



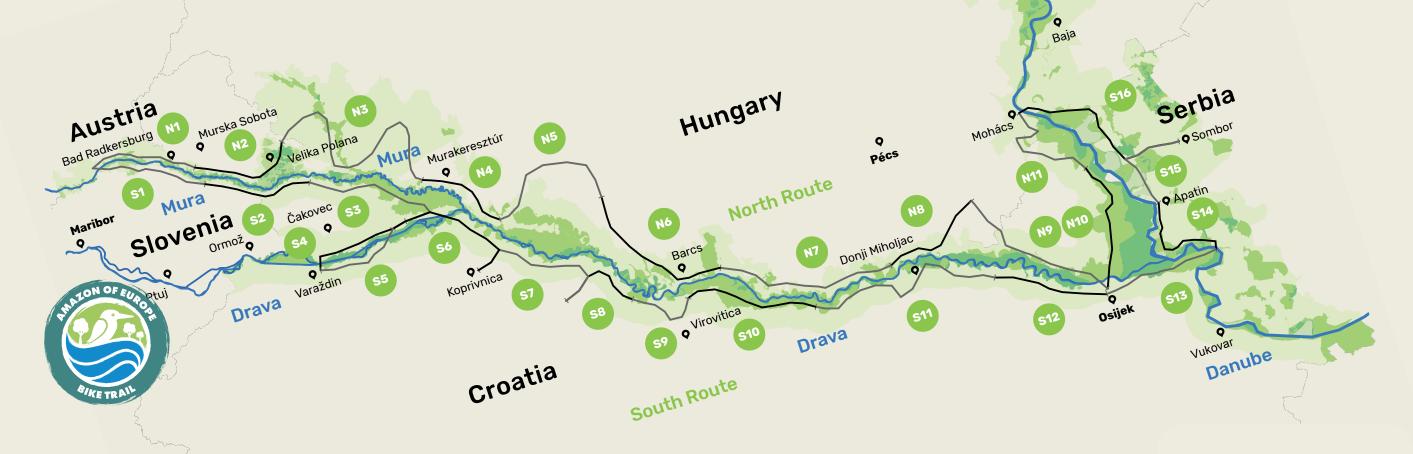
Amazon of Europe Bike Trail

Discover Amazon of Europe by cycling along the Mura, Drava and Danube rivers



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Discover Amazon of Europe by cycling along the Mura, Drava and Danube rivers

Dear Cyclists and Nature Enthusiasts,

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail team warmly invites you to **discover** bike trails on both sides of the Mura, Drava and Danube rivers, and their endless riverine landscapes through Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia and Serbia, the area of the planned 5-country UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Cycle along three rivers in 27 stages, over 1,250 km, and follow the bike trail through deep shades of ancient forests. Enrich your cycling holiday with unforgettable **experiences** like guided canoeing, kayaking or birdwatching in one of the many protected areas along the bike trail. Discover local cultural heritage

and events in numerous historical towns and villages in all five countries. You are always welcome to get lost and find yourself again in the pristine nature of the Amazon of Europe. Take the opportunity and em-



brace the adventure! At the end of each day, enjoy the authentic hospitality of the locals, unwind in a spa or sample the unforgettably delicious local cuisine.

Do you know that with every reservation made through the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Service & Booking Centre you give something back to this extraordinary region? We have established the Cycle for nature programme, where part of the contribution from your cycling holiday is used to finance nature conservation projects in the region. By booking your next cycling adventure with us, you are directly giving back to the planned 5-country UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube.

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is open to all visitors, not only cyclists, and offers spectacular natural landscapes and possibilities for various leisure activities making it a great destination for all nature lovers!

Discover, experience, and cycle for nature!

Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Facts and figures

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is a long-distance cycling trail following the pristine riverine landscapes along the Mura, Drava and Danube rivers along 1,250 km divided into 27 stages that offer a unique opportunity for cycling holidays and a cultural experience. Part of the funds made from this cycling adventure directly support nature conservation in the region.

Distance: over 1,250 km \rightarrow

- Cycling through the world's first UNESCO \rightarrow 5-country Biosphere Reserve Mura-Dra*va-Danube* (*expected*: 2021), *spanning* across almost 1 million hectares
- *2* routes: North Route (550 km) and South \rightarrow *Route* (700 km)

- *3 rivers: Mura, Drava and Danube:* \rightarrow most preserved natural riverine system in Central Europe
- 5 countries: Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, \rightarrow Hungary and Serbia
- \rightarrow 27 stages, 11 on the North Route and 16 on the South Route
- Start point: Mureck, Austria \rightarrow (close to Graz)
- End point: Mohacs, Hungary \rightarrow (close to Pécs)

For a comfortable cycling adventure, the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail has its own Service & Booking Centre where clients can book their full-package cycling holidays. The packages include:

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→ top advice from an experienced and competent team,

unique individual travel planning and booking with online booking system,

accommodation in best rated local hotels and bed & breakfasts.

half board with focus on local cuisine,

services such as luggage transport, shuttle services and transport back to the starting point,

visit to the most interesting local attractions, experiences and festivals,

interesting and surprising offers.

*All travel offers comply with the EU Package Travel Directive

Cycling tips and recommendations

We are pleased you decided to choose the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail for your cycling holiday! We invite you to discover this beautiful area, but we also want your Amazon of Europe adventure to be safe and pleasant. Please follow our tips and recommendations for safe cycling and enjoy your holiday!

Be a safe cyclist

- Plan ahead know your equipment, abilities and the area in which you are cycling – and prepare accordingly.
- Wear a helmet as well as other protective equipment, and carry tools for quick bike repairs.

Let someone know where you are going and carry a mobile phone.

- \ominus Stay on the designated bike paths or lanes, and if there are no paths or lanes, keep to the right-hand side of the road.
- If you are cycling with a group, cycle one behind another.
- Alert other trail users of your presence, slow to \Rightarrow their speed when passing and do not disturb other trail/traffic participants.
- Let fellow cyclists know you are coming; say a friendly "hello" or ring the bell.
- Do not create a new trail, shortcuts or obstacles, and do not trespass on private land.
- Avoid muddy trails and skidding.

Leave no trace, take care of nature

- Take all trash, leftover food and litter with you, or dispose of it in a designated area, recycle when possible.
- Keep your bike clean to prevent the spread of weeds and plant diseases.
- Avoid animals and growing crops, avoid (\rightarrow) cycling through meadows or forests, unless there are signposted paths. If not possible, keep contact to an absolute minimum.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife influ- \Rightarrow ences their health, alters natural behaviours, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Seeing wildlife in their natural habitat is a privilege; respect them and the habitats in which they live, and do not endanger them

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(avoid stepping on gravel bars, steep banks, etc.). For the best viewing experiences use binoculars or a camera with zoom.

Avoid wildlife during sensitive times (e.g. mating, nesting, raising young, or winter).

Rest, picnic, camp, swim or make fire only in places where it is allowed.

If you stop for a swim or go for a guided water tour, avoid stepping on gravel or sand islands, as these are refuges for wild nesting birds.

Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch cultural or historic structures and artefacts.

Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

Get involved

- Report trail hazards, incidents and maintenance issues.
- ➔ Take part in volunteering actions.
- Set a good example for other cyclists and visitors.

We wish you a pleasant ride and thank you for visiting the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail!

Follow the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail

Amazon of Europe Bike Trail connects the entire future UNESCO 5-country Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube. While nature knows no borders, there are still administrative borders. Therefore, signs marking the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail differ from country to country. Search for our logo and enjoy cycling along the Mura, Drava and Danube rivers.

Amazon of Europe Bike Trail

Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is a Danube Transnational Programme Project that joins the efforts of 5 countries (Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary and Serbia) to establish an internationally recognized and sustainable flagship Cycling Tourism Product in the future 5-country UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube (TBR MDD).

Project partners

- → Iskriva, Institute for Development of Local Potentials, Slovenia
- Municipality Velika Polana, Slovenia
- Tourism Association Region Bad Radkersburg, Austria
- ➡ Tourism Board of Međimurje County, Croatia
- Public Institution for Management of Protected

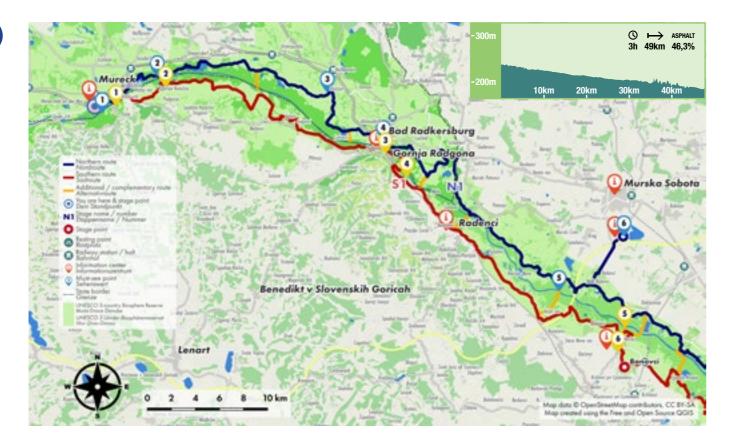
- Parts of Nature and Ecological Network in Virovitica-Podravina County, Croatia
- Seprivnica-Križevci County, Croatia
- Balaton-felvidéki National Park Directorate, Hungary
- ➡ Trail Angels GmbH, Austria
- Public Institution Development Agency of Osijek - Baranja County, Croatia

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Discover an unforgettable and diverse cycling tour through the Pannonian plain

Start your Amazon of Europe cycling holiday in the small town of Mureck situated right next to the Lower Mura Valley Biosphere Reserve in Austria. Cycle through the romantic meadow landscapes. To learn more, take a detour in Donnersdorf towards the RIVER'SCOOL educational facility, where you can find out more about the rich flora and fauna of the area. In the small villages and historical old town of Bad Radkersburg, guest houses and traditional wine taverns will invite you to stop for a rest and refreshments - make sure to taste some of the regional specialities and try the local wines. Cross the border and follow the Amazon of Europe bike trail through Slovenia to discover the idyllic Pannonian plain.



2. Murturm Nature Obser-

The Murturm Nature Observation Tower (Mura Tower), 27 m high, stands in the middle of the alluvial forest, close to the Mura restoration area. It spiralls up through different "forest floors" - different ecological layers of the alluvial forest - and climbing it offers a very special nature experience.

1. Ship mill Mureck

For centuries, large wheels of ship mills were turning on the Lower Mura. The last remaining example of this type of mill in Austria can be seen in Mureck on the Mura River, with a view of neighbouring Slovenia across the river.



vation Tower (Mura Tower)



3. Interpretive point and ferry on Mura River, Krog

The extraordinary natural wealth of the Mura River and its floodplain, intertwined with cultural and historical heritage and the traditional attachment of the local population to the river can be experienced on the educational route, in an outdoor classroom or interpretive experience point and a playground with a picnic area.



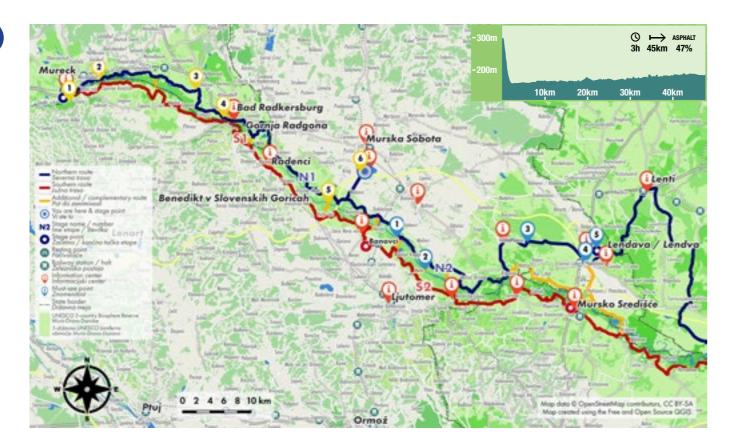
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Enjoy an amazing view of the natural and cultural pearls of Pomurje

This diverse and adventurous tour of the Amazon Europe Bike Trail will not leave you indifferent. Recharge your batteries, experience the past in a few different ways and get to know the Mura Biosphere Reserve interactively. Getting closer to the endpoint of your daily stage, cycle amidst Lendava vineyards until you reach the Vinarium Tower. Seize the opportunity and see what you have achieved so far and what is still in front

of you.

1. Island of love on the Mura River

In Ižakovci, in the immediate vicinity of Beltinci, there is a popular tourist point with a floating mill on the Mura River and a ferry that keeps the old way of crossing the river alive. Right next to the mill house, you can visit the permanent exhibition "Büjraštvo on the Mura River"büjraš is the local term used for a worker on the Mura River).

2. RIVER'SCOOL Velika Polana

RIVER'SCOOL Velika Polana offers a unique insight into floodplain forests and wet meadows in an interactive way that interprets the natural and cultural heritage of the area. Find out more about water and aquatic animals and plants, expand your knowledge in an outdoor classroom or simply enjoy your time playing games in nature.





3. Vinarium Tower

The Vinarium Tower is the tallest lookout tower in Slovenia, 53.5 m high, offering beautiful 360 ° views of the colourful landscape that extends from the Lendava hills to the Mura river basin and captures breath-taking views of the plains and hills of Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia and Austria.



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Discover hidden treasures of the Zala County

Cycle through the ancient forests and charge your batteries in the Zala County. Enjoy the healing force of Lenti spa in a relaxing and lovely countryside. Take a ride on the forest train – the longest narrow-gauge railway in Hungary, which leads through amazing forests. Experience the unique ambience in Bázakerettye city area created on relics of the oil extraction industry and a revived nature existing side by side. Try local culinary specialities and take home unforgettable

memories from the Zala County along the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail!

1. Forest Railway in Lenti

The forest railway from Lenti to Kistolmács is the longest narrow-gauge railway line in Hungary, passing the Kerka-Valley, Göcsej's pine region and beech-landscape.



2. Lake in Kistolmács

The reservoir lake with a surface area of over 11 hectares, and a depth between 1-7 meters, is suitable for fishing and swimming. It is a perfect place to choose for a picnic. Accommodation, restaurants, buffets and a camping site can be found around the lake.



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3. Szécsisziget – Buffalo Reserve and water mill

The Buffalo Reserve in Szécsisziget aims to conserve the genetic material of the buffalo, and present the buffalos living at the oxbow of the Kerka River. Next to the Buffalo Reserve, you can visit one of the oldest Kerka river mills, built in 1541.



Tourist information points

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Discover a wellpreserved natural beauty along Mura and Drava rivers

Experience cycling holidays along the Mura and Drava rivers and enjoy the natural beauty of floodplain forests, oxbows, and meanders surrounding the rivers. At the village of Őrtilos rest your eyes by admiring the confluence of two beautiful rivers and the ever-changing riverine landscape. Finish the day at Gyékényes on the shore of a mining lake with a glass of wine, and a good fish stew.

1. Plane tree (Platanus)

The 500 years old sycamore tree is the symbol of Letenye. It stands in the garden of the Szapáry-Andrássy castle in the city centre. The tree's trunk has a 6,15 m circumference and is 20 m tall, with an average crown diameter of 36 m.



2. Balaton Uplands National Park Farming Centre and a Nature Trail

The Balaton Uplands National Park spreads out over an area of 56.997 hectares and mainly consists of six landscape protection areas. Discover the park's native animals on the pastures, and explore the nearby Mura floodplain Nature Trail.





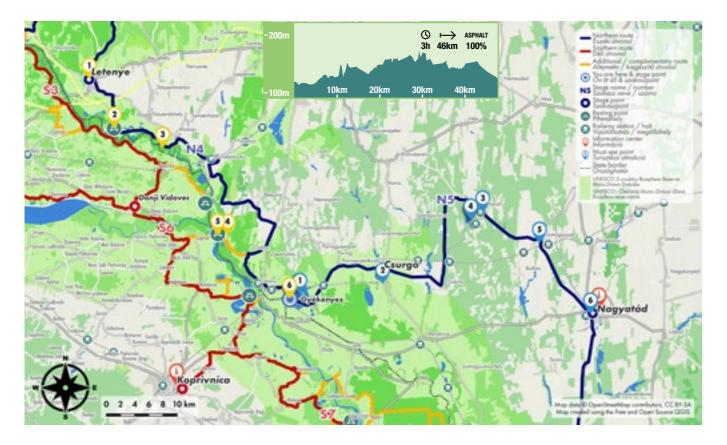
3. Mura-Drava confluence

Experience the confluence of two beautiful rivers and the ever-changing riverine landscape they enclose. The Mura-Drava confluence is one of the most beautiful natural landscapes of the region, and the surrounding forests hide unique wildlife.

Tourist information points

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Experience the Kaszó forest and become rejuvenated in Nagyatád

Although this section is not located right along the Drava River, it provides a truly close contact with nature and beautiful landscapes in the wider Drava river area. There is a scenic route towards Csurgó, and riding through the Kaszó forest, you will experience a real green forest. Baláta Lake, a unique natural site and a wetland area, will impress you without a doubt and the entire trail is ideal

for cyclists who want quiet and relaxing holidays.

1. Baláta Lake

Baláta Lake, located along the forest railway Szenta– Kaszó, is a wetland area with unique flora and fauna. You can enjoy nature on the canopy trail going 9 m above the ground, which is accessible through the forest railway or from the village of Kaszó.



2. Vilma House in Somogyszob

Vilma House is the oldest preserved traditional residential house, where you can learn about the traditional ways of cooking, see the exhibition and even taste some delicious food. If you want to know more about weaving and pottery, make sure to reserve your spot!



3. Nagyatád town park and spa

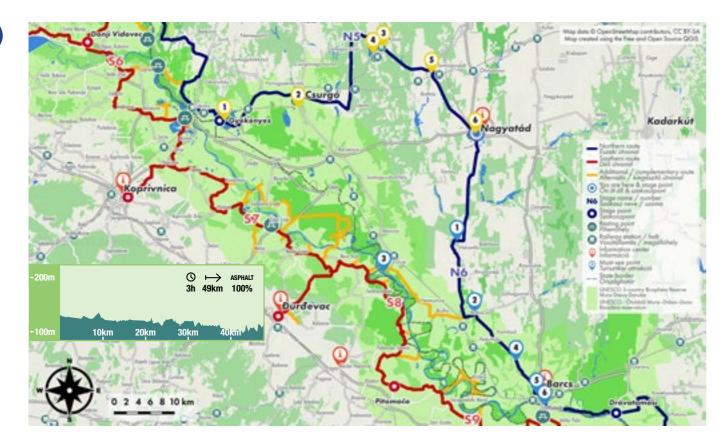
Nagyatád spa has a history longer than a century and is located in the town park, near the main square. It is a perfect place to relax after a day-long journey. The facility offers several indoor and outdoor pools, as well as providing medical services.



Tourist information points

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Explore the beautiful treasures and hidden places in nature

Start your trip in the picturesque town Nagyatád exploring nature and hidden places of the Barcs area, "capital of Drava" in Hungary, along the way. Barcs has several access points to the river, predominantly kept in their original natural state, and is well-connected to the nearby areas with cycling trails. One that will leave you breathless leads you along the river to Drávatamási. Another genuine river viewpoint is available at Vízvár, which is accessible by a 19-kilome-

tre detour from

Babócsa.

1. Babócsa, Basa Garden

The village of Babócsa is famous for its Basa Garden Nature Reserve that has the biggest narcissus field in Europe. A narcissus day is organised each year at the end of April, while the flowers are in bloom. accompanied by various sporting and music events, and a local fair.



2. Drava Gate Visitors' Centre

The Drava Gate Visitors' Centre of the Danube-Drava National Park is located in Drávaszentes. The Centre offers an exhibition about the nature in the area, an animal farm with local species, a conference room and several quest rooms.





3. Barcs Thermal Bath and Recreational Centre

The Barcs Thermal Bath and Recreational Centre is the town's main hotspot, beloved by people from the area. It offers several indoor and outdoor pools, sauna and various dining facilities. And there are also several guesthouses in the vicinity.

Tourist information points

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Through the villages of enchanting Ormánság

Experience unique cycling holidays in the middle of the "enchanting Ormánság", one of Hungary's most isolated and depopulated areas. This stage, seemingly "in the middle of nowhere", will let you connect with nature since you will be cycling in an area where nature is thriving. Thoughtful preparation is recommended!



1. The abandoned village of Révfalu (Drvljanci)

Make sure you don't miss Révfalu (Drvljanci), an abandoned village in the floodplain between Felsőszentmárton and Drávasztára, now part of the Danube-Drava National Park. The best-known landmark of the village is the small local chapel in the centre of the former village.



2. Reformed church in Drávaivánvi

Churches in the area are known for their typical painted wooden coffered ceilings, and the most beautiful example of these church interiors is found in Drávaiványi, the village half-way between Drávasztára and Sellye.

3. The Ancient Drava Visitors' Centre of the Danube-Drava National Park

The end of the stage is at the Ancient Drava Ecotourism Visitors' Centre in Szaporca, which is the newest visitors' centre of the Danube-Drava National Park. established in 2015. There is an indoor exhibition, several hiking paths, guided tours and a farm with local animals.

Tourist information points

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A cycling adventure from the Drava River to the vineyards

The route goes through a wide variety of landscapes. You will start in Szaporca, follow the Fekete-víz stream to the Drava River. and then head north to the centre of South Baranya, through the picturesque hills and settlements of the Villány-Siklós wine production region. As the area is famous for its tourism, various services are easily available, including cultural

monuments, wellness, gaswellness, gastronomy and wine tasting.

1. Sand riverbank near Eperjespuszta

From Drávaszabolcs there is a detour option along the Drava River further along the dyke towards the border with Croatia. The area, as it is very far from settlements, is a beloved place for nature lovers. In the right season, a high number of cormorants can be seen. When the water level is low, the sand riverbank is a great place for sunbathing.



2. The castle of Siklós

Siklós is famous for its impressive castle, well visible from the entire nearby area. The castle offers a wide range of permanent exhibitions, and also provides a venue for various regularly organised programmes, suitable for families and children.





3. Szársomlyó hill and statue park

This is a strictly protected natural area and part of the Danube-Drava National Park, located in the Villánv-Siklós wine production area. It is home to several protected animal and plant species. The statue Park, an internationally recognized destination for sculptor art since 1969, is located at the foot of the hill, along the bike trail.

Tourist information points

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From romantic old Drava meanders to a culinary journey of Slavonia in Osijek

Start your cycling holiday in the romantic wine region Villany that goes through old Hungarian villages. After entering Croatia, immerse yourself in the Drava oxbows – if you are lucky, you will spot a European pond turtle or a swan. Enjoy pure nature and peace on the Drava dyke before entering Osijek via the Pedestrian bridge. Finish the day in the old Tvrða Fortress with a glass of local wine and local goulash or fish stew.

1. Villány Wine Museum and picturesque old town houses/ cellars

Villány is the centre of the famous wine region. The local Wine Museum gives a thorough insight into the history of wine-making in the area. Visit the romantic old town with lots of cultural heritage houses/cellars.



the river retained the original horseshoe shape of the old Drava meander. The water is guite deep, rich in fish, and you can observe herons, swans, ducks, frogs and turtles.





3. Tvrđa Fortress

Tvrđa is the old town of the city of Osijek in Croatia. It is the best-preserved and largest ensemble of Baroque buildings in Croatia with the Habsburg star fort built on the right bank of the Drava River.

Tourist information points

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Explore unique habitats in Kopački rit Nature Park

Enjoy the beautiful nature near the oxbow Old Drava with local fishermen and picnickers. Discover the Kopački Rit Nature Park, Danube's largest inland delta, a majestic wetland rich in many species of animals and plants. Also visit the Tikveš Castle and House in nature Zlatna Greda, a place where beautiful nature, gastronomy and adventure are combined. Cycle on the embankment, follow nature, peace and the chirping of birds to Zmajevac and Suza, the end of this stage.

1. Kopački rit Nature Park

Depending on the water levels, the Danube and Drava rivers constantly shape and change the look of Kopački rit, creating a beautiful mosaic of lakes, canals, ponds, floodplain forests, reed beds and wet meadows. It is one of the best-preserved floodplains in Europe and the largest inland delta of the Danube. The whole area is widely known as a habitat for numerous waterfowl birds, population of a common deer and its most significant inhabitant – white tailed eagle, which is also a symbol of the Park.

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2. Tikveš Castle

Tikveš Castle is surrounded by old oak woods and gardens. The castle complex is from the 19th century and was built by members of the Teschen line of the Habsburg family. Throughout history, it has been, and still is, a world-renowned hunting centre, frequented by numerous statesmen and celebrities.

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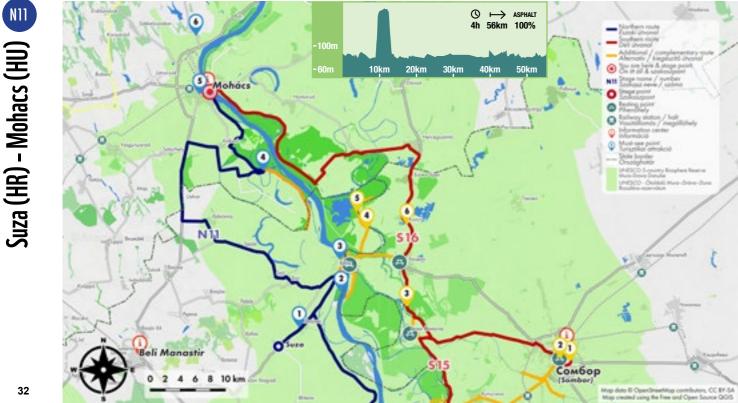


3. House in nature Zlatna Greda

House in nature Zlatna Greda is a place where beautiful nature, gastronomy, adventurous spirit and learning about nature come together. Try out various adrenaline activities or team building programs, and experience the flavours and scents of local cuisine. Enjoy an educational and eco-tourist destination with accompanying amenities that will turn your stay into pure pleasure and an unforgettable experience.

Tourist information points

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Discover unique natural and cultural resources in Baranya

Start your cycling tour from Suza and continue to Zmajevac, a place known for numerous vineyards. The route will lead you further towards the Battle Complex Monument in Batina, and a magnificent view over the mighty Danube. Cool down, swim and relax on the Topoljski Dunav beach in Draž. After crossing the border to Hungary, at Kölked the route approaches the Danube and enters the protected area of Béda, and ends in the town of Mohács. The Béda nature protection area is known for its floodplains, with multiple side branches and oxbows, and is a part of the Danube-Drava National Park.



1. Baranva surduk

formed by the widening of gullies.



2. Béda Protected Area

The Béda Protected Area, which is part of the



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Baranja surduk is a part of a typical Baranja phenomenon that is a combination of nature and human activity. Surduk is the name for a most often steep, deeply incised road in the mountains,

Danube-Drava National Park, is located between Mohács and the state border, along the Danube. You can get acquainted with the vivid wildlife of the area by visiting the White Stork Museum in Kölked.

3. Mohács. town of the "busó"

Mohács is located on both sides of the Danube River. The main attraction of the town is the Busó Festival, the local one-week event/carnival every February, which is on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity



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11 stages

South route \Rightarrow



16 stages



Experience forest diversity and adventures by the river

From the town of Mureck embark on a unique cycling adventure along the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail. You will experience a great diversity of wildlife and plants as the old, mighty oak trunk known as the Father of the Pannonian oaks takes your breath away, and the green pearl Lisjakova struga Forest Park fills your lungs with fresh air. Don't forget about a glass of sparkling wine in the famous Gornja Radgona wine cellar. You should also pay a visit to the only Pannonian floating mill in the area and the DUO craft centre. At the end of the day, save some time to unwind in the Terme Banovci spa.



1. Father of the Pannonian oaks

a giant, magnificent, centuries old oak.



2. Babič Mill on the Mura River

If you want to experience something new, make sure you visit Babič mill, the only Pannonian floating mill in the area today, a unique monument of Slovenian cultural heritage of inestimable value.

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This destination with several amazing fish ponds and beautiful nature gives you the opportunity to perform various outdoor activities and play different sports. Right next to the ponds you can see the Father of the Pannonian oaks the remains of



3. Museum of Madness

Cmurek Castle stands on the northern edge of Slovenske gorice (Slovenian Hills) and offers the most beautiful view of the Mura River. It is considered one of the oldest and most famous Styrian castles. Today, it houses the Museum of Madness where you can learn more about the rich cultural and natural heritage of Cmurek, or simply relax under the canopy of old linden trees.



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Discover natural and cultural heritage in a unique way

Meanders, oxbows, gravel bars and floodplain forests of the Mura River will lead you towards the Croatian border, where the Ščavnica River meets the Mura River. In this dynamic part of your journey, you can visit a prehistoric settlement in Gradišče or discover the wonders of Ivan's spring, as well as energy points in Razkrižje. Discover the rich milling tradition in Sveti Martin and enjoy the beautiful landscapes of the Mura River. Finish your day in Mursko Središće on the beautiful

Promenade by the Mura River.

1. Gezove jame fish ponds and BIOMURA info center

Learn about the measures and actions taken to establish better ecological conditions for the functioning of wetlands and maintaining the habitat structure of the area and the Mura River. This is a wonderful natural area for fishing. but also a hidden corner for a peaceful walk in nature.



2. Prehistoric settlement Gradišče

In the prehistoric settlement on the edge of the Šafarsko village, you will find a prehistoric village built on the site of an archaeological site. Remains of copper pots were found nearly half a century ago, along with many other objects and buildings.







3. One Day in the life of miller Franc Žalar in Žabnik

Milling is one of the many benefits provided by the Mura River to the inhabitants of Sveti Martin na Muri. Experience, explore and learn about traditional mills. bread, and local culture and beliefs. Use the 3D "miller's eyes" to get an insight into an average day in the life of Franc Žalar, the last miller on the Mura River.

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From a rich history of mining and gold panning to the beauty of the **Regional Park Mura-Drava**

Start your cycling holiday in Mursko Središće, the northernmost town in Croatia, also known as the "Miners' Town". Enjoy the diversity and rich natural beauty, and cycle through many picturesque villages. Nature lovers will particularly enjoy the Regional Park Mura-Drava, floodplain forests along the Mura, habitats with diverse flora and fauna, many of which are rare species, and many other valuable specimens in Međimurje.

1. Explore the Miners' Town Mursko Središće

Mursko Središće, the northernmost town of Croatia is also known as the Miner's town, and the local tourism complex Cimper is working to preserve the memory of mining in the area. Discover the rich mining history of the town along the 12, 5 km long educational path Mura Miner's trail. If you want to rest, take a stroll down the Promenade along the Mura River, or visit the Zvirek spring and drink some fresh spring water.



2. Međimurska priroda (Nature of Medjimurje), visitor centre

The best place to learn about the meandering flows of the Mura and Drava rivers, and the importance of oxbow lakes, is at Međimurska priroda (Nature of Medjimurje) - Public Institution for Environment Protection, located in Križovec. It is a spot where visitors can learn more about the nature of the region and its natural heritage.



3. Gold panning centre in Donji Vidovec

You surely didn't know that gold panning is as present as ever on the Mura and Drava sandbars. Visit the memorial centre dedicated to local gold panners. The gold found in the Drava and Mura rivers is known as the purest natural gold in the world.

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Discover the magic of Međimurje through diverse and beautiful scenery

Enjoy a pleasant ride between Donji Vidovec and Varaždin. Along the route, there are plenty of natural, cultural and historical attractions, as well as accommodation and catering facilities for cyclists. Go sightseeing in the city of Prelog, relax by the Drava River and at the Marina Prelog port, experience a rich gastronomic offer, local Međimurje delicacies, and finish your day by

exploring the baroque city of Varaždin.



2. Rudolf Steiner Centre

The centre, named after Rudolf Steiner, scientist and philosopher, is located in his birth house and offers a special experience for admirers of his work and to anyone who wants to become acquainted with Steiner's approach to life, nature and the universe.



By crossing the Jelačić bridge over the Drava River, Amazon of Europe adventurers enter the city of Varaždin. Explore the city on foot or by bike, and visit the Old Town museum, entomological collection World of Insects, and many other vibrant city spots.

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Explore the irresistibly beautiful nature near the Baroque city

The cycling adventure starts in the centre of Varaždin, which is home to an exceptional monumental, artistic and architectural heritage such as the fortified Old Town castle, Traditional Crafts Square, Museum Collection of Oldtimers and Old Technology, and the well preserved historic city centre. If you want to spend some time in nature, go to the Old stream of the Drava river, which has preserved its natural beauty that justifies the idea of the Amazon of Europe. End your day in the historical town - Fore of Prelog.

1. Fortified castle and museum "Old Town"

Varaždin's feudal fortress, built between the 14th and the 19th century, is the most significant historical building in Varaždin. Many cultural and historical collections can still be viewed on the premises.



2. Educational trail in the Drava Park-Forest

Visit the trail with many elements such as info panels of different sizes, signs, a view point above the wetland, various landscape and tree markings and benches on forest clearings.



3. Cirkovečka site

Cirkovečka, a famous beach on the Drava River, is a great picnic and recreation area where locals traditionally go for a swim or to relax.

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Enjoy the breath-taking gifts of untouched riverine nature

Start your cycling holiday in Prelog, cycle through eastern Međimurje and enter Podravina near Legrad, where the picturesque Mura-Drava confluence is located. Explore the most untouched part of the Drava, experience the most scenic views of the river and enjoy the serene ponds. Finish the day in the historic city of Koprivnica where you can try typical Podravina dishes and great

es and great wines from the surrounding Bilogora hills.

1. Explore the city of Prelog

Prelog is ideal for cyclists who like to relax by the Drava and Mura rivers and explore the history of the region. History enthusiasts can visit the Croata Insulanus Museum or the Baroque church of St. Jacob. During the year, Prelog hosts a lot of fairs and events such as the Flower fair, Baroque evenings, and many others.



2. Scenic Mura-Drava confluence

The area at the Mura-Drava confluence is located near the settlement of Legrad and it is a Special Zoological Reserve Veliki Pažut. It preserves some of the natural river dynamics typical for the Mura and Drava rivers, and it is characterized by the intersection of many canals and old oxbows with sand dunes, gravel bars and low banks, resulting in specific flora and fauna.





3. Open-air Bicycle Museum in Koprivnica

Koprivnica is the centre of the Podravina area, and one of the most beautiful small central European cities with a scenic town square full of various attractions. Take a tour through the city centre and discover its galleries and museums, sacral architecture and preserved remains of Renaissance fortifications, the City Park, as well as the open-air museum with bicycle replicas.

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Discover the Regional Park Mura-Drava and experience the magnificent power of the Amazon of Europe

Start your bike tour from Koprivnica through the Podravina region and discover the picturesque area of the Regional Park Mura-Drava. Enjoy the best river views, experience the real Amazon of Europe, relax next to serene lakes and ponds, and search for the artistic spirit of world-famous naïve art painters in the mysterious nature. End the day in the historic city of Đurđevac by tasting delicious Podravina dishes and great wines from Bilogora hills.

1. Hlebine - the centre of world-famous naïve art

The settlement of Hlebine is the birthplace of the world-famous Hlebine School of Naïve Art. It is a style of painting on glass by self-taught artists in rural areas, which was very popular during the second half of the 20th century.



2. Marian sanctuary Molve

A sanctuary dedicated to the Virgin Mary is located in the settlement of Molve. The tradition of this sanctuary is connected to a legend about the miraculous power of the Gothic statue of the Mother of God from the 15th century, which is kept in the chapel of the Virgin Mary. Visit Molve and discover why this place is the centre of pilgrimage for worshippers from the region and surrounding areas, and enjoy your stay in one of the most flower-decorated places in the region.



3. Čambina – magical Prekodravlie

The ecosystems of Čambina Lake and the surrounding areas were proclaimed Čambina Significant Landscape. Explore the area of Čambina, experience its natural beauty and visit the Repaš forest. Visit the nearby displaced village Bukevje and enjoy the cuisine in the Čambina Hunting Lodge.

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Experience the phenomenon of the "Croatian Sahara" and explore unique Drava landscapes of Podravina

Discover the only Croatian desert and the surroundings of Regional Park Mura-Drava, and explore the old town of Đurđevac, as well as the Geographical and Botanical Reserve of the Sands of Đurđevac. Visit unique Drava sand bars, backwaters and old meanders. Admire the great ethnological collections in Brodić and Podravske Sesvete. Finish the day in Pitomača and spend the evening tasting the delicious cuisine of Podravina and glorious wines from nearby hills.

1. The Sands of Đurđevac

The Sands of Đurđevac, also known as Bloody Sands or Croatian Sahara, is designated as a Special Geographical and Botanical Reserve. The sandy area of 19,5 ha is the remaining, untamed area of sands from the Drava River. Explore this natural phenomenon with distinctive sand vegetation, including endemic plants.



2. Old town of Đurđevac

The fortified Old town Đurđevac, with a unique fortification shape, was important during the Ottoman raids, and today it houses the Đurđevac City Museum and Gallery. Explore this interesting historical site, as well as nearby attractions and don't forget the traditional Podravina cuisine.



3. Picturesque village Brodić

Visit the picturesque village of Brodić and explore the coexistence of man and nature in a traditional landscape. Enjoy the scenic views of the Drava River and take a boat ride from the Brodić dock to experience the power and beauty of the Drava River.



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From the welcoming fields of Podravina to beautiful Slavonia

This 40 km long lowland path invites you on a cycling tour from the welcoming fields of Podravina through the remains of old Slavonian forests. The Drava River will be with you the entire time, and you will hardly find a more refreshing companion. One of the most unforgettable places on the tour is Križnica village, surrounded by Drava's sidearms, a place time seems to have stopped. You can only be woken from this Drava dream by the smell of freshly

prepared fish from the Drava River in nearby restaurants.

1. Natura 2000 Park

The educational path is dedicated to the habitats of the Drava River and their target species. Located in Križnica, it is the perfect educational spot for cyclists interested in nature, young and old.



2. Crni jarak

The river sidearm called Crni jarak (Black trench) is rich in fish, and its surrounding area invites nature lovers to stop and spend some time in nature resting on one of the many benches.



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3. Hotel Kurija Janković

Kurija Janković was built during the 19th century in a spirit of Historicism and is one of the most elegant noble mansions in the Virovitica-Podravina County. The recently completely renovated 4-star hotel is located in a place where Slavonia meets Podravina, and it is surrounded by the Mura-Drava-Danube UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.



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A unique experience on the beautiful and versatile Slavonian roads

Experience the beautiful and versatile Slavonia on its winding roads, relax in unspoiled nature and landscape dominated by old and new meanders of the Drava River. From the border with Hungary cycle to the astonishing Liman, where you can see the beautiful oxbow, formerly part of the old Drava River. Learn more about the unique biodiversity of the Mura-Drava-Danube Biosphere Reserve, Mura-Drava Regional Park and Natura 2000 species and habitats in one and only Drava Story Visitor Centre in Noskovci.



1. Liman

about 100 meters from the cycling embankment.

2. Budakovačka bara

The Liman oxbow captivates with its beauty and natural biodiversity. Here you can also rest, relax and find many anglers taking care of the oxbow. It is located



Budakovačka bara (Budakovac pond) near the settlement of Budakovac is rich in fish, but also home and resting spot to a large number of water birds. There is also a cycling resting area next to the pond.

3. Drava Story Visitor Centre (Dravska priča)

The property is surrounded by a protected lawn with an area of 1.2 ha which contains various facilities for an unforgettable experience - an educational path where visitors can learn about the species of trees and shrubs in the park, a gazebo, a storks hospice or recovery site, RIVER'SCOOL, hotel for insects, aroma garden, vegetable garden, old varieties orchard, owl-shaped labyrinth, children's playground and a River bar



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Discover the treasures of the **Regional Park** Mura-Drava

Experience the natural and cultural heritage of this part of the Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube in a unique way through a range of interactive content, visit Drava Story, Informative and educational centre-hostel, and enjoy the unique nature and beautiful cultural heritage along the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail.



1. Drava Story Visitor Centre (Dravska priča)

There is a variety of content in the renovated castle from the early 19th century with a protected park that preserves and presents natural and cultural values of the area, welcoming visitors of all ages and interests.

2. Podpanj Ornithological Reserve, Donji Miholjac

Podpanj Ornithological Reserve, boasting an amazing 106 bird species, of which about 20 are European endangered species.



3. Bistrinci Beach

One of the most beautiful sandy beaches on the Drava River. Ideal for swimming, traditional Croatian water sport picigin and organized kayaking.



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From discovering the historical legends to enjoying the urban vibe

Start your cycling journey in the small and interesting town of Belišće and continue your ride to the town of Valpovo where you can enjoy sightseeing in the castle of the Prandau and Normann families. After Valpovo, you can discover some of the most picturesque villages of eastern Croatia, as well as relax at the Bizovac Spa and Aquapark, and finally arrive at the largest city in Eastern Croatia - Osijek.

1. Prandau-Normann Castle

The Baroque castle is one of the most valuable pieces of historical architecture in Eastern Croatia.



2. Karašica River

The Karašica River, with the length of 91 km and a catchment area of 936 km2, is extremely rich in animal and plant species typical of lowland waters. Common duckmeat, yellow water-lily, common reed and water frogs are some of the highlights.



3. Bizovac thermal spa

The spa with thermal healing water that includes nine pools with more than 1,500 square meters of water surface.

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Discover one of the most beautiful natural phenomena in the area – Kopački rit

Start in Osijek, the capital of Slavonia and Baranja, and discover the beautiful heritage of the city. Don't miss out on the Tvrđa Fortress, which was once one of the largest and most modern military forts in Central Europe. Follow the signs on the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail and you will find one of the most spectacular natural wetland gems in the area - the Drava-Danube confluence. Finish your cycling holiday in Erdut,

tination for wine lovers.

1. Holy Trinity Square

Located in the old part of Osijek called Tvrđa. It was built in 1729 as a votive statue by a citizen from Osijek so that the plague that had ravaged the city would never return.



2. Aljmaški rit

Aljmaški rit is a natural floodplain of the Drava River located on its right bank, along the last 12 km of the river before its confluence with the Danube. It is part of the Natura 2000 network due to the valuable habitats of wet meadows and open water surfaces.

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3. Erdut Vineyards

One of the highest quality winegrowing areas in Croatia. Also known as the owner of one of the largest wine barrels in Europe with a volume of 75,000 litres.

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Experience a cycling adventure through the eco-friendly jewel of the Middle Danube

Experience a marvellous cycling adventure through the eco-friendly jewel of the Middle Danube – Special Nature Reserve Gornje Podunavlje. Enjoy the unique mosaic of aquatic, wetland and terrestrial ecosystems along the way, and discover the breath-taking views of the Drava and Danube rivers. As you cycle along with the chirping of birds, while deer and roe deer pass your path, wild hogs and foxes will be peeking out from the marshes. Enjoying the view of the lively and powerful Danube, from the landscaped river bank at the entrance to Apatin, you can treat yourself to a delicious fish stew and other fish dishes.

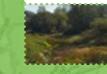
1. Confluence of the Drava and the Danube

original form.



2. Mesarske livade - Tošina bara

eagle, or white and grey herons.



The view of the confluence of the Drava and Danube and the merging of two mighty rivers in the abundance of water is a breath-taking sight. The low altitude creates floodwaters and numerous backwaters, sidearms, ponds and other types of riverine landscape that are home to a very rich flora and fauna, and other numerous protected species of the Special Nature Reserve Gornie Podunavlje that have been coexisting for centuries. This place is a natural rarity and an exceptional area for the preservation of pristine nature in its

Mesarske livade wetland is a place where civilization and untouched nature meet. It offers a unique opportunity for frequent encounters with wild animals living in the area. Here you might encounter the black stork, maiestic white-tailed





3. Orthodox Church the Council of the Holy Apostles

This magnificent Orthodox temple is built in the spirit of old Serbian tradition and famous Serbian-Byzantine style. The temple was built from Apatin's silicate brick and painted with beautiful murals by fresco masters.

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Discover old Danube meanders and enjoy traditional fish dishes

Enjoy the unspoiled nature and discover the Danube sidearms and meanders. There are lots of restaurants and "chardas" (traditional pubs also serving local dishes and fish) that are located along this stage of the route, where you can rest, relax with a drink or indulge in the gastronomic specialities that this region is famous for - fish dishes, with the obligatory fish stew as the trademark of the area. Starting from Apatin, combined with pure and unspoiled nature, chardas line up one after the other. Along this route, you have the opportunity to see many examples of the cultural and historical heritage of this region.

1. Apatin's Fish Stew

This is a traditional fishermen dish. The need to constantly move and stay in offhand camps that require fishing, made it necessary for the basic fisherman's meal to be prepared in nature. cooked quickly, simple and easy to season, and with one basic ingredient that was easily available to fishermen - fish.



2. Apatin's Marina

The international marina Apatin is the only one categorized in Serbia according to international quality standards. In the Marina, you have the opportunity to visit the Special Nature Reserve Gornje Podunavlje by boat, and observe the city from the water.



3. Štuka čarda

The perfect place to escape from civilization and technology! If you are longing for a return to nature and authentic experience, this off the grid charda is the right place for you! There is plenty to see and do - fishing with a beautiful view of the Danube backwaters and untouched nature, vegetation diversity and rich wildlife.



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The cycling adventure through the picturesque city of Sombor with a unique taste of nature

Start your cycling adventure at the centre of the charming town of Sombor, the greenest city in Europe with picturesque architecture and lavish cultural heritage. Discover the exquisite Special Nature Reserve Gornje Podunavlje, and immerse yourself into one of the finest pearls in

Vojvodina and Serbia along the Danube.

1. Karapandža Eco-centre/ RIVER'SCOOL

At the heart of Gornje Podunavlje, you can easily share a unique experience of attending an eco-lesson in the open classroom, designed and accommodated to receive visitors, where expert quide-quards will present a picturesque story of Gornje Podunavlje.

2. Karapandža Centre on Bajski Canal

Located on Bajski canal which is widely known for its clean water, diversity of ecosystems, and beautiful surrounding area. The embankments are overgrown with forest, reeds and wetland vegetation, while the coastal part is rich in ponds that provide shelter for numerous fish species in one of the cleanest canals in Vojvodina.





3. Sombor Theatre

The first performance in the Sombor Theatre building was held on November 25, 1882. It has always been a home to the most prominent directors and actors who have performed the greatest classics and avant-garde plays from Serbia and the entire world.



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