

DANUBE TRAVEL STORIES

Returning to the Last Danube: nature and mankind

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**7 day itinerary inspiration from Kopački Rit
Nature Park to National Park Djerdap/Iron
Gate based on @dominiclars Trip**

**We would suggest extending the trip by a few days to have more
time to experience each destination**

Locations

Destinations
Osijek & Kopački Rit Nature Park
Pécs, Mohács & Duna-Drava National Park
Sombor & Gornje Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve
Novi Sad
Djerdap / Iron Gate

Program

Day 0 | Travel & Arrival Day Osijek

Individual Arrival

Website to plan your arrival: www.rome2rio.com

Train: www.mavcsopot.hu/en

Bus: www.flixbus.com

Check-in at a hotel

Visit some of the tourist sites in Osijek. Here are some leisure activities:

- Tvrdča-old town: stroll to the old city walls and the so-called Water Gates with the defensive-water tower.
- Walk along the Drava River promenade towards city centre, pedestrian suspension bridge with the view of the city centre and the cathedral spire, rising up 90 meters above the city skyline.
- Walk further up the Promenade towards the old water-mill and the river ferry. Crossing the river by ferry with more beautiful views of the city from the water
- Sakuntala park
- Europska Avenija Street

Day 1 | Kopački Rit Nature Park

Bus ride from Osijek to Kopačevo village

Bus ride from Osijek to Bilje

Information & timetable: www.arriva.com.hr/hr-hr/odabir-polaska

Bike rental options:

- eMobi city bikes rental: +38517776534; info@nextbike.hr
- Helltrack - bikes rental and bike shuttle (van): +385958806636
- City Association for Sports Recreation: +38531208135; www.gssr-os.hr

Short walk to from the village centre towards the Visitor Centre of Kopački rit Nature Park

Points of interest you should visit @ Kopački Rit:

- [Village Kopačevo](#): Is a fishing village located right next to the flood areas of Kopački rit, half immersed in water, half based on land, as has been the case since prehistoric times.

- [Tourist dock Sakadaš \(e-boat ride\)](#): Nature Park Kopački rit is one of the most preserved floodplains in Europe. A tour of Kopački Rit by waterway along with expert guides is one of the most attractive offerings of the Park.
- [Tikveš Castle Complex/ Presentation and Education Center Tikveš](#): The castle complex itself dates back to the end of the 19th century. It was built by members of the Teschen family line and the Habsburg family. Tikveš Castle Complex is also a part of Kopački rit Nature Park. It has romantic country-like architecture. It consists of forests and parks where several residential facilities are situated: new castle with annex, old castle, a small chapel and complementary buildings. It was built by the Habsburgs at the end of the 19th century to serve as a hunter's castle and granted to prince Eugene of Savoy for his achieved merits. After 1945 Tikveš Castle was one of residences of Tito.

Visit the Ethno Village Karanac

By rented bicycles or taxi (shuttle), e.g. Shuttle MK: +38 5958806636

Check-in in a local B&B

Day 2 | Pécs & Duna-Drava National Park

Bus ride from Karanac to the town of Beli Manastir

Information & timetable: www.arriva.com.hr/hr-hr/odabir-polaska

Or alternative would be e.g. Shuttle MK: +385958806636

Train ride from Beli Manastir (CRO) towards Pecs (HU)

Or alternative would be e.g. Shuttle MK: +385958806636

Arrival to Pécs - Capital of Culture

Walk through city centre: main square, cathedral and the early Christian tombs, listed as UNESCO World Heritage site

Train + bus ride from Pecs to Mohács

Information & timetable: www.virail.com/pecs-mohacs/2022-09-16?c=USD

Check in a hotel in Mohács

Points of interest:

- [Kanizsai Dorottya Museum](#): The museum houses a vivid presentation of the colourful spectrum of the South Slavic people of Hungary and the multi-faceted town of Mohács, completed by the oldest masks of the famous Busó Carnival.
- [Mohács National Memorial](#): The 29th August 1526 was a tragic day in Hungarian history when the outnumbered Christian troops faced the invading Ottoman army in a fateful battle. In an area of seven hectares, visitors step into a living history book written in pain and dignity, with vivid yet modest imagination by symbols carved in wood and stone and supported by modern technology in a harmonic way. It is food for thought for the spectators, an introduction to the battle of Mohács and the fate of the Hungarian nation.
- [Kölked](#): Explore Kölked (Külső-Béda) and if you want to refresh yourself, you can try to find a nice entrance to the Danube river and swim a little bit (at least put your feet inside).

- [Boki-Duna](#) – Fishermen's outdoor exhibition:
Duna-Dráva National Park

Day 3 | Gornje Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve

Bus/train ride from Mohács to Sombor

planning: www.rome2rio.com

Check-in a hotel in Sombor

Points of interest:

- [Sombor](#) is located in the extreme northwest of Serbia's northern province of Vojvodina, bordering Hungary to the North and Croatia on the West, across the Danube River. There are said to be over 18,000 trees, making Sombor the greenest city in Serbia, and for its size, surely among the greenest cities in the world, which makes the citizens of Sombor feel very proud.
- [Bački Monoštor](#): Located 15 kilometers west of Sombor. It is called "the pearl of the Upper Danube". It is situated between a beautiful forest, "hugged" by the water of the Danube.
- Muzej Batinske bitke: Historical Museum in Batina.

Gornje Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve

educational walking trails in the Eco-center "Karapandža" - village of Bezdan (Kendija)

Day 4 | Novi Sad & Sremski Karlovic

Bus trip from Sombor to Novi Sad (around to 2h)

Information & timetable: www.flixbus.com

Visit Novi Sad – Capital of Culture

A must see is the [City Center](#) & [Petrovaradin-fortress](#)

What to see & experience: novisad.travel/en

Nearby Novi Sad – worth a visit is Sremski Karlovic

Take a bus to Sremski Karlovic (around 15 mins)

Information & timetable: www.rome2rio.com

What to see & experience: [Sremski Karlovic](#)

Overnight stay in Novi Sad or onward journey to Belgrade (around 1,5h)

Information & timetable: www.flixbus.com

Day 5 | Iron Gate

Bus trip from Novi Sad via Belgrade (around 1,5h)

Information & timetable: www.flixbus.com

Bus trip from Belgrade to visitor centre of Djerdap National Park in Donji Milanovac (around 3,35-4h) Information & timetable: www.flixbus.com or www.bas.rs/en/

Visit [Golubac Fortress](#)

The Golubac Fortress was a medieval fortified town on the south side of the Danube River, 4 km (2.5 mi) downstream from the modern-day town of Golubac, Serbia. According to recent discoveries, the fortress, which was built during the 14th century by Medieval Serbian state, is split into three compounds which were built in stages. It has ten towers, most of which started square, and several of which received many-sided reinforcements with the advent of firearms.

Donji Milanovac to Golubac fortress by bus

Information & timetable (bus 5 times a day): www.rome2rio.com/map/Donji-Milanovac/Golubac-Fortress#r/Bus

Visit [Lepenski Vir](#)

Lepenski Vir, an archaeological site with remains of a culture dated to between 6500 and 5500 BCE, is situated on the right bank of the Danube, in the area of the Iron Gate gorge.

Donji Milanovac to Lepenski Vir by bus: There is a Bus connection to Boljetin. For the approx. 3km to Lepenski Vir there is no public transport connection: www.rome2rio.com/map/Donji-Milanovac/Lepenski-Vir#r/Bus

Bus trip from Donji Milanovac to Kladovo

Information & timetable: www.flixbus.com

Check-in a hotel in Kladovo

Day 6 | Djerdap National Park / Iron Gate

Breathtaking nature & cultural heritage is awaiting you in the Djerdap National Park.

It is located in south-eastern Europe, in the northeastern part of Serbia, on the border with Romania. Along the Danube's right bank, on a 100 kilometer stretch from Golubac Fort to castrum Diana Karataš, the National Park encompasses a narrow forested mountain area, two to eight kilometers in width, reaching 50 to 800 meters above sea level.

What to experience in the Djerdap National Park: npdjerdap.rs/en

- [Boat ride](#) Explore the Iron Gate gorge from the river
- [Guided tour Iron Gate Nature Park](#)

Day 7 | Iron Gate & Departure

What to experience in the Djerdap National Park: npdijerdap.rs/en

- [Visiting medieval fortress Ram](#)
- [Silver Lake](#)

Individual Departure