

MOSTAR CITY TOUR 24th April 2020.

Walking city tour at Mostar, the pearl of Herzegovina

Price per person 20,00 €ur

*** Minimum for program 15 persons**

Tour must be booked in advance

TOUR SPOTS

- The Old Bridge (Stari Most 1566/2004)
- Taste of Orient – Bišćevića corner (1635)
- Hamam (Turkish bath)
- Crooked Bridge (Kriva Čuprija) (1558)
- Karadjoz-Bey Mosque, Koski Mehmed pasha Mosque, Tabacica
- Tara and Halebija Towers (17th century)
- Museum Bosnaseum

Good to know :

➤ Tour includes :

- Guided 2 hours walking tour with licenced English speaking guide
- tickets for Karadoz-Bey's Mosque Mostar and museum Bosnaseum Mostar

➤ Dress code: your choice but please wear comfortable shoes.

➤ tour starts from hotel Mepas on 24th April 2020. at 15.00hrs.

M O S T A R

The historic town of Mostar, spanning a deep valley of the Neretva River, developed in the 15th and 16th centuries as an Ottoman frontier town and during the Austro-Hungarian period in the 19th and 20th centuries. Mostar has long been known for its old Turkish houses and Old Bridge, Stari Most, originally built 1566. after which it is named.

In the 1990's conflict, however, most of the historic town and the Old Bridge, designed by the renowned architect Sinan, was destroyed. The Old Bridge was rebuilt in 2004. and many of the edifices in the Old Town have been restored or rebuilt with the contribution of an international scientific committee established by UNESCO.

The Old Bridge area, with its pre-Ottoman, eastern Ottoman, Mediterranean and western European architectural features, is an outstanding example of a multicultural urban settlement.

Old Bridge is also world famous for its cliff diving – brave young men jumping from 23 metres height into breath-taking cold Neretva river.



EXCURSION

24th April 2020.

Half-day excursion to Međugorje

Price per person 35,00 €ur

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TOUR SPOTS

- Explore one of Europe's most important pilgrimage sites
- Attend a service in the beautiful St James Church (optional)

Good to know :

➤ Tour includes :

- Guided half-day tour with licenced English speaking guide
- Bus transfer Mostar – Međugorje – Mostar

➤ Dress code: your choice but please wear comfortable shoes.

➤ tour starts from hotel Mepas on 24th April 2020. at 15.00hrs.

MEĐUGORJE

The story of Međugorje is well known to most Catholics. In 1981 six teenagers were playing together in the hills between the villages of Medugorje and Bijakovici when Mother Mary appeared and spoke to them.

There has been much controversy over the legitimacy of the visions, so much so that the Pope has not recognized it as an official pilgrimage site. Nonetheless, millions of faithful Catholics from all over the world visit this sacred spot, and the many amazing accounts suggest that miracles are a regular occurrence here - the Virgin Mary is said to still appear every day to three of the teenagers and once a year to the other three.



EXCURSION

24th April 2020.

Half-day excursion to Blagaj and Pocitelj

Price per person 35,00 €ur

*** Minimum for program 15 persons**

Tour must be booked in advance

TOUR SPOTS IN BLAGAJ

- Tekke Monastery (Tekija Blagaj) XVI century

TOUR SPOTS IN POCITELJ

- Hajji Alija Mosque Pocitelj built in 1563.
- Shishman Ibrahim Pasha Waqf
- The Clock Tower
- The Kula
- Gavrankapetanovica House

Good to know :

➤ Tour includes :

- Guided half-day tour with licenced English speaking guide
- tickets for Tekke Monastery in Blagaj and Shishman Ibrahim -pasha Mosque in Pocitelj
- Bus transfer Mostar – Blagaj – Pocitelj – Mostar

➤ Coffee in Pocitelj is optional and at personal expense

➤ Dress code: your choice but please wear comfortable shoes.

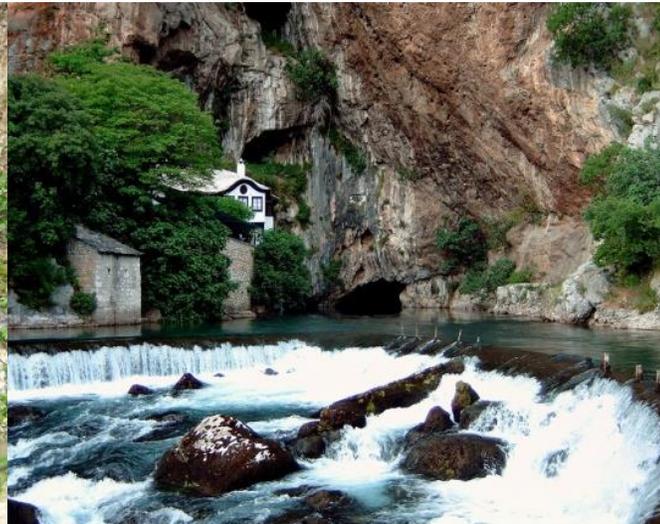
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BLAGAJ

At only 12 km from Mostar, near the small town of Blagaj, is the famous natural spring of the Buna River, the largest karst spring in Europe, with an average annual flow rate of 43 m³ per second. The spring is to be found under a 200 metre high rock and, very near it, stands the fascinating dervish Tekija monastery that, together with its surrounding landscape, creates a unique and unrepeatably scenery. The spring flows out of a rock face, 15 metres wide, and skin-divers who have seen the grotto underneath it, have discovered that the underground current of the spring continues inside for 200 metres. Its waters, particularly cold and clean are full of precious trout, endemic of streams.

Blagaj Tekija is a Dervish monastery outside Mostar, Bosnia, that's nearly 600 years old. Situated at the base of a cliff, next to the source of the river Buna, it's a unique and picturesque series of buildings that looks even better in person than it does in pictures.

The Tekija (or Tekke) was first founded during the height of the Ottoman empire. Time and rock slides have led to extensive repairs and reconstruction to the buildings. Today, thanks largely to a Turkish travel agency, the Tekke looks mostly as it did in the past.



POČITELJ

Počitelj is, alongside Mostar , Blagaj and Kravice waterfalls, the pearl of Herzegovina. It is a small village in the hills, lying on the banks of river Neretva. It is located close to city of Čapljina, on the Mostar-Metković-Dubrovnik road. What makes this village special are beautiful historic buildings that blended with nature. Town evolved between 16th and 18th century. Today, we can recognize two parts of the town: medieval and Ottoman.

If we look back to history, we can find the first recorded reference to Počitelj in 1444, when King Alfonso V of Aragon mentioned it. In 1471, Počitelj was conquered by the Ottomans, like the rest of Herzegovina too. From 1782 to 1879 Počitelj was the seat of kadiluk (area under the jurisdiction of "judge"). It was the centre of the military district from 1713 to 1835 as well. It remained within the Ottoman Empire until 1878 and after that, it becomes part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. After that Počitelj had lost his strategic importance and started deteriorating rapidly.

Besides his beautiful walls and the nature that is surrounding it, Počitelj has much more to offer. The Gavrankapetanovic house is just one of it. Building billeted in the 16th century is a typical example of the residential architecture of the village. This is the only house in town to have separate rooms for man and women. The Šišman Ibrahim-Pasha mosque or Hajji Alija mosque is a mosque also built in the 16th century. It is giving the site a unique Ottoman and Islamic spirit. Both of these buildings were significantly damaged in the last war in Bosnia and Herzegovina and repaired in the 21st century.

Besides them, the most notable buildings are a fortress on top of the hill and Sahat Kula (Clock Tower). Climb the top of the hill, through cobblestone path, with the scent of fresh figs and pomegranates along the way. For the reward, you'll get a magnificent view on Neretva valley from the fortress. Tip: sunsets are pretty amazing from up here. You can also buy delicious fruits picked by hardworking locals.

Počitelj is also a home of Počitelj International Art Colony. This is where artists, mostly painters, from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the whole world gather every year to create and share experience in this wonderful ambient that architecture and nature created.

Pocitelj is nominated for UNESCO World Heritage site.

