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Novi Sad, Sremski Karlovc, Cenej

NOVI SAD ON FOOT
Leaning on the banks of the Danube, the capital of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Novi Sad, is recognizable by a mixture of many cultures. First acquaintance with this beautiful city is best done on foot. Start logically, from the pedestrian zone. In the old town you cannot miss the Trg Slobode square, City Hall, Name of Mary Catholic Church, Monument to Svetozar Miletic, Vojvodina Hotel, Zmaj Jova’s Street and Zmaj Jova’s Gymnasium, Bishop’s Palace, the Danube and the Danube Park, the Museum of Vojvodina. Each of these sites, besides attractive attire worn, has an interesting story. Each building is a novel. Recommendation to your feet also - white Banovina, the Galerijski Trg square and the building of Matica Srpska through the nightlife queen Laze Teleckog street, the Trifkovicev Trg square and St Nicholas churchyard.

NOVI SAD ON TWO WHEELS
To continue the tour it is wise to choose a bicycle, just as in Amsterdam, pedal through winding streets of Podbara to Almaska church. Then, across the street to get to Temerinska street, to arrive at the Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church, the Slovak Evangelical Church, the Hungarian Theatre, the Hungarian Reformed Church, to the Synagogue. Finally, over the Trg Mladenaca square of the newlyweds, ride away to Bulevar Oslobodjenja boulevard, Vojvodina football stadium, SPENS sports and business centre, university campus, Liman neighbourhood, directly at the Danube quay towards the Strand.

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NOVI SAD ON THE WATER

Here again tread on your feet because you are in for a walk, why not a swim indeed, at the best equipped beach on the entire Danube River. A little further on, a boat-catamaran waits. In no time you are already on board and I find yourself rating the beauty of Novi Sad from the river. Sailing under the bridges, net to Sremska Kamenica, Petrovaradin Fortress you arrive to the Gate of Novi Sad, where, in the middle of the Danube, you end the day watching a romantic sunset. If you did not have enough of swimming in the Danube, visit the Novi Sad surroundings, select the Petroland Aqua Park in Backi Petrovac or thermal pools in Temerin.

NOVI SAD FROM THE FORTRESS

The next day, on foot, by bicycle or motor vehicle, regardless, cross the Duga bridge to the Syrmia side and through almost undisturbed network of narrow baroque streets climb to Petrovaradin Fortress. This masterpiece of military architecture of the eighteenth century, the Gibraltar of the Danube, surrounded by walls with kilometres of underground corridors, is also the largest permanent arts centre in the country. Dozens of art studios, including Studio 61, an art workshop for unique tapestries, the Novi Sad City Museum, Planetarium and the location of one of the best European music festivals – Exit. Novi Sad is best seen from the terrace next to the clock with reverse hands, which is the unofficial souvenir of the city.
NOVI SAD, THEN CENEJ

You'll have even enough time to visit Cenej grange farm community, near Novi Sad, the guardians of authentic Vojvodina farm tradition. On one of a hundred farms in Cenej, enjoy horseback riding, carriage rides, or, in winter, the sleigh, exercise, golf, archery or just – a walk. Only hunger can make you drop activities, and in some of the farms, maybe Brka's or 137, take part, perhaps in preparation, and certainly in the consumption of Vojvodina cuisine specialties. Only yours and no one else's responsibility is to conquer the gibanica cheese pie, veggie pie, homemade sausage, lamb with rosemary, goose liver, rolled veal, veal medallions in cream, stuffed zucchini, rindfleisch beef soup, roast in cream, turkey with dumplings, strudel with poppy seeds and walnuts, pumpkin pie ... Lala's good nature is the result of satiety.

KARLOVCI IN SYRMIA

The town of Sremski Karlovci is an open-air museum. It is located about ten kilometres from Novi Sad and the whole 70 km from Belgrade as well as, approximately, from the international airport. The Danube allows guests arriving by waterways too. Also, the popular train called Romance with restored cars from the thirties of the last century bring passengers to the former cultural, spiritual and educational centre of the Serbs. Tour of the Baroque centre of Sremski Karlovci is a prime cultural experience. The Cathedral Church of 1762, dedicated to St. Nicholas; Patriarch's Palace, the most impressive building in Vojvodina of the nineteenth century, is today the seat of the Bishop of Srem; the oldest Serbian grammar school – Karlovacka, was founded in 1791, and Four Lions Fountain - built in 1799 in honour of the completion of water supply; oldest Serbian Karlovac Seminary, 1749; Stefan's Palace built in 1903 as students' dormitory. A little further up the hill - Peace Chapel built in 1817, in the place of signing of the Karlovac Peace in 1699 between the Christian Alliance and Turkey.

After mastering the lessons of history, you are ready to move on to easier topics and visit the Museum of Wine and then some of the many wine cellars and gain new knowledge about the history, production and types of local grape varieties. This, inevitably, leads to tasting “the drink of the gods” (we recommend Bermet) secure under the arches of a few hundred years old Karlovac vaults. There is also a museum of honey which will introduce you to the way of life by using bee products.

NOT TO BE MISSED:
- EXIT / one of the most famous music festivals in the world, the place of the event: Petrovaradin Fortress, Time stamp: July each year
- NOMUS / Novi Sad Music Festival in the spring
- FESTIVAL ZMAJ’S CHILDRENS GAMES
- STERIJINO POZORJE
- STREET MUSICIANS FESTIVAL in Novi Sad, in September
- NIGHT LIFE AT LAZE TELECKOG
- TASTING Karlovac bermet, Bundt cakes and honey
- SPECIALTIES of Novi Sad restaurants and Cenej farms
- SREMSKI KARLOVCI GRAPE PICKING FESTIVAL, in September

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Fruska Gora, Syrmia

BACKPACK, SANDWICH, PEAR AND STRAIGHT TO FRUSKA

Fruska Gora is the place of a large number of rare plant and animal species, a place where you can enjoy picking orchids and a place with pleasant atmosphere of a mountain lodge or household, where tasting wine and having a bite, you can spend a weekend away from the big city lights.

Accompanied by a local guide, waiting for you is a variety of activities from healthy hiking trails through beech forest, through the riding school to visiting monasteries. There are viewpoints, lakes and waterfalls to see and the villages of Syrmia. Walks can be short, about an hour or more, up to 3 hours, depending on the wishes and possibilities.

It is possible to take a look at Syrmia and Fruska Gora from the water too, from an ancient ship Saika restored for tourism. From Novi Sad, after an hour of sailing, you get to Sremski Karlovci. Water way to Banostar takes somewhat longer.

BANOSTAR - THE TSAR, MARADIK - THE CHIC

The village Banostar can reached by ferry which runs from Backa side. There was a fortress of the Roman Empire, then a Hungarian fortress, then Samuil’s empire, and in 1526 the Turks arrived. Take a look at the exhibition of various artefacts of dexterous Banostor women, with Syrmian meal (meat with home-made brandy, mint juice and carob brownies). Be sure to visit the Orthodox Cathedral of Saint George, which is among the five oldest churches in Syrmia. For lunch we recommend “whipped barbecue” Syrmia style.

Maradik village has authentic ethnic heritage house with Vojvodina exhibits over half a century old.

TO IRIG WITH A JIG

Mountain day at Fruska Gora should be started in Irig, the information centre with the collection of the natural, cultural and historical values of the national park Fruska Gora. And there in the vicinity is the Mackov Podrum cellar, and the Wine House of Kovacevic.

When you go from Irig to Ruma, to the famous fair, you will pass by a unique monument to the victory over the plague. It was built by long time ago spared people of Ruma.
To begin with, of course, Sirmium - Sremska Mitrovica as one of the most important cities of the Roman Empire from the second to the fourth century BC. The archaeological site of global importance show you archaeological remains of the system of roads, aqueducts, military forts, royal palaces, baths, theatre, hippodrome ... Later, strengthening the influence of Christians and became their centre as evidenced by the remains of the Christian basilica in the city centre. Pagan tribes destroyed the centre of the Roman province of Pannonia in the late fourth century, and today Sremska Mitrovica, under the streets and squares, hides the greatness and importance of the Roman Sirmium. After the history lesson on the Roman Empire, we recommend going to the nearby Ruma to the fair.

The Third or North Holy Mountain, the Serbian Medieval Atos, this is what Fruska Gora has also been called. If you want to visit all the Fruska Gora monasteries, one weekend you most likely will not be enough. But it’s worth a try. To start, the monasteries of Old and New Hopovo, founded in the early sixteenth century, for a time the seat of the bishop. Then Grgeteg from the same century, certainly one of the better preserved medieval monasteries of the area. Then, through Velika Remeta (1534) with the church dedicated to Saint Demetrius, to Mala Remeta monastery. It is a nunnery mentioned in Turkish writings as early as 1546. Jazak monastery was built in the mid-eighteenth century and is one of the most beautiful architectural monuments on Fruska Gora. The monastery of Krusedol is not to be missed as the best preserved and most famous monastery in Fruska Gora. This endowment of the last Serbian despot, the Brankovic, is a grave site of King Milan Obrenovic and Patriarch Arsenius III Carnojevic. Rakovacki Srbijak, a famous manuscript, a collection of sermons to Serbian saints, written in Rakovac monastery, founded in the late fifteenth century. From the monastery Beocin, born in 1697, Divsa nunnery is not far, dedicated to St. Nicholas. Monastery Privina Glava is dedicated to Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel, near the village of the same name, five kilometres from Sid. Kuvezdin monastery church in honor of St. Sava, is located in the southwest mountains. Petkovica monastery, dedicated to St Petka, is considered one of the oldest mountain monasteries, but it is not known when it was built. Sisatovac monastery, with its famous library, rose on the site of the old church dedicated to St. Nicholas, in the mid-sixteenth century. A number of monasteries have residence quarters that are available in agreement with the monks, to you, the traveller.

The beauty of Syrmia is fit for a daytrip. That one day you can spend in one place, or to visit a few.

Here’s an idea for a tour by jeep in the mountains: along the Danube, through Sremski Karlovci over Strazilovo, on forest road, to, say, Grgeteg monastery, to the paleontological discovery of the Pannonian Sea coast. Over the hills of Fruska Gora passing by the famous Ubavac spring through orchards, vineyards, valleys, perhaps to Krusedol. In return for Cortanovci Kozaria spring and excavated Roman city of Castrum Herkulus.

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PIGLETs FROM ZASAVICA

Zasavica, a nature reserve, covers the northern Macva and territories of Sremska Mitrovica and Bogatic. This unusual wetland extends tens for kilometres along the eponymous river. Zasavica is home to hundreds of birds, animals and fish. Only here and nowhere else in the world inhabited by Umbra fish (popularly called Mrguda), and recently returning beavers, and the European naturalist camp are common. A visitor will sail on a boat, will rent a boat; will visit a donkey farm... In front of the reserve, you will find a side by side, monuments to Mangulica piglet and Pulin the dog, as an expression of respect for the animals that men in Vojvodina leaned on for centuries. Sometimes the bride would ride a male piglet called Mangulan and caressed it with right hand for son, left for daughter, and today, the least harmful of meat types, sees revived interest in regrowing Mangulica for commercial purposes.

SOUL TO FEED – ART OF SID

Sid is all in the sign of the famous painters Sava Sumanovic and Ilija Basiccevic Bosilj. A visit to the Sumanovic gallery will make you richer by an encounter with some of the most important works of modern Serbian painting: Breakfast on the Grass, Bathers, and Drunken Boat. Bosilj’s opus will delight you with unreal depictions of mythological universe admired all over the world.

TAKE THE KIDS TO PECINCI OR BREAD MUSEUM TO SEE

The village of Pecinci is home to the only museum of bread in the region. You will be welcomed by Jeremija, the boss, show you the valuable antique tools, present authentic ways of bread making and taste with you several kinds of homemade bread and pastries.
A VIP FROM GOLUBINCI

Near Indija, halfway between the “swine” and “wine” Syrmia, there is a gem of “rosemary” Syrmia – the village of Golubinci. Every year, in February, this is where the Mackare carnival is organized as a custom of the Croats of Golubinci, for over 200 years. You will see, as in life, both beautiful and the ugly masks, and girls who do not participate are pinched as a penalty. Moreover, you will see how horseshoeing is done, how to make tambourines and how to make true grasses brooms. You will taste mulberry produce: jam and brandy, eat cake on a corn leaf; visit Schloss castle tour and see rarely preserved kotobanja – monument under the protection of UNESCO since 2005.

OLD SLANKAMEN AND ITS CHARMS DEN

On the other side of Titelski Breg hill, where the Danube touches slope of Fruska Gora, there is Stari Slankamen, a small village on the ruins of Celtic, Roman and Medieval fortifications. Serpentine Street, accompanying relief, create a unique surrounding environment. With the remains of a Roman fort Aciminicum, overlooking the village, the Danube, The Tisa estuary and marshes of Kovilj where, according to legend, Attila the Hun was buried. Slankamen has loess unique in Europe, river full of fish, beautiful coastline, sandy isles and beaches. Source of curative salt water, a rarity for Vojvodina used as cure since the Ottoman Turks. Slankamen tour will end up through more vineyards at Bitka kod Slankamena battle monument from 1691 which ended the Great Turkish War.
PRETTY FACE OF SUBOTICA

A walk in the centre of Subotica - Art Nouveau gem with architectural masterpieces of the turn of the century. The City Hall, the City Museum, the Cathedral, the Grammar School, the Synagogue, the Franciscan Church and other valuable buildings... you will love the rich history of this city.

MANY A ROAD TO LAKE PALIC

First walk past the gorgeous villas of Palic and Lake Palic. Then visit the most beautiful zoo in the country. Finally, have lunch on Majkin Salas farm, surrounded by forests and plains of the northern Vojvodina, where you will enjoy the local cuisine. Or, perhaps, you choose Gujas Csarda with a mini tour of the zoo, ostrich and mangulica piglet farms.
SOMETHING NEW - HAJDUKOVO, CATERS TO ALL TASTES - KELEBIJA, A NICE ROUTE TO TAVANKUT

The Wine Castle winery in Hajdukovo it is possible to take a tour of the vineyards, where the owners, knights of wine, will take you to the cellar for wine tasting. Kelebija is the location of the largest Lipizzaner stud farm in the country and museum collection of over 20 coaches, chariot, carts and sleighs. Some of them can also be taken for a ride. Recommended break in Villa Majur. Tavankut village in the far north of Backa, celebrated self-taught women - slamarke and white embroidery - sling in Bunjevac traditional costumes. Straw painting gallery shows a heritage of golden warmth in the straw masterpieces.

NOT TO BE MISSED:

- Salas grange farms in the north of Backa
- Knights of wine and wine events
- Wineries: Zvonko Bogdan, Di Bonis and Tonkovic and wine farm of Petar Cuvardic
- Festival of European Film, July in Palic
- Kanjiza Spa
- “Flowering” of the Tisa river
- Žobnatica paddock near Backa Topola
- the City Museum at Kastel castle in Backa Topola
- Katai Salas farm and Dombos Fest in July, in Mali Idjos
- The house of old crafts Kraljica Voca boarding house in Senta
- The Battle of Zenta Memorial Look-Out Tower
Sombor, Bezdan, Apatin, Backi Monostor

TO SOMBOR, NO EITHER OR

Sombor, in western Vojvodina, known for the multicultural society and civic traditions. The hosts will welcome you in civil clothes from the nineteenth century, horse-drawn carriage ride through the picturesque centre of Sombor. You will be encouraged to visit Milan Konjovic Gallery, museum with ethnographic permanent exhibition, the St. George Church in baroque-rococo style, Laza Kostic reading room, the National Theatre, the Roman Catholic Church, the Franciscan Monastery of the eighteenth century, the Church of the Holy Trinity from 1743, the Orthodox Church of Saint George, and Zupanja building with the largest oil painting in our country. The Battle of Senta. Sombor is the greenest city in the whole of Serbia, Sombor church organ being the second largest in Europe. And the salas farms around Sombor (like Dida Hornjak or Nas salas farm) - truly unique!
THE PLACE FOR FISHING - Apatin

The area of the upper Danube is one of the largest spawning areas on the Danube. The river itself, but also numerous branches, afford many happy hours to passionate anglers. The focus of this special nature reserve is the city of Apatin. We will look at the valuable Orthodox temple - Synaxis of the Holy Apostles. For dinner we can have seafood dishes in a century-old restaurant Saran. Host-guides will provide accommodation in csarda tavern and take us for the afternoon fishing. What we catch will be our dinner alfresco. Swimming and relaxing by the water, next to the new international marina in Apatin is unsurpassed just like the surroundings of the nearby Apatin.

NOT TO BE MISSED:

- Yellow soup - “Od Pivca” - on Dida Hornjak farm
- Somborski kotlic culinary event
- Csarda taverns on the Danube
- Apatin beer
- Gornje Podunavlje special nature reserve
- Junakovic Banja, a spa
- Ribarske Veceri fishing festival in Apatin
- Interesting museum collections in Telecka
GET SOME DOUGH AND FOR PETROVAC OFF YOU GO

Backi Petrovac settlement, which was mentioned in the fourteenth century, the unofficial capital of Vojvodina’s Slovaks. In Backi Petrovac there is a well-known Slovak Grammar School, the National Museum and other cultural institutions. Petrovac area is known throughout the world for its production of green gold of the plain - hop. It is also known for kulen. This special kind of sausage is made according to the standards of health food. The Slovaks inherited the recipe from ancestors, and there are no additives or preservatives, just pepper and salt. After kulen, race to Petroland – a unique water park, where you can enjoy the largest number of of water slides at one place per capita in the country.

EVIL FORCES HIDE FROM THE FORTRESS

Backa is named after the village of Bac. Today in Bac still stand the remains of a medieval fortress, which was visited by many, the Templars, the Arabs, the famous missionaries Cyril and Methodius. There is a Franciscan convent in the city and in the vicinity also is Bodjani Orthodox monastery.
KULPIN
CASES FOR
ITS CASTLE

Dundjerski Castle in Kulpin is one of the most famous among the 80-odd castles, summer houses and fortress in Vojvodina, was the main stage for the filming of the popular series on the life in the Vojvodina plain titled Sva ta ravnica. Since two decades ago it has housed the Agricultural Museum, the only one in the region. Kulpin castle is surrounded by a park-monument of the nature spanning four hectares.

NOT TO BE MISSED:
• Dida’s House in Bac
• Eco products from Selenca
• AHOJ gallery in Backi Petrovac
• Hot kulen sausage and sweet side dishes
• Events – Kulenijada in Backi Petrovac and Wedding – Then and Now in Kulpin
• The route EUROVELO 6 by bicycle
• The event “The Danube Ball” in Backa Palanka
• Tikvara hunting grounds of Backa Palanka
• Archaeological Collection with the red-haired goddess of the Neolithic, Odzaci
• Churches of Vrbas and hunting grounds around Vrbas
• Ruthenian specialties in Krstur
• FAMUS festival of acoustic music in Sivac
• Tourist complex Oaza MB in Glozan
• Mali Stapar Lock
On the road connecting the Danube with the Tisa region of Vojvodina, following the flow of the river Krivaja just before it joins the Great Backa Canal, you will “bump into” the town of Srbobran. The town was formerly called Szenttamas, the Croats call it Staint Tomo, and a German will say Tomasberg. It was named after the symbolic name for the fortification ditch – fortress from the mid-19th century. The people of the Ukrainian city of Novomyrgorod hold Srbobran in high esteem as the Szenttamasians are the people of their sister-city. The Srbobramians bestow the annual “Lenka’s Ring” award for “the most beautiful verses in Serbian in the previous year”. Check to see if by any chance you happen to be this year’s laureate. The village of Turija, in Srbobran municipality, is known for a popular sausage fest called “Kobasicjada”, held for over three decades. Thousands of people come every February for the announcement of the best mass produced sausage, and then also the best sausage produced by Turijans personally. On the spot you can participate as a competitor in fast sausage eating contest or, perhaps, receive a prize as a guest who came from the furthest place.

The multinational municipality of Temerin extends where the monotony of the Bačka plain is spoilt by the rare hills and the narrow riverbeds. Wrapped in the most continental climate in Serbia, the town of Temerin proudly stands surrounded by its satellite villages of Bački Jarak and Sirig. The river Jegrička flows through the northern part of the municipality and, with the tacit support of the neighboring Danube-Tisa-Danube hydro system, joins its corpulent water way sister, the Tisa. While some are swimming in cash, this municipality swims in thermo-mineral waters of a rich composition. Bore-hole water near the Olympic-size pool and sports hall is used for a warm outdoor thermo-mineral pool, which the locals happily share with the neighbours from the surrounding settlements and wider area. Do visit Temerin mini zoo, and during the break between two Bean Fests, go see Buca’s Grange Farm Ethno House. In Temerin, there is the Szechenyi Family Castle from the end of the 18th century, in which technicians are educated today. The Eparchy of Gornji Karlovac bishop, Lukijan Mušicki, known for adding the letter “đ” to Vuk’s alphabet, was born in Temerin in 1777.
AT THE TITEL HILL YOU’LL FIND WHATEVER YOU HAVE IN MIND

The town of Titel lies in the south-eastern part of Bačka, the popular Šajkaš part, where the Begej flows into the Tisa, above the villages of Vilovo, Gardinovi, Lok, Mošorin and Šajkaš. They say it was named after the Roman Emperor Titus. When visiting the powder magazine and barracks of the Šajkaš Battalion, one senses the spirit of Šajkaš warriors. In the 18th century, their units used fast rowing boats with small sails – šajka, to disturb the Turkish military formations. The whole area was named Šajkaška after them. Looking at the city and the surrounding area from above, from the Titel Hill, the inspiration hits you; as it once did Stevan Pescic, to depict this area in on your own words, in an authentic and literary way. Take a walk in Mošorin, and imagine Svetozar Miletic and Isidora Sekulic as a boy and a girl, born just there. Titel is the birthplace of Mileva Maric Einstein and “the Serbian James Bond” - Dušan Popov. Instead of all this, perhaps you will find it sufficient to know that the area of Titel municipality is rich in hunting and fishing grounds.

BECEJ BY DAY I DESIRE, BECEJ BY NIGHT I EVEN MORE REQUIRE

Sailing through Vojvodina, more precisely, navigating the river Tisa (or some of the surrounding artificial canals), you cannot miss the port of Bečej, a thousand year old city which grew out of the fortress on the Tisa river island. The municipality of the same name and with population of over 20,000 is an economic, social and cultural center of the Tisa region (Potesje). It flows cozy through typical flatland abundance: fertile soil, gas from the ground, underground healing waters and aboveground navigable waterways. In the town itself, as usual in Vojvodina, you have the opportunity to visit the Catholic and the Orthodox churches. The Serbian Orthodox Church of St. George is specific for its three towers and the iconostasis by Uros Predic. While already there, do visit the century-old Becej spa. You can quench your thirst for culture at the National Library, the City Museum, the Historical Archive, or the Cultural Center. While finishing your best watercolor painting at the Art Colony, you are surrounded by the dance and song of “Đido” folk ensemble. Not far from Bečej, there is a castle named Fantast which belonged to the “Rockefellers” of Vojvodina, the Dunđerski family, now converted into a hotel and restaurant. Adjacent to the castle, there is also a chapel with a majestic iconostasis by the already mentioned Mr. Predić, and the horse farm used by tourists. At the exit from – or entrance to Becej, depending on the direction the road takes you, be sure to make a stop at the sluice where the Great Bačka Canal flows into the Tisa. The dam, which is said to be from the Eiffel Workshop, is one of the most modern in the world. And when the night descends, the people in Bečej will tell you with melancholy about the Bečej beer and “the Paganini of tamburitsa” - Janika Balasz, who grew up in Becej.

IN ZABALJ, TOURISM GETS A MOMENTUM

The city and the municipality of Žabalj (Josef-dorf, the Germans would say) is not to be missed on the road from Novi Sad to Zrenjanin, and vice versa. At the attractive complex of the first golf course in our country, in the shadow of a majestic monument to World War II raid victims, you can spend all day trying to put the ball into the ninth hole, with the help of a club (golf gear, that is). After dark, provided it’s mid-June, we recommend enjoying rock inclined bands at the Frogville Festival.
KASTEL CASTLE OF ECKA, THE ENVY OF THE VIENNESE

Kastel castle in Ecka, is surrounded by a beautiful park. The present hotel features authentic atmosphere of aristocratic past. Formerly owned by the Transylvanian Count Lazar Lukac, it preserves the story of the tragic fate of Mihajlo Lukac, the fratricide, the strange beliefs about the connection of Vlad Tepes and Lukac, Attila the Hun, and, finally, the great composer Franz Liszt. After a break in the castle, and on the way home, visit the nearby Orthodox church of St. Nicholas, the oldest in the area, and the Catholic church from the nineteenth century, with three major icons by the Dutch artist Van der Wien.
CLIMATE PARADISEAN AROUND ZRENJANIN

Going to the Banat, towards Zrenjanin, from Backa, you are seen off by a top notch golf course near Zabalj, the first one in the country. The capital of Banat, Zrenjanin, is the third largest in our country. The city in which a new optimism pervades. Here at the main square there is the National Museum, the Theatre, the Monument to King Peter I, Zeleno Zvono pub, the City Hall ... This city bridges the Spaniards once called New Barcelona. And this is where the four horses from the popular song crossed the thick river of Begej.

SLANO KOPOVO RESERVE, A PHENOMENON PRESERVED

Opposite Becej the old and rich Fantast castle, there is a Novi Becej. In the surrounding area there are excellent conditions for hunting and fishing tourism. Fishermen and hunters stay at the Tisa Flower Hotel located along the river Tisa. Special tourist attractions are Slano Kopovo natural reserve of rare birds, plants and animals, and the unique phenomenon of the blooming of the Tisa, with its unique phenomenon - Tisa flower. Slano Kopovo is one of the last surviving ponds of Vojvodina salt marshes.

EVERYBODY’S HEART TICKS FOR ONE KIKA THE MAMMOTH PIC

Kikinda offers its National Museum, then Archives, and the only dry mill in the territory of Vojvodina, and other valuable buildings from the first half of the nineteenth century. There are also monuments to the fighters of Kikinda partisan detachments and to a revolutionary and a poet, Jovan Popovic. Kikinda rejoice for having a replica of a mammoth, the popular Kika, at the mentioned National Museum in the original size. Since 1982, the city has been the host to Terra - International Symposium of Terracotta Sculpture. Its collection is a unique collection of modern terracotta sculptures in the world.

FROM MOKRIN I CHOSE A SON OF A GOOSE

The village of Mokrin from the imagination of the authors Miroslav Antic and Rasa Popov, known for its traditional goose fight fest. In it, the feathered gladiators compete in three categories - seniors, two year olds, and juniors.
VRSACKI BREG,
A HILL ON TOP OF THE NOT-TO-BE-MISSED LIST

Tour of Vrsac, a beautiful wine town on the border with Romania begins by a walk at the centre where you will see the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Gerhard, the Serbian Orthodox Church, Concordia, Sterija’s house, the Pharmacy on the steps, the oldest pharmacy in the Balkans with a permanent display of paintings of Paja Jovanovic, and then the Patriarch’s Palace, and the magnificent Millenium sports hall. Further on, the road will take you to the Vrsac Mountains. It can be taken on foot or by bicycle. At the top of the hill is the fourteenth century tower, now an attractive vista point overlooking Banat area and the famous city of Vrsac vineyards. Down in Vrsac vineyards, wine production of this region will be shared with you by the knights of Banat wine order of St. Theodore personally. Tasting implied.
**PURE GOLD SANDS OF DELIBLATO**

Deliblato Sands. The European Sahara. The last sandy terrain in Europe. This is a unique natural phenomenon declared a nature reserve. The tour includes visits to Banatska Palanka, Deliblato, Devojacki Bunar... Mali Pesak is a preserved steppe habitat where there is still traditional cattle breeding. You can swim in the pools, sail on a boat on the lake, enjoy good food, go to where the wolves come regularly, on foot or by an all-terrain vehicle. Sands is in the opinion of European experts one of the best places for bird watching on the Danube. Dubrovacki Rit marsh or sunk island Obuklija, are attractive habitats of migratory birds.

**SOUTH BANAT FOR BEGINNERS**

Haven’t had enough of the southern Banat? Then straight to Mesic nunnery, one of the most important monasteries of this region; Gudurica villages where Serbs, Slovenes, Macedonians, Roma, Romanians, a Turk, an old pastry chef, and a French woman in love with the climate all live together. And they all go into one Greek Catholic church and honor both the Orthodox and Catholic saints; Traditional houses in Skorenovac with objects from the past and a courtyard with fire trucks from 1891 where you can hear local singing group: Idvor village, the birthplace of the great scientist Mihajlo Pupin; Jabuka village, interesting for the coexistence of Macedonians, Serbs and 14 other nations who also all go to one church, the Romanian Orthodox one; Sajka boat sail to the village of Ivanovo, boarding in Pancevo. Tour of the permanent exhibition, Ivanovo in Time, bird kennel, goats and honey farms, fishing, photographing flora and fauna.

**BELA CRKVIA WATERS CATER TO ALL TASTES**

Belocrkvanska lakes (Glavno, Vracevgajsko, Saransko, Sjunkara...) are a significant source of income for the municipality of Bela Crkva. The lakes are formed by gravel mining, thus the clear blue waters and sandy beaches.

**NOT TO BE MISSED:**

- Dani Grozdja - grape harvest in Vrsac
- Wines from: Vinik, Selekta, Nedin Family Cellar, RAB house of wine, Bacchus winery, AS cellar, Krstov cellar from Vrsac, Veliko Srediste and Gudurica
- Specialties and authentic atmosphere of Dinar restaurant
- Gallery of Naive Art and violin maker Jan Nemcek of Kovacica
- Wellness at Relax in Kovacica
- Catamaran ride along Tamis river
- Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac
- Model of the Danube river flow in Kovin
- Ethno house in Dolovo
- Castles in Plandiste
- Carnival of Flowers in Bela Crkva, in June

**NAIVE AS KOVACICA**

Kovacica is a place known worldwide for the school of naive painting, whose motives are often at UNICEF’s New Year’s cards. The tour includes a visit to the Babka gallery and one of the painters’ studios. Every house in this capital of naive painting looks like a space for exhibition.
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