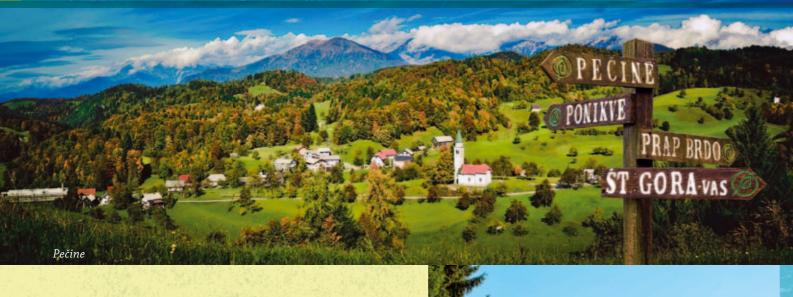
# Šentviška planota











The vast pre-alpine plateau in the triangle between BAŠKA GRAPA, the VALLEY OF IDRIJCA RIVER and the **CERKNO HILLS** excels in picturesque scenery, and boasts a series of ethnological monuments and examples of folk architecture and frescoes. The image of cultural landscape shows that people in this area have been involved in farming, land cultivation, cattle breeding and fruit growing from old. A varied terrain, intertwined with a multitude of roads and paths, invites hikers and cyclists. And peaks that stand out from the landscape promise magnificent views.

#### Plečnik in the Primorska region

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY IN PONIKVE delivers a superb interaction of past and present. The gothic church during the Middle Ages and later a baroque church, which was burned and demolished during the World War II, was given a completely new look in 1958. The architect Jože Plečnik has changed the existing position of the altar and turned the aisle towards the village, and added a shed to the entrance and accentuated it architecturally with a round bell tower. Because of its past, position and specific image the church was declared a **CULTURAL MONUMENT** by the decree of the municipality of Tolmin and is the ONLY MAJOR WORK OF PLEČNIK IN PRIMORSKA.



### Mill and sawmill in Nart

In the 1920s, the MILL and SAWMILL under the village Daber were built along a stream, which takes its source under a massive rock. Thanks to its shape and position, the triangular pool provided sufficient pressure for propelling the mill wheel, which was positioned lower. The preserved mill is a testament to the inventiveness of people, who manufactured metal pipes and the mill wheel from weapons and other remnants of World War I. Brass cartridges, for example, were melted and transformed into slide bearings of the mill mechanism. Directly under the mill is a pool, which collects water for the purposes of the saw (the original pool used to stand somewhat lower), with a metal pipe, which was also created from the World War I remains, connecting the two.



#### **JAKOBUS GALLUS CARNIOLUS**

Šentviška Gora is one of the three Slovenian towns, which are mentioned as the possible birth place of the great Renaissance

composer Jakobus Gallus. This is supported by the village tradition, which was passed from generation to generation, and is connected to a rooster, once painted on the house no. 105, with the house name "pri Petelinarju" (Roosters').

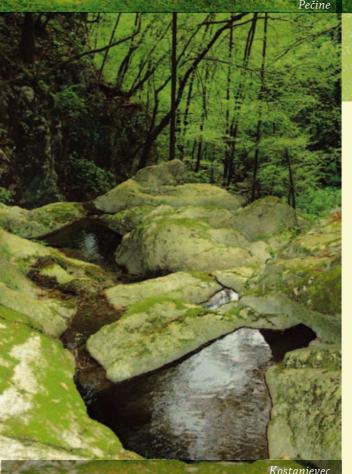


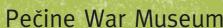


#### Wooden granary in Pečine

Granaries, which were usually situated next to houses and agricultural buildings, represented great wealth to a farm family. The granary in Pečine, dating back to 1778, was built from thick ash and beech tree timber, which guaranteed safe and quality storage of food. Thick and steep roof served as an insulator, and the wooden floor lifted from the ground enabled constant circulation of air. Inside people used to store RYE, BARLEY, BUCKWHEAT, OATS, WHEAT and SEEDS. DRIED **MEAT PRODUCTS** were hung on poles below the ceiling, and floor of the granary were filled with wicker bottles full of **HOME-MADE** FRUIT BRANDY and NEW WINE, and bowls of DRIED FRUIT.







The dark history of both world wars is presented in the WAR MUSEUM IN PEČINE, collection tells stories weapons dictated the fate of simple people,







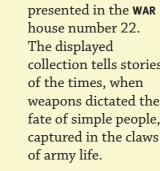
#### Natural attractions

Šentviška planota, the island of karst scenery in the midst of non-karst landscape, boasts numerous karst phenomena. The plateau has no surface-running waters on a fairly balanced surface and the few minor sources disappear underground as early as after a few meters. Two distinct sinkholes ("ponikev") are located in the suitably-named village Ponikve. A share of water, which accumulates in a field in the middle of the village in heavy rainfall, runs off to the swallow hole at the edge of the village, and another share disappears in the chasm under the Jeraj homestead. Supposedly, this hole is connected to KRASNICA, the most beautiful underground cave in the gorge of the Kostanjevec brook, which is 200 metres long. In addition to this cave, several other underground caves and tunnels can be found in the slopes above the stream, such as ZIDANICA, ZEVKA, NOSNICA and POLŽENCA, to name only the ones we know so far.

THE GORGE OF THE KOSTANJEVEC BROOK is a typical regional element, considering its erosion- and corrosion induced shapes, speleological objects and drain regime, so in 1999 it was declared A NATURAL MONUMENT by the municipality of Tolmin. Down the ravine, with its central part referred to as Žlebi by the locals, you can reach villages Ponikve and Pečine by following a once important footpath.









#### Other activities

Hiking and running enthusiasts can enjoy over 40 kilometres of well-groomed dirt roads, forest paths, cart tracks and asphalt routes, which are also properly marked on all major and important intersections. Hikers can reach the plateau Šentviška planota by climbing a picturesque trail through **ŽLEBI** with a starting point in Slap ob Idrijci or following a forest path from Stopnik. Sports fields in all villages on the plateau invite visitors to enjoy football, volleyball, basketball and other sports. There are also playgrounds for your little ones.

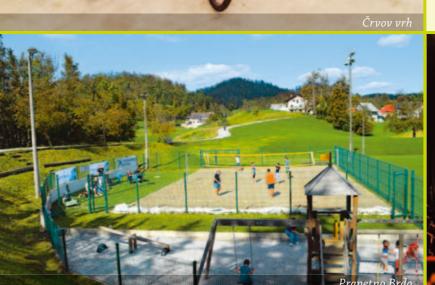
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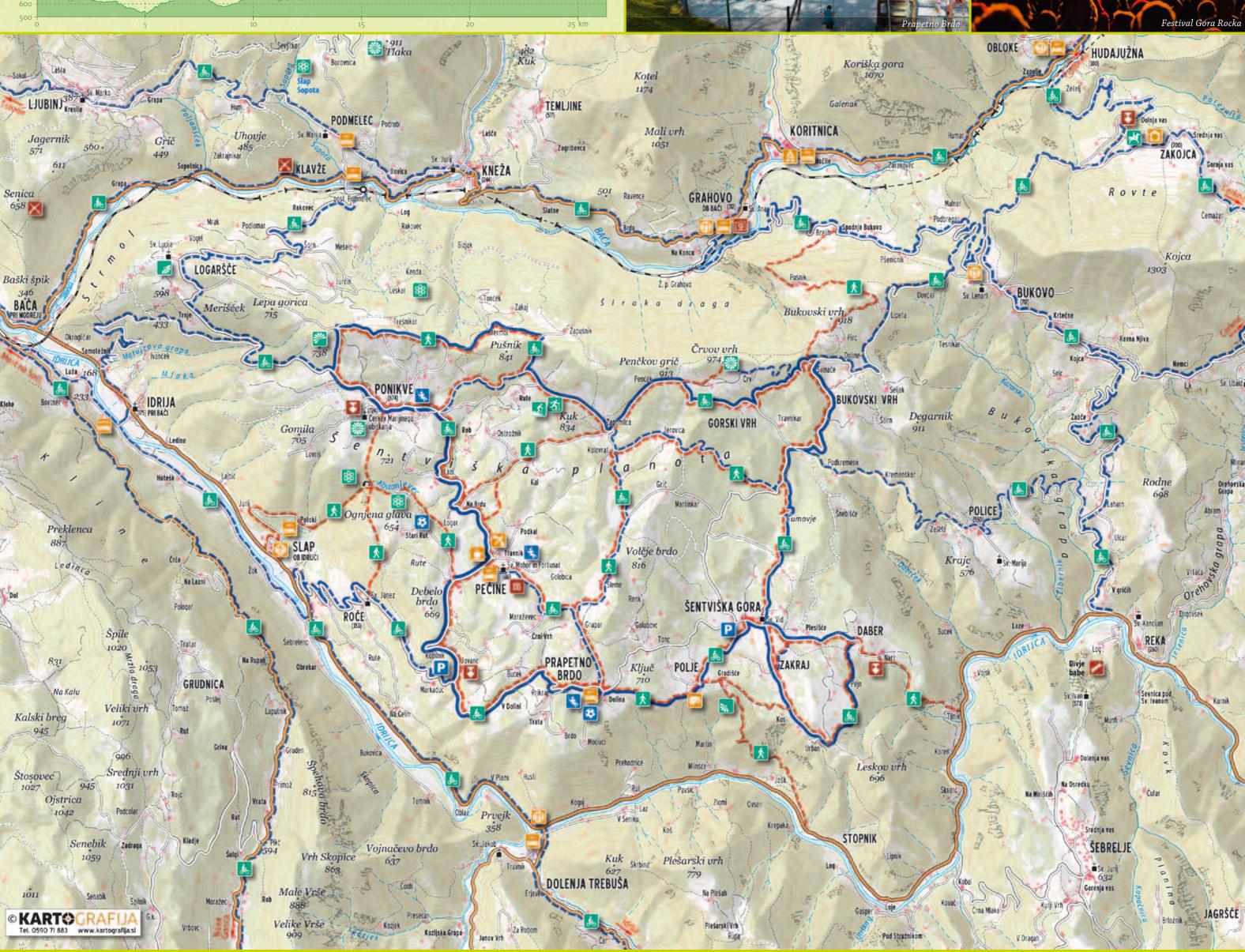
Ponikve called **SUŠE** with a drag lift, two ski jumps, and a cross-country skiing trail in the vicinity. Winter time on Šentviška planota, when snow covers the land, is a TRULY IDYLLIC EXPERIENCE.

ŠENTVIŠKA PLANOTA is also a venue of numerous successful events, such as the charity festival GORA ROCKA (music festival), POZDRAV JESENI (sport and social gathering), NOČNI POHOD NA ČRVOV VRH (night hike), and many others.











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