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# 5 days of Slavonija and bikes



Length of track: cca 200 km
The duration of the journey: 5 days
Terrain: Asphalt
Weight: 1 2 3 4 5



# **Route description**

You have come to the old baroque town Požega. At the heart of Slavonia at an altitude of 152 meters, there is a county seat town of Požega.

Požega has a long history and culture that goes back to the Middle Ages (11th century), and thus becomes interesting to travelers and tourists.

Požega has retained its medieval street layout, with dominant medieval square emerged in the intersection of four access directions (the largest medieval square in Croatia), located close to the northern slopes of Požeška mount. North of the square to the former Stone Gate (demolished in the 19th century) led three characteristic mutually parallel streets of which are still central (Cehovska – Svetog Florijana), western (Županijska) and part of the east along square Trg svete Terezije.

With this trip you will enyoj five days of biking, tasting cuisine of Western Slavonia, Požega and Požega valley, and also meet Bio top of Požega valley, Nature park Papuk and culture of this area.

# First day

Lipik is a quiet town in the Slavonia and one of the pearls of continental tourism. Located in the valley of the river Pakra and surrounded by ancient forests of Psunj hills, Lipik welcomes its guests as the guardian of tradition. State horse farm gives a special charm to this small town, and 70 horses welcomes guests at the entrance of Lipik. You can visit the city by horse carriage or by walking through hundred years old park which is also a cultural heritage. Thermal mineral water source "Antunovo vrelo" provides refreshments at any time, and an essential part of the park is "Jelkin brijeg". Lipik spa continues the tradition of health resort Lipik, over two centuries old.

- Arrival in Lipik in the morning
- A visit to the state horse farm
- Historical walk with the Countess Jelka Janković city park, thematic path Jelka, Antunovo boiling, Spa Lipik
- Lipik spa tour
- Visit to farm presentation and tasting of local products

Pakrac is a nice little town, the old administrative, cultural, commercial and economic center. It was almost completely destroyed during the war and now it is renewed. In the area of mountains Psunj and Papuk, and Pakrac hill, there are over 150 km of hiking trails that are well marked, and using them is fun and extremely safe. Also there are 100 km of cycling trails intended for recreational cycling, and mountain extreme cycling. At a height of 655 m there is the mountain home "Omanovac" with places for picnic, football field, ski slope, runway for paragliding, mountain biking trails. Nice rural areas and the first tourist-oriented farms offer visitors a unique experience. Part of tourist offer are forest areas rich in wildlife.

- Tour of the Mountain home Omanovac and resorts Omanovac
- Optional drive on extreme trail Anaconda
- Lunch in Hotel Pakrac
- Wine tasting at private producers
- Accommodation in Zlatni Lug resort
- Dinner in restaurant Zlatni Lug

# Second day

#### Breakfast

Požega is the pearl of the Golden Valley (Vallis Aurea). Because of numerous well-known figures who were born or lived in Požega, our town is also called Slavonian Athens. It is situated in the heart of the valley which is surrounded by Psunj, Papuk, Krndija, Dilj and Požeška hill. This town was first mentioned in 1227, when Požega fortress became royal property. It was the seat of the Požega County, seat of the Turkish sanjak, and after the expulsion of the Turks in 1688 it becomes important cultural center. Požega got name "Slavonian Athens" in the 19th century when numerous cultural associations were established, some of which are still active: library, singing club, fire department etc.. In Požega you can enter from all four sides of the world. Each entry reveals another part of the cultural heritage of the "Slavonian Athens". All of this beauty flows to, unique in Croatia, baroque square of the Holy Trinity. Unforgettable experience will offer you many forest roads, country roads, paths through fields and vineyards, and marked bicycle paths.

- Tour of the farm Zlatni Lug
- Tour of the city of Požega with a professional guide
- Wine tasting fruit brandies Wilijams
- A visit to the Cathedral of St.. Teresa of Avila, the crypt and the Diocesan Museum
- Lunch at restaurant Grgin Dol
- Tasting of pumpkin seed oil by a private manufacturer
- Visit winery Zlatni Lug
- Show cooking program "Museum in the pot" and dinner at Restaurant Zlatni Lug
- Overnight stay

#### Third day

#### • Breakfast

City Kutjevo is located on the southern slopes of Krndija, north of Požega valley and it is Croatia's wine capital. Traditions and people, natural factors, developed wine culture, respect for the customs and application of modern technology, have made a variety of Riesling wines which today leave a deep mark in the world. Kutjevo is famous for its unique square in Croatia, where there are planted a few grapevines, and it is named Squere of Riesling. The first written records of Kutjevo date back to the 13th century when the Cistercian Monks, commonly known as "white friars", in 1232 founded an abbey here Vallis Honesta de Gotha. From that time there is a famous wine cellar and, according to tradition, there is a stone table from the time of Baron Franjo Trenk and Empress Maria Theresa.

- Drive to Kutjevo
- Tasting sausage at private producers
- Wine tasting at private producers
- Bio top Livak tour and tasting
- Visit to Kutjevo cellars with wine tasting and lunch

Velika is the old settlement where antique Roman tombs and money were found. Velika is situated by the hill Lapjak on Papuk. Now it is rich cultural center that cultivate folklore heritage and Slavonian customs and special Velička national costume. Visitor Center Papuk is located in Velika, at the main entrance to the Nature Park. Permanent exhibition at the Center covers the most interesting biologic, geologic and historical exhibits from the area of the Nature Park. Visitors have the opportunity to discover the geological heritage through many exposed geologic samples and crystals. Very rich collection of fossils is constantly exposed.

- Visit Park Nature Park with a guide
- Dinner in the restaurant Stari fenjeri
- Overnight stay

#### Fourth day

- Breakfast
- The possibility of going on a tour cycling routes with Požega City Tour bikes with guide
- Lunch, free time for shopping and buying souvenirs
- Driving on one of the bike trails optional
- Dinner
- Overnight stay

### Fifth day

• Breakfast

Pleternica was in its history known as a market, educational and cultural center. It was first mentioned in 1355 as Pleternik, and St. Nicholas as the parish church. St. Nikola is now the patron saint of the city. Today Pleternica is well connected and strengthen economic and promotes primarily wood industry. Fans of nature can walk on the hills in the surrounding and in forests. They can go hunting or fishing, and use other segments of the rural tourism.

- Departure to Pleternica
- Tasting of local products in one of the households

Slavonski Brod is an industrial, cultural, administrative, judicial and financial center of Brodsko-posavska county. By the size it is the second town in Slavonia and the sixth largest town in the Republic of Croatia. It is voted as the most beautiful city in Croatia, after the election "Croatian Tourist Board" for 2009. It is located on the left bank of the Sava River, in the past had the names Marsonija and Brod na Savi. Visitors can enjoy walking or cycling along the coast of the Sava or the scenery of Brod's vineyards.

- Visit the Hotel Savus and Fortress Brod
- Visit the Eco ethno farm Savus on Dili mountain
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Overnight in resort Zlatni Lug

# Sixth day

Return to home

# The package price includes

- bed and breakfast 5 x
- 5 x lunch; Slavonian menu, optional outdoor
- 5 x dinner (appetizer, soup, main course, dessert, coffee)
- a professional guide in the Park Nature Papuk
- tour of the Cathedral of St. Theresa, the Diocesan Museum, and the crypt
- visit the Park Nature Park
- visit the Lipizzaner stud farm
- tour of the town of Lipik
- visit the resort Omanovac
- visit the farm Zlatni Lug
- visit the wine cellar Kutjevo
- visit the farm and Bio top Livak
- tour of the city of Slavonski Brod and Brod Fortress
- visit ethno farm Savus near Slavonski Brod

- technical support
- tasting Slavonian meat products
- tasting products of pumpkins
- wine tasting
- tasting fruit brandies
- Slavonian cooking school "Cooking Show Museum in pot"
- quality bicycles and helmet optional
- local experienced guide, mechanic optional
- welcome drink
- after drink
- insurance bail
- accident insurance

The package price per person is 2.868,78 kn. Optionally: 120 kn rent a bike per day.

**Note:** Programs and schedule can be changed and the agency reserves the right to change the program depending on the capabilities of participants, weather conditions, transportation problems or other external factors that are difficult to influence. Also, the program can be changed at the request of participants, with prior notice. Any changes will be said to participants at the start of the route, and the ultimate goal of changing is the personal safety and satisfaction of participants.

The tour operator is not responsible for lost, damaged or missing items. A participant is responsible for the damage of rented equipment.

Registration for all optional programs has to be done with booking arrangements.

The calculation is made on the basis of 40 participants. For a smaller groups there will be new calculation.

During registration guests must pay 30% of the price because of the reservation arrangements, and the rest has to be paid off at least 10 days before the departure.