



TOURIST BOARD
OF THE VUKOVAR-SRIJEM COUNTY

TOURIST BROCHURE OF THE TOWN OF VINKOVCI

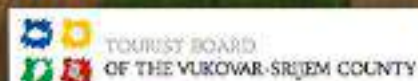


HISTORY OF VUKOVAR-SRIJEM COUNTY

The 8000 years rich history in this area makes it impossible to select the most... the most valuable, the most interesting, the most special... Some parts of our historical mosaic and heritage have crossed the borders of our fields with their importance and have become a part of European and world heritage.

The archaeological locality Vučedol, which is situated on the banks of the Danube River near Vukovar, is a place of continuous settlements and one of the most important archaeological localities in the country. Due to the importance of its findings it gave the name to a whole Eneolithic culture, and at the same time it is its origin. Vučedol was a settlement that inhabited peasants, farmers, hunters and copper processors, which had its "golden era" from 3000 to 2200 BC. The Vučedol dove was found there in 1938.

The oldest inhabited settlement with the longest continuity of living is Vinkovci. Series of archaeological findings, among them the most interesting Orion –the oldest European calendar, prove that. The pot found in the center of the town Vinkovci, on site of today's hotel "Slavonija", with a range of painted symbols is the oldest record of time measurement in Europe – 8000 years old. From that time until today, man has never left this area.



TRADITION

Customs

The area of modern-day Vinkovci has been inhabited for more than eight thousand years. Many people and civilizations exchanged here, leaving their traces behind which the archeologists uncover and in which the citizens of Vinkovci can take pride. Some of the people who passed through these lands, either through migrations or wars, influenced the life and the customs of the indigenous inhabitants - the Šokci.

Nowadays, however, the Šokci way of life is passing, and we can learn more about it by reading the books of the local writers and from the lovers of these lands, as well as by visiting the Museum or by having a talk with some newly-married woman who still lives such a life. In order to prevent the customs from being completely forgotten, many individuals, associations and institutions organize various workshops, gatherings, seminars, fairs and, of course, festivals.

To this end, many associations based in the City area work to keep alive the customs of Šokadija, which are: needleworks (embroidery, golden embroidery, šlinganje, toledo, and the like), weaving, pottery, bottle staining, gourd painting, making national garments, as well as the preservation of the authentic dance and song, customs such as picking feathers, distilling rakija and many more). You can obtain more information regarding the activities of these associations at the Tourist Office of the Vinkovci Tourist Board.

Rustic houses

Within the closer City environs it is possible to visit rustic houses where you'll be greeted by kind hosts who will take you through the treasures of their ancestors. Lodgings with comfortable feather-beds, rich gastronomical menu and a real rustic environment guarantee a good vacation.



ROMAN DAYS FESTIVAL



VINKOVCI AUTUMN FESTIVAL



GASTRONOMY

Slavonija has always been synonymous for the richness of all senses, and even today here in Vinkovci one can taste many dishes native to these lands, such as kulen, pork crackling, head cheese, crescent rolls, čobanac, fish paprikash, goose paprikash, bread with lard spread and many more, which is nicely followed up by a drink of home-made rakija (plum brandy)!

How much the preservation of the kulen-producing tradition is important for the citizens of Vinkovci, is shown by the fact that this very skill has been included in the Republic of Croatia Protected Immaterial Cultural Goods List.

The citizens of Vinkovci are not only able to recognize, but also produce a good drink, and this fact is confirmed by the National Fruit Rakija and Liqueur Exhibition, which the Tourist Board of Vukovar-Syrmia County traditionally organizes in Vinkovci for the Vinkovačke jeseni event.



WHAT TO VISIT AND EXPERIENCE IN VINKOVCI?

1. Walk in the beautiful Baroque coral in the center of Vinkovci. Square Josip Šokčević offers a beautiful park and pedestrian zone with motifs of Orion - the oldest indoeuropean calendar.

2. Visit the City Museum of Vinkovci and find out more about the oldest city in Europe - Vinkovci.


3. In the park visit the church of St. Euzebi and Polion from the 18th century.

4. Visit the birth house of Ivan Kozarac on Krnjaš.

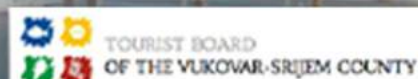
5. Walk to Krnjaš - the only remaining shocking street in Vinkovci.



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8. Visit the sports grounds in the Leniya Park and spend the day playing basketball, tennis, football or volleyball.
 9. Recreation at the indoor swimming pool "Lenije" with the possibility of a massage or visit to a nearby wellness hotel.
 10. Serve pecas and brandy pies in a cozy home environment.
 11. Visit the local kulen producers.

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12. Visit the equestrian club that offers fun for the whole family.
 13. With the prior announcement of some of the many associations for you will organize workshops for making different handicrafts.
 14. Visit some of the traditional apartments in the vicinity of Vinkovci where you can enjoy local dishes, drinks, accommodation and ambience.



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