



**Baška grapa** (THE BAČA RAVINE) is a narrow land, squeezed between the banks of the river Bača, between villages **PETROVO BRDO** and **BAČA PRI MODREJU**. Steadily caught in the safe embrace of mountains, under the mountain range Spodnje Bohinjske gore on one side, and under Mt. Porezen, Mt. Kojca and the plateau Šentviška planota on the other, the river vigorously indents into narrow gorges, precipitous ravines and damp hollows, while still leaving some room for pleasant grassy areas. Picturesque villages, planted across sunny terraces high below mountains, are complete opposite to valleys.

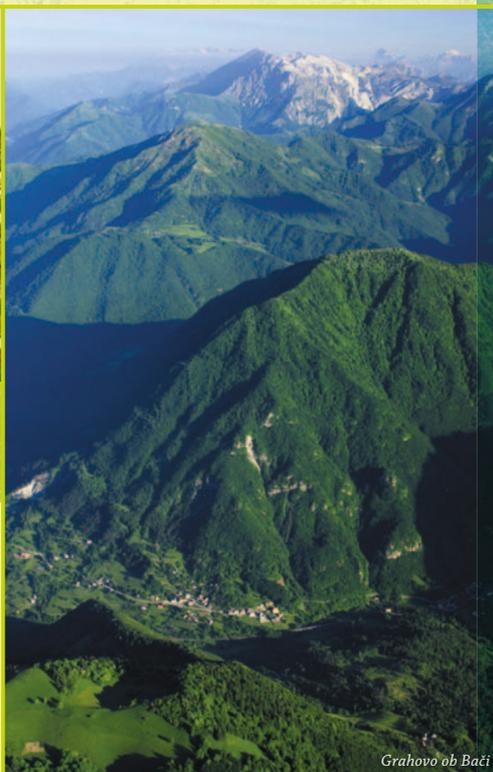
Tyrolese people, who inhabited the area in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, shaped the character of the upper part of Baška grapa. Their legacy is preserved in surnames, the typical language of older inhabitants and geographical names. The valley, where road and railroad were constructed no sooner than at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, becomes somewhat wider in its lower section, where the landscape with the river Bača finally calms down.

## Natural Attractions

The slopes above Baška grapa, particularly flower carpets on **ČRNA PRST**, which is justly called the botanical gardens of Europe, are true **FLORAL GEMS**, which have been captivating the interest of botanists and visitors of the mountain world for centuries. Between Porezen and Črna prst grows an endemical plant, called **SHORT-HAIRED SANDWORT** (*Moehringia villosa*), a tiny white plant that blossoms from May to the end of July. In 1778 it was discovered by the botanist Karl Zois. In Grahovo ob Bači one can also find a rare Mediterranean fern, **SOUTHERN MAIDENHAIR FERN** (*Adiantum Capillus veneris*).

In the centre of the **MOUNTAIN VILLAGE RUT**, just along the Church of St. Lambert, stands one of the mightiest trees in the country, the **OLD LINDEN TREE** (*Tilia*) with a trunk circumference of **8 METRES**. It is hollow in the middle, so it is difficult to determine the correct age, but it is estimated that it is around 500 years old.

Baška grapa is a **VALLEY OF CLEAN WATERS**, with the river **BAČA** pushing its way through, and streams **KACENPOH** or **MAČJI POTOK**, **DRISELPOH**, **KORITNICA** and **KNEŽA** flowing into it. There are also two easily accessible and picturesque waterfalls: the 15-metre **WATERFALL RUSCOV SLAP** above Podbrdo and the **SOPOTA WATERFALL** above Podmelec, which falls over a 60-metre wall into an oval river pool. In the depths of Klavže springs up **DICOVA VODA**, which has a constant temperature and never dries up, so it is classified among the so-called »good waters«. It has long been known among the locals that it contributes to general well-being.



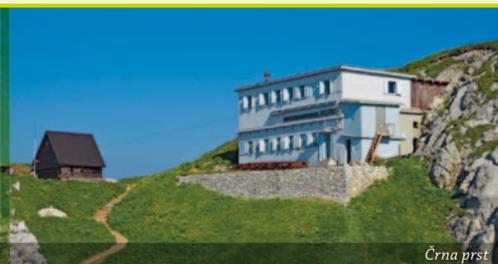
## Hiking and Mountain Running

Baška grapa and its gorgeous scenery are perfect for hiking, thanks to a multitude of trails – **SLOVENE ALPINE TRAIL**, **MOUNTAIN PATH LOŠKA PLANINSKA POT**, **PATH OF COURIERS AND COMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS**, **GEOLOGICAL PATH BETWEEN RUT AND STRŽIŠČE**, **EUROPEAN FOOTPATH E7**, **VIA ALPINA** – many old routes connect picturesque villages. At the same time it is an excellent starting point for climbs to numerous surrounding peaks: **ČRNA PRST**, **SLATNIK**, **LAJNAR**, **MOŽIC**, **ŠAVNIK**, **KOBLA**, **VRH BAČE**, **RODICA**, **KOTEL**, **KOBIJLA GLAVA** and **POREZEN**.

A varied terrain of Baška grapa and the peaks rising above it are challenging even for mountain runners. Every year in September, the locals organize the **IVAN ANDERLE MOUNTAIN RUN TO ČRNA PRST**, the oldest organized mountain run in Slovenia. The challenging trail running treat, **PODBRDO TRAIL RUNNING FESTIVAL**, takes place in June.

## PODBRDO TRAIL RUNNING FESTIVAL

Every third weekend in June is a holiday for mountain runners. Competitors can choose among as much as four mountain trail runs. The youngest participants can test their skills at Mini GM40 (1-3 km). Beginner runners can opt for a 12-kilometre »Graparski trimček«, marathon runners can stay loyal to the **legendary GM40** (42.2 km, 2,800 m of ascents and 2,800 m of descents), and the most invincible of them all can embark on the »Ultra Pušeljč Trail« – **UPT** (100 km, 6,000 m of ascents and 6,000 m of descents).



## Cultural Attractions

The tool-making and horseshoe-making **KOGOJ BLACKSMITH'S FORGE** in Klavže dating back to 1907 preserves an exceptional item of technical heritage – an iron spring forging machine, which is a unique example of manual making of such forging machine in Slovenia and an example of Slovenian heritage and an individual's resourcefulness. The Kogoj forge is today a **MUSEUM COLLECTION**.

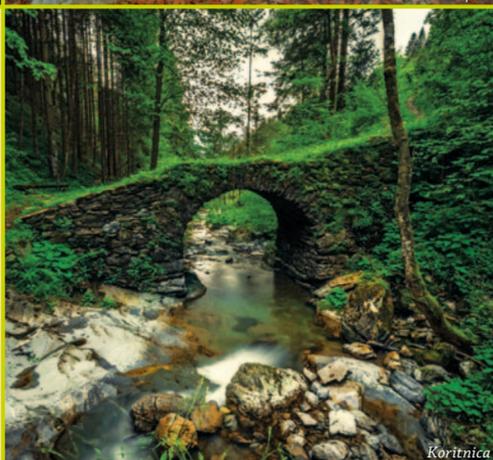
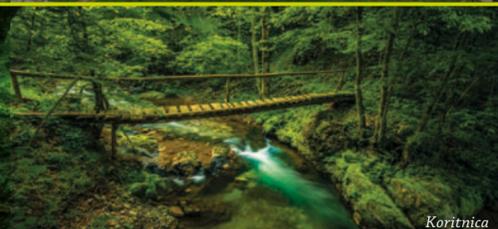
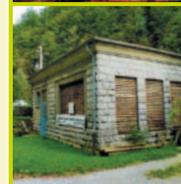
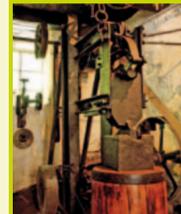
More than a hundred-year old **PRANGAR MILL** with a Venetian saw along the Ravtar stream in Znojile is unique, because it was not propelled by a mill wheel, but a turbine. On the opposite side of the stream, the **JAKA BLACKSMITH'S FORGE** boasts a water-powered blacksmith's spring hammer.

In the narrowest part of Baška grapa in Koritnica stands a **VENTILATION DEVICE OF THE RAILWAY TUNNEL BUKOVO**, which used to blow out smoke from the tunnel in the era of steam engines. A hundred-year-old stone building is the only preserved building of its sort in Europe.



In the old village core of Podbrdo stands a former country manor house **JAKOVKNA HIŠA** with a **MUSEUM COLLECTION** and an **INFORMATION POINT**. In the nearby Bača pri Podbrdu, in the former village dairy, visitors can enjoy an **EXHIBIT** entitled *Bača skozi čas* (*Bača through time*). The village is also proud of a unique **NATURAL SAND PAINTING** *Pomnik hribovski materi* (*Monument to the mother of mountains*) of the artist Stanka Golob from Grahovo ob Bači.

A rich heritage of the past of Baška grapa also includes sacral monuments, which are embellished by paintings of Clemento del Neri, Zoran Mušič, Franc Seljak and Anton Krainz.



## FESTIVAL GRAPAR

The Grapar Festival in summer **august** days offers fun and excitement for all generations: sports activities, transfer of knowledge and preservation of heritage, education and workshops, market, music and fun, and socializing. The festival connects the whole region of Baška grapa and introduces its colourful offer by adding new features to its entertainment program every year.

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## BOHINJ TRACK AND MOTORAIL

Baška grapa and Bohinjska Bistrica are connected by the longest railway tunnel in Slovenia, which is 6,327 metres long. It was opened in 1906 and covers a section of the Bohinj railroad. In the period of the Austrian and Hungarian monarchy it was a component part of the important European Prague-Trieste railway line. Even though after the World War II it was excluded from international traffic, a multitude of tunnels, galleries and bridges still make it one of the most exciting railway tracks in Europe. You can also travel through Baška grapa by motorail - you can enter or exit in Most na Soči, Podbrdo or Bohinjska Bistrica.

## Cycling and other Activities

Baška grapa is also perfect for cycling adventures. You will enjoy the steadiest ride, if you opt for the lowland **CYCLING ROUTE ALONG BAŠKA GRAPA**. You can add some extra spice to your journey by taking the train or motorail in one direction. Somewhat greater physical fitness is needed for ascents from Kneža to Ljubinj and from Klavže and Grahovo ob Bači to Šentviška planota or towards Zakojca. Anyway, all **MOUNTAIN BIKING ENTHUSIASTS** can choose to cycle to the Razor highlands by descending through Kneške Ravne, an attractive tour through picturesque mountain villages (Rut, Stržišče, Kal) under the circler of mountains Spodnje Bohinjske gore, and a panoramic circular path across the old Rapallo border. The cycling route Loška kolesarska pot and the cycling tour around the Julian Alps with an ascent across Soriška planina also cover a section of Baška grapa.

Baška grapa offers numerous activities for fishermen, hunters and climbers.



## Theme Trails

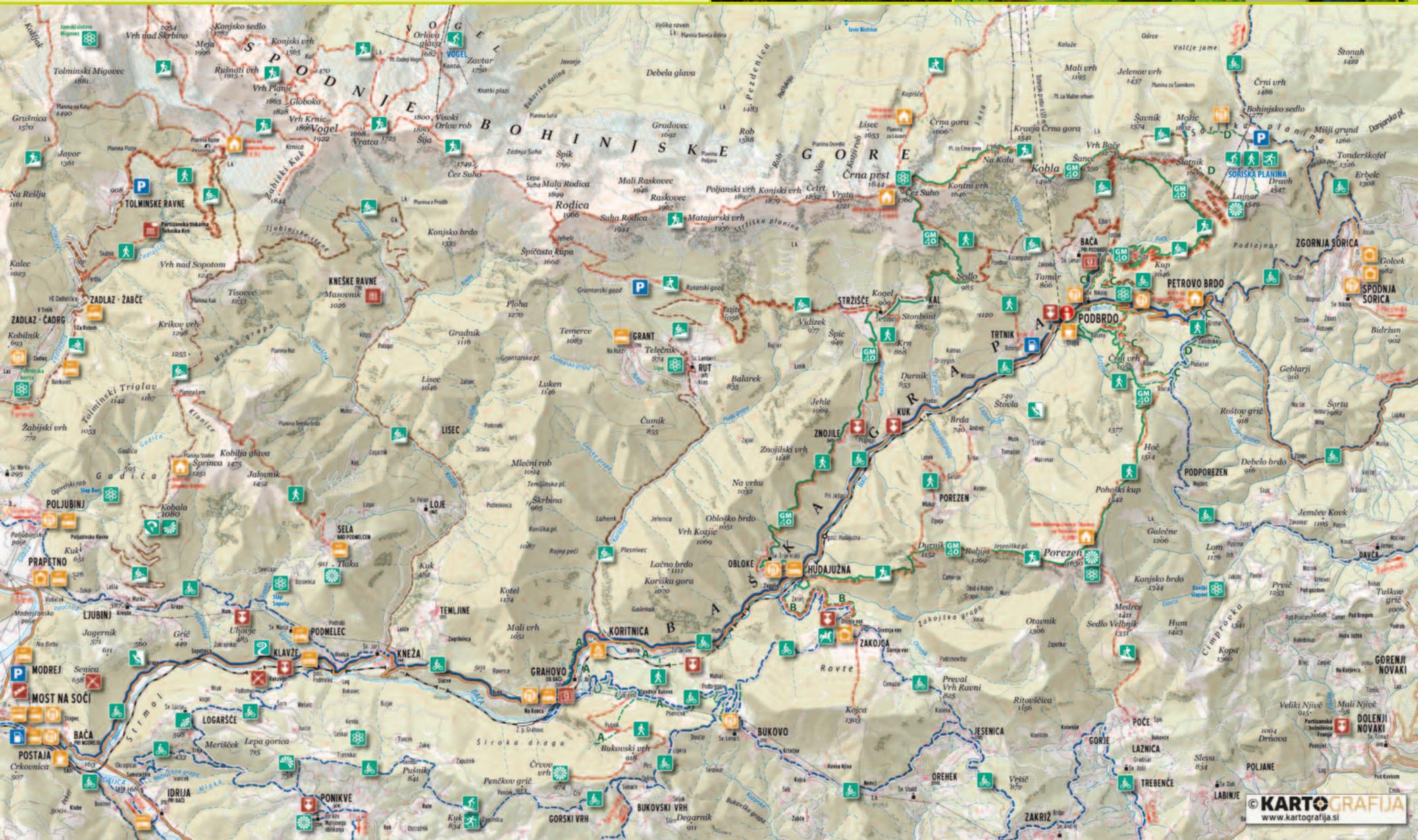
**PATH ACROSS THE OLD BORDER (RAPALLO BORDER)** follows the line of the former border between Italy and Yugoslavia, passing numerous remains from those times: border stones, shelters, mountain military posts and inscriptions.

From Podbrdo through Petrovo Brdo to the Robar hill runs a circular **TRAIL VOLFOVA POT**, dedicated to the memory of a local man, a priest and patriot, Janez Volf, and there is also the **TRAIL BEVKOVA POT** that takes you from the village of Hudajužna to the birth house of the writer France Bevk in Zakojca.

The first Slovenian full-length sound film **NA SVOJI ZEMLJI (ON OUR OWN LAND)**, which depicts the partisans and civilian population in Primorska in their fight against the 25-year-long Italian occupation, was filmed in Grahovo ob Bači and Koritnica. It was released in 1948. The film, directed by France Štiglic, based on the script of Ciril Kosmač, can be relived on the **THEME TRAIL ON OUR OWN LAND**. Theme boards with key scenes were filmed, located in places, where the most important scenes were filmed, will take you to the period of the making of the film.

### CYCLING ROUTE ALONG BAŠKA GRAPA: BAČA PRI MODREJU-PETROVO BRDO

Distance: **26,3 km** • Level: **medium** • Sum altitude: **750 m** • Surface: **asphalt**



- EASY HIKING TRAIL
- DEMANDING HIKING TRAIL
- EASY CYCLING TRAIL
- DEMANDING BIKING TRAIL
- SKI SLOPE
- CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
- ROCK CLIMBING
- PARAGLIDING - TAKE-OFF SITE
- HORSE RIDING
- NATURAL SIGHT
- SPRING
- VIEWPOINT
- HOTEL
- APARTMENT
- TOURIST FARMHOUSE
- MOUNTAIN HUT
- CAMPING SITE
- INN, RESTAURANT
- BAR
- CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE SITE
- OUTDOOR MUSEUM
- GALLERY
- ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE
- WORLD WAR I BATTLEFIELD
- INFORMATION
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- CYCLING TRAIL
- MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL
- GMM40 (ALPINE MARATHON)
- ALPINE TRAIL
- THEME TRAILS:
  - A** ON OUR OWN LAND (NA SVOJI ZEMLJI)
  - B** BEVKOVA POT
  - C** VOLFOVA POT
  - D** RAPALLO BORDER

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