

Experience Brda the land of invigorating moments



Enter the world of invigorating experiences in the Goriška Brda region! Come to the land of the most beautiful cherry blossoms and the golden rebula vines! It will write a sonnet of a rich multicultural heritage. It will create breath-taking views of the terraced landscape in the embrace of the mountains and the Adriatic Sea. It will enchant you in the Mediterranean ambience of olive groves, orchards and vineyards. You will be enchanted by the uniqueness of the natural heritage. And all this is captured in a culinary melody, whose rhythm is written by tradition and the local seasonal products of Brda and local farms.

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Visit a church



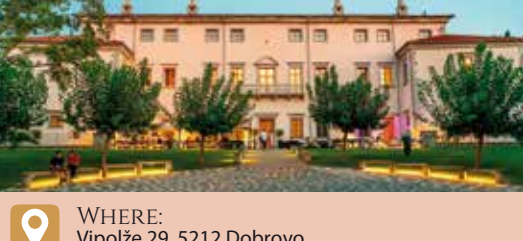
In Brda, church bells toll in almost every village, and in a handful of villages there are even two churches, but there are also villages without churches. Each church is unique, whether for its altar, its vaults, its murals or its views of the Brda countryside or across the Friulian plain. Many of them speak of an interesting legend, custom or the signature of a well-known Slovenian artist. Some even have interesting archaeological finds. Discover the extraordinary face of Brda's ecclesiastical heritage!

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1 Vila Vipolže



Slovenia's only Renaissance villa offers a true journey through time, taking you back to the era of medieval troubadours, Renaissance dances and Baroque feasts, as well as wartime and the parties of the 1980s and 1990s. Stroll through the grand *piano nobile*, take in the views across the hills of Brda and breathe in the ambience of a manor house that weaves links between worlds and people.



WHERE:
Vipolže 29, 5212 Dobrovo

PRICE: adults: €3
children under 18 yrs: €2
seniors: €1.50

WHEN:
Nov-Mar: Wed–Sun 9.00–12.00 and 13.00–16.00;
Apr-Oct: Wed–Fri 9.00–12.00 and 13.00–17.00;
Sat, Sun: 10.00–13.00 and 14.00–18.00

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3 Church of the Holy Cross in Kojsko

Visit the small late Gothic church on the hill above Kojsko, which has stood there since the 15th century. Originally an anti-Venetian camp, it contains a precious late Gothic wing altar from 1515, the work of the Villacher art school, the only one of its kind in Slovenia. The Stations of the Cross wayside shrines lead you to the church, which comes fully alive during the procession on Ascension Day, when the paintings normally kept in the church are also placed in the wayside shrines. The church has a magnificent view stretching from Sveta gora and Sabotin across the entire Friulian plain to the sea. From the area of the church, the Italian King observed the closest section of the Isonzo Front in Sabotin in the First World War. Go up to the Church of the Holy Cross, learn about its stories and see the beauty of the vast Brda hills.



WHERE:
Sv. Križ nad Kojskim

WHEN: upon prior agreement

Miloš Kumar
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2 Alojz Gradnik Memorial House



Alojz Gradnik and Ludvik Zorzut are important cultural figures in the village of Medana. Today, the house where they were both born is home to an exhibition of some of their personal artefacts, editions of their works and awards they received for their work. Domestic life in Brda at the time of birth of both personalities is illustrated by the restored and furnished hearth, surrounded by the featured Zorzut's poems.

WHERE:
Medana 51, Dobrovo

PRICE: adult: €2, groups €1.50 (price/person)
children, students and seniors €1, family ticket €4
Guided group tours: adults €3.50, seniors €3,
children and students €2

WHEN: upon prior agreement or visit the
custodian next door

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Goriški muzej: +386 5 335 98 11, +386 5 395 95 87
goriski.muzej@siol.net

4 Panoramic tower Gonjače

Climb the panoramic tower and simply admire ...

With a single glance, embrace the synergy of cultural winds, traditional wisdom and modern skills that make this one of the most magical landscapes around. Enjoy the beauty of the terraced landscape, where orchards abound, vineyards glisten, olive trees provide shelter in their wide embrace, and small villages whisper the secrets of this multicultural area.



WHERE:
Gonjače

PRICE:
free entry

5 Sabotin Hill and the Peace Park



Climb Sabotin hill overlooking the River Soča, where fierce battles took place in World War I, now a place that reminds visitors of peace and reconciliation. The traces of the Isonzo Front battles are now linked in a cross-border trail, the **Walk of Peace from the Alps to the Adriatic**. Here you can enjoy magnificent views stretching from the foothills of the Alps to the Adriatic Sea, all the way to Venice, and, in the depths, you can observe the beautiful colour of the emerald River Soča. At the hut on top, revive yourself with a local lunch.

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OPENING HOURS:
Apr-Oct: Fri 10.00–18.00, Sat, Sun and holidays 8.00–19.00; **Nov-Mar:** Fri 10.00–16.00, Sat, Sun and holidays 8.00–16.00

Outdoor museum – guided tours
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robert.bavdaz@siol.net

THE BRDA CIRCLE OF PEACE HIKING TRAIL AND THE SABOTIN VISITOR CENTRE AND THE PEACE PARK

The 11.5 km-long circular thematic trail, the Brda Circle of Peace, starts on its ridge at the Sabotin Hunting Lodge. The visitor centre, with its well-equipped museum and info point, and the many remains on display at the outdoor museum, is an important stop along the route. At other information points along the way, you will also learn about the diverse flora and fauna of Sabotin and, by walking among the military tunnels, you will reach the actual stone pyramids. Each of these stops will offer you a special experience, and you will be happy to return again and again and again to find peace in its embrace.



SABOTIN VISITOR CENTRE AND THE PEACE PARK

OPENING HOURS: Sat, Sun and holidays:
Apr-Oct 10.00–18.00
Nov-Mar 10.00–15.00

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sabotin@nova-gorica.si

6 Šmartno – a medieval village



The medieval village of Šmartno is certainly one of the most picturesque villages in Brda. The houses clustered around the Church of St Martin, after which the village takes its name, together with the five towers, exude a special charm. The imposing Baroque church also boasts beautiful frescoes. Walk through the village, see the exhibition of paintings scattered among the houses, visit the artisan shops, the olive bar, the wine bar with more than 200 different wines or providers of local delicacies, feel the pulse of Brda life and discover how the village has preserved or changed its image over time.

WHERE: TIC Brda
Šmartno 13, Kojsko

WHEN: **Apr-Oct:** Mon–Fri 9.00–17.00, Sat, Sun and holidays 10.00–18.00; **Nov-Mar:** Mon–Fri 9.00–16.00

GUIDED TOURS: check the available dates and prices at www.irmatours.eu or write book@irmatours.eu

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7 Brda House – Šmartno



Learn about the Brda residential culture of the past and the development of the Brda House over time. You can do this at the Brda House in Šmartno, which is brought to life by the objects on display, which capture the imagination with their narrative power. The cellar, which the Brda locals rightly call the wine cellar, was once not only a place for storing wine, but also for drying meat, storing tools and much more. The objects on display provide a concise overview of the process of vineyard cultivation, grape processing and wine care.

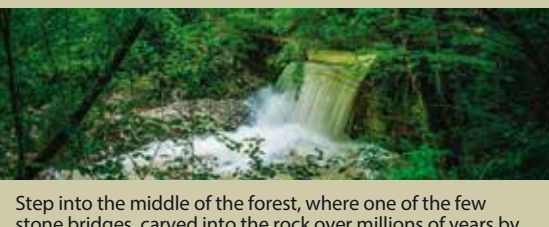
WHERE:
Šmartno 50, 5211 Kojsko

PRICE:
free entry

WHEN:
Apr-Oct: Mon–Fri 9.00–17.00,
Sat, Sun and holidays 10.00–18.00;
Nov-Mar: Mon–Fri 9.00–16.00

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8 Kotline and Krčnik



Step into the middle of the forest, where one of the few stone bridges, carved into the rock over millions of years by gurgling water, rises above the stream. The Kožbanjšček has carved out an extraordinarily picturesque gorge called Krčnik. The latter is around 40 metres long and up to 6 metres wide and 6 metres deep. The most unusual is the first, vast pothole. Around the middle of the basin, a natural bridge splits, beautifully rounded and smooth, created by the running water from the grinding process. Krčnik is a natural attraction, one of the most beautiful of its kind in Slovenia, which is protected as a cultural monument and will enchant you in all seasons. In summer, you can cool off in the Kotline gorge, which was also followed out by the torrential Kožbanjšček stream a little lower down from Krčnik.

9 Korada Hill

Here, the landscape climbs to the highest peak, Korada, 812 m high. The locals below the hill call it Kobalar, after the farm Pri Kobalarju. Just below the summit are the Church of Saint Gendeca and a mountain hut, built on the foundations of military buildings from the First World War. Today, you can still admire the many meadow plants that are almost non-existent elsewhere in Brda. Mountain trails lead to Korada from the centre of Brda, the Soča Valley and Sabotin. Along the way, you can also see traces of the First World War. The vegetation here is not as diverse as on Sabotin. A popular excursion point for many hikers and mountaineers, it offers spectacular views from the mountains to the sea.



Cottage Korada
Zarščina 7, 5210 Deskle
+386 41 413 532

10 The Brda Picnic Backpack

Enjoy the local cuisine and wine in the heart of the Brda nature. Experience the Brda cuisine in unspoiled nature – in the vineyard, below the cherry tree tops, on the green hills, at panoramic points or in hidden corners. The Brda Picnic Backpack holds various local delights: something to eat, a local soft drink and something that is a must in the Brda region – our excellent wine! All this along with all the necessary utensils: a cutting board, plates and glasses. You also get a picnic blanket to make you comfortable. While biking or walking and discovering Brda, you can pick your favourite "restaurant" in nature, where you can tuck into your picnic and enjoy the tastes of Brda.



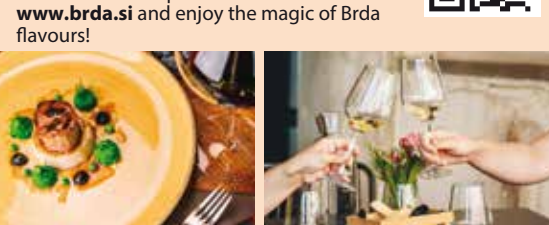
WHERE:
TIC Brda, Šmartno 13, 5211 Kojsko

PRICE:
€39 for 2 persons.
Please order at least 24 hours in advance.

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Open homesteads and wine tastings

Wine, honey and olive tastings, as well as brandy tastings, are available for those who want to sample delicious produce. Choose a homestead from the monthly selection available in the Open Homestead leaflet at www.brda.si and enjoy the magic of Brda flavours!



Wine Safari



You won't see any lions, zebras and giraffes on this safari. The local people have prepared a special safari for you – a wine safari. They will take you along the broad terraced vineyards, where you will be able to taste our local delicacies in the embrace of our vines, and they will also make a stop at Brda winemakers, who will show and explain to you the secret to the magical flavours Brda's premium wines. Just take your time and make your experience unforgettable!

WHERE:
Brda

WHEN: upon prior agreement
(prior reservation)

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11 Apitherapy

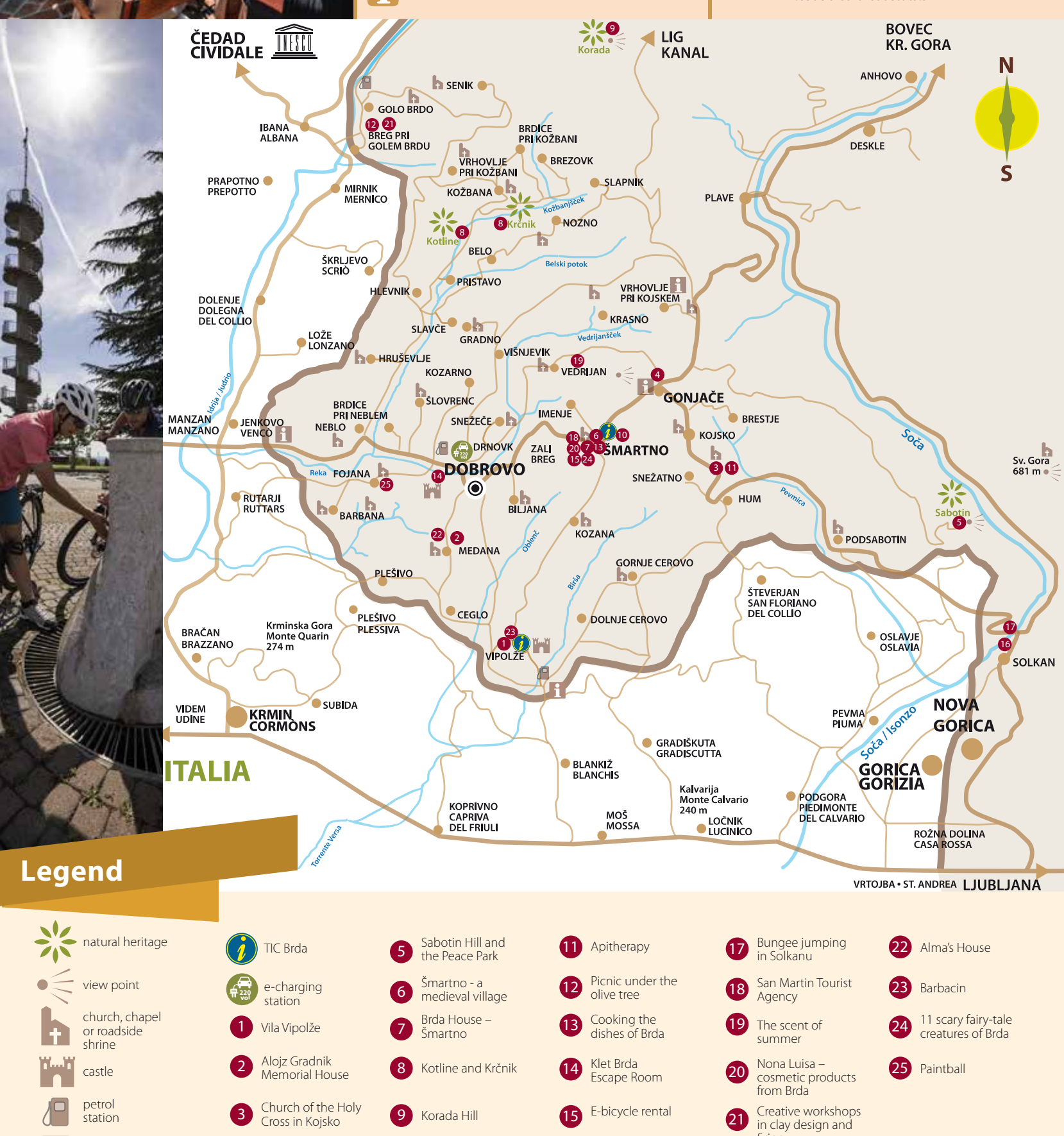
The soothing buzzing of bees, the air saturated with the aroma of honey, the touch of warm wax or honey, meditation, pleasure. A moment to stop and unwind. Enjoy the soothing effects of inhaling bee aerosol and learn about the life of bees, take a peek inside a beehive, taste different types of honey and discover a wide range of bee products.



WHERE:
Čebelarstvo Batistuta, Hum 66, Kojsko

WHEN:
upon prior agreement

+386 40 347 404
info@cebelarstvo-batistuta.si,
www.cebelarstvo-batistuta.si



12 Picnic under the olive tree



The chirping of playful birds hiding among the olive trees, the pleasant breeze, the caressing rays of the sun and the infinity of a moment of relaxation with Brda nature and flavours... All this is served to you with "Picnic Under the Olive Tree" at the Breg Tourist Farm, in an idyllic corner of the north-western Brda Hills along the Idrija stream. Whether you want a romantic moment for two or a fun family afternoon, perhaps a special get-together with friends, the "Picnic Under the Olive Tree" will enchant you with its simple and original homeliness.

 WHERE: Turistična Kmetija Breg pri Golem Brdu 3, Dobrovo

 PRICE: €20/person

 WHEN: upon prior agreement

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info@turizembreg.com, www.turizembreg.com

Brda Breakfast



Take time, relax and give your taste buds a treat with fresh and locally prepared food. Enjoy a Brda Breakfast! While we take care of the most important meal of the day, you can enjoy breakfast and the flavours of Brda from the comfort of your bed. You can choose an standard, vegetarian or vegan breakfast.

 WHERE: breakfast delivery anywhere in Brda

 PRICE: €29.90 for 2 persons

 WHEN: please place your order by 11:00 the day before you want the breakfast to be served

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Brda Picnic




Experience the embrace of Brda nature and flavours with the Brda Picnic. Spread out a blanket among the Brda vineyards, make yourself comfortable and open a basket packed with Brda delicacies, including a welcome champagne, homemade products such as various spreads, home-baked bread, seasonal fruit and vegetables, Brda charcuterie, a dessert, homemade juices, a glass of wine per person or a homemade digestif. To make your picnic even more enjoyable, please announce your arrival at least 24 hours in advance. The minimum number of people is 6.

 PRICE: €30/person

 WHEN: upon prior agreement

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Intiniti experience



Personal and business experiences with an impact on the well-being, personal growth and development of the employee, while recognising the importance of local identity, gastronomy and natural and cultural heritage. Experience the beauty of the moment, feel the vitality of the body and the joy of life, spoil all five senses, connect with nature and experience your true self through a rich journey – here and now. The aim of the various Intiniti Experiences is to experience more fully the place where we are travelling, the local people and their produce, products, handicrafts, products, etc., through an innovative way of guiding the experience, i.e. sensitively and with all the senses. The different types of Intiniti Wine/Intiniti Wine Bliss experiences with Motnik wine – a unique Slovenian Tourist Office experience with the

 WHERE: vineyard, olive grove, tasting areas at various local wine producers, olive oil producers and beekeepers in Brda

 WHEN: the event lasts from 1 to 4 hours or upon agreement

 +386 41 238 552
info@intiniti.si; www.intiniti.si



13 Cooking the dishes of Brda




Would you like to try your hand at preparing new and typical Brda dishes? Join a culinary workshop where you will learn how to prepare seasonal cuisine, white polenta and "toč", "fritalja" and a special cake based on an old recipe, all under the watchful eye and with the help of an experienced chef. Let's cook light, seasonal and local dishes. The workshops are suitable for everyone. The number of participants is limited, prior reservation is required.

 WHERE: Oljčni Bar, Šmartno 38, 5211 Kojsko

 PRICE: €55/person

 WHEN: upon prior agreement

 +386 41 341 149
info@oljcnibar.com, www.oljcnibar.com

14 Klet Brda Escape Room




The Klet Brda Escape Room is one of a kind featuring the topic wine in Slovenia. The adventure begins at the entrance to Count Silveri de Bague's wine gallery, which has been furnished in collaboration with the Gorizia Museum and the popular Enigmarij. You'll learn a little bit of real history in a fun way, and then the real adventure begins as you go on a hunt for the secret key to Count de Bague's success. Will you do it? You only have one hour!

 WHERE: Zadružna cesta 9, 5212 Dobrovo

 PRICE: €72 for a group of 2 to 4 players (€18 supplement for the fifth and sixth player)

 WHEN: upon prior agreement (prior reservation)

 + 386 31 33 44 88
kletbrda@escape-room.si

Circular Hiking Trails in Brda




You need to feel Brda step by step, view by view, which is why it offers plenty of hiking trails. Take one of the themed Cherry Blossom Trails and get up close to the vineyards and orchards that dot the hills of Brda. Marked trails, named after old varieties of Brda cherries, offer a unique way of discovering the Brda landscape. You can also choose one of the other equally scenic hiking trails: Gradnik Study Trail, Juliana Trail, Walk of Peace and the Brda Cycle of Peace on Sabotin.

 WHERE: on Solkan Bridge

 PRICE: €70/person

 WHEN: upon prior agreement (prior reservation)

 + 386 65 601 087
info@bungee.si, www.bungee.si

15 E-bicycle rental



The Brda region is perfect for cycling enthusiasts, but also for those who want to explore this beautiful landscape in a more recreational way. The Brda Hills present quite a challenge for cycling adventures. All year round! You can ride on both macadam and tarmac roads, between orchards, vineyards and olive groves. You will find the picturesque view of the landscape so inspiring that you want to go even further, even higher! Rent an electric bike and feel the beauty of Brda.

 WHERE: TIC Brda, Šmartno 13, 5211 Kojsko

 PRICE: €40/day

 WHEN: **Apr–oct:** Mon–Fri 9.00–17.00, Sat, Sun and holidays 10.00–18.00

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16 Soča Fun Park adrenaline park



An adrenaline adventure awaits you in Solkan, overlooking the two famous and picturesque bridges. In the pleasant shade of the emerald River Soča, 5 courses with 53 obstacles are set among the treetops. Their complexity is adapted to the age of the users. Part of the park is suitable for children aged 5 to 8 years, while the central part is a challenge for youngsters and adults at heights of up to 11 metres. You can also test your courage on two zipline descents, called the Descent of Courage, from one bank of the River Soča to the other. Due to its geographical location, the park is open practically all year round. Visiting hours and conditions vary according to the season and external conditions.

 WHERE: Solkan along the River Soča

 PRICE: from €20 per person

 WHEN: https://socafunkpark.si/si/When/ (potrebna rezervacija)

 +386 40 377 477
info@socafunkpark.si; www.socafunkpark.si



17 Bungee jumping in Solkan

Do you want an adrenaline experience with a big adrenaline rush? The Solkan Bridge, which has been the venue for bungee jumping since 1993, can offer you just that. The 55-metre-high bridge is the only bungee jumping venue in Slovenia and one of the most beautiful locations in Europe, offering breath-taking views of the older Solkan Bridge with the largest stone arch in the world, Brda, the land of wine and fruit, Solkan, which dates back to the year 1001, and the River Soča.

 WHERE: on Solkan Bridge

 PRICE: €70/person

 WHEN: upon prior agreement (prior reservation)

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18 San Martin Tourist Agency

Brda is a great destination for cycling and offers a quality day out in nature all year round.

The San Martin Tourist Agency offers you:

- e-bike rental for adults and children,
- rental of two e-scooters,
- luggage and passenger transport,
- organised guided cycling trips for individuals and groups.

 WHERE: Šmartno 12, 5211 Kojsko

 PRICE: €50/bike/day, €100/scooter/day

 WHEN: **May–Oct:** Thu–Mon 9.00–12.00 and 16.00–20.00 Tue and Wed upon agreement

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info@sanmartin.si; www.sanmartin.si



19 The scent of summer



At our Vonj Poletja (Scent of Summer) Farm in Vedrijan, we offer unique moments to experience the scents, tastes and aromas of the Mediterranean all year round. We organise tastings of homemade delicacies made from lavender, rose and our other herbs from organic production. You can improve your knowledge in workshops. We also show you our fields when the roses, lavender and other herbs are in bloom. We also organise harvests of lavender, curry plant, roses and cherries.

 WHERE: Vedrijan 9, 5211 Kojsko

 WHEN: upon prior agreement

 +386 31 784 188, +386 41 898 794
info@vonjpoletja.si; www.vonjpoletja.com

20 Nona Luisa – cosmetic products from Brda


Immerse yourself in the fragrant world of handmade sustainable cosmetics that awaits you in the Nona Luisa shop in the middle of the picturesque village of Šmartno. Listen to our story, which dates back to 2012 when we started creating cosmetics that are good for our skin and good for the planet. Natural ointments, creams, massage oils and hard soaps are made with first-class local ingredients, mainly olive oil and lavender, which we produce ourselves. Finish your visit with a tasting of our authentic, homemade wine liqueurs. We also invite you to try making sustainable cosmetics and visit our workshops where you can make natural soap, lip balm or ointment.

 WHERE: Nona Luisa, Šmartno 20, 5211 Kojsko


 WHEN: upon prior agreement


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info@nonaluisa.com


21 Creative workshops in clay design and firing



At the creative clay design and firing workshops in Ivan Skubin's studio, you will make decorative and useful objects decorated with reliefs of different textures. The emphasis is on practical work, as participants continuously test and build on the theory in practice. The workshop is led by designer of unique ceramics Ivan Skubin with the help of Iva Sivec and takes place in his studio in the picturesque village of Breg near Golo Brdo, at the far end of the western Brda region. Advance reservation required, number of participants from 8 to 12.

 WHERE: Breg pri Golem Brdu 6, 5212 Dobrovo

 WHEN: upon prior agreement

 +386 40 849 142
isbreg6@gmail.com

22 Alma's House




Set in the heart of the village of Medana, the House of Nona Alma, with a rose garden in front of it, represents tradition intertwined with unusual themes. Alma's House encompasses many contents – it is a contemporary art gallery, a studio, a residency for artists, and a space for literary events and workshops. Everyone who visits agrees – it's a house with a soul.

 WHERE: Medana 3, 5212 Dobrovo

 WHEN: Thu–Sat 13.00–16.00

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Art Circle



The Art Circle is an international visual arts festival that has been taking place in the Goriska Brda, Nova Gorica and Vipava Valley regions since 2011. Cultural Embassies, a special form of artist residencies, are a key linking element of the Circle. The Art Circle successfully brings together artists from all over the world, winemakers and tourism service providers, as well as representatives of various embassies in Slovenia. The artworks produced each year at the Cultural Embassies can be viewed at the hosts or at Vila Vipolže during the exhibitions. In Brda, as part of the Art Circle Festival, we have 11 cultural embassies, namely: Fana estate, Larya, Dolfo, Princic, AL DI LA, Edi Simic/Alma Vista, Scurek, Klinec Plešivo, Vinarstvo Simic, Iaquin, Domačija Klinec and Alma Art House.

 WHERE: the locations of Cultural Embassies in Brda: www.artcircle.si

 info@artcircle.si
www.artcircle.si



23 Barbacin




Hidden in the rooms of Villa Vipolže is a strange creature, Barbacin, a dwarf, small and light as a feather and as fast as a wheel. Embark on an adventure in search of Barbacin and experience a different and dynamic day of discovering the artistic and cultural heritage and getting to know Barbacin in the company of your loved ones. Catch the dwarf and learn its stories.

 WHERE: Vila Vipolže, Vipolže 29, Dobrovo

 PRICE: adults €3.00, children €2

 WHEN: **Nov–Mar:** Wed–Sun 9.00–12.00 and 13.00–16.00; **Apr–Oct:** Wed–Fri 9.00–12.00 and 13.00–17.00; Sat, Sun: 10.00–13.00 and 14.00–18.00

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24 11 scary fairy-tale creatures of Brda




Together with your children, go in search of the scary fairy-tale creatures hiding in Šmartno: "štrije"/witches, orkul, "karadindice"/"balavantrij", "vedmance", Baba Yaga, "viesice"/"cutulini", "kačoni", "lankar" and "patanoga". People used to scare children with stories about them. There are QR codes hidden around Šmartno that reveal the scary fairy-tale creatures of Brda, and a map of all the points can be found on the front of the building that houses the TIC, Šmartno 11. Listen and look – discover Brda's chilling tales and characters in pictures and words. The QR points have been thoughtfully created to make the audio accessible to the blind and visually impaired. The word and the image are accessible to both the deaf and the hard of hearing.

 WHERE: through the streets of Šmartno

25 Paintball



Do you want an adrenaline rush? Do you like hiding and blending in with the surroundings? The Paintball Brda adrenaline park is here for you. It is located just before the lovely village of Fojana near Dobrovo in Goriska Brda. It extends over 15,000 square metres of natural environment or forest. The area is well prepared and is one of the biggest paintball areas in Slovenia.

The diverse terrain will keep your adrenaline levels up and the perfect environment will contribute to an experience that you will remember for a long time. We offer professional gear and ensure safety. Prior reservation is required.

 WHERE: before the Fojana village

 PRICE: €17/person

 WHEN: upon prior agreement (prior reservation)

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Experiences in Brda



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