

# EXCURSION

## 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Full day excursion to southern part of heart shaped country, Herzegovina.**

**Price per person 70,00 €**

**Tour must be booked in advance**

### PROGRAM SUMMARY

- 08.00hrs departure from Sarajevo
- 09.30hrs Short break at Jablanica, 2<sup>nd</sup> World War battlefield
- 11.00hrs arrival to Mostar
- 11.00 – 14.00hrs guided walking tour
- 14.00hrs transfer to Blagaj
- 14.30 – 15.30hrs lunch at restaurant Vrelo Blagaj
- 15.30 – 16.00hrs visit to Blagaj Tekke
- 16.00hrs transfer to Pocitelj and free time for traditional coffee with delights
- 17.00hrs transfer to Sarajevo

**Good to know :**

- Tour includes :
  - Guided full day tour with licenced English speaking guide
  - tickets for Karadoz-Bey's Mosque Mostar, museum Bosnaseum Mostar, Blagaj Tekke Monastery
  - Lunch at restaurant Vrelo Blagaj ( fresh grilled trout from Buna river, season salad, dessert, one non-alcoholic beverage)
  - English speaking tour leader during whole journey
  - Refreshment at bus ( water)
- Coffee in Pocitelj is optional and at personal expense
- Dress code: your choice but please wear comfortable shoes and sun cream.
- tour starts from hotel Europe Sarajevo on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021. at 08.00hrs.
- estimated return to Sarajevo at 20.00hrs.

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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.





# B L A G A J

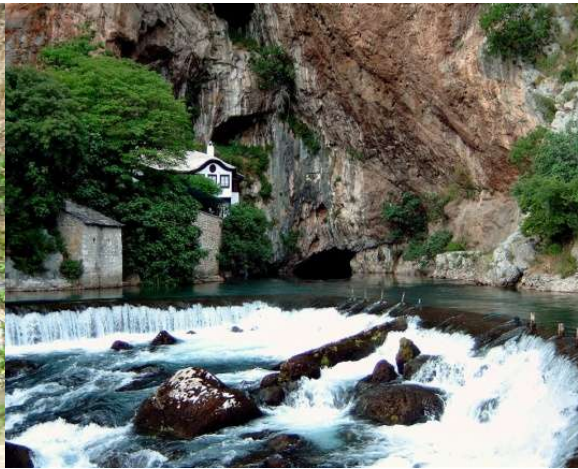
At only 12 km from Mostar, near the small town of Blagaj, is the famous natural spring of the Buna River, the largest karst spring in Europe, with an average annual flow rate of 43 m<sup>3</sup> per second. The spring is to be found under a 200 metre high rock and, very near it, stands the fascinating dervish Tekija monastery that, together with its surrounding landscape, creates a unique and unrepeatabe 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.



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# 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.

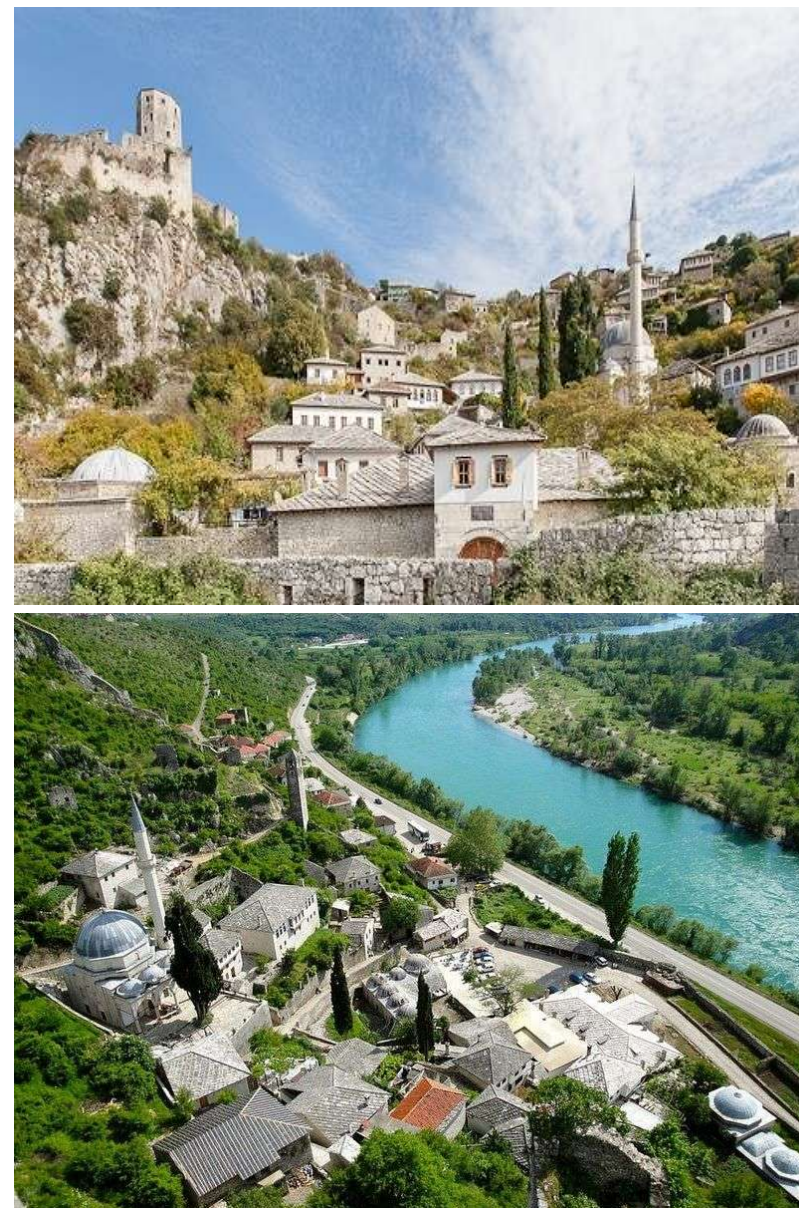
If we look back to history, we can find the first recorded reference to Počitelj in 1444, when King Alfonso V of Aragon mentioned it. In 1471, Počitelj was conquered by the Ottomans, like the rest of Herzegovina too. From 1782 to 1879 Počitelj was the seat of kadiluk (area under the jurisdiction of “judge”). 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.





# Restaurant VRELO Blagaj

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<http://www.restoranvrelo.com/>

Below the Buna is situated attractive restaurant drowned in the surrounding neighborhood so that you have feel like is always have been there even since water source, so warmly offers guests relaxation. fish and memorable holiday moments. The restaurant is traditionally a place where people know they can be worth a moment of eternity if we use it. Unforgettable moments, where the nature of the richest way of showing its splendor, and the people who love to go to her in a hug.

Restaurant "Vrelo" is unique and offers a wealth generously as Buna and almost impossible to domestic and foreign guests, to your desire from the menu can not be fulfilled here in full. Fish specialties are especially nice flavor in this picturesque area. Your hosts will at your request organize the ceremony of your choice, weddings, celebrations, with superior service and with special privileges.

Unforgettable moments with Buna and remembered as a heavenly experience and we are pleased.

