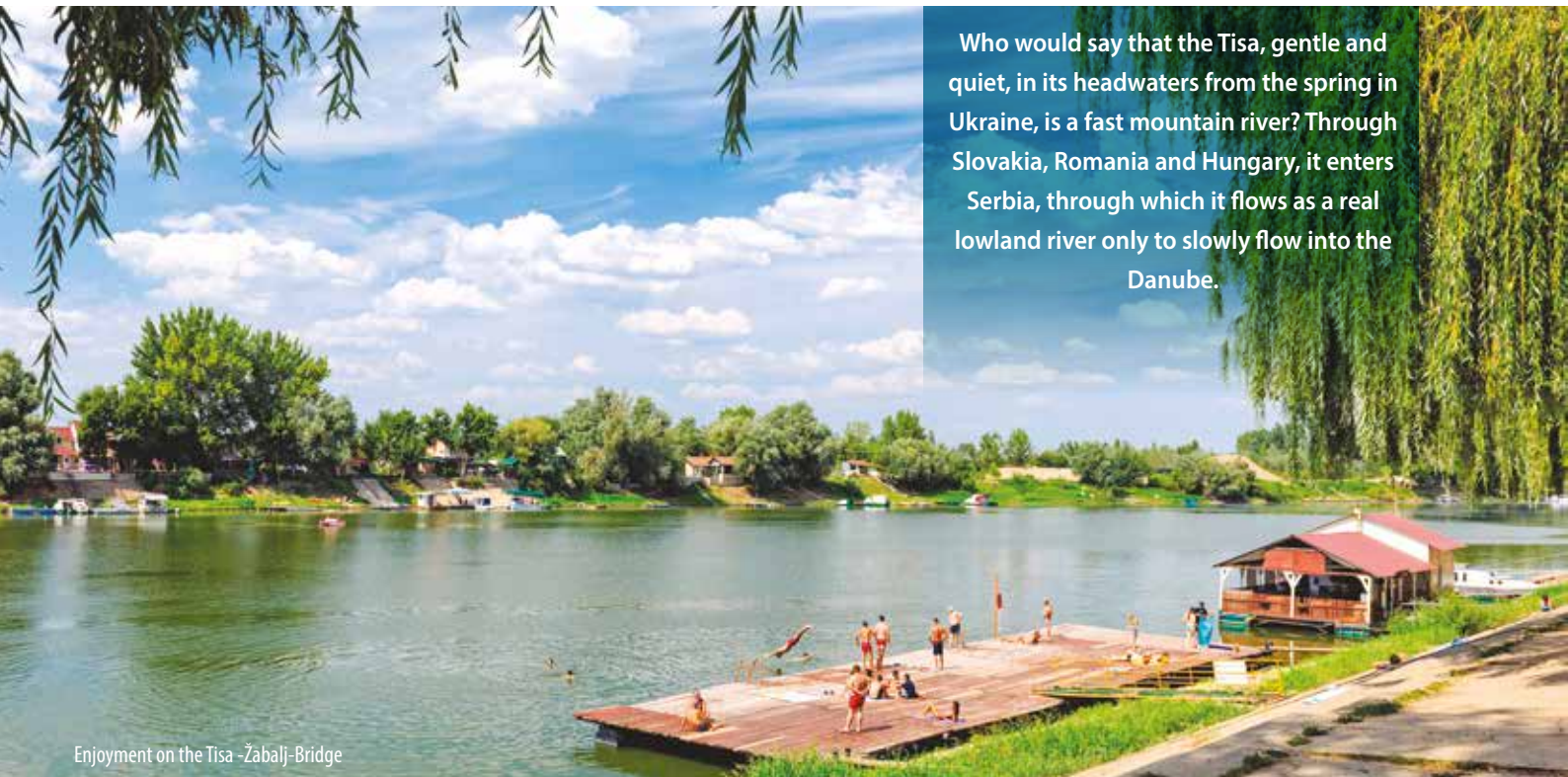
AN INTERESTING FACT

In the Celtic language, Morava means “a beautiful girl”.



The Tisa is one of the two places on earth where one can observe the birth and the short life of the Tisa Flower (*Palingenia longicauda*) insect and the insect's wedding dance. Thousands of white little butterflies cover the surface of the river throughout the month of June, so the river seems to be blossoming.

The blossoming one



Enjoyment on the Tisa - Žabalj-Bridge

Who would say that the Tisa, gentle and quiet, in its headwaters from the spring in Ukraine, is a fast mountain river? Through Slovakia, Romania and Hungary, it enters Serbia, through which it flows as a real lowland river only to slowly flow into the Danube.

A SECRET OF THE GOD OF DRIVING

A legend says that, somewhere here, in the river-bed of the Tisza, the Huns buried their king Attila together with a plethora of precious objects.

Navigation

The Tisa is navigable all 164 km through Serbia. It flows past nature reserves and protected areas, so it is the real choice for all those enjoying the green colors of the river. Its artificially created river-bed, made by the construction of the Danube-Tisa-Danube Canal, as well as its old meanders, is also interesting. To navigate down the Tisa from one small town to another means to rest. Down its river-flow, nice settlements with a rich cultural and tourist offer are located. The river-banks of the Tisa have been transformed into town promenades, nearby which the beaches and the harbors have been built and the recreational and catering programs have been offered in suitable places. Many owners of small boats opt for the Tisa for cruising with their families. During the summer season, there are excursion ships, and in a larger number of places, it is possible to charter a boat or a ship for one or several days.





With jumpers – the Tisa – Pier

Places on the road

Kanjiža is a famous spa resort of a long tradition and the first place into which Tisa flows when entering Serbia. There are a rehabilitation center, a sports hall, a beach, a restaurant, a car camp etc. by the river-bank.

Senta is first of all recognizable for the monument erected in the honor of the famous battle of Senta fought in the year 1697. The people of Senta praise themselves for the fact that a popular song “A Boat on the Tisa” was written in their place. Anyway, the town is the home of one particular writer – Stevan Sremac was born in Senta. In Ada, the people live in a slow-motion rhythm and on the river, too. The beach is arranged, a swimming-pool complex has been built just as well as a trim track and a sports-recreational center.

In Bečej, located on the right river-bank, the lock called Šlajz, which is said to have been designed by Eiffel, is located. The style of the construction reminds us of the famous tower in Paris, and is located in the place where the Tisa intersects with the Great Bačka Canal. The mansion of the Dundjerski family, the Fantast castle, transformed into a hotel, should also be paid a visit to.

New Bečej is a town with three museums in it and is located on the left river-bank of the Tisa. In the vicinity of the town, there is the Nature Reserve of Slano Kopovo, one of the most important habitats of birds, as well as the Pearl Island (Biserno ostrvo), suitable for growing vine. There is also the Nature Park of Old Tisa (Stara Tisa), which partly belongs to Žabalj as well – a nice small place, with the Golf Center covering the area of 38 hectares. Aradac, facing Žabalj, is a known resort, with an arranged beach and a camp.

Titel is located in the triangle of the Tisa, the Begej and the Danube. Is the Hillock of Titel the place where the Huns’ treasure lies hidden, as it is thought by many?! Interesting treasure hunts are organized here and one can spend a nice day in participating in them. Together with paying a visit to the Nature Reserve, paragliding, gyrocopters and cruising the river are also the items of the offer.

INSPIRATION

The Tisa is a river that activates your imagination. It is an inspiration for poets and artists, whereas every year, painters sail in the Tisa Regatta The Tisa Academy of Watercolors. Mysteries and legends, amongst which the best-known one is the one of the dug treasury, are associated with it. For 16 centuries now, the river has been keeping that secret; it yet has its ways how to make fishermen happy for having caught capital samples. It is very rich in fish – fishermen say that in the Danube, there is two-thirds of water and one-third of fish, whereas in the Tisa, the ratio is fifty-fifty.



The Flower of the Tisa River insect



A never-ending story



The Rzav river



The Djetinja river



The Moravica (Small Morava) of Sokobanja Spa

The water treasure of Serbia also consists of numerous small rivers and lakes offering various attractions for one to have a pleasant stay. We shall only present a few of them.

In the Moravica (Small Morava) river, flowing through Sokobanja, you can swim on one of the six cutest little beaches, some of which have natural stone swimming-pools. The Djetinja river in Užice is called “The Sea of Užice”, and the old bridge above the swimming resort is used for attractive jumps into the water. The Gradac river nearby Valjevo and the Rzav river in Arilje are famous for being some of the clearest European rivers. Apart from their immaculately clear water, there are several arranged beaches on their banks. The Tamiš river attracts lovers of kayaking. The water expanse and the banks of the Lake of Gružansko nearby Knić are suitable for fishermen, rowers...

Here – as anywhere in Serbia – you can expect that people will put a big smile on their faces and be hospitable. Hospitable hosts will ultimately wish you a bon voyage, simultaneously inviting you to come to visit them should an opportunity arise for you to do so. That is exactly the wish you yourself will make!



The Tamiš river



Fly fishing on the river Gradac



Gružansko Lake

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