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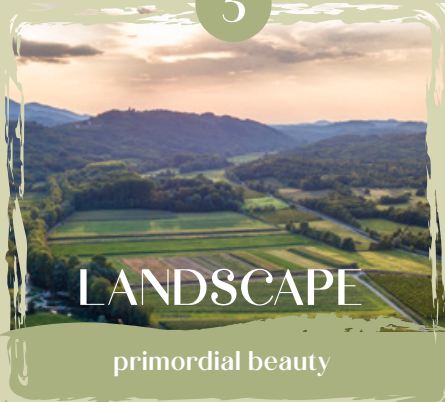
Vipavska dolina



VIPAVA VALLEY

UNIQUELY DIFFERENT. ALL YEAR ROUND.

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LANDSCAPE

primordial beauty

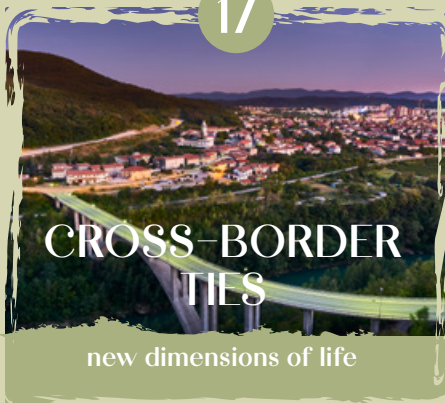
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ACTIVE HOLIDAYS

relaxation & adrenaline

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CROSS-BORDER TIES

new dimensions of life

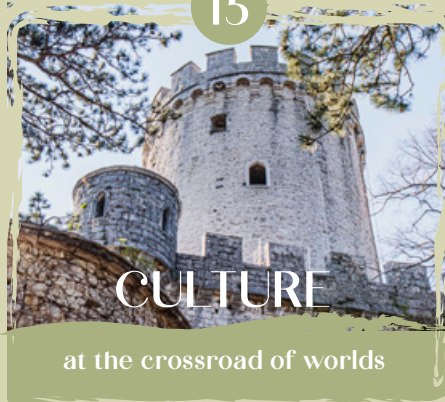
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WINE & CUISINE

extraordinary flavours

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CULTURE

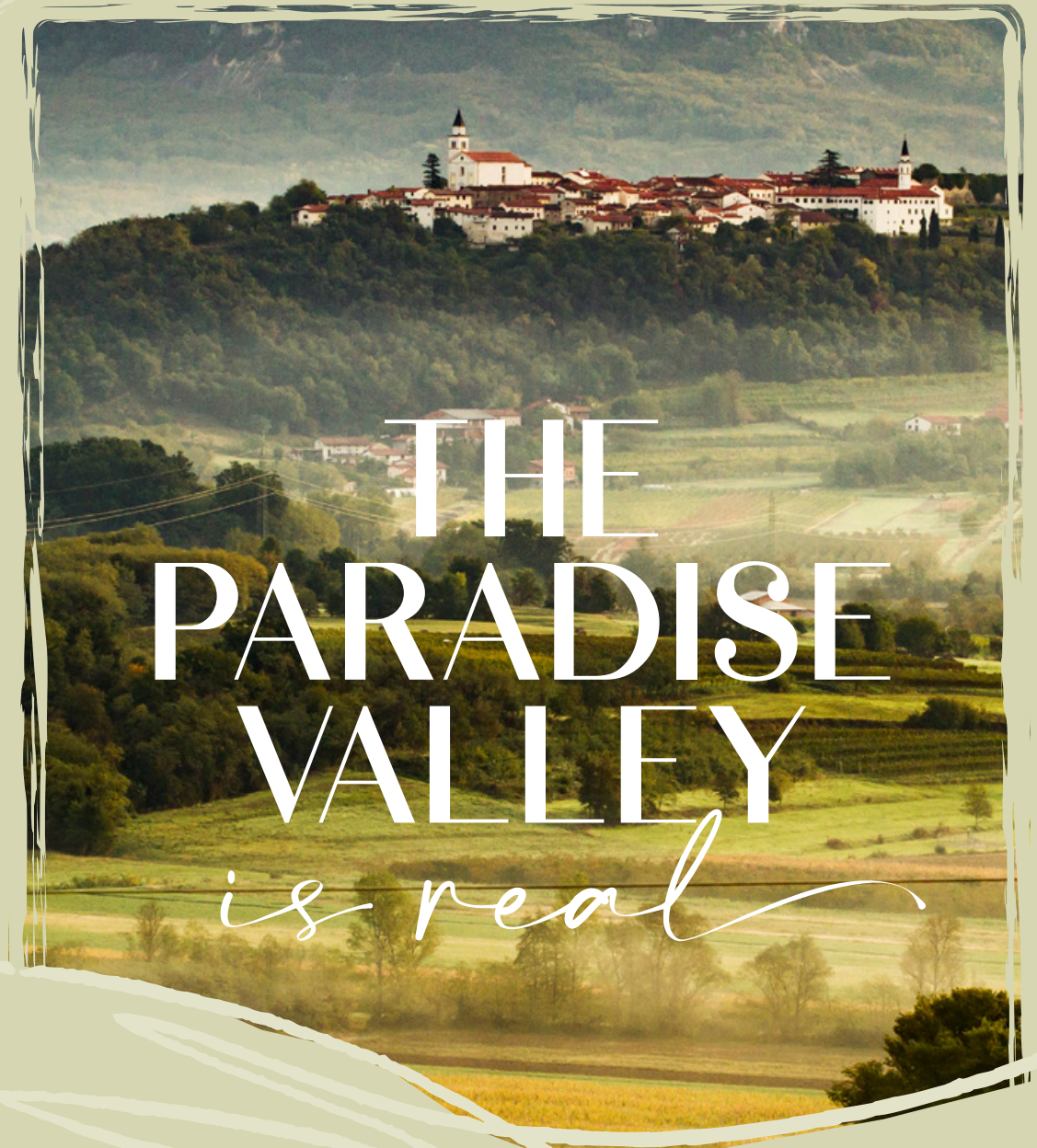
at the crossroad of worlds

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EXPERIENCES

genuine hospitality



THE PARADISE VALLEY

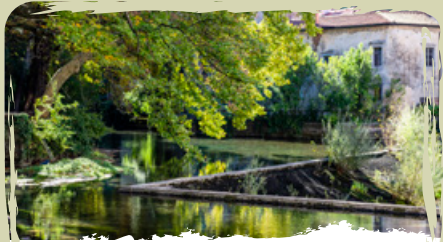
is real

Taste a fantastic luxury of flavours,
enjoy diverse activities in nature,
discover culture at the crossroad of worlds.
Vipava Valley is uniquely different. All year round.

A WORLD THAT STAYS *in your heart*

Welcome to vivid uniqueness filled with contrasts. The fertile Vipava Valley, protected by tall plateaus on one side and softly enclosed by low winegrowing hills on the other, to the west leans against the urban centre of Nova Gorica and opens up into the plains of cross-border Goriška.

A distinct climate with influences of the Mediterranean, many sunny days, gentle winters and the characteristic powerful burja wind excites lovers of outdoor activities. The wonders of the natural sights and diverse scenery of the landscape pamper our visitors and guests. All year round.



SOURCE OF THE RIVER VIPAVA

Europe's only delta river spring



WINEGROWING VIPAVA VALLEY

hills covered in vineyards

EXPERIENCES

wonderful views from the edges and peaks of tall karst plateaus

unique karst phenomena and pure water springs to explore

the meandering River Vipava and its lush greenery



RIVER VIPAVA

unique riverbank ecosystem



TRNOVO AND BANJŠICE PLATEAUS

unspoiled nature with karst phenomena



OTLICA NATURAL WINDOW |

natural bridge at the edge of the Gora Plateau

EXTRAORDINARY *flavours*

A country is truly discovered when tasting its gifts. On this note, Vipava Valley wines are simply exceptional. Wine lovers are thrilled by the rare old local varieties, especially the indigenous Zelen. Ripe fruit straight from the branch invites enjoyment on as many as seven months of the year. The specific climate also makes for exquisite dry meats.

The Vipava Valley and vicinity of Nova Gorica are known as the garden of Slovenia. A broad variety of garden crops, like the Solkan radicchio and asparagus, offer seldom-enjoyed riches. The land also matures some excellent cheeses. Home dishes are always seasonal here, prepared from fresh local ingredients.



VIPAVA VALLEY PROSCIUTTO | reigning supreme in local cuisine

EXPERIENCES

guided winemakers' tastings in the cellar along with home snacks

traditional Osmica events opening farms to visitors for a week

cheese dairy tour with local cheese tasting



VIPAVA VALLEY WINES
unique wealth of varieties



LOCAL DISHES
rich culinary tradition



RADICCHIO FROM GORIŠKA
impressing with aroma and looks



JOTA STEW
timeless comfort food



HOMESTEADS AND AGRITOURISM FARMS
simple traditional dishes

ENTER THE WORLD OF
heavenly flavours

Top chefs & highlights of the culinary offer

Select restaurants serving genuine dishes

Wine-culinary guided experiences

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TRADITION AND *passion*

The principle from garden to table lies at the very heart of this place. The seasonal nature of menus is considered self-explanatory by the locals, whose culture rests on a rich culinary legacy that makes traditional and modern dishes alike healthy, wholesome and perfectly colourful.

Family inns and haute cuisine restaurants with celebrated chefs, crowned with stars and recognitions of the prestigious Michelin Guide, invite you to a luxury of flavours. Agritourism farms prepare simple dishes from local ingredients, while the boutique wine cellars of the valley, where ancient tradition meets contemporary winemaking, pamper with splendid wine tastings.



WINE CELLARS
the secrets of outstanding Vipava Valley wines



CULINARY MASTERPIECES
modern interpretations of local heritage



FROM GARDEN TO TABLE | genuine seasonal flavours

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, *all year round*

The Vipava Valley and Nova Gorica excite with their tremendous variety of activities in nature. Cycling and hiking, free flying, cross-country running and climbing, adrenaline experiences, kayaking and paddleboarding, fishing and horse riding all connect guests with spectacular, unspoiled nature.

A diverse landscape with over 1.000 metres of altitude difference offers a wide selection of trails and activity difficulties. The land is also the setting of famous international competitions in cross-country running and cycling.



MOUNTAIN BIKING | marked trails of tall karst plateaus



**PARAGLIDING
AND FLYING**
in tandem with an
experienced instructor



**PADDLEBOARDING
AND KAYAKING**
River Vipava caters to
lovers of water sports

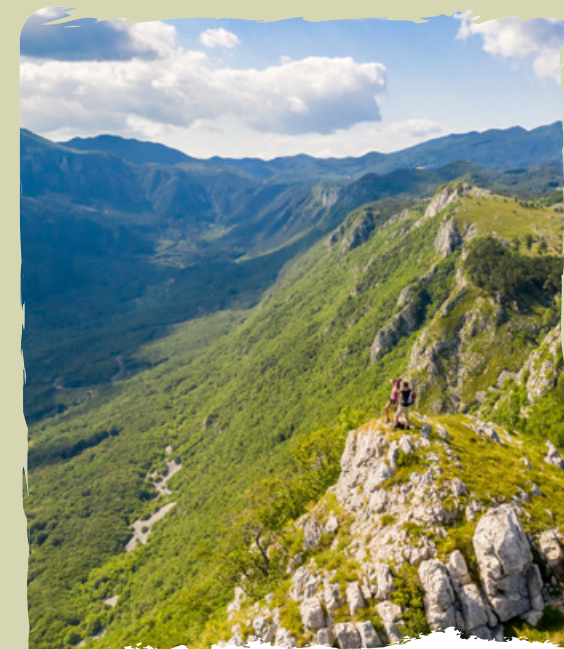
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Top active experiences

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Inspiration for exploring
the Paradise Valley

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HIKING TRAILS
scenic and breathtaking sights



THE MAGIC OF ANCIENT VILLAGES
exploring folk tradition

ENTER THE
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*cycling between
flavours*

The best
Bike & Taste experiences

A paradise for
cycling exploration

Trails for challengers
and beginners

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PARADISE VALLEY'S *delights*

No matter which activity you choose, each relaxing adventure, training session or adrenaline dose in the Vipava Valley is enriched by the company of the locals and seasoned guides with their stories. Most paths will eventually take you to fascinating natural and cultural landmarks. A luxury of sights worth experiencing!

And then, the distinctively unique: roads here will lead you to tasting opportunities along the way. Exploring the Paradise Valley on bike, you can choose popular or solitary trails to your liking. In the Vipava Valley and the cross-border Goriška, embark on our special Bike & Taste experiences, cycling from flavour to flavour.



IN PRIMORDIAL NATURE
far from the beaten path



GOAL: LOCAL FLAVOURS
enjoying
traditional dishes



BIKE & TASTE EXPERIENCES | adventuring the winegrowing hills

STORIES AND IMAGES *of yore*

Here, where worlds meet and where different cultures have been influencing each other for millennia, the stories of ancient Roman forts, medieval castles, Renaissance and Baroque Manor Houses and countless churches continue to live on. Their magnificence and simplicity reflect the spirit of their builders and visionaries, all of whom left a deep mark in the area.

It's especially important to note how even despite the turbulent history of the region, the precious cultural heritage managed to survive up until the present day. Two ancient monastery libraries, one in Vipavski Križ and another in Kostanjevica, and a number of artworks across castles and churches make up the invaluable treasure of the Vipava Valley and attest to the historically cosmopolitan character of the Goriška Region.



RIHEMBERK CASTLE | mighty medieval castle above Branik



ROMAN FORTRESS CASTRA
preserved Roman remnants
in Ajdovščina



ZEMONO MANOR HOUSE
Late Renaissance manor with
a stellar restaurant



CERJE MONUMENT OF PEACE
majestic fortress and museum, breath-taking views from Cerje



VIPAVSKI KRIŽ
walled medieval town

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Paradise Valley's
mysteries

Web app with pearls of
local cultural heritage

Revived legends of the
Paradise Valley

Top cultural landmarks

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CONURBATION OF TWO *cities*

Right by the newly-drawn border after the Second World War, when then regional centre Gorica was left on the Italian side, grew Nova Gorica, city of parks, roses, nightlife and casinos. Decades later, the border is gone and the two towns (Nova Gorica and Gorizia) have merged into a conurbation of two languages and two cultures.

Today, the Goriška Region fosters cross-border cooperation and is

set to develop into a Europe-wide unique area of coexistence between two cultures drawing inspiration from each other. Discovering landmarks on both sides of the border, experiencing the pulse of the shared town square and witnessing first-hand how the border has been disappearing makes for a very special travel experience.



EUROPE SQUARE

common square of
the two Goricas



MT SVETA GORA

famous pilgrimage site
with a basilica and monastery



SOLKAN BRIDGE

world's biggest stone
arch railway bridge



TOMB OF THE BOURBONS

crypt of the last
French kings in the
Kostanjevica Monastery



SABOTIN PARK OF PEACE

themed park of
First World War heritage



NOVA GORICA | unique conurbation with Italian Gorizia

HOSPITALITY AND A DIFFERENT pulse

Natural wonders and attractive cuisine create a joyous atmosphere in the valley, while heavenly experiences are conjured up by its local people. They gladly open the doors of their homes, inviting guests to private tastings and treating them with attention. Local guides prepare custom adventures, revealing the hidden corners of the land.



VIPAVA VALLEY FARMS
traditional hospitality & local delicacies

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top experiences

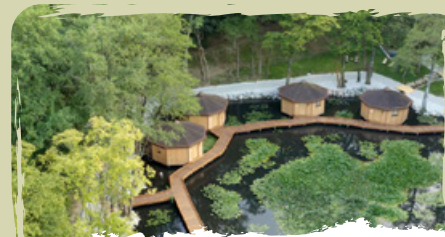
thrilling adventures

wine-culinary journeys

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HOTELS
comfort and excellent wine and cuisine



COUNTRYSIDE ACCOMMODATIONS
unwind in rooms, apartments, camping or glamping

GREAT REASONS *to visit*

Vipava Valley and Nova Gorica embrace the principles of sustainable tourism. Unspoiled nature and green living are important values of the local people. More than half of the

destination's terrain is part of the protected Natura 2000 network, offering many pure springs of drinking water. Safe and welcoming, just like the land.

GREEN GUIDE
green tips for visiting the Paradise Valley

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IN THE HEART OF EUROPE, *at the crossroad of worlds*

With its geographical position at the western edge of Slovenia, just by the Italian border – less than half an hour's ride from the Bay of Trieste in the Adriatic Sea, and less than

an hour away from the Julian Alps, the Vipava Valley and Nova Gorica reside literally in the middle of one of Europe's most picturesque parts.



INFO POINTS *Vipava Valley*

useful information

—
helpful tips

—
brochures and maps

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