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ATTRACTIONS and ACTIVITIES
Discover Cerklje na Gorenjskem

Active time off for every season in Cerklje

» The charm of the country side and intact nature in all diversity and beauty.
» Numerous options for recreation and relaxation: Krvavec, Štefanja and Šenturska Gora, ponds Češnjevek and Lahovče ponds and many other places in lowland in Cerklje surroundings.
» Beautiful views, luxuriant flora and exciting fauna.
» Relaxing connection with animals.
» An opportunity to purchase domestic products.
» The spirit of landscape and numerous churches.
» The magnificence of church of Saint Mary of the Assumption and the monastery Velesovo in Adergas.
» Ignacij Borštnik birthplace and other cultural heritage monuments.
» The charm of Strmol castle and estate.
» Numerous entertainment and social activities.
» Genuine domestic food and selected contemporary cooking.
» Wide range of accommodation for every taste and pocket – from romantic alpine log cabin to castle.

That and even more offers picturesque rural environment of Cerklje.

Learn about natural and cultural Heritage of Cerklje, introduced by local guides. Enjoy in locals hospitality. They will treat you as one among them and find the way to fulfill your wishes.

Reveal Cerklje on foot, by bicycle, motorcycle, car or riding a horse. Jump with the parachute from Krvavec; you will be rewarded with unforgettable sensation, deep relaxation and feeling of becoming one with nature.

Cerklje has leading position in an annual competition for the tidiest small town in Slovenia. The results of the recent study show that Cerklje inhabitants have the best quality of life among 211 Slovenian municipality.

We suggest to experience about that yourself. We welcome all visitors, tourists and investors. Maybe you will choose Cerklje for your new or second home, just like storks who found safe dwelling on the roof of presbytery and are always coming back in this part of Slovenia.

Life in Cerklje is good and we hope we will see you soon again.

Your Cerklje na Gorenjskem Tourist Board
Experience tradition and contemporaneousness intertwining

PEARLS OF AN INTACT NATURE
- Magnificent slopes of Krvavec
- Tempting corners of Štefanja and Šenturška Gora
- Romantic banks of Češnjavek ponds and Lahovče pond

RICHNESS OF CULTURAL HERITAGE
- Charm of Strmol estate and exciting stories of the manor
- Energy of numerous churches
- A home of great Cerklje residents - a theatre creator Ignacij Borštnik and a composer Davorin Jenko
- Preserved monuments of the past – life in Cerklje once

REGULATED WALKING, HIKING AND BICYCLE TRAILS

VIBRANT ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES

GOURMET DELIGHTS - CULINARY EXPERIENCES OF CERKLJE

IT’S NICE IN CERKLJE COUNTRYSIDE
- Additional information and tourist offerers contacts
- In grateful thanks for making these guide
Krvavec is situated on the peak of the Kalška mountain range, side ridge of Kamnik-Savinja Alps which rises north of the main city in Ljubljana basin. Former glacier has rounded up the slopes. Over time the sparse trees and pines have been cut down and Alpine meadows have been created around the mountain peak. Mountain herdsman’s huts differ from the herdsman’s huts on adjoining mountains in building material; they are not built up out of wood but out of the stone. Krvavec is in the altitude range its pastures in the winter transform in perfectly maintained ski runs. In the summer the mountain pastures and the ridges around Krvavec offer pleasant hiking because of mountain hinterland and places with a fine view. There are two pastoral communities in the area of Krvavec which unite land owners: Pastoral community Jezerca and Pastoral community Kriška planina. From the midst of June to the midst of September approximately 350 livestock units graze on around 290 ha intended for pasture. Only 25 km from the capital of Slovenia Ljubljana and 8 km from the biggest airport in Slovenia. You can reach Krvavec by the cable car; it is also accessible for cars and bicycles by mainly asphalt road from Cerkje via Ambrož pod Krvavočem, but enthusiastic hikers can reach it by foot. Magnificent slopes of Krvavec

Krvavec - mountain in the Kamnik-Savinja Alps (1853 m) with winter ski resort and summer recreational centre RTC Krvavec which spread across the slopes of this mountain; it was once populated with hunters and herdsmen (9th - 16th century) and according to legends it was also a home of the Pagan giants (of the ‘velikanov Ajdov’).

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The first Sunday after the Assumption Day there is a blessing in Plečnik St. Mary’s chapel. Every Sunday in July, August and September there is a mass after 15.00 p.m.

The legend of pagan girls (ajdovske deklice) and how Krvavec got its name

The pagan girls were giants - the beauties who dreadful king of the dog-heads (pasjeglavci), people with the head of a dog, wished for. They ran away from him in to the mountains where the army of dog-heads couldn’t follow. On the mountain, high on Krvavec, they sat day and night and looked at the valley and their ruined castle.

They cried bitter tears for their father, the giant who was killed by dog-heads. Their tears were bloody and from the top of Krvavec the stream of blood ran to the lowland.

That is how the mountain got its name.

It is believed among people that white rocks on the slopes which kindly give support to tired traveler are petrified bones of the giant - the father of pagan girls.

Summarized upon the article Na Bleku na Krvavcu published on www.debi.si/debi/slo

Source: RTC Krvavec archives
Sport centre Krvavec - 30 km of perfectly maintained ski runs. Rental of ski equipment and clothing and quick equipment servicing.

Manner children’s park - various structures and varied terrain for care-free children play on the snow.

Krvavec Snow Park - for snowboarders and skiers, interested in doing tricks on various structures and jumps.

Audi Quattro giant slalom ski run with timing - suitable for recreational skiing or to organise a perfect competition.

Ski school - to take first (true) curves on snow with expert skiing and snowboarding instructors.

Daytime and night-time sledging - full of fun with family or friends.

Snowbiking - a little different type of biking which is safe, fun and suitable for all age groups.

Two polygons for children - The Gospinca polygon and polygon for beginners and sledding ground at Kriška Planina.

Numerous other activities on the snow - discovering the landscape with snowshoes and plėžuh, snow hockey with brushes, snow golf, snow sculpture competition, biathlon, target shooting with snowballs, treasure hunt, etc.
Hiking - on the slopes of Krvavec or more difficult ascents to the neighbourhood peaks

Nordic walking - safe and healthy activity for all ages

Find out about the alpine flora and fauna - herbal gathering, observing animals, have a picnic or just relax with nature

Genuine domestic food - selected dishes and guest houses hospitality

Paragliding - high position of the take-off, easy accessibility with the cabin car, excellent conditions for taking-off and wonderful panoramic view

Bike park Krvavec - 27 km bike trails and descends to suit a wide range of cycling knowledge

Summer park Krvavec - 10 activities Climbing-adventure park, the tube descend, jumping on trampoline, slackline, climbing wall, frisbee golf, archery, exciting downhills with mountain go-kart, monster roller or mountain bicycle.
The herb garden on the ecological herb farm Grilc.

Gathering mushrooms on the way to Šenturška Gora.

Heterogeneous landscape and exciting views are inviting nature-lovers to enjoy activities in the open air and spend their leisure time in the fresh mountain air.

In the intact nature of Štefanja and Šenturška Gora you can gather mushrooms and herbs, you can walk, ride, ride a bicycle or just enjoy in free moments of your time.

In the sunset ski runs in these world of stillness are covered by scarlet shine which is slowly rising up to the highest peaks of the Kamnik–Savinja Alps.
Among places to visit are also Češnjevek and Lahovče ponds.
With the nearest forest and other sustainable vegetation they became perfect reserve for different species of animals.

Peace, combined with a beauty of surroundings, and fresh alpine air are created for romantic walks or other relaxation in nature, far away from crowds and out of sight.

The ponds themselves are intended for breeding various fish species and for fishing, both for beginners and for professionals.

On the shorelines of the ponds there are many opportunities for animal observation, hunting and photo hunting.

Češnjevek ponds

Češnjevek ponds are wonderful place in the end of the village Češnjevek not far away from the centre of Cerklije. They are located near Šrmar Castle, just a few minutes walking distance along the forest trail.

The Češnjevek pond is a part of the natural preservation area – Nature 2000. The forest stream by the pond offers a living space to the Cordulegaster Heros – the largest dragonfly in Europe.

There are two bigger ponds in Češnjevek and a few smaller ones. Local people call them ponds though they extend over 4 ha in we could also say they are lakes.

After walking in a warmer weather a rest on one of the benches, which are set by the smaller pond, relishes. The ponds are also excellent objects to take nice pictures. It holds true especially in sunset when you can watch amazing play of the sun and the water.

Lahovče pond

Lahovče pond is easily accessible by car on the road from Lahovče to Cerklije na Gorenjskem. In Lahovče you turn right (by the tavern Zajc) and you drive along asphalt road about 1.5 km in the direction of Cerklije. On the right you will catch a site of pond.

If you decide to go on foot along the asphalt and not much traffic road from Spodnji Brnik, it will take you about half an hour, that is especially suitable in wet weather.

Lahovče pond boasts fishing lodge, well maintained path around the pond and some convenient benches. In the surroundings there are plenty of field trails for walking.
Walking and relaxation

Running through nature

Nordic walking

Meditation

Fishing, maybe even capital catch

Češnjevek pond
(fishes: carp, sheatfish, pike perch, amur, tench, bleak, luse, asp, roach)

Češnjevek pond
(fishes: carp, tench, amur, sheatfish, pike perch, bleak, common rudd, roach, bighead carp, freshwater perch, ictalurid)

Wildlife viewing, hunting and photo hunting

You can explore the surrounding of the ponds on foot, riding or riding a bicycle and observe great number of animal and plant species: newts, dragonflies, different species of frogs, marsh birds and birds of prey. You can try and take a picture one of rare animal species.

For organised animal observation or hunting you can contact Krvavec Hunting Association. Main species of game in the lowland of Cerklje are: rabbits, pheasants, ducks, martens, foxes, roe deer and boars. For guests who are hunting is certainly most interesting roe deer hunt; big roebuck with high trophy quality are not exception.

Did you see Cordulegaster Heros, large golden-ringed dragonfly while visiting ponds?

Large golden-ringed dragonfly is the largest dragonfly in Europe. It is European endemic specie. Wrapped in a cocoon develops 3 to 5 years, but as adult lives only 2 months.

A dragonfly symbolizes changes. It brings a warning that it is worthy to live life here and now - full life without giving something up and without regrets. It gives us an opportunity to recognize that everyday routine is not everything we have; its iridescent wings remember us that we live in the magic world.

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Charm of Strmol castle and the estate

Strmol Castle is located at the foot of Dvorjanski hrib only one kilometre away from the centre of Cerkije na Gorenjskem.

The castle was fully restored during the 2010-2012 period.

It is one of the oldest and best preserved castles in Slovenia and is proud member of Schlosshotels & Herrenhauser collection of the finest castle hotels and mansions.

Plunge into ancient stories and enjoy in harmony with nature in a peaceful arms of the Alps.

Grad Strmol (13th century), one of the oldest and best preserved castles in Slovenia

In 13th century the knights of Strmol were settled here and the stronghold took the name from them. In spite of changing the owners this name was retained.

The last owners were Rado and Ksenija Hribar during the Second World War. They created here a meeting place of prominent persons and artists of that time.

With their refined and cosmopolitan taste they furnished castle with reach collection of work of art and items of extraordinary value which are available to view.

...Sometimes I tell them how nice was life there.

They listen to me eyes wide open when I tell them what kind of silverware we had and how a gentlemen was coming from Ljubljana who played a piano...

How on broad meadows under the mansion horses were gazing free from care.

But even more they like to hear a story about little alligator, which a lady once had, and about golf, which on the green plots under Strmol Castle played mister Hribar with his friends.

Let our story to continue where their story began...

From the book I Saw Her Tonight by Drago Jančar

Source: Strmol Castle archives
Rich history of Strmol castle writes many stories which are waiting for you to discover them. You can take a good look at works of art and items of extraordinary value. Castle guides will take you through the exciting history of the estate.

**Surrender yourself to culinary taste of the chefs of the Brdo protocol estate.**

An experienced team of chefs makes demanding gourmets’ dreams a reality, from presidents’, ministers’ to kings’ and queens’; It is waiting for you to fascinate also you. An intertwine of a topmost tastes and a unique atmosphere of Strmol estate is sweet ending of protocol events and as well as other gatherings of a business or private nature.

**Unforgettable workshops for children and creativity workshops**

Entertainment takes place all the year long. Beside animation and decoration food, drink and birthday cake shall be provided. Workshops are organised in set workshop dates. They are designed for children animation, entertainment and learning.

**Your dream marriage - at the castle or in the countryside style?**

Strmol castle, covered with mysterious veil, is amongst the most beautiful wedding locations in Slovenia. The environment, filled with glorious luxury of aristocracy, is designed for boutique weddings and banquets for up to 50 wedding guests.

Golf was also played on green oasis in the lush surroundings and by lake beneath the castle during World War II. Maybe married couple Hribar was the first who introduced this wonderful sport in nature.

For Strmol castle guests, JGZ Brdo hotels guests and guests with golf club Brdo season passes five green natural grass plot for playing golf are available.

**A unique living experience - do you want to sleep like a lord of the castle?**

The Hotel Strmol Castle**** offers eleven luxurious and cosy castle chambers for up to 22 persons all together. All rooms include capacious private bathrooms which satisfy even the most demanding guests.

**Business or private meetings - when you seek a superior quality**

Because of its comfort and location near Ljubljana’s international airport Strmol castle is ideal for boutique events and business or private meetings like:
- working breakfasts, dinners and lunches,
- solemn business dinners,
- negotiations, conversations and consultations.

**Company and sweet pampering in Café Strmol**

In accessory building of Strmol Castle there is Café Strmol where you will be delighted by the charming interior with spacious terrace, children playground and peaceful surroundings. Here you can stop every day and fill yourself with energy.
Sure enough faith, hope and love have home here in Cerklje.

On less than 80 km² of this many-coloured piece of land you can visit 19 sacral objects - 17 churches and two famous Plečnik chapels: one at church of Saint Mary of the Assumption and the chapel of St. Marys of the Snow.

We invite you to discover them. Maybe you will perceive a special energy like many others do. And that is why they are coming back in Cerklje again and again.

Parish Church of Saint Mary of the Assumption (1783), the largest and most ornamented church in Cerklje

Church of Saint Mary of the Assumption is the largest among 18 churches in the municipality of Cerklje. The main altar of this church is one of the richest late baroque creations in Slovenia.

It is located in the centre of Cerklje where according to historians the first church stood in 9th century.

In early 13th century beside Mary’s church stood two smaller churches, St. Thomas and St. Michael.

The oldest church was pulled down and on premise was in 1777 according to Leopold Hofer’s plan built new baroque church; it is ornamented with work of art of Ivan Franke and Leopold Layer. The narthex was designed by Jožef Plečnik.

During the Turkish invasions church was surrounded by enclosing circular wall and four defence towers. Circular wall was pulled down in the midst of 19th century.
Church of Saint Mary of the Assumption and monastery Velesovo in Adergas

Pilgrimage for the whole Gorenjska; the most important pilgrimage is on Sunday after the Nativity of Our Lady when in procession a famous Mary’s statue is carried.

Church of Saint Mary of the Annunciation and monastery Velesovo in Adergas

Well-known is pilgrimage church of Saint Mary of the Assumption, which was once monastery church, with catacombs and the oldest statue of Mary and Jesus from around 1240.

This late baroque building is decorated by seven altar images of the famous Austrian baroque painter Johann Martin Schmidt from Krems and by pictures of Mary’s life which are the work of the most productive baroque painter in Slovenia Janez Valentin Metzinger.

Below the church are famous catacombs where nuns, who lived in the nunnery, are buried.

Near the church once stood Dominican convent Velesovo, founded in 1238.

During the Turkish invasion in 1471 monastery was quite damaged as it was largely made of wood. Current form received between 1732 and 1771.

From the old building only the eastern part is preserved, where today apartments, school and parish are.

The main altar with painting of Mary’s Annunciation

Mary’s statue with Jesus from around 1240

Catacombs, intended for nuns burial, from 18th century

J.V. Metzinger paintings from around 1747

Christmas crib in cabinet, made by nuns from the midst of 18th century

Legend of disappearing Mary...

The legend says that on the place where today the church of Cerklje stands was once an overgrown thorny area. On these place herdsmen found the image of Mary. They decided that this thorny place was not suitable for Mary, so they took it with them.

But Mary’s image kept returning to the thorny location. So the herdsmen decided to build a chapel on the area and named it Mary in the Thorns, and named the location Thornvillage or Trnovlje.

...how church got its name

Later on the chapel was replaced with a church which was dedicated to Mary’s Assumption, and two smaller churches were placed beside it, namely church of St. Thomas and church of St. Michael. Due to three churches built together people began to call the area Cerkve (churches), in the dialect of the Gorenjska region called Cérkle.

Here are still more 16 sacral objects in the vicinity of Cerklje where you can look at treasures of the art from history or just find an inner peace.

Church of St. Ambrose, Ambrož pod Krvavcem,
Church of St. Holly Spirit, Češnjevek,
Church of St. Florian, Lahovče,
Church of St. Helena, Grad,
Church of St. John the Baptist, Zgornji Brnik,
Church of St. Cross, Stička vas,
Church of St. Lennard, Sveti Lenart,
Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Pišata,
Church of St. Margaretta, Trata,
Church of St. Martin, Šmartno,
Church of St. Matthias, Zalog,
Church of St. Nicholas, Dvorje,
Church of St. Simon and Judas, Spodnji Brnik,
Church of St. Stephen, Štefanja Gora,
Church of St. Ulric, Šenturška Gora,
Plečnik chapel of St. Mary’s of the Snow, Kravec.
Home of great residents of Cerklje – theatre creator Ignacij Borštnik and composer Davorin Jenko

**Ignacij Borštnik**, great Slovenian theatre creator
(●1858 in Cerklje, †1919 in Ljubljana, where he is buried)

Ignacij Borštnik is the founder of modern Slovenian professional theatre and was also the first Slovenian professional actor.

He studied in theatre school in Vienna. He created over 400 parts and directions on Ljubljana and Zagreb stages where he worked a major part of his life. He wrote plays such as Stari Ilija, Ni moj okus, Ponesrečena glavna skušnjava and a number of poems in which he expressed his cravings for his home town.

The most important annual theatre festival in Slovenia, Borštnikovo srečanje, which grants Borštnikov prstan, is the most prestigious award for acting, carries his name.

The house in which Borštnik was born

In this house the great actor, theatrical and screen writer Ignacij Borštnik was born on July 1st 1858, as the last of alltogether 11 children of Jožef Borštnik.

The house in which Nace, as they called him, lived throughout his childhood is 200 years old and was built by his grandfather Janez, who was a mayor and teacher in Cerklje. It was recently with great efforts and his own money renovated by Borštnik’s relative Tomaž Novak.

With the conservation and restoration of the house a lot of original elements, such as pavement, wall paintings, carpentry and heating elements were preserved.

Visitors can gain an insight into the life and work of Ignacij Borštnik which is represented also on the exhibited information-panels on the upper floor and experience the way of living in such house over a century ago.

**Davorin Jenko**, composer and conductor
(●1835 in Dvorje, †1914 in Ljubljana, where he is buried)

Slovenian and Serbian composer and conductor, as well as member of Serbian academy of science and arts started his education in Cerklje, but he soon changed school to Kranjska mestna šola. After graduation in Kranj he continued his studying in Ljubljana, Trieste and Vienna.

Together with Simon Jenko he founded the Slovenian singing society. After working for some years as a choirmaster, he started working as bandmaster and conductor of Serbian national theatre where he stayed until his retirement.

In the beautifully tended memorial park you can see busts of six important men whose activities and work gave important contribution to development and recognition of municipality of Cerklje and the treasury of Slovenian culture as well.
Discover how rich people, wealthy innkeepers, enterprising farmers and beekeepers lived in Cerklje once.

Visit villa of former mayor of Ljubljana Ivan Hribar and great Petrovec house in the heart of Cerklje.

You will get most perfect picture of that and pleasant and most exceptional experience at the same time, if you visit beekeeping farm museum Strupi in Spodnji Brnik.

Preserved monuments of the past – life in Cerklje once

Hribar’s villa with a memorial room, the centre of Cerklje

The famous mayor of Ljubljana bought a house on the opposite side of street, known as Lukež’s house, in 1886 and transformed it into his beloved summer residence.

The summer villa represents high living culture of late 19th century, and is marked by historical style of that time with classicist window frames and wooden, richly ornamented house front.

The particular element of the house was an outside electrical installation, the very first one in Cerklje, which was installed in 1924 after Čimžar Fredi, an American immigrant, constructed a the power plant.

The central part of the villa, the memorial room and its park, is managed by Gorenjska banka, d.d. For visiting the house an advance notice and arrangement with Zavod za turizem Cerklje is necessary.

Petrovec House, the centre of Cerklje

Immense house with rich front and frescoes gained the image we see today in mid 19th century, which is documented by the year 1863, engraved on the house portal. That was the time when its owners started running an inn.

The house became an eloquent witness of the way of life and thinking of rich country people of that time.

Today are in Petrovec house, which was once a residential house that ran an inn until the World War II, Touristic information centre Cerklje, a gallery, museum, and library. The museum exhibits archaeological and ethnological collections. The archaeological collection represents archaeological sites in Šmartno, while the ethnological part of the museum exhibits items from a private collection.

The gallery in Petrovec house offers art exhibitions which represent the creativity of various individuals and members of different societies.

Beekeeping farm museum Strupi, Spodnji Brnik

The keepers of the private beekeeping farm museum will gladly take you through the history of beekeeping.

Through the rooms of the renovated old building will guide you a rich collection of beekeeping and farm tools.

The exhibited items, such as clay pottery, shoemakers tool and other useful objects, represent the tradition of farm life in the past.

In the museum is also beautifully arranged shop which offers different types of homemade honey, propolis, pollen, honey liquor and products made of bees wax.
You can use blazed hiking paths, mountain paths and theme paths up to the mountains Štefanja or Šenturška Gora, Ambrož or to the top of Krvavec.

You can choose between five lowland and nine mountain cycling paths, six of which are located in the Bike park on Krvavec.

Information panel with a map stands in front of Petrovc house in the centre of Cerklje and all paths on field are marked with orientation boards.

The paths lead along cultural, historical and natural sights and inns, which add up to your trip.

Walking and hiking paths

Walking-recreational path Under the forest canopy

ADERGAS – Štefanja vas – Dvorje – GRAD
(11.1 km, 3 h, easy)

The thematic path covers a part of transitional hills, placed between two geographical units – the mountainous area of the Kamnik-Savinja Alps and the plane area of Kranj field on the south, where it traverses to Ljubljana basin.

The path is meant to help visitors to get to know the beauty of nature, cultural heritage and other sights of the municipality. Most of the area with rich cultural heritage is protected natural habitat, placed into program Natura 2000.

Three hiking paths from the lowland of Cerklje

ADERGAS – Štefanja Gora (748 m) – ADERGAS
(1 h, easy)

POŽENIK – Šenturška Gora (667 m) – POŽENIK
(45 min, easy)

ŠTEFANJA GORA – Krvavec (1450 m) – ŠTEFANJA GORA
(2.5 h, easy)

Three hiking paths on Krvavec

(5 h, medium difficulty)

(5.5 h, medium difficulty)

UPPER CABLE CAR STATION KRVAVEC – KRVAVEC – Kriška planina – Plana Jezerc – Gospinca – UPPER CABLE CAR STATION KRVAVEC
(3.5 h, easy)
Cycling paths

Five lowland cycling paths

  - (16.3 km, 1 h, 94 mdh, easy)

- **CERKLJE – Pšenična Polica – Lahovče – Praprotna polica – Češnjevek – CERKLJE**
  - (23.3 km, 1.5 h, 69 mdh, easy)

- **CERKLJE – Zgornji Brnik – CERKLJE**
  - (6.1 km, 0.5 h, 28 mdh, easy)

- **CERKLJE – Dvorje, Češnjevek, Adergas, Vašca – CERKLJE**
  - (10.6 km, 45 min, 42 mdh, easy)

- **ČEŠNJEVEK – Adergas – ČEŠNJEVEK**
  - (7.8 km, 30 min, 35 mdh, easy)

Three more demanding cycling paths

- **CERKLJE – Šenturška Gora – CERKLJE**
  - (13.4 km, 1 h 45 min, 268 mdh, difficult)

- **CERKLJE – Ambrož pod Krvavcem – Jezerca (Krvavec) – CERKLJE**
  - (27.2 km, 3h 30 min, 1020 mdh, difficult)

- **CERKLJE – Grad – Štefanja Gora – CERKLJE**
  - (10.4 km, 1 h 45 min, 319 mdh, difficult)

*mdh - meters of difference in height*

Six mountain cycling paths in Bike park on Krvavec

Bike park Krvavec boasts 27 km of marked cycling and downhill paths for each taste and levels of cycling. Park offers the biggest height difference in downhill among all Bike parks in Slovenia.

- **MUCI TRAIL** (9 km, 850 mdh, suitable also for people with basic cycling abilities)

- **BAMBINO TRAIL** (1500 m, 130 mdh, suitable for beginners)

- **XC SCOTT** (6 km, 500 mdh, suitable for cyclists who like downhill as well as some ascent)

- **XC SCOTT** (5 km, 500 mdh, suitable for cyclists that like downhill as well as some ascent and cycling on different terrains)

- **ROCK’N’FLOW** (6 km, 850 mdh, suitable for experienced mountain cyclists)

- **GORSKI VZPONI** (115 km, 1160 or 1530 mdh, a more demanding ascent from the valley to Krvavec)
Cerklje hosts over 200 events every year which attract many tourists to the municipality. Especially active are numerous associations, including sports and cultural societies, whose results are recognized and highly respected also outside Slovenian borders.

We are inviting you to our events in Cerklje, no matter the season - here everybody can find something of his own interest!

**Selection of traditional tourist events**

**Spring**
- **March**: Exhibition of Easter and spring arrangements in Petrovc house in Cerklje
- **March**: Retro fest, a return to the golden age of Slovenian skiing on Krvavec
- **April**: Luža Contest, an adrenalin party with water jumps on Krvavec
- **May**: Traditional may reveille with parade of vehicles through municipal villages and a bonfire on Štefanja Gora
- **May**: Barlet’s memorial, a fire brigade competition

**Summer**
- **June**: the beginning of pasture season on Krvavec
- **June**: Barefoot hiking to Šenturska gora
- **July**: Mountain run to Krvavec
- **August**: Bike ascent for the king and the queen of Krvavec
- **August**: Fair on St. Rokus day in Cerklje

**Autumn**
- **September**: yearly solemnity with mass and procession in Church of Mary’s annunciation in Adergas
- **September**: Yearly exhibition of Painters society Cerklje
- **September**: Yearly exhibition bobbin lace makers Lastovke
- **September and October**: cultural and sports events with celebration of municipality day
- **October**: Folklore evening

**Winter**
- **October - March**: Theatre season-ticket “Nasmejmo se” in Ignacij Borštnik Cultural House (Kulturni hram Ignacija Borštnika)
- **December**: Exhibition of Christmas cribs in Petrovc house in Cerklje and Saint Nicholas fair
- **December**: Holly mass and horses blessing on Štefanja Gora
- **December - March**: Ski opening on Krvavec, Šolar na smuči, Zvoh Night Attack, competition for Miss Krvavec, Večerja na zajli on Krvavec, world snow day, Luža
- **January**: Skupaj se imamo fletno (pensioner associations’ fun event)
Cuisine of Cerklje with surroundings has strong connection to the cuisine of Upper Carniola region, but it also contains some of its own specialties.

Beside typical dishes of Cerklje the caterers' menus often offer dishes which are characteristic for whole Upper Carniola: cabbage, turnip, mush from different types of grains, pork meat, fish, stews, dough pockets (krapi), štruklji and potica.

Possibilities of catering industry in Cerklje include numerous restaurants, inns and pizzerias which offer local dishes, as well as international dishes. That way everyone can find something to suit one's taste.

Gourmet delights - culinary experiences of Cerklje

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If perfect time-off means to you picturesque nature, peaceful surroundings, animals, delicious tastes of homemade food and comfort of rural culture, then Cerklje is the perfect location.

You can expect a warm welcome and an unforgettable experience of the real countryside.

Kind hosts will present to you all the local characteristics and possibilities of spending time on their farms in the beautiful surroundings.

That is relaxing, educational and financially available experience you can enjoy together with a group of friends, your partner or a whole family.

The countryside of municipality Cerklje is mostly agricultural with small picturesque villages. Sustainable development of the area is focused on the preservation of local identity, tradition and habits, protection of the natural environment and organic production of products of local descent.

The idyllic rural surroundings of Cerklje present an excellent way of escape from the stressful and hectic pace of living in the city. Let your time slow down in the embrace of surrounding Alps with a long weekend off or a longer relaxing holiday.
Trust our hosts from Cerklje who will take you to a whole new world. Personal conversation and warmth build hearts and soul of our interpersonal relations.

Beautiful surroundings invite us to go for a walk, where we don’t need much luck to see a silhouette of a deer that jumps on the near meadows or at the edge of forest.

You can march on surrounding hills and hilltops of the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, go for a bike, motorcycle or car ride, and the more daring ones can take a look at Cerklje with its surroundings from the sky when parachuting.

Great way to spend time outside is to visit ski resort on Krvavec in winter, which offers interesting recreational possibilities also summer season begins.

The locals of Cerklje also offer horse-riding and they can take you for a hunt or fishing.

Collecting healing herbs, mushrooms and other forest fruits is also a very special kind of relaxation.

Perhaps an experienced local housewife can tell you more about their usage. She might also share recipe of local dishes with you and show you how to make them.

Take a look into everyday life on the farms in Cerklje. Have a look at goats, sheep, cows, horses, ponies, pigs... Play with the puppy, snuggle with kittens...

You can actively join the everyday chores in this beautiful landscape.

Would you like to try turn the hay on the meadow, pick apples, chop woods? Would you like to learn how to milk the cow?

After recreation in nature and working on the farm a smell of freshly baked bread and a table full of minced lard, smoked ham, sausages, butter, sour milk, cottage cheese, cheese, honey and other homemade products will wait for you.

Maybe you would like a piece of tarragon potica for a desert, accompanied by gin glass of homemade schnapps? Have a rest on a baker’s oven and try sleeping on the hayloft...
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The Cerklje Tourist Board, august, 2016

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