Drežnica AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

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The DREŽNICA AREA lies at the foot of the western side of Mountain Krn, surrounded by continuous range of mountains and hills. In the area lay DREŽNICA, DREŽNIŠKE RAVNE, MAGOZD, JEZERCA and KOSEČ hamlet. Sunny hills, once pastures and meadows, embrace villages and give the impression of calming warmth. Streams descend from the mountains through number of waterfalls and water the land, which is still diligently farmed by

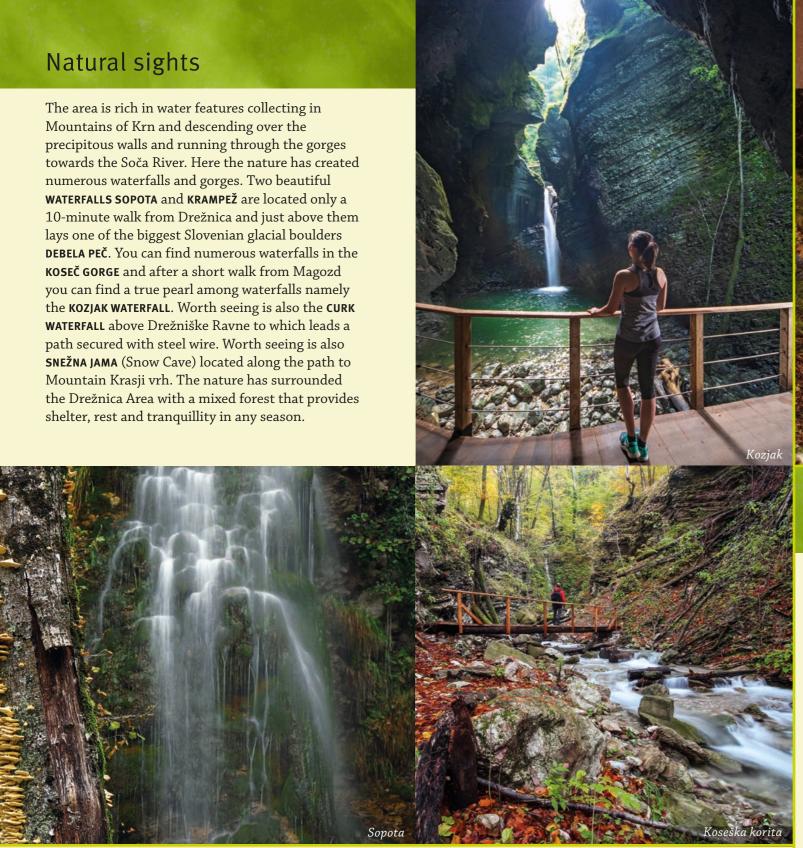
the local people. Here you will be able to find spots to relax and rest as well as plenty of opportunities for sports activities and recreation. The area is an excellent starting point for hikers, mountaineers, paragliders and cyclists. There is also a range of interesting things for history lovers and lovers of ethnology to see as well.



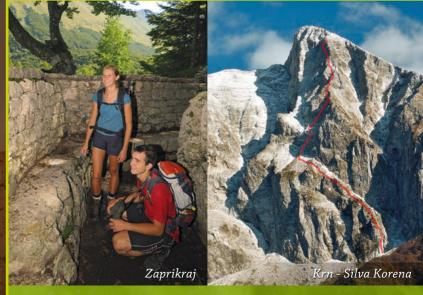
Cultural sights

Besides the prominent CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS in Drežnica, built just before the First World War, there is yet another sacral monument worth seeing in the area, namely the CHURCH OF ST. JUST in Koseč with interesting frescoes built in 13th century. The permanently open **PRIVATE COLLECTION BOTOGNICE** displays the horrors of First World War. Art lovers are recommended a stroll from Drežnica to Koseč where the works of art workshops with the title "Lepota v lesu in kamnu" (Beauty in Wood and Stone) are displayed along the trail.









Hiking



Drežnica and surrounding villages are an excellent starting point for hikers. The area offers conditions

DREŽNICA CARNIVAL

The Drežnica Carnival, where the unmarried boys participate, is one of the more known Carnivals in Slovenia. The Drežnica Carnival is a very old traditional Carnival of pagan origin. The wooden masks are carved out by the boys themselves thus passing the lively cultural heritage on from generation to generation. TA LEPI and TA GRDI (the Pretty Ones and the Ugly Ones) that lure locals and numerous visitors outdoors form a procession with various other masks and bring happiness and joy to the inhabitants. TA LEPI (the Pretty Ones) visit every house in the village and wish the locals all the best by dancing and making music and are given gifts by locals in form of treats and money in return. During the event various other masks keep on entertaining visitors. The most typical masks of the Drežnica Carnival - TA GRDI (the Ugly Ones) chase children and sprinkle them with ashes. This unique custom can be seen on Shrove Saturday in Drežnica and a week prior to that in Drežniške Ravne.





Theme Trails

The First World War has profoundly marked the places along the Soča River. The POT MIRU Trail (Walk of Peace), which runs through a former battlefield, also stops at the **OUTDOOR MUSEUM ZAPRIKRAJ** where restored positions of Italian army are located that silently display the horrors of the war. One-of-its-kind monument is also the military chapel on the Planica Hill, past which a connecting trail runs toward the Krn Village.

CIRCULAR TRAIL THROUGH THE KOSEČ GORGES is routed along the footpaths which were already used by our ancestors. It starts in the village of **KOSEČ** in the vicinity of Drežnica. It leads past the CHURCH OF ST. JUST, which is one of the oldest sacral monuments of the Kobarid area, and past the Stopnik Waterfalls (STOPNIK I (22 m), STOPNIK II (16 m), **STOPNIK III** (21 m) and **STOPNIK IV** (25 m)) all the way to the occasionally wild and hardly accessible 60-metre-deep Koseč Gorges which are not entirely open to visitors. Visits require the use of appropriate hiking footwear.

ALPE ADRIA TRAIL is an international project that connects the Grossglockner with the Adriatic Coast. The trail runs through Austrian part of the Carinthia Region, through Kranjska Gora into the Soča Valley and from there through the Venetian Slovenia to Brda Hills and through the Italian and Slovenian Karst to Trieste. The trail leads to one of the most beautiful stages on this route called Drežnica along



the left bank the Soča River going from Bovec and continues its way from the village on the Walk of Peace Trail over the Planica Hill to the Mountain pasture Kuhinja, where it descends through the Krn Village into Tolmin.



for any activity possible from a short walk to the viewpoints of **GRAD** and **MALE SKALE**, a lovely all-day mountaineering tour to **MOUNTAINS**

KRN, KRASJI VRH, VRATA and VROII to taking up a challenge and climbing the **WESTERN SIDE OF MOUNTAIN KRN** along the secured climbing route. The mountaineers can enjoy refreshments at the shelter on the top of Mountain Krn or in the mountain hut on the Mountain pasture Kuhinja. The adventurers can spend the night at the bivouac shelter under Mountain Črnik. In winter you can climb the peaks with tour skies above the Drežnica Mountains and glacial climbers can climb numerous frozen waterfalls under the foot of Mountain Krn.



INFORMATION ABOUT KOSEČ GORGES TRAIL Lenght: 3,3 km Time of walking: 2–3 hours Difficulty: medium demanding circular trail Starting point: center of Koseč village





Other Sports Activities

Intact and dynamic nature can be experienced in many ways. Steep slopes of the mountains are ideal for the take off of many paragliders that use the favourable air currents for flying from spring to autumn. The forest trails and roads with little traffic offer great joys to mountain bikers and excellently equipped climbing areas with routes of almost any intensity level attract sport climbers. Kayakers and canoeists can also get enjoyment here since the Soča River, the most beautiful alpine river, is only a short distance away. Either a stroller or an extreme sport athlete; there is something for everyone here.



Veliki vrh

DREŽNIŠKI ŠTRUKLJI

Life in these places has never been easy and comfortable which reflects itself also in the local cuisine. Among numerous local dishes drežniški štruklji (rolled dumplings) is the dish that steps out and is well-known because of its various versions and various names in every surrounding village and town. Dumplings are a dessert used to be made only during bigger holidays. The dumplings are fist-sized pockets made of unleavened dough filled with walnuts and raisins covered with melted butter and bread crumbs. This well-know culinary speciality is becoming a growing mark of Kobarid's cuisine.













The Drežnica Goat is the only recognized autochthonous Slovenian goat breed. Together with the Bovec Sheep Breed they represent a majority of animal husbandry in the villages of Drežnica Area. Proud animals, usually black-coloured and sometimes with deer-like skin, graze in flocks on the planes of Mountain Krasji vrh and can be seen by the visitors in the enclosures above Drežnica and Drežniške Ravne. The breed is very resilient and is capable of living in the most unfavourable conditions in the mountains. Some breeders make goat cheese out of its milk.



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