

MIDDLE BOSNIA PEARL OF ACTIVE HOLIDAY!



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Middle Bosnia area, administratively organized as Middle Bosnia Canton, includes 12 municipalities:

Travnik, Novi Travnik, Vitez, Jajce, Donji Vakuf, Gornji Vakuf, Bugojno, Dobretići, Busovača, Fojnica, Kiseljak and Kreševo. Crystal mountain rivers and lakes, countless roaring springs and wells which pass through centennial forests, mountain heights, hills and valleys, from pre-history period were attractive for people. Chaumette de Fosses, French diplomat in Bosnia from the beginning of 19th century, convince himself that it is almost enough to just scratch the ground of heights and river valleys on every step, and traces of various historical age and culture will appear. Natural beauty and historical sights, preserved marks of tumultuous past and cultural historical monuments, authentic tradition and especially hospitality are the things which constantly attract travelers, guests and tourists from all continents of the world. Middle Bosnia is the centre of most beautiful and most interesting natural and social features of the Bosnian country. If you visit winter centers, hunting areas and resorts, mountain paths and hillwalker's hut, streaming rivers and pearly lakes, and if you get to know old fortresses and monasteries, tombstones and mosques, catacombs and caves... you can say that you get into the heart of B&H with all its sights and special characteristics. Towns, villages and settlements of Middle Bosnia Canton are the real destinations for active holiday where tourists in casual and popular way discover customs brought out of oblivion, monuments which resist to destructive force of time, building proficiency and craft skills... During whole year tourist offer includes religious, hunting

and fishing tourism, sport and recreation, tasting gastronomic specialties, shopping tours, congresses, spa and climate therapies, sightseeing of natural rarities and cultural historical features. This tourist guide in

edition of Tourist community of the Middle Bosnia Canton represent an expression of warm welcome and also an invitation for visiting the most interesting parts of B&H!





Rostovo - Novi Travnik

Medieval necropolis of tombstones, places where "death meets and diverges" for good Bosnians, known as 'Bogumili's is possible to visit all over the Middle Bosnia. Massive stone sarcophagi, and ridgepoles decorated with symbols and epitaphs on 'bosančica' (old Bosnian alphabet, Cyrillic writing of 15th century Bosnia) we find on mountain Vlašić and Pavlovica in Turbe, Goleš, Karaula, Guča Gora, Fazlići near town Travnik ... in Korda, Kalin, Seona, Tušljici near town Bugojno ...in Divičani, Kuprešani, Bistrica, Zdaljevo near town Jajce ...in Lužine and Božići near town Fojnica... in Deževica and Pirino near town Kreševo ... in Staro selo near town Donji Vakuf...



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Coat of arms of Hrvoje Vukčić in Jajce

Residence of Bosnian kings was built in 1391 by Hrvoje Vukčić, great Bosnian duke and 'Herceg splitski' (Herzeg of Split). In the year of 1461 in town Jajce the last Bosnian king Stjepan Tomašević was crowned and after escape to Ključ town was executed in the year of 1463 by Turkish sultan Mehmed II Fatih. A sarcophagus with his remains is preserved in museum collection of Franciscan monastery of Saint Luke. For 64 years (from 1463 till 1527) inhabitants of Jajce with their allies have resisted to conqueror campaign of Turkish army proves that Bosnia didn't fall in a whisper as some might say. Old town Jajce with "Medvjed kula" (Bear tower), royal portal and coat of arms Travnik, Banja Luka and "Mračna kapija" (Dark gate), Papazkula (tower), Velika tabija... are great destinations for introduction into history and customs of this royal town. In Jajce, there are objects and monuments of second session of AVNOJ 1943 when Tito's Yugoslavia was created.

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Travnik

Medieval fortress with forgotten name Garbun was built, according to all indication; by Bosnian king Tvrtko II at the end of 14th and beginning of 15th century as a rampart against predicted war campaign of Otoman Turkish army to Bosnia. From the report of the Venice spy and Turkish historian Dursunberg it is known that sultan Mehmed II Fatih have conquered fortress of Travnik on June 03 1463. By building mosque and enhancing the fortresses, Turkish Empire kept permanently its military garrison which performed vizier orders against different disobedient and violators.

Old town was used for military purposes also during the Austria-Hungarian period and files from October 1944 note the battle of Tito's partisans and occupying army.

Old town is open for visits every day between 10 and 18 hours except during the winter period. At the moment, restoration of 16-angle tower and casemate as educational and information centre for tourists is going on. Traditionally, cultural manifestation «Summer in old town Travnik» take part between June 03 and September 15.



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Travnik is the only town in whole world with two clock towers (on Musala and Mehmed-pasha Kukavica), and preserved objects in Middle Bosnia from 16th – 18th century exists in Jajce, Gornji Vakuf, Donji Vakuf and Prusac.





Colored mosque – Travnik

“Šarena” mosque (Colored mosque) built in the beginning of 16th century by Gazi-aga, many times reconstructed, is carrying the name Sulejmanija by its last reconstructor Suleiman-pasha Skopljak, vizier of Travnik. This mosque more known as Colored mosque represents the unique example in whole Islamic sacral architecture. Its exterior is decorated with herbal ornaments especially with grapevines and grapes. What it makes different from the others is the minaret on east instead on the west side, as well as small shops-“bezistan” under “ćursije”, pillars which carry this mosque.



Colored mosque - Travnik



Incunabula



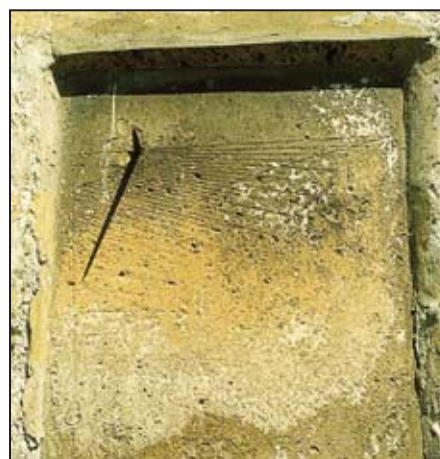
Incunabula

700 years ago, sent by roman Pope to stop apocrypha heretic school of Church of Bosnia, followers of Saint Franjo Asiški became the most consistant guardians of spiritual tradition of Bosnian country. Also known and popular as uncles, Franciscan are creating and preserving for centuries ancient chronicles, incunabula, coats of arms, paintings, books and charters written on “bosančica”, Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Latin and local language. Each of the Franciscan monasteries in Middle Bosnia (Fojnica, from year 1530.; Kreševo, from 14th century; Jajce, from year 1885.; Guča Gora near Travnik, from year 1895) contains also museum collection. The best collection is placed in Franciscan monastery in Fojnica.



Coats of arms of Bosnian knights

On mosque of Hajji Ali-bey 1886 solar clock was placed, with astoundingly precise time measurement. Travnik is the only town in B&H with solar clock.



Solar clock - Travnik



Ahdnama Fatih Mehmeda II.



Ivo Andrić house of birth - Travnik



Native land museum - Travnik



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Mošunj sword with covers found in Mošunj near Vitez is one of the most valuable findings from Bronze time. Sword is kept in National museum in Sarajevo, and people of Vitez have made its copy that adorns main square in that town.

Native land museum Travnik founded in 1950 is the only Native eland museum in Middle Bosnia. In building raised by Rockefeller foundation, Native land museum poses 80 thousands of exhibits, represented as: natural collection, cultural historical collection (Neolithic time, metal time, roman period, medieval, Ottoman period), numismatic collection, photograph library, collection of newspapers and magazines ("hemeroteka"), painting gallery. Native land museum custodians organize sightseeing for tourist group. Permanent exhibition is opened for visitors every day between 9 and 15 hours and on Saturday and Sunday between 10 and 14 hours.

Memorial museum Ivo Andrić house of birth

Ivo Andrić house of birth in Travnik street called Zenjak is open as Remembrance museum on August 30 in 1974. On the date of March 13 in 1975 famous writer passed, it has been renamed in Memorial museum Ivo Andrić house of birth, and today it is the only museum of that kind in the world dedicated to the only Nobel Prize winner for literature on the territory of former Yugoslavia. Memorial museum contain room of birth, room of "Travnik chronicles" (name of his book), library, photograph library, collection of newspapers and magazines ("hemeroteka")... Permanent exhibition is opened for visitors every day except on Wednesday between 9 and 15 hours. During winter period visiting hours are between 9 and 15, Saturdays and Sundays between 10 and 14 hours.



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Museum in Jajce, in which the second session of AVNOJ took place on November 29 in 1943 where Decision on B&H constitutionality was made.



Museum of AVNOJ – Jajce





Prusac



Days of Ajvatovica



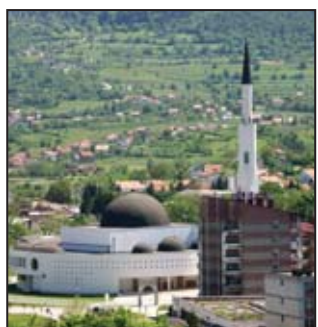
Vukeljići



Travnik



Every year by the end of the June around hundred thousands people pray as an act of remembrance to Ajvaz-grandfather at the spot of the largest Muslim sanctuary in Europe, in Prusac near Donji Vakuf. Unprecedented drought days 400 years ago induced God-fearing Prusacian to pray for 40 mornings to ask God for mercy that split the rock in the mountain from which water begins to flow... During pilgrimage in Prusac, Donji Vakuf, Bugojno and Travnik religious and cultural manifestation "Ajvatovica" takes place. "My shape is a drop but I contain a sea..." are the lyrics of poet and "šejh" (head of the Muslim religion community) Abdurahman Sirri who founded "tekija" (dervish Muslim monastery) of nakshibandy dervish rank in Oglavko near Fojnica. Šejh Sirri was introduced into the endless and mystic secret of "tesavvuf" along with dervish and most famous "alhamijado" poet Ilhamija, to whom "turbe" (burial chamber) was raised after his execution in 1821 in Travnik. Tekija in Jena and Lončarica mosque in Travnik and tekija in Vukeljići near Fojnica are also famous. Numerous "turbe", Muslim mausoleum in Middle Bosnia is traditionally visited by travellers. Viziers, muftis (jurists), dervish, hajjis were buried there. Travnik is a town with the most "turbe" in B&H: of the most merciful and cruelest vizier (Muhsin Zade Abdulah-pasha and Sejjid Ali-Dželaludin-pasha), of poet and dervish Ilhamija, clairvoyant horosnian warrior Ibrahim-grandfather. In Turbe near Travnik is turbe of Ismail-grandfather. Turbe of vizier Malkoč and Skenderpašić are in Kopčić near Bugojno, and Miralem-pasha and Torlak Alija ones are near Donji Vakuf.



Bugojno



Travnik



Donji Vakuf



Bugojno



Travnik



Kreševo



Guča Gora



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To Podmilačje near Jajce, the church of Saint Ivan the Baptizer on the date of its patron Saint Ivo on every June 24th come 50 thousands of people as a cult and taking oaths place of forgiveness. According to story from many centuries ago on mysterious healings make this place become multiconfessional and extremely devoted Catholics passes the road to Podmilačje barefoot from different places of B&H which is something they find as an act of oath and God mercy. Parish priest "Chronology of healing and recovery" of this place of forgiveness mention ritual bath on Gospa spring and picking special kind of herb so called "Iva that alive those who died". Mali Mošunj near Vitez is known by hill Kalvarija with its difficult past and also known as Crkvina founded on traces of fortresses of iliryc tribes, roman centurion possessions and churches of the first Christians. Thousands of Catholics from Middle Bosnia take part in procession of Cross road during the pre-eastern days. Up there people also celebrate holiday of Sad Gospa as well as of Saint Ante who have its chapel downhill the Kalvarija. The church is built in 1913 and its construction started O. Anton Puntigam, professor at that time in Jesus gymnasium in Travnik. Catholics of Middle Bosnia Canton has always prayed to Saint Ante for their problems and illness. This is the reason why every year in Busovača on patron of parish people celebrates holly mass in favour of Saint Ante and pilgrims are praying and go around the church on their knees. They are coming from all the parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina and even far. Numerous healings are related to this Saint.



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Saint Ivo - Podmilačje - Jajce



Busovača



Kiseljak



Travnik



Vitez

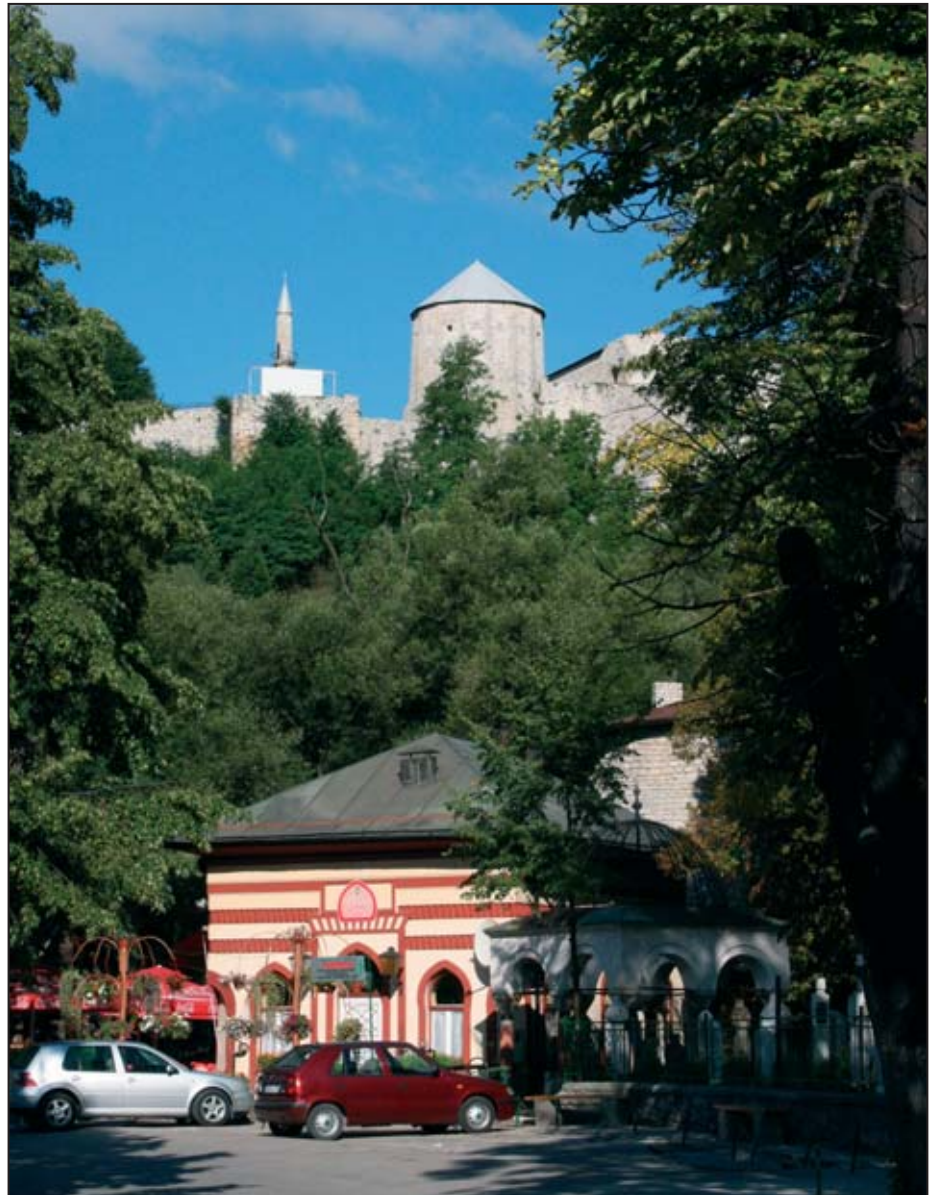


Bugojno





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Plava voda

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In Travnik's street which at the same time wears three names- Šumeće, Derventa and Plava voda (Blue water), in its blueness and roar of water is a place where story action of "Travnik chronicles" novel by Nobel prize winner Ivo Andrić begins and ends... place where on June 18 in 1887 many hours was spending tall Austrian archduke heir-apparent Rudolf Habsburg, and for the unique pleasure of coffee and place, was leaving gold coin in the water where he have might discovered his tragic destiny... place where Czech company make artificial lake in 1906 and first electric power station in Travnik... As a natural sight and cultural-historic zone Plava voda (Blue Water) is a place where you can be served with trout and "ćevapčići" (Bosnian meat specialty), with Lutvo and Hamdi-bey coffee and where you can drink water!



Plava voda



Croatian traditional costume



Bosniak traditional costume



Serbian traditional costume

Travnik short beak pigeon carrier rose from the long year work of pigeon breeder of that town on creating new sorts. Today this is authentic kind of bird from Travnik which enable pigeon breeders to win medals all over B&H and Europe, and especially those for long distance flying tracks.



Travnik' Pigeon

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Vlašić

Sheep dog Tornjak have always settled territory of B&H. Cynologist of B&H are very close for this breed to be accept by FCI- international cynology organization as a authentic breed in B&H.



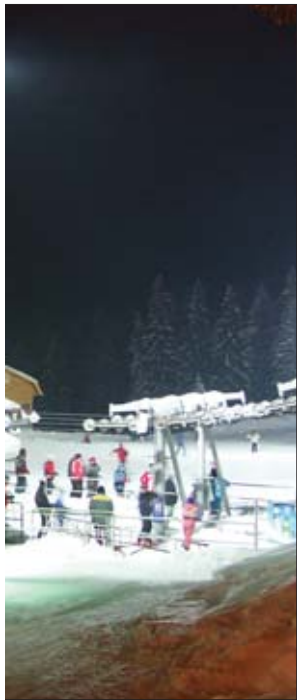
Dog Tornjak







Vlašić





Vlačić - Travnik

Mountain center "Vlačić" at Babanovac (located 1.260 m above the sea level) is one of the most popular mountain winter resorts in BiH. For years it had been famous for Pokal Vlastic Europa Cup on international ski jumping competition that was held 13 times at the resort's 9m m hill, for the status of a reserve acclimatisation sport centre during the 14th Winter Olimpiad, for winning a renowned award "Srebrna pahuljica" etc. Snow falls that can reach 2.5 m in height cover the mountain for up to 170 day a year. There is a total of 6 ski lifts and 15 km of arranged tracks suitable for alpine, Nordic and night skiing, snowboarding, sleighing, motor sledding etc. International competitions are held in January and February. Vlastic is a real tourist mountain town thanks to its excellent accommodation with more than 1000 vacation homes, great number of hotels restaurants, clubs, coffee-bars, thus righteously bearing the title of mountain beauty that is alive 365 days of year. Ravno Rostovo is one of the favorite ski resorts for people from Vrbas valley and Dalmatia. It is located 12 km from Bugojno. The altitude of Vlastic is 1,147 meters where guests can spend pleasant moments in the atmosphere of ethnic villages and restaurants. On the slope called Vranica near Busovača there are two mountain centres with excellent accommodation for lodging. Those are Pridolci and Busovača`s stalls. In Fojnica, in the town itself as well as in the surrounding area there are ski centres with ski lifts and tracks suitable for alpine skiing and sleighing. Brusnica is well-known ski-resort and has increasingly become an indispensable mountain and travel center for both domestic and foreign tourists..

Ranče- Poljane near Jajce is also a popular ski centre located approximately 15 km from Jajce at the slopes of Vlačić Mountain. Near city of Gornji Vakuf / Uskoplje on mountain Radusa modern ski resort was built with fifteen kilometers of ski tracks, modern ski lifts, and restaurant with accommodation for lodging. Central Bosnia Canton is already known as tourist destination for all seasons. With its enviable accommodation capacities (Reumat, Nova bolnica, Jezero) as well as decennial tradition and results achieved in medicinal rehabilitation, fojnica at present is the leader in the area of health resort tourism in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Between the derivate „Reumat“ and the historic name of the town (Fojnica) there has been the sign of equality for years; melted, grown into each other and looked as one and the same, they have been the hope for the sick, challenge for the entrepreneurs, opportunity for the ambitious....Further to the south-east of Central Bosnia, the name, location, importance and historical brand of the town of Kiseljak has also been determined by water – water of powerful content rich in minerals, sour in taste. „Ekši su“ as named by the Turks, is what today we proudly call Sarajevski kiseljak.

Aqua Park "Ribica" in Vitez, which is recently opened with swimming pools for recreational swimming, together with the ethno village has become a favorite destination not only for tourists but also for the local residents of the Central Bosnia Canton and beyond. The pools are very visited during summer.



Ravno Rostovo-Bugojno



Pridoci - Busovača



Vran kamen-Fojnica



Vlašić

Ranče-Jajce

Raduša-Gornji Vakuf/Uskoplje





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Fojnica

Same as served-out roman legionary have healed their wounds with medicinal waters of Fojnica, Austro Hungarian officers and employees have been treated for rheumatism in spa of Fojnica. On place of Huzbašić bath hotel was built which during time become modernly equipped specialized institution for rehabilitation, recreation and active holiday called "Reumal". There are many springs and wells in Middle Bosnia beside those near Fojnica (Kiseljak, Vruća voda (thermal spring) near Bugojno, water of Saint Jakova Markis in Deževica near Kreševo) to which tradition as well as those who have recovered witness their medical features. Some of stated places (Fojnica, Kiseljak) have used science confirmation of its tradition and have related their strategy to this renewal natural resource.





Aqua park "Ribica Vitez"



Aqua park "Ribica Vitez"



Kiseljak

Today town Fojnica with its remarkable accommodation capacities (Reumal, Nova Bolnica (New hospital), Jezero (Lake)), and many decades of old tradition and results accomplished in medical rehabilitation took over leading position in area of spa tourism in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

For many years neologism "Reumal" become synonym for historic name of town Fojnica; assimilated, merged and affiliated to each other they are representing hope for sick, challenge for venturesome, space for those with high ambitious... Little further on south-east of Middle Bosnia, the name,

place, significance and historic recognition of town Kiseljak was also determined by water; water with powerful features, rich with minerals, sour taste. "Ekshi su" called Turks what we proudly called today "Sarajevski kiseljak" (Sarajevo's mineral water).





Waterfall – Jajce



Mlinci - Jajce



Jezernica - Fojnica

Lake of Pliva

Riverbed cover with crystal sediments, archaically beautiful river Pliva create Great and Small Lake separated with old water mills. Inhabited with herons and wild ducks, Lake of Pliva during the summer is residence for swimmers, oarsmen of regattas, campers, hikers and fishermen... Its water journey Pliva ends by sinking into Vrbas in the very centre of Jajce, diving in two 20 meters high waterfalls illuminated since 19th century and are among 12 most beautiful waterfalls of the world.



In the heart of Vranica mountain on 1635 m height, there is glacial Prokoško lake surrounded with nomad pasture. It is known by endemic sorts of flora and fauna, such as "triton" or 'čovječija ribica' (human fish), also known in people as motive on bogumil's tombstone from medieval. The lake is wonderful for fishing the lake trout, mountain hiking and trips where you can see grottos and caves, pick flowers, medicinal herbs and fruit of forest...



Prokoško lake



Ugar-Vlašić



Triton

Pliva - Jajce



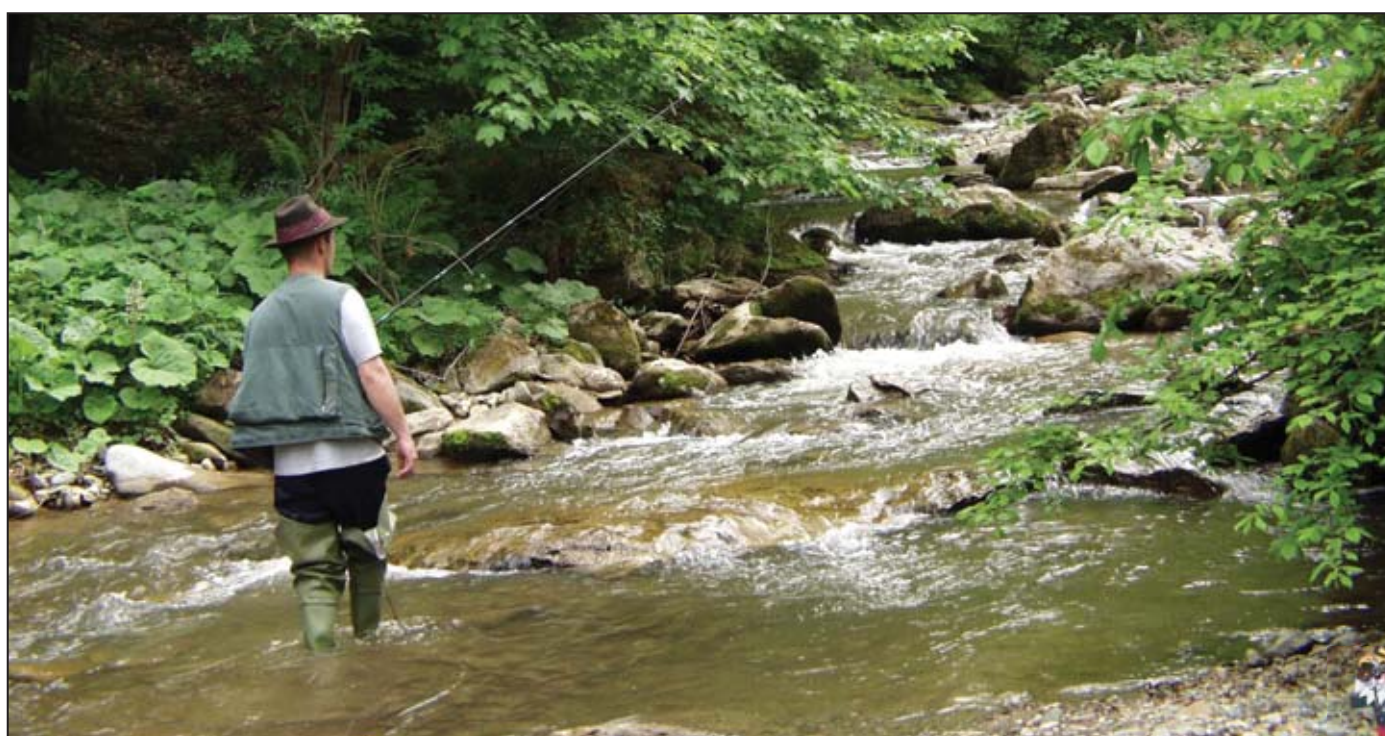


The best reference of Middle Bosnia hunting grounds is: President Tito spent 122 days of his life hunting with foreign statesmen in hunting at "Koprivnica" near Bugojno. Shot by hunter trophy bear samples are evaluated on exhibition in Marseille and Bern with more points than possible according to the existing standards in hunting trophy level.

Mountain wide spaces of Vlašić, Vranica, Pavlovica, Busovačka mountain, Gola (Naked) mountain, Bešpelja, Vinac and Šedinac near Jajce, Semešnica near Donji Vakuf, Vranica and Raduša near Gornji Vakuf... are the residence of tall and other venisons (bear, deer, chamois, wolf, wildcat, fox, boar, grouse "gluhan"...)

"There is special kind of trout in Bosnian rivers and creeks; it is big, completely black on its backs, with two or three large red spots. It's unusually voracious, but also

extremely cunning and fast fish that blindly flow toward the hook hold in skilful hand but it is unreachable and even invisible to those who are not familiar with these kinds of water and this kind of fish". Just like it is described by writer Ivo Andrić, adventure of fishing in aristocratic manner of angler fishing, or others fishing swindlers for creek trout, grayling, huchen is unforgettable experience on mountain rivers and lakes of Middle Bosnia. Blue river Pliva and Vrbas, gold-bearing Lašva, Fojnica and Lepenica, craggy Ugar and Ilomska, Bila, Jasenica, Kozica... their banks are sensing shiver of fisherman pulse. On Vrbas and down course of river Lašva near Vitez and Kaonik, you can also fish sneep, chub and barbell. Plivsko and Prokoško lake, artificial lake Radovan on Pavlovica, Han Bil near Travnik, Zanesovići near Bugojno, Podjela near Busovača provide fishing the lake trout and carp.





Travniks ćevapčići



Vlaški-Travnički cheese



Lutvina kahva



Trout



Kiseljačke round loaves of bread



Vitez

Business centre PC-96 – Vitez

Vitez



Vitez



Travnik



Kiseljak

Following the tradition of merchant roads and caravans, in the old time famous fairs and parties, from the end of 90th years Vitez and Kiseljak are considered as trade market centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Built in accordance with European model, big and modern shopping centers, departments stores, boutiques and shops features with amazing selection of goods with favorable prices and reliable services... Their time off in tourist sightseeing in Middle Bosnia tourists can spend in pleasant shopping tours in Business centre 96 Vitez, Business centre Pacific and open market in Kiseljak, VF Commerce in Travnik, BEST in Novi Travnik and other towns of Middle Bosnia Canton.



Novi Travnik



Bugojno



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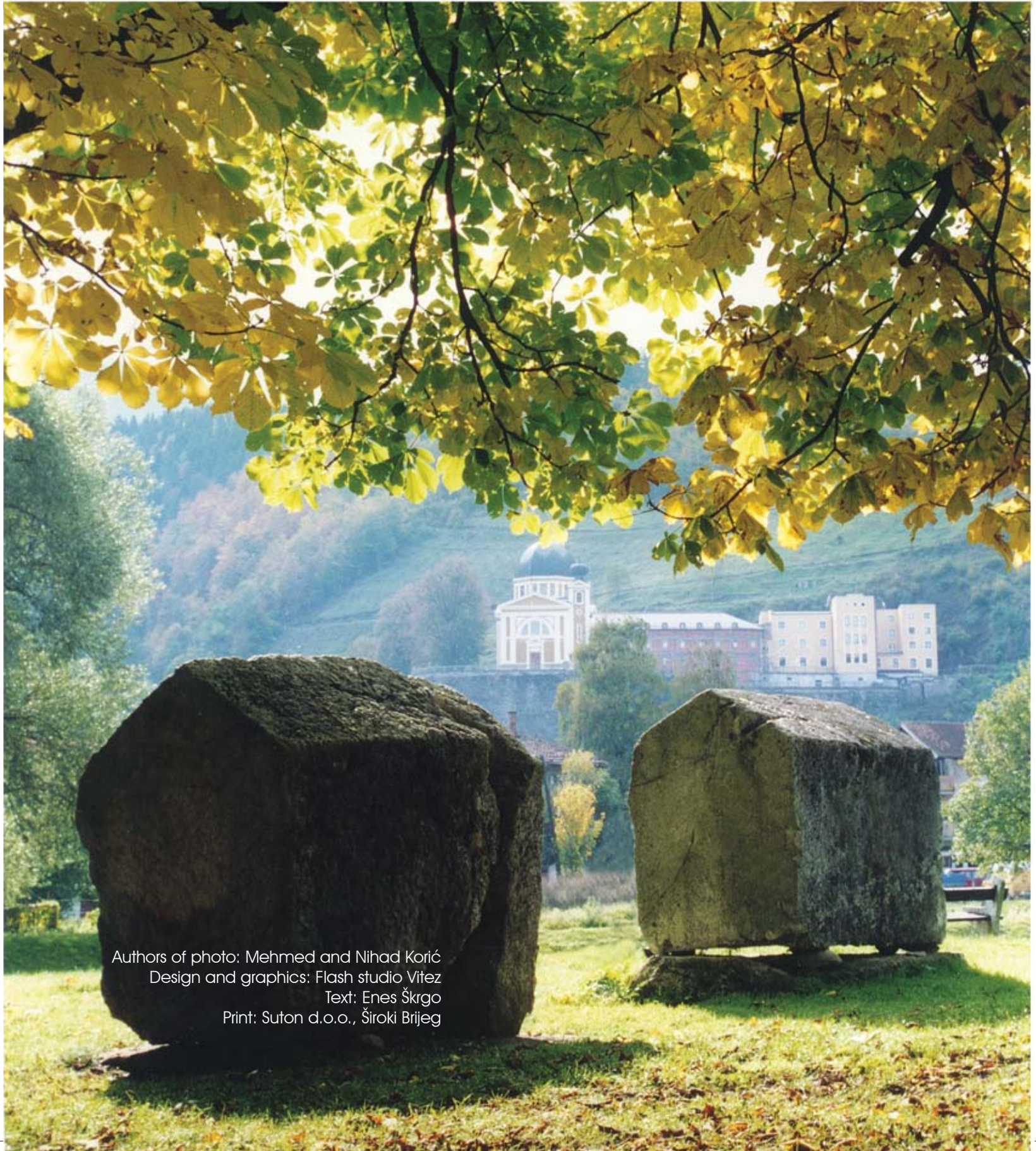
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