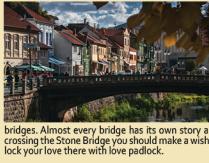


1 THE OLD BAZAAR AND BRIDGES OF KNJAŽEVAC



The old bazaar and bridges of Knjaževac are located in the central part of the town. This is one of the most picturesque parts of Knjaževac. The complex of trading and housing buildings was mostly built in the first half of the 19th century. Famous painter Štefan Radić painted the beauty of this part of Knjaževac in 1910 on his drawing which is now kept in the National Museum of Serbia. Stari čaršija and wooden bridge are the centre of the town and is famous for its seven bridges. Almost every bridge has its own story and is associated with certain belief. If you are crossing the Stone Bridge you should make a wish if you are on the Wooden Bridge you should lock your love with love padlock.

Stara čaršija i mostovi Knjaževca

Stara čaršija i mostovi nalaze se u sredini grada i predstavljaju najmarkantniji deo starog Knjaževca. Čaršija čini kompleks zgrada - namenjenih zanatstvu i stvaranju, koje su mahom su nastale u prvoj polovini 19. veka. Čuveni slikar Le Corbusier je 1910. godine lepotu ovog dela grad zabeležio na crtežu koji se danas čuva u Nacionalnom muzeju Srbije. Krajevi starih Knjaževčkih mostova su takođe učinili ovaj del seoskog starog grada jedinstvenim i ukrašenim sa posebnim arhitektonskim rešenjem. Za skoro svaki most vežuje se po neku priču ili verovanje, na primer prilikom prelaska Kamenog mosta treba zamisliti želu, na Drenovom treba ostaviti kostanicu ljubavi...

2 BEACHES AND PICNIC AREAS AROUND THREE RIVERS



Near almost every village of Knjaževac municipality, where any of three Timok rivers is running through, you can find a little beach where you can relax and take a swim. The most popular beaches are "Bigar" on the river "Blaženica" near Knjaževac, on the road to Stara Planina and "Bara" located near the village of Donja Kamenica. There is also a beach at the village of Šumadija, on the way to Pirovac, where you will find beautiful picnic site by the water and it is registered as a natural monument.

Kupališta i izletišta na tri Timoka

U blizini svakog svječnjeg naseljenog mesta kroz koji prolazi jedan od tri Timoka, postoje mesta koja su sami stvari uređeni za kupanje i uživanje. Najpoznatija kupališta i izletišta su "Bara", u neposrednoj blizini Knjaževca na putu ka Stari Planini, "Blaž" u blizini sela Gornja Kamenica, i kupališta kroz sedište Debelice. U blizini Šumadije, na putu ka Pirovacu, se izletište predviđa posetu Bigar. U neposrednoj blizini vodogradu nalazi se i skupina malih krečnatih rezera. Čitav kompleks potoka Bigar je pod zaštitom države i kroz njega prolazi redovni ciklotouristički put.

3 PARK OF NATURE "STARA PLANINA"



Park of Nature "Stara Planina" is one of the best preserved natural areas in Serbia. This park of nature has many peaks over 1,400 meters, with the highest one "Milen", which reaches 1,620 meters above sea level. The area is covered with coniferous forests and meadows with 2169 masl. Here you can find some of the most beautiful waterfalls in Serbia. There are numerous streams and streams throughout the whole area of Stara Planina, a lot of plant species, which are endemic in Serbia and are placed under protection. The diversity of life is the fact that here is the highest diversity of butterfly species, of which 22 are newly registered.

Ski resort Stara Planina offers great opportunities for tourism and sports events - that is, 13 km of well-groomed tracks of different levels of difficulty, including 4 extreme slopes.

Fans of extreme sports, there is a path for the freeride skiing and snowboarding. There is an artificial snow and a system of chairlifts with the first gondola lift in Serbia as well.

Picnic sites here are sets of natural material and are a real place for rest and recreation during summertime as well. Terrains are excellent for paragliding and starting places for paragliding. Visits to the villages of Stara Planina and encounters with friendly locals will surely be a memorable experience.

We advise you to visit the Tourist Info Centre in Knjaževac and get all the information about the guides that can hire and who will help you discover many hidden attractions of this area.

Park prirode Stara planina

Park prirode Stara Planina je jedna od najočuvanih prirodnih oblasti u Srbiji. Ovaj park prirode obuhvata površinu od preko 1400 metara, dok sam vrh, koji je ujedno i najviši vrh u Srbiji, Milić, iznosi 1620 m. Na ovom području je 2169 masli. Tu se mogu naći mnoge od najljepših vodopadova u Srbiji. Široki izletište u blizini Šumadije, na putu ka Pirovacu, je predviđeno za posjetu Bigar. U neposrednoj blizini vodogradu nalazi se i skupina malih krečnatih rezera. Čitav kompleks potoka Bigar je pod zaštitom države i kroz njega prolazi redovni ciklotouristički put.

U blizini svake seliščarske sportske voštane staze na putu ka Šumadiji, u blizini Šumadijskih vodotokova, postoji izletište na 2300 m vrsnosti. Ovo je ujedno i najveće izletište u Srbiji, u veličini deli Balkana polazci se upravo na Stara planinu, gde su ugori stanište na 2030 m vrsnosti. Posebno zanimljivo je da se u ovoj seliščarskoj sportskoj voštani stazi nađe i nekoliko staza za slobodnu vožnju. Pored toga, u sk centru Stara planina izgrađen je sistem za vježbanje osjećanja, a postoji i sistem žičara. Stara planina i leti nudi mogućnost za brojne aktivnosti jer raspolaže uređenim pešačkim stazama, koziljkama, terenima za alpinizam, planinsku biciklizam i utvrđenim starijim mestima za paraglajding. Posete selima Stare planine i susret sa gospodarjima mestima takođe predstavljaju posebno iskustvo.

4 HOT SPRING AND SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE "BANJICA"



Small spa of Radeševac is located 5 km from Knjaževac, on the bank of Sviljički Timok. The temperature of the water in the thermal spring is around 27, 7 degrees so it is possible to enjoy swimming in the open air thermal spring. This spa is very famous during the period of Roman Empire because of its healing properties. This spa is also known as "Banjica". In the past it was a popular picnic and swimming spot for the locals. The water from the spring is also used for Olympic swimming pool which is built near the spa as a part of Sports and Recreation Centre Banjica. Next to the pool, which is open throughout the year, there is a sauna and swimming facilities such as swimming pool for kids with mini aqua park, courts for basketball, football, mini-football. You can also find restaurant and mini spa and wellness centre here.

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Municipality of Knjaževac

10 KNJAŽEVAČKIH ČUDA

7 THE CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE OF DONJA KAMENICA



The church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the village of Donja Kamenica is the earliest medieval stone church in the region. Located in the southern part of the village, it presents valuable monument of medieval culture with specific, and for this region unique, architecture which is the result of the fusion of different architectural styles. The church has a characteristic small front door, because the builders, it is assumed, wanted to prevent Turkish troops to enter the church during hostiles.

8 WINE ROUTE



Viticulture and wine production in Knjaževac date back to Roman times. Today all the wine makers are gathered in the Association of Winemakers. They are also among the founders of the Wine-Making Museum which is located at archeo-ethno park of Knjaževac. All of them are several wineries in the town and its surroundings. All of them are part of Serbian wine route. If you visit them, you will taste the best wines made from top quality varieties and even grapevines as well as some medicinal indigenous herbs extracts. During the tour do not forget to taste so-called medicinal natural wine, with the addition of medicinal herb extracts. For further information on wine route do not hesitate to contact tourist info centre.

9 TIMACIUM MINUS / ARCHEO-ETHNO PARK RAVNA



In the village of Ravna in the yard of the local school which itself is a cultural monument, 8 km from Knjaževac, you can find an archaeological-ethno park. The park is a collection of 12 different monuments of architecture from the 1st to the 14th and early 20th century. The entire complex offers to the visitor the opportunity to experience the life and customs of the ancient people in the Serbian countryside. If you visit Ravna, do not forget to reach lapidarium with a valuable collection of ethnographic monuments and to visit the Roman military fortifications, excavations of the oldest Roman military fortress in the area of Timok which is called Timacium Minus. This fortress dates from the first century AD, lasting until the fourth century, and can be reached in ten minutes on foot just outside the village of Ravna. A great deal of archaeological material from this site can be seen at the Heritage Museum of Knjaževac as well as at archeo-ethno park of Ravna.

10 GORGE ŽORELO



This gorge, locally known as Meteora Knjaževac, is located near the village of Svrliž, 12 km from Knjaževac. Length of the gorge is approximately 11 km, it is situated between the mountains Žubetinac and Stogozovačka River, running through it. Limestone rocks right next to the river rise to a height of 70-80 m in spots, forming a series of vertical rock walls. The gorge is formed by the former Latin road, numerous caves, the medieval church, leading to the tower of the old city which is considered to originate from antiquity - the Byzantine era.

5 THE MUSEUM OF TWO STRINGS KNITTED SOCKS



At the Heritage Museum of Knjaževac, you can see a rich collection of two strings knitted socks from the 18th to the 20th century which is unique in the world. It represents cultural heritage of national importance. These socks are an outstanding example of folk art and culture. They are a part of the national costume of the Banat. These socks were knitted with three in basic two colours, black and red. The longest staircase in Knjaževac is painted with the motives which can be

6 GORGE OF THE RIVER SVILJIČKI TIMOK

U Zavodnjom muzeju u Knjaževcu nalazi se, jedinstvena u svetu, bogata zbirka dvoprednjih čarapa iz perioda od 18. do 20. veka. Zbirka predstavlja kulturno dobro od nacionalnog značaja. Ove čarape su uvezeni prvi mastovite folklorne "raivine" umetnosti i običaja. Uz tradicionalne narodne nožje ovog kraja koji su nekada nosili i modlari u zemlji, plitvo se na pet igala, u dve osnovne boje, čarapice sa dvostrukim i tristrukim užetom. Unutra se našle i zastavice. Ove čarape su uvezene sa dve ruke, a dve u obliku životinja. Ovo je ujedno i najstariji primjer uvezene za dve ruke u svetu. Čarapice su uvezene na dve ruke, u dve boje, tri i četiri igala. Uz zastavice u unutra se našle i razne mafte, koje se nalazi na deset minutu setnje od archeo-ethno parka. Utvrđene je naše zastave izdruge u periodu I - IV veka naše ere. Arheološki materijal sa ovog lokaliteta većem delom je smješten u Zavodnjom muzeju Knjaževac, kao i u archeo-ethno parku.

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Knjaževac is a nice spot - if you visit us once, you will be coming back a lot!

Knjaževac and its surroundings are an excellent destination for tourists willing to explore and for those who are looking for new and authentic experiences, adventure, recreation and relaxation in a beautiful environment.

The city of Knjaževac and the municipality of the same name are located in eastern Serbia, in the Timok region, along the border with Bulgaria. The city itself is located in the valley, surrounded by three rivers, Sviljski, Trogovinski and Bell Timok, while the rest of the municipality is hilly and mountainous. The climate is continental, with cold winters and hot summers. The terrain is almost half of the territory of the municipality belongs to a protected area "Stara Planina" with numerous natural reserves and natural monuments. This area has a rich cultural heritage, with the oldest archaeological findings dating from prehistoric times. During the year, from May to October, numerous events related to traditional and contemporary culture are being organized.

Besides exploring the natural beauty and culture of this area, you will have the opportunity to try local gastronomic specialties and typical wine and enjoy activities such as swimming, hiking, mountain biking, skiing or snowboarding.



Knjaževac je lepo mesto - ako dodete jednom, dolazićete nam često!

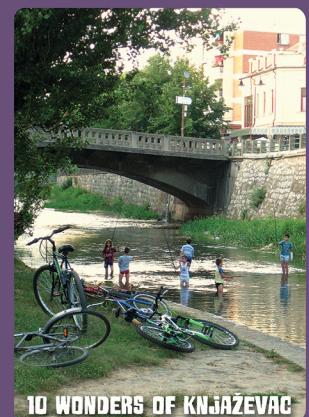
WHAT TO SEE AND DO

Visiting "Heritage Museum" is the best way to start your tour around the town. The museum hosts several permanent exhibitions in multiple locations. Its rich archaeological section tells the history of the town from the Paleolithic era to the present day, while the ethnological section presents the richness of spiritual and material culture of Knjaževac and its surroundings. There is also an art collection which includes works of classical and contemporary painters. The museum is open from Monday to Friday between 8am and 4pm. It is also possible to arrange group visits off-hour by dialling their telephone number or by sending them an email.



Cave painting near village Grabovica

If you are traveling in a group, in the period from May to October, you can participate in an educational adventure organized by the Heritage Museum Knjaževac. Educational Adventure offers one-day, weekend, five and seven-day programs, with accomodation in monasteries and in Stara Planina. All information is available by request on e-mail: milena.m.micic@muzejknjazevac.org.rs



10 WONDERS OF KNJAŽEVAC

From the beginning of May until the end of August the municipality of Knjaževac organizes many cultural and sport events. You can get detailed information about all the events at the Tourist Info Centre which is located in the main street of the town. You can also rent a bike there or find the info about organized cycling tours around the Knjaževac and its surrounding. If you are into hiking they will help you get in touch with the Association of mountaineers "Babin Zub" which organizes trekking and hiking tours.

Night life: Knjaževac has many taverns and cafes where you can have a great time. Usually, during the weekends many of them organize events with live music.



Achaeo-Ethno Park "Ravna"

Kako se zabaviti?

Pošeta Zavičajnom muzeju je odličan početak za posjet Knjaževcu. Muzej je otvoren u vremenu i prostoru, tako da je moguće uživati u bogatoj arheološkoj ponudi koja govori o starijim kogradima, ali i današnjem danu, etnološkoj zbirki koja predstavlja bogatstvo materijalne i dugevine kulture Knjaževca i okoline, kao i umetničku zbirku sa delima zavičajnih i savremenih slikara. Radno vreme muzeja je nadim danom od 8 do 17h ali moguće ugovoriti organizovanje posete i u radnog vremena poživom na telefon ili e-mail: m.micic@muzejknjazevac.org.rs

Ukoliko putujete u grupu, u periodu od maja do oktobra možete učestvovati Obrazovnoj avonturi koju organizuje Zavičajni muzej Knjaževac. Obrazovna avontura nudi jednodnevne, vikend, petodnevne i sedmorednečne sa smestajem u planinarskim domovima na Staroj planini. Sve informacije možete dobiti upitom na e-mail: m.micic@muzejknjazevac.org.rs

Na teritoriju optine se od početka maja do kraja avgusta organizuju brojne kulturne i sportske manifestacije. Detaljni informacije o svim manifestacijama možete dobiti u Turističkom info centru koji se nalazi u glavnoj knjaževačkoj ulici. Na istom mestu možete znati o događajima organizovanim biciklističkim turim kroz okolinu Knjaževca sa vodičem.

U Knjaževcu deluje Planinarsko društvo Babin Zub koje organizuje planinarske ture u kojima i vi možete učestvovati.

Šta se noćug provodi? Više večeri možete uživati u brojnim restaurinim, kafanama i kafićima u kojima se, obično vikendom, organizuju koncerti.



Youth Culture Festival



HOW TO REACH KNJAŽEVAC?

These two steps will help you to reach Knjaževac easily. First, you have to come to Niš and from there you can reach our town by bus or by train. Distance between these two towns is 60 km. If you prefer to go by car, you can drive on the main roads which connect Niš with nearby towns such as Sokobanja, Zaječar or Niš. There is a daily direct bus line from Belgrade to Knjaževac. Return ticket will cost you approximately 20 euros. Before you make your detailed itinerary do not forget to check low-cost flights to Niš or Skopje and Sofia. From Skopje and Sofia you can easily reach Niš and then Knjaževac.



Church of St. George

Kako doći?

Najednostavnije do Knjaževca možete doći u dva koraka: najprije do Niša, a potom od Niša do Knjaževca dolazeći Zeleznički putem. Od Niša do Knjaževca je udaljenost 60 km. Ukoliko imate sopstveni prevoz (automobil), možete da kroz Kraljevac dođete do jednog od puteva koji grad povezuju sa svim gradovima u okolini као што су Zaječar, Sokobanja ili Niš. Pre nego sačinite detaljan plan puta, provjerite u aktuelne avionske low cost linije koje saobraćaju do aerodroma u Nišu, a u obzir možete uzeti i aerodromne u Skoplju i Sofiji jer se iz ovih gradova lako dolazi do Niša.

WHERE TO STAY

There are several motels and hostels if you are planning to stay in Knjaževac. Accommodation can also be found in one of many ethnic villages nearby where you can rent a room. For further information about accommodation in the area, you can contact local Tourist Info Centre (see below for contact details). Prices vary from 15 euros for bed and breakfast to 25-30 euros for all inclusive service.

Gde odseći?

U Knjaževcu postoji više hotela i prenoćadi uključujući odsevnice i samom gradu. Smještaj takođe možete pronaći i u jednom od sve brojnih etno-domaćinstava u okolini selima. Proverene informacije o slobodnim mestima u svim vrstama smještaja možete dobiti u Turističkom info centru (kontakt detalji nalaže se niz).



Džervin villa



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USEFUL INFORMATION

* Area code for Knjaževac is 029

* At newsstands you can buy mobile phone numbers from all the providers as well as calling cards for public payphones

* Wi-fi connection is available and free with drinks in almost every cafe and 3G coverage is excellent.

* There are about 10 exchange offices and banks in town and they are all located in the city centre.

* Tourist Info Centre is located in Knjaza Miloša Street, number 37. Working hours are 08-20h
phone number: 019-735230
e-mail: toknjazevac@open.telekom.rs
web: www.toknjazevac.org.rs

* Heritage Museum, is located in Karađorđeva street, number 15. Working hours are 08-16h
phone number: 019-731407
e-mail: muzejknjazevac@open.telekom.rs
web: www.muzejknjazevac.org.rs

* Important phone numbers: Police department: 192, Fire Department: 193, Ambulance: 194

* Taxi station is located in the town centre. Start is approximately 0,70 euro

* Free public transport connects city and surrounding villages.

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