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PART A

1 Background

The Danube brings together the history of Europe. Humankind used the Danube from the very beginning as a promising place to live and to make business. Today, the Danube region is rich in cultural and natural heritage. The project Transdanube Travel Stories recognises tourism as important option to use this heritage and play an important role in regional development, especially in the remote regions of the Danube region. However, there is still little awareness of the Danube macro-region as a touristic area with rich natural and cultural heritage. European Cultural Routes and other networks are a first step towards transnational cooperation. They focus strongly on preservation, not offering innovative touristic products at the destinations or along trails, nor including sustainable mobility into their existing touristic products. Resultant, tourists rather drive from one site to the next by car, lacking deeper understanding for the region and appreciation of the sites.

The project main objective is to **support sustainable tourism development by applying innovative promotion concepts (new narratives) and existing mobility management tools**. The objective is supported by activities to position the sites' heritage within the wider context of the Danube macro-region with tools to experience this heritage building up a Danube memory (narratives). Mobility management includes ways to inform tourists about how to get to the region and around by other means than individual transport. Additionally to the development of institutions (product clubs, mobility centres) and instruments (mobility plans, narratives, apps etc.), the achievement of the main objective is supported by cooperation, capitalisation and promotion activities that present the Danube region as touristic area at international conferences.

The project is aiming at three specific objectives:

1. Employ innovative (more holistic) promotion approaches
2. Integrate sustainable mobility management measures/tools in route and destination management
3. Advance institutional capacity by sharing experience and capitalizing results among relevant stakeholders

How to integrate sustainable mobility management measures/tools in route and destination management?

Mobility management includes ways to inform tourists about how to get to a specific destination and more around within the destination by other means than individual motorized transport.

Mobility management uses three important instruments:

1. Mobility Manager - take overall responsibility for developing and introducing mobility management

2. Mobility Centre - is the operating unit at the urban/regional level
3. Mobility Plan - most common instrument for site Mobility Management

The project is addressing these three instruments with different activities:

1. Mobility management trainings will provide relevant stakeholders with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop and introduce mobility management at the destination and trail level. The people trained will become **Mobility managers**
2. Mobility managers could be used to provide all relevant information to tourists and to coordinate the activities in the field of sustainable tourism mobility management in a region. They can do that in different positions and locations. One possibility would be to establish a **mobility centre** which can be approached by tourists in order to get the necessary information (either via the internet, via phone or in person). The guideline elaborated as well as the experiences gained when establishing 12 mobility centres in the course of the Transdanube.Pearls project can be used by the partners to establish a mobility centre at their destination.
3. Mobility plans or in the case of this project **Sustainable Tourism Mobility Plans (STOMPs)**. **These STOMPs will be the focus of this guideline.**

What is a Sustainable Tourism Mobility Plan (STOMP)?

STOMPs will provide the strategic background for improving mobility services on trail and destination level. The implementation of the necessary mobility management measures on route/network level will be supported by installing mobility managers. These persons will organise necessary mobility services and coordinate activities of different partners aiming the overall improvement of the sustainable transport system.

The STOMPs will therefore be the working programme for the mobility managers. Besides that, the STOMPs provide a valuable collection of information which can be used to design green travel products.

Building upon the 6 stories, for each of the 6 resultant trails a STOMP will be elaborated by the responsible project partners. These are:

- Tourism Board Linz (LT)
- West Pannon Regional and Economic Development (WP)
- Institute for Culture, Tourism and Sport Murska Sobota (IC)
- Croatian Association for Tourism and Rural Development „The Village Membership Club“ (CA)
- Association for promoting tourism in Oradea and its region (OR)
- DANUBEPARKS Network (DP)

Once the approximate outline of the story is set and the destinations are chosen, the trail appears and will be assessed according to its accessibility by sustainable means of transport.

2 Definitions and specifications

2.1 Stories, trails and destinations

Stories

The project is expected to come up with **6 stories** in the Danube region.

- All stories follow the same standard and script (see Annex 1)
- Each **story** shall evolve along the trail and reflect in each destination. Therefore, the story shall include a specific **script** (see Annex 1)
- The stories shall include destinations out of the destination-pool (defined by the partners) that reflect the story.
- In every story that will be developed, the four meta-narratives ("change", "connect", "relax", "discover") should be represented. The destinations (chosen from the pool of destinations defined above) included derive from the story.

Trail

We call the routes, that follow the stories "**TRAILS**", to differentiate from the cultural routes also involved in this project. (like the St. Martin of Tours-Route, the Route of emperors and kings, the Route of Jewish heritage, etc.).

- Each trail follows a different story.
- For each trail, the responsible partner has to elaborate a STOMP
- Each trail can be travelled along by sustainable means of transport.
- All included destinations and sites of a specific trail have to be accessible!
- Potentially, sustainable transport can be part of the story: train ride in an old Art Nouveau train carriage, pilgrimage by walking, cycling for experiencing nature, bus ride to encounter local people, ship to experience ancient-day travelling etc.

Destination

A **destination** is a village or town where a point of interest selected to tell a specific part of a story is located. Destinations shall be chosen that can be reached in a consecutive way and which therefore define a certain trail. Destinations can be combined from different cultural routes and thematic backgrounds (cluster of themes) according to the story.

Point of interest

A **point of interest** in this project is a location representing a specific touristic attraction within a destination (e.g. a museum, a nature park, an architectural highlight). It is this specific point of interest where a specific part of a story will be told by a guide/an app / experienced by the tourist. One destination normally offers a larger set of points of interest, but it might be only one or few of them

that are relevant for the story. It is these point(s) of interest that will be visited by the tourist. Besides the point of interest relevant for the story, a tourist might need/want to visit other points of interest e.g. a hotel, a restaurant or a railway station. This is why besides the point of interest level, the level of destination is relevant for the STOMPs.

2.2 (Sustainable) transport and mobility

The term **mobility** commonly describes the movability and the actual movement of people and goods. **Transport** related mobility takes into account that part of mobility which generates traffic. Mobility in this sense comprises the movement of people/goods from a location to another, creating traffic. For that people/goods are using different modes of transport including air, rail, road, water, cable, pipeline, and space.

We are focusing on the sustainable mobility of people – freight transport is NOT taken into account.

There are many definitions of the **sustainable transport**, and of the related terms sustainable transportation and **sustainable mobility**. The European Union Council of Ministers of Transport defines a sustainable transportation system as one that:

- Allows the basic access and development needs of individuals, companies and society to be met safely and in a manner consistent with human and ecosystem health and promotes equity within and between successive generations.
- Is Affordable, operates fairly and efficiently, offers a choice of transport mode, and supports a competitive economy, as well as balanced regional development.
- Limits emissions and waste within the planet's ability to absorb them, uses renewable resources at or below their rates of generation, and uses non-renewable resources at or below the rates of development of renewable substitutes, while minimizing the impact on the use of land and the generation of noise.

With the activities of our project we are focusing on energy efficiency, multimodal travel chains including train, bus, bike, hiking and shipping.

2.3 Sustainable tourism (mobility)

The world tourism organization defines sustainable tourism as:

"Tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social and environmental impacts, addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment and host communities"¹

Sustainable tourism should:

¹ <http://sdt.unwto.org/en/content/about-us-5>

- Make optimal use of environmental resources that constitute a key element in tourism development, maintaining essential ecological processes and helping to conserve natural heritage and biodiversity.
- Respect the socio-cultural authenticity of host communities, conserve their built and living cultural heritage and traditional values, and contribute to inter-cultural understanding and tolerance.
- Ensure viable, long-term economic operations, providing socio-economic benefits to all stakeholders that are fairly distributed, incl. stable employment and income-earning opportunities and social services to host communities and contributing to poverty alleviation.²

As 50 % - 75 % of environmental impacts of tourism are caused by transport (air pollutants, noise, greenhouse gas emissions, land take, damage of landscape and villages)³, sustainable mobility in tourism is a very important component of sustainable tourism development. Sustainable tourism needs sustainable access and mobility: zero emissions, healthy and environmentally friendly, energy efficient and carbon neutral, comfortable and flexible from home door to hotel door

Following up on the project Transdanube and Transdanube.Pearls we continue to support the **common vision** signed by more than 70 stakeholders from the tourism and transport sector from the Danube region:

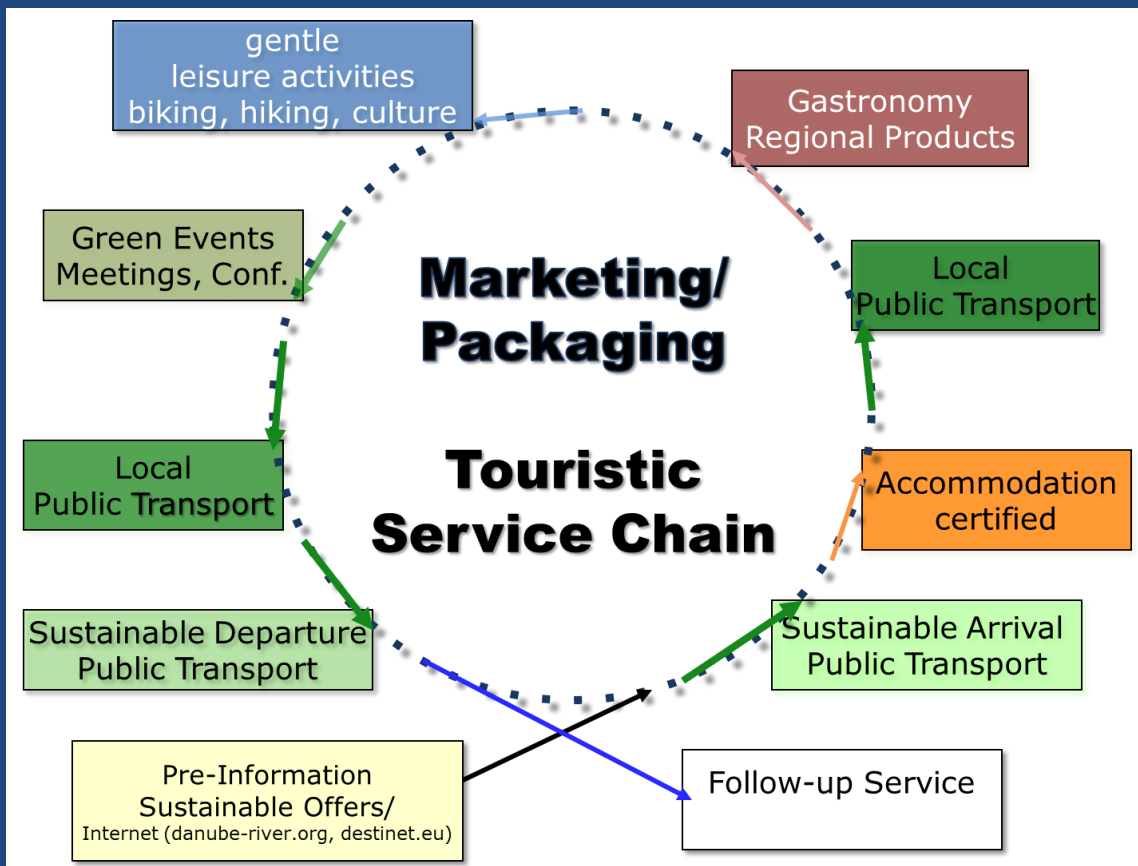
The common vision and aim is to develop a Danube region, which provides socially fair, economically viable, environmentally friendly and health promoting mobility and tourism for citizens and guests of the region by developing of climate friendly, low carbon and low-emission, multimodal and efficient transport systems and sustainable tourism services based on renewable energy sources, saving energy and resources, preserving natural and cultural heritage and taking care of the sensitive Danube ecosystems and landscapes while at the same time ensuring sustainable regional development and offering new chances for green economy and green jobs in the region. To this end we will strengthen our endeavors, dedicate resources and develop further our collaborations to promote the practical implementation of our common vision.

² <http://sdt.unwto.org/en/content/about-us-5>

³ MuSTT Study of EC

Based on these definitions and specifications the following principles need to be applied for the elaboration of the STOMPs:

1. The focus areas of the STOMPs are the trails including the transport nodes necessary to getting there and away. Each trail consists of a set of points of interest in selected destinations that reflect the story
2. The STOMP should include information about the possibilities to travel the respective trail by sustainable means of transport.
3. Sustainable means of transport (or sustainable mobility services) including train, bus, bike, hiking and shipping
4. STOMPs are targeting at tourism mobility. Therefore the information summarized in the STOMPs should especially take into account the requirements of tourists and how are they different to the requirements of inhabitants.
5. When assessing sustainable mobility services the whole touristic service chain will be taken into account



Source: ÖAR/Karl Reiner

PART B

3 Focus area

Trail #2 “Returning to the Last Danube” is one of six interconnected thematic routes within the Transdanube Travel Stories project. Each route travels a specific section of the Danube. Trail #2 focuses on the middle and lower part of the river with destinations in Croatia, Bulgaria and Romania. The destinations are also part of the DANUBEPARKS Network. DANUBEPARKS the Danube River Network of Protected Areas consists of 18 Protected Areas along the Danube. Nature Tourism and environmental education are main tasks of each Protected Area. Therefore, the STOMP includes all partner protected areas apart from Trail #2.

3.1 The story behind the trail

The river system of the Danube, despite substantial human interference, still preserves traces of intact, pure, ancient nature in certain sections, providing the last refuge for dozens of protected species. The Danube Protected Areas preserve this natural heritage and provide recreational areas and the opportunity to get in touch with nature.

The Danube’s upper and middle sections attract visitors and those longing for active recreation with unrivalled natural treasures and invaluable habitats. It is enough to look around at the German source of the river where the streams Breg and Brigach meet near Donaueschingen, to find the magical slopes of the Black Forest and somewhat further to be attracted by the Danube Riparian Forest between Neuburg and Ingolstadt for some birdwatching.

Crossing the border towards Austria the dramatic Donauschlinge bend is there to be admired; to the south from Vienna Donau-Auen National Park offers the possibility to find out about the valuable floodplains protected with great enthusiasm, while in the Hungarian section there is Szigetköz famous for its islands, shoals and side-branches, the Danube-bend separating the masses of Börzsöny and Visegrádi-mountains, or Gemenc, the adventurous, mostly forest covered floodplain, allowing the visitor to submerge in the highly diverse realm of the river.

The true adventure, however, meant by a legendary, pristine wilderness unknown for many of us, follows only further ahead, in the lower Danube sections across the Hungarian-Croatian-Serbian border.

The enormous green oasis stretching along the middle river length section hides a true paradise for water birds and fishes, composed of highly variable vegetation including marshes, floodplain forests and wet meadows constantly interchanging along with flood dynamics in Béda-Karapancsa – Kopacki rit and Gornje Podunavlje. The immense monument of the Iron Gates, on the other hand, opens up a breath-taking memento for visitors about the continuously competing forces of man versus nature, and thus, carries a dubious message.

Persina, with an island realm hardly explored by tourists, and the Danube Delta, the majestic finale of the river’s nearly 3000 km long journey, with a nature show going on in its 21-thousandhectare fantastic wetland paradise both amaze the visitor with the astonishing richness and diversity, vivid but globally disappearing essence of Europe’s last, almost untouched wilderness.

3.2 The trail

With 2,857 km in length, the Danube is the second-longest river in Europe (after the Volga river) and the longest river in the European Union. Its basin area covers more than 800,000 km² or 10% of Europe's surface.

The Danube is the only eastbound river in Europe. It originates in Germany's Black Forest as the much smaller Brigach and Breg rivers join in the town of Donaueschingen. The Danube then flows eastward, passing through several Central and Eastern European capitals before emptying into the Black Sea via the Danube Delta in Romania and Ukraine.

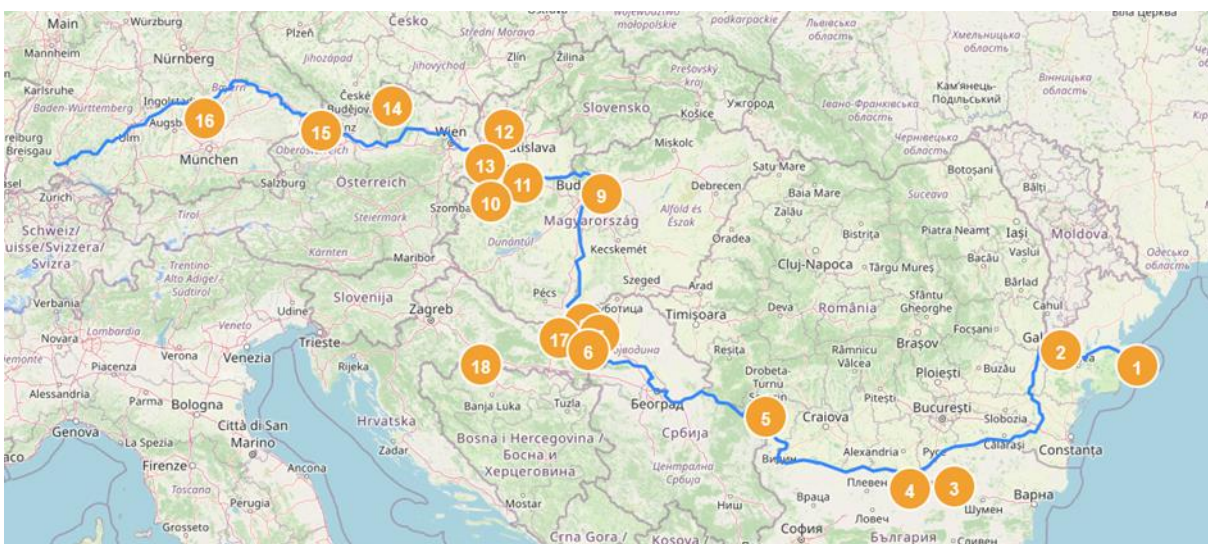
The Danube basin includes the territories of 19 countries and is home to more than 83 million people with a wide range of cultures, languages, and historical backgrounds. It is the single most international river in the world, affecting more nations than any other river.

It crosses 10 countries: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine. So, transport along the river not only provides jobs but provides a greener alternative to roads.

The European Commission recognizes the Danube as the "most important non-oceanic body of water in Europe" and a "future central axis for the European Union".

Due to its large area and very diverse habitats, the Danube River is one of the most important natural treasures of Europe and a backbone for biodiversity conservation. Over 2.000 plant and 5.000 animal species live in or by the waters of the Danube.

When the River transforms into the Danube Delta it becomes one of the world's largest wetlands, featuring 30 different types of ecosystems. With over 9,500 flora & fauna species, spreading on over 5,050 km² of marshes, canals, reed islets, and lakes, Danube Delta is the third place in the world regarding biodiversity. Only The Great Barrier Reef in Australia and Galapagos Island have greater biodiversity.



DANUBE PARKS is the Network of Protected Areas along the Danube River, which currently consists of 18 Protected Areas from 9 Danube countries, all hotspots for biodiversity.

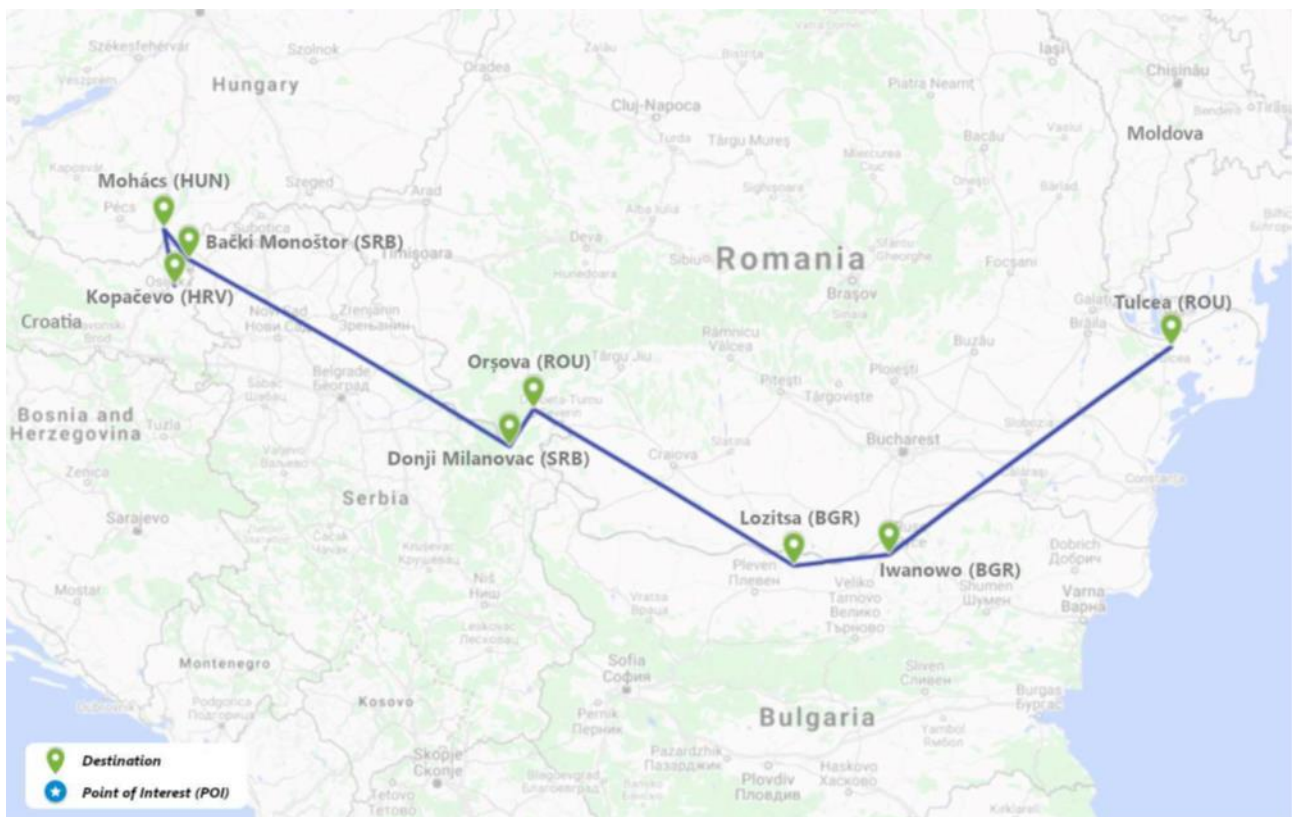
Protected Areas in our Network:

1. Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve
2. Lower Prut Nature Reserve

3. Rusenski Lom Nature Park
4. Persina Nature Park
5. Iron Gates Natural Park
6. Kopacki rit Nature Park
7. Gornje Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve
8. Duna-Dráva National Park
9. Duna-Ipoly National Park
10. Szigetköz Landscape Protection Area, Fertő-Hátság National Park
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16. Donauauwald Neuburg-Ingolstadt
17. Regional Park Mura-Drava
18. Lonjsko Polje Nature Park

The Trail Returning to the Last Danube

The trail tells the story of the middle and lower part of the Danube by connecting Nature and Man.



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Destination 1: Danube Delta

Background Information: At the end of a course of over 2,840 kilometres, collecting the water from a vast hydrological basin that exceeds 8% of the area of Europe, the Danube has built one of the most beautiful deltas in Europe. The Danube Delta is one of the biggest wetlands in the world. A living museum of biodiversity, with 30 types of ecosystems, the Danube Delta is a natural genetic bank with inestimable value for natural world heritage. Among the water formations in the delta are running waters, fresh still waters like big lakes and lakes inside polders, isolated lakes with still salted or brackish waters, coastal lagoons connected to the sea and marine coastal areas with semi-closed gulfs. Its wetlands include the largest area of compact reed beds on the planet. The delta's diverse landscapes range from floating islands, willow formations and meadows on flooded banks, river plains, oak forests, shrubs, grassy areas, steppe meadows, meadows on marine levees, shifting sand dunes with little vegetation, coastal belts and beaches as well as agricultural polders, to forest polders and poplar plantations on river banks. Access for tourists in the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve is allowed based on entrance permits. Entering in the strictly protected areas is forbidden.

Points of interest:

Danube Delta can be entered from Tulcea, Mahmudia, Murighiol. From there points of interests are Mila 23, Crisan, Sulina, Caraorman and St. George.

Destination 2: Lower Prut Nature Reserve

Background information:

One of the natural wonders of the Republic of Moldova, the Lower Prut Nature Reserve is a true paradise for diverse bird, fish and plant species, protecting the area surrounding Lake Beleu and the Prut River. Located in the south of the country, this biosphere reserve encompasses the Prut River and floodplain lakes. Two-thirds of the surface of the area are occupied by Lake Beleu. A wetland area extends along the Prut River, covering a mosaic of water, meadow and forest ecosystems. The main economic activity is agriculture, which provides 90% of the inhabitant's income.

Points of interest: the educational info centre in Slobozia Mare, the Eco-Village Valeni Tara Bitlanilor, Cariera Fetesti, La Castel, Padurea Domneasca, Beleu Lake

Destination 3: Rusenski Lom Nature Park

Background information:

Rusenski Lom Nature Park is situated in Northeast Bulgaria, along the canyon shaped valley of Rusenski Lom River – the last right tributary of the Danube River. Its area is 3,408 hectares. From each altitude in Rusenski Lom Nature Park amazing views burst. Within the endless river valley curves are waved as well as forests, the wild beauty of rock peaks and the old castles and settlements.

Rusenski Lom Nature Park flora numbers 902 species of higher plants. 13 species of Orchid family are fixed in the Park.

Birds amount to a total of 192 species, 174 of them under protection – this is the reason why the Lom river valley has been announced to be a significant ornithological spot; especially interesting for scientists are the rock dwelling species: Egyptian vulture, Black stork, Ruddy shelduck, White tailed Buteo, and owls.

Along the valley 70 out of totally 90 species of Bulgaria's mammals can be found; 26 of them are various species of bats. The high percentage of rare and protected species of mammals is due to the diversity of living conditions and habitats and proves the exclusive conservational significance of the Park for their preservation.

Points of interest: Lomovete Special Protection Area, Ivanovo rock hewn churches - near the village of Ivanovo; Medieval fortress of Cherven - near the village of Cherven; The Large cave near the village of Pisanets.

Destination 4: Persina Nature Park

Background information:

The only nature park in Bulgaria situated at the Danube River bank is the Persina Nature Park. It is unique as it consists of numerous islands in their natural state, formed in two big island groups Belene Island Complex and Nikopol's Island group. It is a paradise for numerous colonies of waterfowl, a nesting place for the Mute swans, White tailed eagles and Dalmatian pelicans, an autumn gathering of the Black stork. Some of the islands reach lengths of up to 15 kilometres. The group of islands Belene Island Complex was proclaimed a Ramsar site in 2002, the biggest one in Bulgaria with 18,330 hectares.

The most tremendous wealth of the park is found in the natural flooded forests of willows and poplars and the inland marshes along the Danube. For the protection of these habitats several protected areas have been designated, such as the Kitka and Milka Reserves, both embracing islands of the same name, the Persinski blata Managed Reserve and the Persina-iztok Protected Area, located on the eastern part of Persin island, the Kaikusha Protected Area, a former marsh at the park's south Boundary and the Plavala Protected Area near the town of Nikopol.

Points of interest:

Persina Nature Park Visitor center
Kaykusha Protected Area

Destination 5: Iron Gates Natural Park and Djerdap National Park

Background Information: The Iron Gates are the most amazing, most picturesque section of the Lower Danube. At the same time, they are the most obvious evidence of the infinite clash of powers that has been going on between water and rock in order for water to be able to carve a way for itself. With austere majesty and steep walls, towering cliffs line the riverbed on both sides, involuntarily making one bow before this majestic masterpiece of the creator nature.

The immense monument of the Iron Gates, opens up a breath-taking memento for visitors about the continuously competing forces of man versus nature. The panorama is magnificent, overwhelming, an immense, a heroic landscape, unique among the navigable rivers of Europe.

The Iron Gates Natural Park is located at the spot where several major Carpathian and Danube regions meet, thus forming a spectacular landscape rich in biodiversity. This Protected Area is a vital link for habitat corridors in South East Europe.

Points of interest:

Domogled -Cerna Valley National park, Mehedinti Plateau Geopark
Danube Gorges, Island Moldova Veche
Monastery Tumane, Rajko's cave, Blederija waterfall
Prehistoric time machine - Lepenski Vir
Golubac Fortress

Destination 6: Kopacki rit Nature Park

Background information: The Kopacki rit Natural Park is an important waterfowl habitat and one of the most important floodplains in the whole of Europe as well as an inner delta with distinct features. The area is the most important spawning place for fish in the Central European part of the Danube River.

The appearance of the whole area depends on regular floods and the landscape changes its shape and function according to the amount of floodwater. Kopačko Lake is the largest, while Sakadaš is the deepest lake in the area. The lakes are interconnected with rivers through a network of natural channels. Extensive reedbeds, backwaters, ponds, lakes and channels, forests, marsh pastures in blossom and wet grasslands provide ideal conditions for many species.

Points of interest:

Village Kopačevo, Tikveš Castle Complex, Tourist dock Sakadaš

Destination 7: Gornje Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve

Background information:

Gornje Podunavlje is the largest floodplain area in Serbia. Together with Kopacki rit in Croatia and the Danube-Drava National Park in Hungary, the reserve forms a 70,000-hectare Central Danube Floodplain Area. It comprises two big marshes along the left bank of the Danube River - the Monostor and Apatin marsh and is a truly representative floodplain wetland.

River and flooding dynamics create an extraordinary mosaic in the beautiful landscape. Natural forests are a large part of the reserve that is well preserved and very attractive for wildlife. With its occasionally flooded wet meadows, numerous oxbow lakes and swamps which were once widespread in the Danube wetlands, it is one of the best preserved wetlands in the Danube River Basin. In the highest parts of Gornje Podunavlje, far from the water level, ancient alkaline grasslands can be found.

Points of interest: Sombor, Bački Monoštor, Muzej Batinske bitke

Destination 8: Duna-Dráva National Park

Background information: The Danube-Dráva National Park is an alluvial plain divided by a flood prevention dyke. Before the regulations the river followed a course with wide bends which gradually cut themselves off and created a succession of dead branches and oxbows along the main bed. Areas in between the side-branch and the main bed have developed into extensive islands, some of them 15 kilometres long. Characteristic small canals have formed naturally in the spectacular high banks, through which water bodies, dead branches and depressions are interconnected with each other. Acidic sandy grasslands with isolated bogs in between sandy ridges follow gully-like erosive valleys cut deeply in the low hilly region of the Zákány-Órtilos Hills.

Points of interest:

Kanizsai Dorottya Museum, Mohács National Memorial, Kölked – White Stork Museum, Boki-Duna – Fishermen's outdoor exhibition

Destination 9: Duna-Ipoly National Park

The Danube-Ipoly National Park was the ninth national park founded in Hungary, and is perhaps the most diversified of all of them. Situated between the Danube and the Ipoly Rivers, it keeps the Pilis-Visegrád Hills, Börzsöny, Ipoly Valley and the Danubian part of the Great Plain in one unit and is committed to preserving the natural values of the highland woods and river habitats.

The national park includes several impressive hills, such as the Csóványos (938 m), the Nagy-Hideg Hill (864 m), the Pilis Peak (756 m) and the Dobogó-ký (699 m). The rock-bed of the Pilis Hills stretching from Esztergom to Budapest is made up of limestone and dolomite. Because of the basic characteristics of the rock formation, the hills are exceptionally rich in caves. Most of the 334 caves of the national park can be found in the Pilis Hills. Other areas of importance include the Pilis Biosphere Reserve, the Ipoly Valley Ramsarian Area, the Pilis Hill-side Forest Reserve, the Preacher's Podium Forest Reserve and the Pogány-Rózsási Forest Reserve.

Points of interest:

Pilisi Len Visitor Center
Lynx House Visitor Center
Sas-Hill Visitor Center

Destination 10: Szigetköz Landscape Protection Area, Fertő-Hátság National Park

Background information: The Fertő-Hanság National Park Directorate manages protected areas from the slopes of the Bakony to the Sopron Mountains, from the Danube to the meadows and oak forests in the Rábaköz region. The Szigetköz Landscape Protection Area covers about 500 small islands and hundreds of shallows, islets and inner lakes.

Points of interest: Borsodi Dülő; Hany Istók tanösvény; Gloritte kilátó; Vizi rence tanösvény
LÁSZLÓMAJOR LÁTOGATÓKÖZPONT, BEMUTATÓ MAJORSÁG
HANSÁG ÉLŐVILÁGA KIÁLLÍTÁS

Destination 11: Dunajské Luhy Protected Landscape Area

Background information: The Dunajské luhy Protected Landscape Area consists of five separate parts. This unique area, situated on a natural levee of the Danube, is one of the largest inland river deltas in Europe.

The system of natural levees, depressions and the accumulation of a dense network of river branches are the most significant characteristic of the Dunajské luhy Protected Landscape Area. But the area also includes floodplain forests, wetlands, meadows and water bodies, such as lakes, oxbow lakes, ponds and streams.

Points of interest:

Island Velký Lél

Velkolélský ostrov Island or Nagyléli sziget is known on both sides of the Danube river as one of the last large Danube islands covering more than 250 hectares of land. It is managed by BROZ, an NGO for Nature conservation who offers camps and excursions for visitors.

Destination 12: Záhorie Protected Landscape Area

Background information: The Záhorie Protected Landscape Area is the first proclaimed lowland protected landscape area in Slovakia. Three types of landscape structures create a colourful and dynamic periodically flooded environment with adequate living conditions for a wide range of plant and animal species. The area is well preserved because of its 40-year function as a border between Western Europe and the Eastern Bloc. The area is part of an important route for migratory birds.

The northeastern part of the area is influenced by wind processes associated with the transfer of sand. Sand-hills, wind corrugated sheets, rounded sifts and crescentic dunes are the main landscape types here. The western part consists of river terraces and wide river alluvium as well as floodplain alluvial meadows. The meadows are also harmoniously distributed in the vicinity of swamp forests, densely interlaced by a network of old branches, river lakes and seasonal wetlands spread in the riparian forest zones and floodplains.

Points of interest:

Devin castle, Devínska Kobyla, Hohenau an der March

Destination 13: Donau-Auen National Park

Background information: The Donau-Auen National Park preserves the last great floodplain landscape in Central Europe on an area of more than 9,600 hectares. With its foundation in 1996, this nature jewel was placed under international protection sustainably. Since then, nature has been able to develop here free from economic constraints.

Points of interest:

Schlosshof; Römerstadt Carnuntum; Schloss Marchegg, Stadt Hainburg

Destination 14: Wachau Protected Landscape Area

Background information: The Wachau is a stretch of the Danube Valley between Melk and Krems. The Wachau region is famous for its picturesque landscapes, excellent wines, and flowering apricot trees.

In one of the last free-flowing Danube sections on the Upper Danube, conservation actions are focused on river dynamics and restoration.

The Wachau has become part of UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2000. It preserves in an intact and visible form many traces - in terms of architecture (monasteries, castles, ruins), urban design (towns and villages), and agricultural use.

The clearing of the natural forest by local peoples began in the Neolithic period. Although radical changes in the landscape did not take place until around 800 AD, when the Bavarian and Salzburg monasteries began to cultivate the slopes of the Wachau, creating the present-day landscape pattern of vine terraces.

Points of interest:

Spitz an der Donau, Krems an der Donau, Dürnstein

Destination 15: Narrow Valley of the Danube in Passau district

Background information:

On its 2,850-km journey through Europe, the Danube River connects very different landscapes. While it flows from Regensburg to Hofkirchen in broad arcs through the wide valley, it crosses the picturesque narrow valley between Hofkirchen in the Passau district to Aschach in Upper Austria and intersects the southern foothills of the Bavarian and Bohemian Forests. The resulting steep valley slopes are called "Leiten".

In the Protected Areas along the Danube between Hofkirchen in Bavaria and Aschach in Upper Austria, there are large semi-natural gorge and hillside mixed forests. These occupy an outstanding position within the cultural landscape of Central Europe, as no other comparable areas have been preserved within the entire European area of the Danube.

Due to the shape of the terrain, hot, dry rock areas lie side by side on the steep slopes with cool-moist valleys with springs, streams and rivulets. Here silicate rock and base-rich rock meet – extraordinary for the Bavarian Forest – creating an exceptional diversity of habitats. These conditions result in high biodiversity, which is expressed in a large number of species of plants, animals and mushrooms that make their home here. In

In addition, the area's location on the Danube and proximity to the Inn and Ilz Rivers contribute to the occurrence of unique species and communities.

Points of interest:

Haus am Strom

Destination 16: Donauauwald Neuburg-Ingolstadt

Background information:

The Donauauwald Neuburg-Ingolstadt comprises the EU Flora-Fauna-Habitats Directive area 'Danube Floodplains with Gerolfinger Eichenwald' and parts of the Special Protection Area 'Danube Floodplain between the mouth of the Lech and Ingolstadt'. The entire region has preserved its special character as a dense riparian forest because of the protection by the former Dukes of Bavaria as a hunting area, where nature meets history.

Points of interest:

Schloss Grünau

Destination 17: Regional Park Mura-Drava

Background information:

Osijek-Baranja County is located in the heart of the Pannonian Plain in eastern Croatia... It has a high level of biological diversity, as well as the entire Republic of Croatia, which can be attributed to its specific geographical position.

The great diversity of the landscape provides a great diversity of plant and animal species in this area.

Our new member "Public Institution Agency for the Management of Protected Natural Values in the Osijek-Baranja County" manages 16 protected natural areas in Osijek-Baranja County, and one of those areas is "Regional Park Mura-Drava".

Points of interest:

Osijek, Vukovar

Destination 18: Lonjsko Polje Nature Park

Background information:

Because of the exceptional arrangement of the Sava River system, which comprehends three different climate regions, flood may occur at any time of the year. This volatility makes Lonjsko Polje an outstanding example of ecological processes caused by extreme and unpredictable oscillations of flood dynamics occurring in the central course of the Sava River. The great importance of the Central Sava Floodplains is related to the rarity of natural floodplain ecological systems in Europe, as a result of the drainage and regulation of the great rivers, particularly in their central courses.

Points of interest:

Heritage village of Krapje, Village of Mužilovčica, Zagreb

3.3 The destinations of the DANUBEPARKS Network and points of interest

Destination 1: Danube Delta

Points of interest:

Mila 23: Among the numerous travel destinations in the Danube Delta, the Mila23 village with approximately 450 villagers has a special charm. This is the place that best mirrors the characteristics of a typical Lipovan village from the Danube Delta. During the last years, the village has developed dramatically from a touristic point of view, thanks to its very favourable position, which is in the very centre of the Danube Delta.

<https://www.discoverdanubedelta.com/mila23-village-in-the-middle-of-the-danube-delta/>

Crisan: Village with public boat port. Situated in the middle of the delta on the Sulina Channel, it has always had a privileged position thanks to the great number of commercial ships that pass here every day.

<https://www.wild-danube-delta.com/crisan>

Sulina: The terminus point for cruise liners sailing across the Delta, was mentioned for the first time more than 1,000 years ago under the name of Selina in a work written by Byzantine Emperor Constantine Porphyrogenetes. This port town once bustled with traders from Europe and the Middle East, adventurers and sea pirates. The town served as headquarters for the European Danube Commission during the 19th century when the Danube was turned into a waterway suitable for commercial shipping. This huge project attracted workers from all over Europe, and the Anglican, Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Muslim and Jewish tombstones in Sulina's cemetery bear witness to this former international community.

<https://romaniatourism.com/danube-delta.html>

Caraorman: Black Forest in Turkish. A settlement in the heart of the Delta. Caraorman Forest is a monument of nature since 1940 and in 2000 received the status of strictly protected area with an oak forest with specimens older than 400 years.

<https://www.discoverdanubedelta.com/trip-to-caraorman/>

St. George: First mentioned in 1318, the fishing village is well-known for its traditional cooking, including the famous black caviar (icre negre). A 30-minute walk leads to one of the longest strips of beach on the Romanian Black Sea coast.

<https://romaniatourism.com/danube-delta.html>

Destination 2: Lower Prut Nature Reserve

Points of interest:

Slobozia Mare: the educational info centre

<http://www.moldsilva.gov.md/libview.php?l=ro&idc=270&id=1258&t=/kommunikatiea/cobitiei/Vizita-a-unui-grup-de-elevi-i-parinti-la-Centrul-de-Educatie-Ecologica-din-Slobozia-Mare-r-nul-Cahul/>

Eco-Village Valeni: A touristic complex consisting of an agro guest house, a few rustic houses, which are still under construction, a restaurant and a traditional rural courtyard. All are situated in one of the villages in the Biosphere Reservation "Prutul de Jos", with Belevu Lake and the brooks of Prut river.

<https://undpmoldova.exposure.co/valeni-a-holiday-village>

<https://complexvaleni.com/en/beleu-lake/>

Padurea Domneasca: "Padurea Domneasca" (Royal Forest) Reserve it is one of the oldest forests in the Prut River bottomland. It is blessed with various unique landscapes, of international value, and places filled with the charm of nature. It is unique by its biodiversity, including one of the oldest bottomland forests in Europe.

<https://casamare.md/en/places/prirodnje-pamyatniki/nauchnye-zapovedniki/nauchnyi-zapovednik-pedurya-domnyaske>

Beleu Lake: A relic from other times long passed with a length of 5 km, width of 2 km and a depth of 0.5 – 2 meters is one of Moldova's biggest natural lakes.

<https://complexvaleni.com/en/beleu-lake/>

Destination 3: Rusenski Lom Nature Park

Points of interest:

Lomovete Special Protection Area: The SPA Lomovete is a complex of canyons deeply cut into the plain by the meanders of the Russenski Lom and its tributaries.

<https://eagleforests.org/protected-areas/lomovete/>

Ivanovo rock hewn churches: In the valley of the Roussenski Lom River, in north east Bulgaria, a complex of rock-hewn churches, chapels, monasteries and cells developed in the vicinity of the village of Ivanovo.

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/45/>

Medieval fortress of Cherven: The town is an heir of a Byzantine fortress of the 6th century and it reached its greatest progress in the 14th century. The medieval locality included an internal town – a citadel placed upon a high rock plateau and an external town, situated in the foot. Cherven was one of the largest military and administrative, economic and cleric cultural centers of the Second Bulgarian Empire (12th – 14th century) and an important stop along the roads from Danube river to the internal part of the country.

<https://bulgariatravel.org/medieval-fortified-town-of-cherven/>

Orlova Chuka Cave: The Orlova Chuka cave is situated at a distance of about 40 km from Ruse, near the village of Pepelina. The cave was found in 1941 by a shepherd who was shepherding his flock in the region.

In 1959 in Orlova Chuka were built 124 stone stairs and an artificial tunnel was drilled, which serves as an entrance. Speleologists started examining the cave and found skeletons of cave bears. It is believed that it was inhabited by people during the Paleolithic Age and the Stone-Copper Age.

<https://bulgariatravel.org/orlova-chuka-cave/>

Destination 4: Persina Nature Park

Points of interest:

Persina Nature Park Visitor center: Persina Nature Park is the only nature park, situated along the Bulgarian river valley of Danube river. The designation of the Park aims at conservation and restoration of Danube wetlands.

<https://www.persina.bg/index.php>

Kaykusha Protected Area: Protected site "Kaykusha" was designated by Ordinance №438/02.08.1978 with an area of 240 ha. The area includes a preserved fraction of wetland from the former Svishtovsko – Belenska floodplain. It is located at the south border of "Persina" Nature Park.

https://persina.bg/indexdetails.php?menu_id=6&cli_lang=EN

Destination 5: Iron Gates Natural Park and Djerdap National Park

Points of interest:

Domogled Valea Cernei National Park: The Domogled Valea Cernei National Park is with 612 square kilometers the largest national park in Romania and accommodates large primeval and natural forest areas. The entire national park is also designated as a EU Natura 2000.

<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/exploring-the-fourteen-spectacular-national-parks-of-romania.html>

Mehedinti Plateau Geopark: The Mehedinti Plateau is a natural park between the Mehedinti Mountains and the Getic Piedmont. The Geopark may be described as a hilly area with low, sinuous heights, including crystalline schists dating back to the Jurassic. The most renowned sights of the Mehedinti Plateau Geopark are the Topolnitei and Epuran Caves, as well as the Lilac Forest and the Karst complex in Ponoarele.

<http://www.impact-tour.eu/obekti/obekti-v-romania/naturaltouristresourcesro-228/?lang=en>

Danube Gorges: The Danube Gorges represent the most picturesque part of the Danube's Canyon at its passing through the Carpathians. On a nine kilometers line length, the river has dug its way into the rocks, being at the same time the border between Romania and Serbia. There are parts where the Danube narrows its path up to 230 meters.

<http://www.romania-travel-guide.com/en/attractions/sights/the-danube-gorges.html>

Island Moldova Veche: The first narrowing of the Danube lies beyond the Romanian isle of Moldova Veche and is known as the Golubac gorge. It is 14.5 km long and 230 m wide at the narrowest point.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron_Gates

Monastery Tumane: The monastery is situated in the valley of the river of Tumanska reka, 12 km south-east of Golubac. It is located in the village of Snegotin, though it is outside of the village itself, in the forested, secluded depression area of the north-west section of the Severni Kučaj mountain.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tuman_monastery

Rajko's cave: Rajkova cave is located 2 km from the center of Majdanpek, within the Djerdap Geopark.

<https://www.visiteastserbia.rs/en/nature/rajkos-cave>

Blederija waterfall: Blederija Waterfall is located near Reka Village, some thirty kilometers southwest of Kladovo. It is approximately 7 m high and falls into a rimstone pool, forming a turquoise-green pond.

https://geoparkdjerdap.rs/en/geological_heritage/blederija-waterfall/

Prehistoric time machine - 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.

<https://www.serbia.travel/en/see-serbia/culture/archaeological-sites/lepenski-vir>

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.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golubac_Fortress

Destination 6: Kopački rit Nature Park

Points of interest:

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.

<https://pp-kopacki-rit.hr/village-kopacevo/?lang=en>

Tikveš Castle Complex: 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.

<https://pp-kopacki-rit.hr/tikves-castle-complex/?lang=en>

Tourist dock Sakadaš: 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.

<https://pp-kopacki-rit.hr/tourist-dock-sakadas/?lang=en>

Destination 7: Gornje Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve

Points of interest:

Sombor: 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.

<https://www.visitsombor.org/ponuda/1/about-sombor.html>

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.

<https://www.visitsombor.org/ponuda/id274/rural-tourism/backi-monostor/backi-monostor.html>

Muzej Batinske bitke: Historical Museum in Batina.

Destination 8: Duna-Dráva National Park

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.

<https://www.danubetourism.eu/museum-kanizsai-dorottya-mohacs/>

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.

<https://www.danubetourism.eu/national-memorial-place-mohacs/>

Kölked – White Stork Museum

https://ddnp.hu/okoturizmus/bemutatohelyek/feher_golya_muzeum

Boki-Duna – Fishermen's outdoor exhibition: Duna-Dráva National Park

<https://www.ddnp.hu/>

Destination 9: Duna-Ipoly National Park

Points of interest:

Pilisi Len Visitor Center: Nature exhibition and guided tours on a trail, which is the home of a unique linus species, the *Linum dolomiticum*.

<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/pilisi-len-visitor-center>

Lynx House Visitor Center: Interactive exhibition, nature trail, guided tours in the Börzsöny Mountains, open air school, handicraft activities.

<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/lynx-house-visitor-center>

Sas-Hill Visitor Center: Living museum in the heart of Budapest! Interactive exhibition, outdoor terrariums, magnificent view of the city from its panoramic terrace, guided tours on the nature trail.

<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/sas-hill-visitor-center>

Destination 10: Szigetköz Landscape Protection Area, Fertő-Hátság National Park

Points of interest:

Borsodi Dülő; Hany Istók tanösvény; Gloritte kilátó; Vizi rence tanösvény

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<https://www.ferto-hansag.hu/en>

Destination 11: Dunajské Luhy Protected Landscape Area

Points of interest:

Island Veľký Lél

Veľkolélsky ostrov Island or Nagyléli sziget is known on both sides of the Danube river as one of the last large Danube islands covering more than 250 hectares of land. It is managed by BROZ, an NGO for Nature conservation who offers camps and excursions for visitors.

<https://www.ekofarma.sk/en>

<https://broz.sk/en/ostrov-velky-lel/>

Destination 12: Záhorie Protected Landscape Area

Points of interest:

Devín castle: For the local people, the western part of Bratislava is one of the most popular venues for a trip. Just 10 km west of the city centre, Devín Castle is set in beautiful natural scenery.

<https://www.visitbratislava.com/places/devin-castle/>

Devínska Kobyla: The Devínska Kobyla hill, reaching 514 metres in height, is the highest point of Bratislava. It is topped with a new lookout tower, installed this spring, resembling a mantidfly, a rare insect living in this area.

<https://www.visitbratislava.com/far-from-the-hustle-and-bustle-of-the-city/>

Hohenau an der March:

<http://www.marchthayaauen.at/>

<https://www.weinviertel.at/en/action/search?form=fulltextsearch&q=hohenau+an+der>

Destination 13: Donau-Auen National Park

Points of interest:

Schlosshof: Big castle complex close to the border of Slovakia.

<https://www.schlosshof.at/en/>

Römerstadt Carnuntum: From the 1st to the 4th century AD, Carnuntum was a significant Roman metropolis on the border of the Roman Empire. The goal is to vividly present the history and basic scientific research associated with the Roman City of Carnuntum.

<https://www.carnuntum.at/en>

Schloss Marchegg: Where Kings and Storks Meet. In the 13th century, a fortified city including a moated castle was erected at the place where then, as now, the Morava riverbed disappears "around the bend". Yet the striking Schloss Marchegg of today first came about in the Baroque era.

<http://www.schloesserreich.at/en/schloss-marchegg.html>

Stadt Hainburg: Hainburg an der Donau is the nearest Austrian town to Bratislava (about 14 kilometers away from Bratislava). It is very nice destination for lovers of history and nature as well as for hikers and bikers, and for paddle trips on the Danube River.

<https://www.panorama.sk/en/guide/hainburg/1457>

Destination 14: Wachau Protected Landscape Area

Points of interest:

Spitz an der Donau: Spitz is a small town with cobbled streets amidst vineyards and views of the Danube valley.

Krems an der Donau: Krems, which includes the town of Stein, an old town located between Kremser Tor (15th century) and Gottweigerghof (13th and 14th century) has many historical buildings, and also "pedestrian only" streets of Obere and Untere Landstrasse.

Dürnstein: The town of Dürnstein was established in 1019 AD on a rocky promontory along a gentle curve of the Danube river, in the midst of the Wachau valley. Known then as Tirnstein, and described later as the "most romantic place for the picturesque ancient terraced vineyards and monuments, in the Wachau".

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wachau>

Destination 15: Narrow Valley of the Danube in Passau district

Points of interest:

Haus am Strom: The Haus am Strom is the environmental station of the district of Passau. Visit our exhibition or one of our numerous events. The Donauleiten nature reserve, that we are managing, also invites you to a pleasurable hike.

<https://www.hausamstrom.de/en/>

Destination 16: Donauauwald Neuburg-Ingolstadt

Points of interest:

Schloss Grünau: Former Hunting Castle on the edge of Riparian Forest and Nature Protected Area.

https://neuburg-donau.info/entdecken/sehenswuerdigkeiten/jagdschloss-gruenau_id2713

Destination 17: Regional Park Mura-Drava

Points of interest:

Osijek: Osijek is the largest city in Slavonia, on the banks of the Drava and the seat of the county of Osijek-Baranja, making it an administrative, industrial and cultural centre.

<https://croatia.hr/en-GB/Destinations/Town/Osijek?ZHNCNTA1LHBcNw%3D%3D>

Vukovar: The Vukovar-Srijem County – plains surrounded by the rivers Danube and Sava and washed with six more rivers.

<https://www.visitvukovar-srijem.com/en/county/general-information/>

Destination 18: Lonjsko Polje Nature Park

Points of interest:

Heritage village of Krapje: The cultural heritage of Lonjsko Polje is made up of a system of traditional rural settlements with their pertaining cultural landscape and architectural heritage.

<https://www.europeanheritagedays.com/Event/EVENT-Krapje-a-village-of-architectural-heritage>

<https://www.adriaticdmc.hr/krapje-village-a34>

Village of Mužilovčica: The village of Mužilovčica, known for its swallows. Don't miss a meal at the Ravlić family farm here.

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/croatia/inland-croatia/attractions/lonjsko-polje-nature-park/a/poi-sig/1271901/1326036>

Zagreb: The city of Zagreb, capital of Croatia, on the historic and political threshold between East and West.

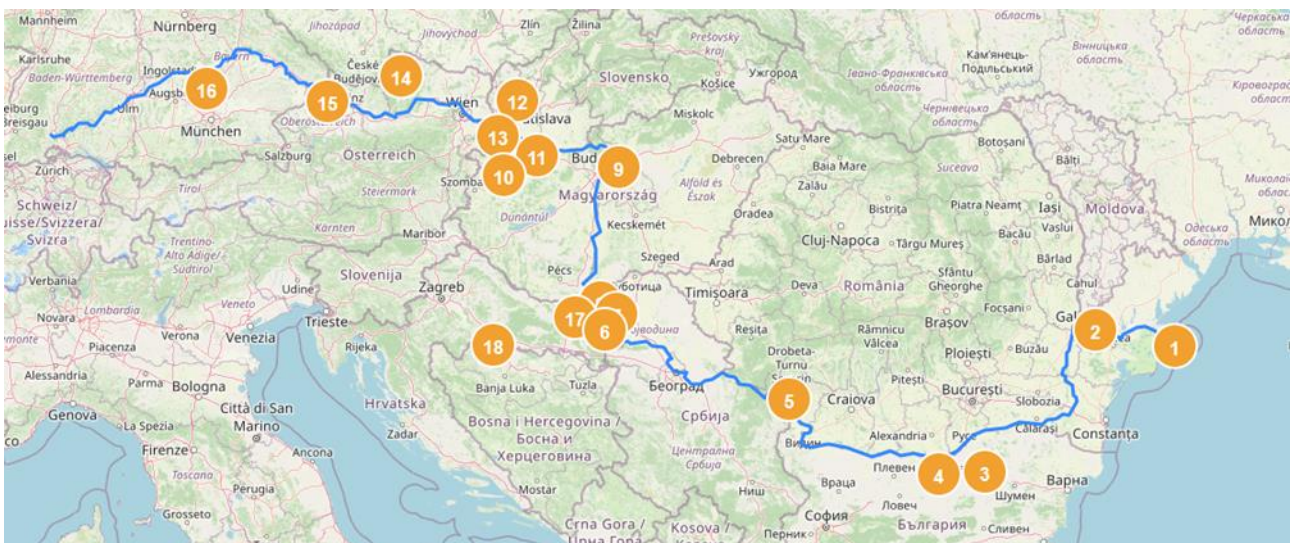
<https://www.infozagreb.hr/about-zagreb/basic-facts#introduction>

4 Status quo analysis of sustainable travel options along the trails and within the destinations

The following chapter provides information about sustainable transport services for each destination. Each Protected Area of the DANUBEPARKS network is a destination. The analysis shows how the visitors centres can be reached from major cities. The trail "Returning to the Last Danube" is a section of the whole "DANUBEPARKS-trail" and analysed from Chapter 4.3 where we focus on how to move within destinations.

The information in the analysis was gathered through a questionnaire send out to all DANUBEPARKS partners, by a desk research and also in the course of an expert workshop.

The map of the DANUBEPARKS Network shows the Protected Areas in each country. The destinations can be reached from various major cities along the Danube. We are following the stream of the Danube River starting at km 0 in the Danube Delta.



The Danube connects not only our Protected Areas it also connects 10 countries with major cities that function as starting points to reach our Protected Areas and the Points of interests close to them. In this analysis we connected the next biggest cities close to the Protected Area visitor centres by public transport. We assume that from each bigger city other big cities and countries can be reached by public transport.

4.1 How to enter the story – how to travel to Bucharest

Train

There is a main train station Bucharest which can be reached from various cities in Europe and in Romania. For example, from Germany and Austria:

<https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/en/austria/>

<https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/en/germany/>

Bucuresti North - main train terminal (Gara de Nord)

Address: Blvd. Garii de Nord 2

Tel: 9521

Bucharest's main train terminal, Gara de Nord, is located three miles northwest of Bucharest downtown. The original Orient Express ran from Paris to Istanbul with several stops in Romania.

International trains

There are daily trains from/to Athens, Belgrade, Budapest, Istanbul, Kiev, Moscow, Prague, Sofia, and Vienna. Trains from/to Western European cities run via Budapest.

Getting to Romania / By Train

To check international trains schedule to/ from Bucharest please visit:

<http://www.RomaniaTourism.com/Transportation.html#ByTrain>

To check schedules and fares for domestic trains please check our Romania Transportation section.

Note: For Bucharest please select Bucuresti Nord.

SNCFR Ticket Offices:

Agentia de Voiaj SNCFR - Grivița

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Open:

Mon. - Fri.: 8 am – 6 pm;

Closed: Sat. and Sun.

Agentia de Voiaj SNCFR - Unirii

Address: Piata Națiunilor Unite – Postal Office

Telephone: (+4) 0752 504.262

Open:

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30am - 6:30pm;

Closed: Sat. and Sun.

The trip however is time consuming with approx. from 20h from Vienna to Bucharest.

Bus

Flixbus

Flixbus is an environmentally-friendly and reliable way to travel in Europe.

Phone: +49 30 300137300

E-Mail: service@flixbus.de

Website: www.global.flixbus.com

Booking: FlixBus-App Website (www.shop.global.flixbus.com)

Tickets can be bought directly from the bus driver

App Download Google Play Store (Android) Download Apple Store (IOS)

Additional Information: You can take your bike with you if it is of standard size, without add-ons and weighs a maximum of 25 kg. Please add your bicycle during the booking process. Folding bikes can be transported in their special transportation case. Just call our Customer Service to register your folding bicycle as special baggage. It is transported in the baggage compartment. The fee has to be paid in cash to the bus driver.

Prices: www.global.flixbus.com/prices/bicycle-carriage

More information about travelling with a bike: www.global.flixbus.com/service/bike-travel

Luggage: www.flixbus.co.uk/luggage Seat reservation: <https://www.flixbus.co.uk/service/seat-reservations>

Eurolines

Eurolines is an international Bus Service throughout Europe.

Website: <https://www.eurolines.de/en/international-bus-lines/>

Tickets: <https://www.eurolines.de/en/bustickets/our-route-map/>

Ticket centres: <https://www.eurolines.de/en/contact/>

The carriage of bicycles is not allowed.

International Bus Companies serving Bucharest:

Atlassib

Tel: (+4) 021 222.47.35

www.atlassib.ro

Destinations: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden

Departures from: Soseau Alexandriei 164

Autotrans Calatori Filaret

Tel: (+4) 021 335.95.83

www.acfilaret.ro

Destinations: Bulgaria

Departures from: Piata Garii Filaret 1

COMATI PSG

Tel: (+4) 0723 450.475

www.comati-psg.ro

Destinations: Denmark, Sweden

Departures from: Str. Buzesti 44

DoubleT

Tel: (+4) 021 313.36.42

www.doublet.ro

Destinations: Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland

Departures from: Calea Victoriei 2

Eurolines Touring

Tel: (+4) 021 210.08.90

www.eurolines.com

Destinations: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland

Departures from: Str. Buzesti 44

Nordic Tours

Tel: (+4) 021 305.60.06

www.nordic.ro

Destinations: Denmark, Norway, Sweden

Departures from: Piata Garii Filaret 1

Bike

The International Bike Routes Euro Velo 6 and Euro Velo 13 are passing through Romania but not through Bucharest.

In Bucharest there are a lot of local Bike trails.

<https://www.bikemap.net/en/l/683506/>

<https://www.komoot.com/guide/16482/cycling-in-bucharest>

Bucharest bicycle rental centers

Teo Bikes

www.Teo-Bikes.ro

Zebra Bike

www.Zebra-Bike.ro

Bate Saua

www.BateSaua.ro

I Velo

www.IVelo.ro

4.2 How to get started?

The flow of the Danube river starts at km 0 in the Danube Delta. Therefore, we also start in Tulcea. Following the river upstream from one Protected Area to the next. The Protected Areas of the middle and lower Danube belong to the Trail "Return to the Last Danube".

4.2.1 Danube Delta

The best entry point to the Danube Delta is from Tulcea. The next major city is Bucharest.

Reachable by public transport: yes

<https://bilete.cfrcalatori.ro/ro-RO/Itineraries>

Trains:

- Bukarest -Tulcea: CFR – www.cfr.ro, +40733520161; Buslines:
- Util Transfer from Otopeni Airport - Tulcea Bus Station <https://transferaeroport.emmaholidays.ro/>, +40372733969
- Kirvad tour + 40 729.942.000 <https://kirvad.ro/>
- Augustina – from Bucharest-Tulcea <https://augustina.autogari.ro/>, +40743334840

Useful information:

Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority

Str. PORTULUI Nr. 34A, Tulcea, Romania – 820243;

+40 240 51 89 24

Website of Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority: <http://ddbra.ro/>

C.F.R. RAILWAY STATION Tulcea phone: 0240/ 513706

BUS STATION Tulcea phone: 0240/ 513304

RIVER SHIPS STATION Tulcea phone: 0240/ 511553

AIRPORT Tulcea phone: 0240/512910, fax: 0240/511040, email: aeroport@x3m.ro

SC NAVROM BAC SA Galati: ferry crossing - Faleza Dunarii: 0236/ 496627; 418383, fax: 0236/ 460848

SC NAVROM SA Galati: 34 Portului Street, phone: 0236/461022, fax: 0236/460190, , www.navrom.ro

SC NAVROM Tulcea www.navromdelta.ro +40 240 511 553

TAXI: 0240/ 941; 942; 943; 949

MAYOR'S OFFICE Tulcea: 0240/511440

INFORMATION CENTER – DANUBE OFFICE: 0240/519130

<http://old.ddbra.ro/en/tourism/tourist-routes>

<https://ddbra.ro/centre-de-informare-si-educatie-ecologica/>

<https://ddbra.ro/trasee-turistice/>

<http://old.ddbra.ro/en/tourism/tourist-information-and-environmental-education-centers>

<http://old.ddbra.ro/en/tourism/tourism-operators>

Train or Bus from Bucharest to Tulcea. From Tulcea the different destinations can be reached by boat.

<https://romaniatourism.com/transportation.html>

<https://www.navromdelta.ro/en/home/>

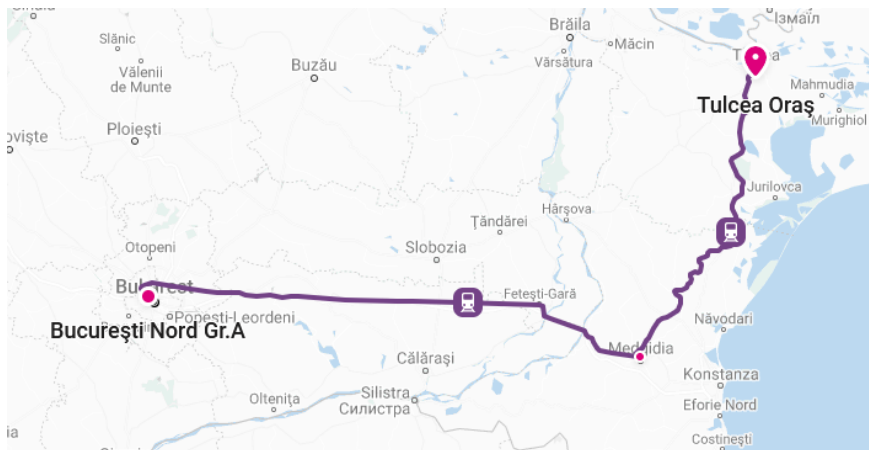
<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/danube-delta/>

Train:

Bucharest to Tulcea

<https://mersultrenurilor.infofer.ro/ro-RO/Rute-trenuri/Bucuresti-Nord/Tulcea-Oras>

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Bucharest/Tulcea>



Bike and Boat infrastructure:

No bike paths close to the Protected Areas. There is an ongoing project to develop a bike trail in St. George. The boat infrastructure is well established, different tour operators offer trips or transfer in the delta with different types of boats.

<http://old.ddbra.ro/activitati/turism/societati-de-turism/ambarcatiuni-pentru-excursii-a768>

<https://veradatour.ro/en/rental-boats-in-the-danube-delta/>

Bike rental:

TripsOnBike – tripsonbike@yahoo.com, +40741331362,

Transport by boat:

Public:

- Water Public Transport: Tulcea to Periprava, Sulina, Saint George and back: NAVROM – www.navromdelta.ro, +40741331362, +40 240 511 553

Flexible Transport by boat:

- Diana: Tulcea-Crisan, +40737259337
- Travel Delta Star: Tulcea-Sulina; +40752917592
- Sulina Trans: Tulcea-Sulina, +40748369173
- Nautica Sulina +40 747 976 427, <https://nauticasulina.ro/>

4.2.2 Lower Prut Nature Reserve

The best entry point for the Protected Area would be from Chisinau.

Useful Information:

Agency Moldsilva

124 bd. Stefal cel Mare; Chisinau 2100

Tel: +373 22272306

Fax: +373 22277345

Email: msilva@moldsilva.gov.m

<http://www.moldsilva.gov.md/?l=en>

Reservatia Biosferei Prutul de Jos

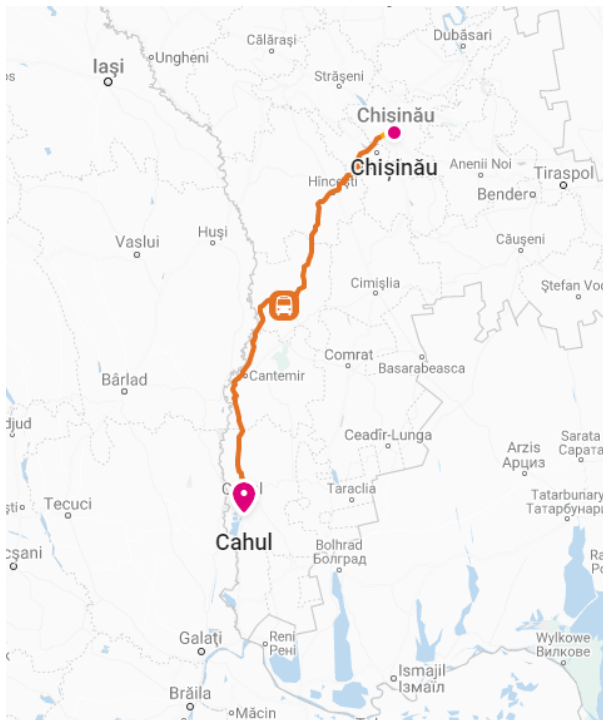
Nuferilor 1, 5320 Slobozia Mare

https://www.facebook.com/rezervatianaturalaprutuldejos/?ref=pages_you_manage

Bus:

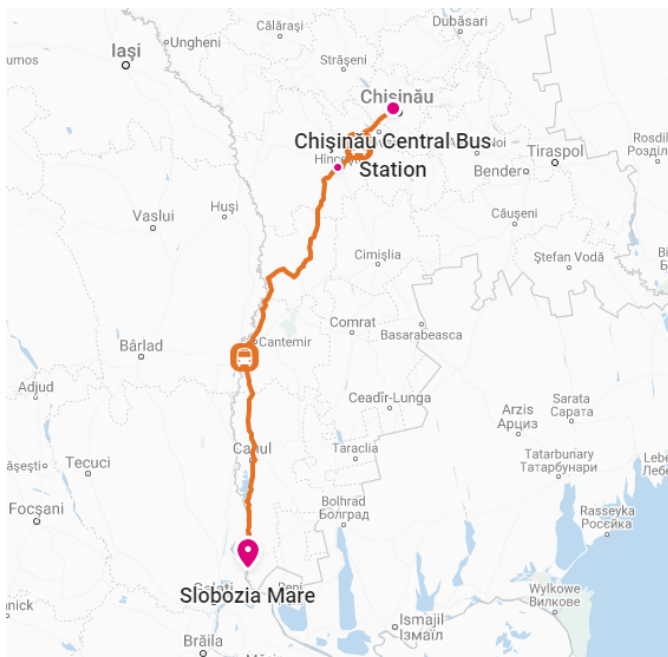
From Chisinau to Cahul

[Chisinau nach Cahul \(rome2rio.com\)](#)



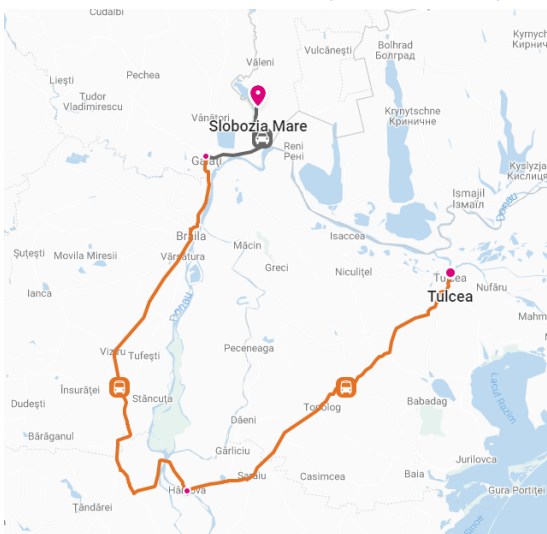
From Chisinau to Slobozia Mare

[Chisinau nach Slobozia Mare \(rome2rio.com\)](#)



From Tulcea to Slobozia Mare

[Tulcea nach Slobozia Mare \(rome2rio.com\)](http://Tulcea%20nach%20Slobozia%20Mare%20(rome2rio.com))



Boat rental:

Ecovillage Valeni

<https://complexvaleni.com/en/this-is-us/>

4.2.3 Rusenski Lom Nature Park

Entry points of the destination are Ruse or Sofia.

Useful information:

Directorate of Nature Park Rusenski Lom

7000 Ruse, 7 Skobelev Blvd.

Contact:

Director: Tsonka Hristova

Phone: 082 87 23 97

Fax: 082 87 23 97

Email: dpprusenski_lom@nug.bg

Internet address: www.rusenskilom.iag.bg

Tourist Information

<https://bulgariatravel.org/de/naturpark-rusenski-lom/>

www.visitruse.info | Official tourist guide of Ruse municipality

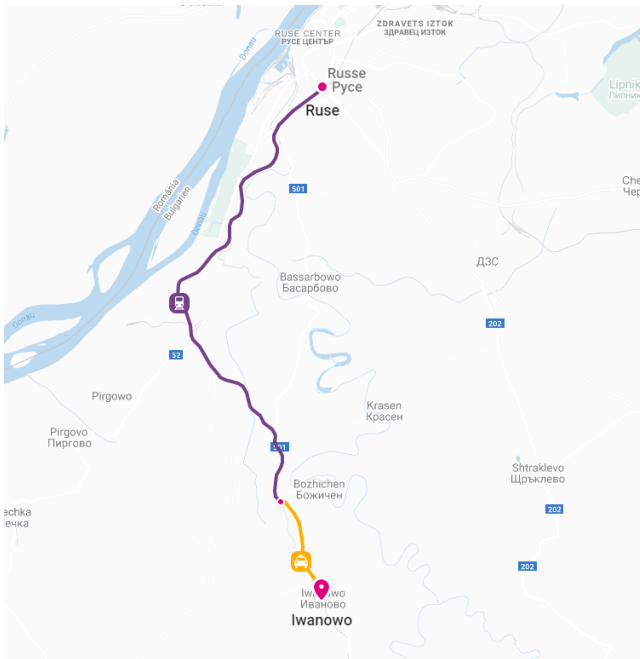
Bulgarian Association for Alternative Tourism

<http://www.baatbg.org/en/home/1/>

Train and Bus Services:

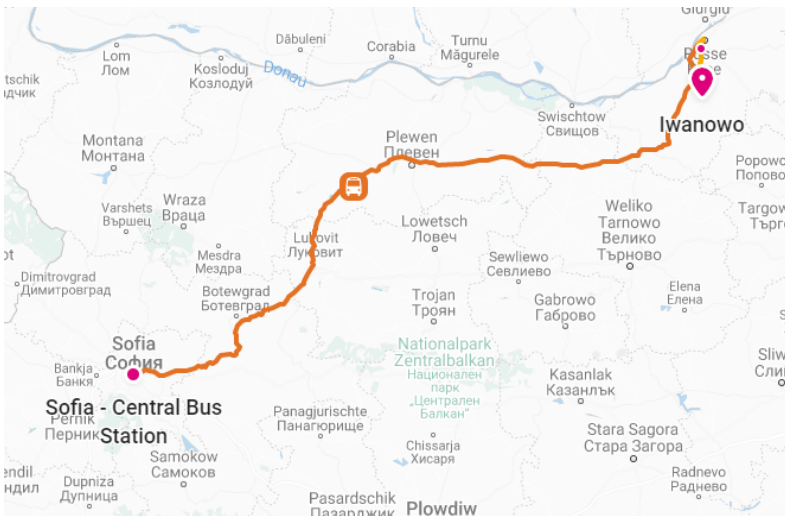
Russe to Ivanovo

<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Russe/Iwanowo-Oblast-Ruse-Bulgarien>



Sofia to Ivanovo

<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Sofia/Ivanowo-Oblast-Ruse-Bulgarien>



Bike and boat:

Lena project

<https://de.eurovelo.com/ev6/bulgaria>

4.2.4 Persina Nature Park

The destination can be entered from Sofia or Ruse.

Useful information:

Persina Nature Park Directorate

5930 Belene, Bulgaria

5 Persin str.

tel/fax:+359658 3 26 84

e-mail:persina@abv.bg,

dpppersina@iag.bg

https://persina.bg/indexdetails.php?menu_id=23&cli_lang=EN

Tourist Information

<https://bulgariatravel.org/de/naturpark-persina/>

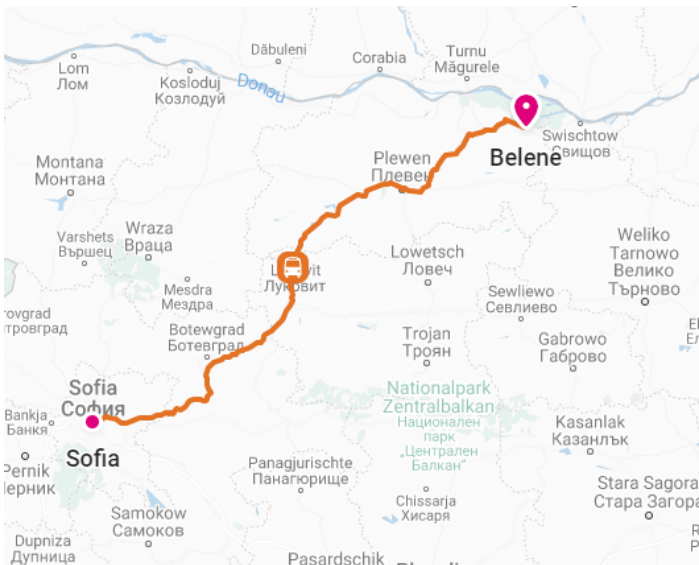
Bulgarian Association for Alternative Tourism

<http://www.baatbg.org/en/home/1/>

Train and Bus services:

Sofia to Belene

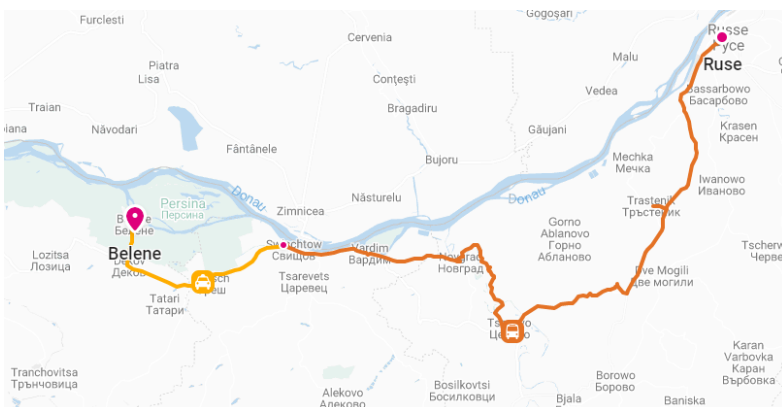
<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Sofia/Belene>



Bus and Taxi:

Ruse to Belene

<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Ruse/Belene>



Bike and boat:

<https://de.eurovelo.com/ev6/bulgaria>

4.2.5 Iron Gates Natural Park

The destination can be entered from Bucharest or Belgrade.

Useful information:

Administratia Parcului Natural Portile de Fier

225200 – Orsova, MH

Tel: 0372.702.529

Email: parc@drobeta.rosilva.ro

<https://www.pnportiledefier.ro/index.html>

Tourist Information & Promotion Center Orsova

Bulevardul 1 Decembrie 1918, 225200 Orsova

[turism.orsova\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:turism.orsova(at)yahoo.com), +40 352 40 14 09

Train:

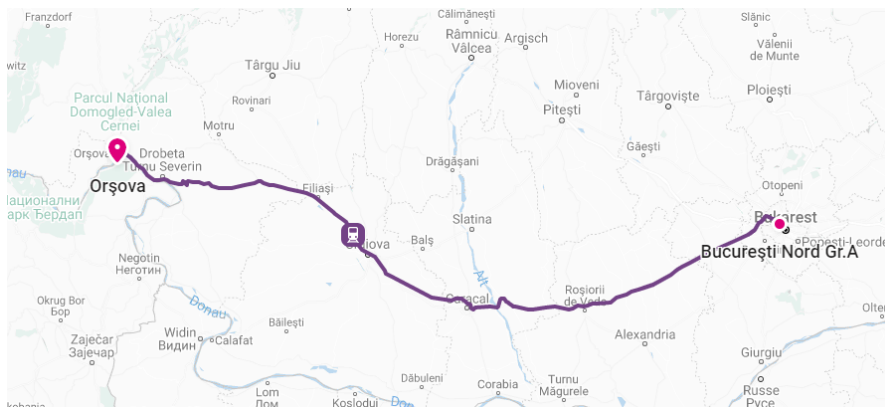
Main hubs Railway station in:

Timisoara / Craiova / Drobeta Turnu Severin / Orsova / Baile Herculane

Regular train services between Drobeta Turnu Severin and Herculane spa

- “Regio trains” – www.cfrcalatori.ro/en/

<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Bukarest/Or%C8%99ova>



Buses:

Regular bus service between Drobeta Turnu Severin and Herculane spa – www.autogari.ro

Passenger shipping for river cruises:

- Diarna ship: www.navadiarna.wordpress.com

Bike rentals: private operators e.g.:

- “Floare de Colt” Hotel in Herculane spa resort – www.oaredecoltherculane.ro
- “Melba” guesthouse in Orsova municipality – <https://pensiunea-melba.ro/>

EuroVelo6

<https://de.eurovelo.com/ev6/romania>

4.2.6 Djerdap National Park

The destination can be entered from Belgrade or Bucharest.

Useful Information:

Public Enterprise

Djerdap National Park

st. Kralja Petra I No. 14a

19220 Donji Milanovac, Serbia

E-mail: office@npdjerdap.rs

<https://npdjerdap.rs/en/>

Mobility info center - Kladovo

22. Septembra No. 4, 19320 Kladovo

tookladovo@gmail.com, +381 19 801 773

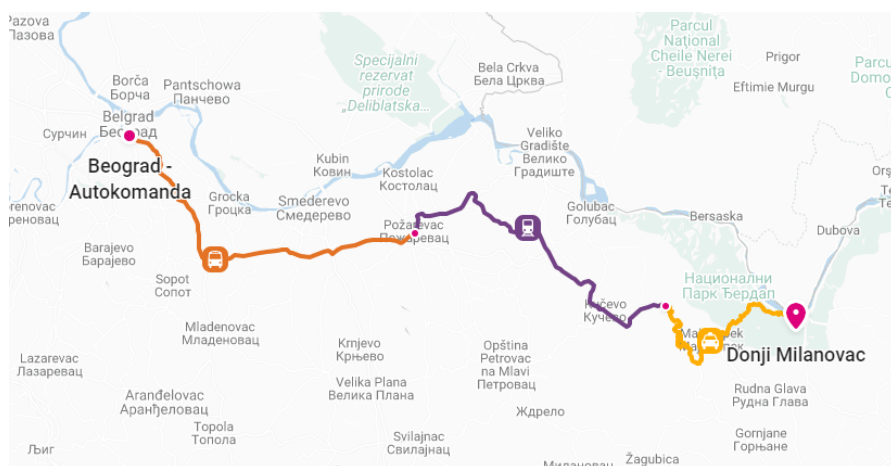
Main hubs: Belgrad railway & bus station / Kladovo

Bus line:

Early morning bus from Belgrade to Djerdap: Arriva Litas – <https://arriva.rs/>

Bicycle transportation is free of charge. The bus can carry up to 5 bicycles and it stops in all major destinations, such as: Veliko Gredište, Golubac and Donji Milanovac.

<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Belgrad/Donji-Milanovac>



Flexible mobility service (taxi on demand):

more information at the Mobility info center in Kladovo: Kralja Aleksandra 15, 19320 Kladovo, +381 19 801 773, info@tookladovo.rs

Bike rental:

E-bike rental at Lepenski Vir museum

<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/djerdapkladovo/>

EuroVelo6

<https://de.eurovelo.com/ev6/serbia>

4.2.7 Kopacki rit Nature Park

The destination can be entered from Zagreb or Novi Sad.

Useful information:

JAVNA USTANOVA PARK PRIRODE KOPAČKI RIT

Adresa: Mali Sakadaš 1, 31327 Kopačevo, Bilje

Telefon: +38531/445-445, +38531/752-320

Email: prijemni.centar@pp-kopacki-rit.hr

<https://pp-kopacki-rit.hr/?lang=en>

Touristinformation Vukovar

J.J. Strossmayer 15, 32000 Vukovar

info(at)turizamvukovar.hr, +385 32 442 889

<http://turizamvukovar.hr/en/>

Main hubs:

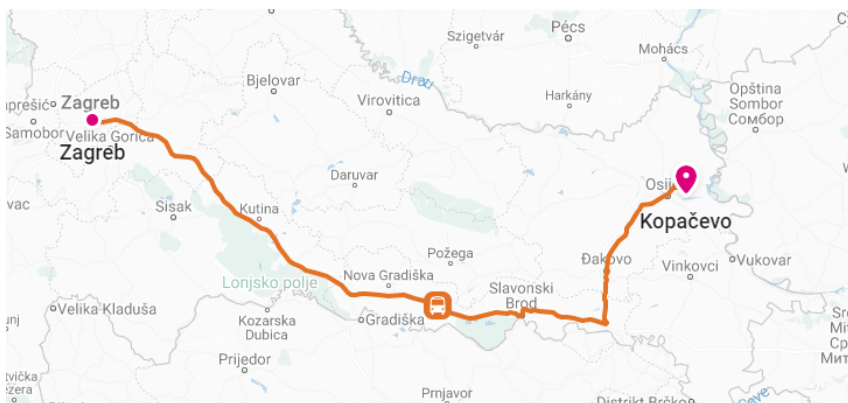
Osijek: railway & bus station / Vinkovci: railway & bus station / Vukovar: railway & bus station / Bačka Palanka: bus station

Trains:

Information about trains: <https://prodaja.hzpp.hr/en>

Train from Zagreb to Bilje. The rest of the trip Kopačevo can only be made by taxi.

[Zagreb nach Kopačevo \(rome2rio.com\)](http://Zagreb.nach.Kopačevo.rome2rio.com)



Bus lines:

from main hubs to the villages Nijemci, Bilje and Ilok with different operators Bicycle transportation is available for an extra fee on selected trains and buses

Passenger shipping:

Public port for international cruise ships in Vukovar, Batina, Aljmaš and Ilok

E-Boat-Danube Cruising on Vukovar Waterbus:

www.vukovarwaterbus.hr, +385 98 344 741

Cycle Routes:

EV 6 - Danube Cycle Route & Srijem Route [EuroVelo 6 / Kroatien - EuroVelo](#)

Bike rental: options in every city/municipality:

Vukovar – <http://www.nextbike.hr>

Bikefriendly Hotels:

Hotel Lav

<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/vukovar/>

Boats and bikes can be rented in the visitor centre of the nature park. Guided boat tours can be booked there as well.

4.2.8 Gornje Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve

The destination can be entered from Novi Sad or Belgrade.

Useful information:

“VOJVODINAŠUME” Direkcija preduzeća | Preradovićeva 2, 21132 Petrovaradin | Tel: 021 431 144 (centrala) | Fax: 021 6433 139

Travel agency „Vojvodinašume-Turist“

Office address: Preradovićeva 2, 21131 Petrovaradin, Novi Sad

E-mail: travel@vojvodinasume.rs

Phone: +38121/6432-401, +38121/6432-976

<https://www.vojvodinasume.rs/en/vojvodinasume-turist/eko-turizam/>

<https://www.vojvodinasume.rs/en/snr-gornje-podunavlje/>

Eco-center „Karapandža“ is located next to the settlement Kendija (Bezdan), on the shores of the Bajski canal. The easiest way to reach Monoštorski rit and the Eco-center „Karapandža“ is through Sombor and Bezdan, with about a 20-minute drive. Eco-center „Karapandža“ is located in the reserve, 30 km away from Sombor, 115 km from Novi Sad, and 205 km from Belgrade.

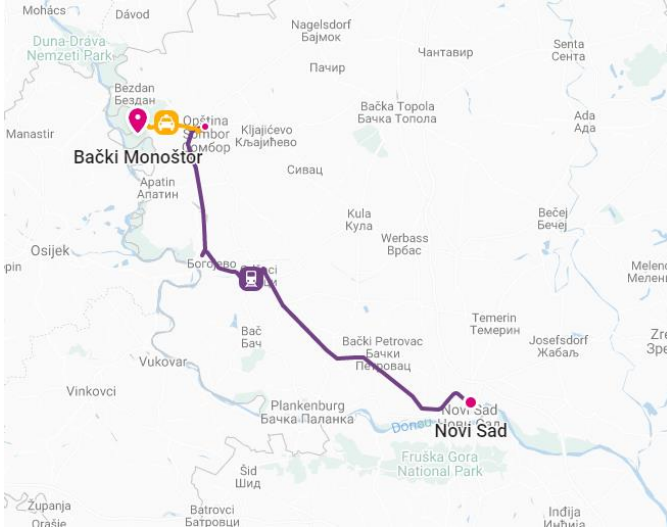
Bike and Boat trips can be booked there.

Train:

From Novi Sad to Bački Monoštor

The train stops in Sombor. From there a taxi is necessary.

<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Novi-Sad/Ba%C4%8Dki-Mono%C5%A1tor>



4.2.9 Duna-Dráva National Park

The destination can be entered from Budapest or Pecs.

Useful information:

Duna-Dráva Nemzeti Park

Tettye tér 9. Pécs, Hungary 7625

Mohács, Cselepaták u. 43, 7700 Hungary

Tel.: +36 72 517 200

Email: dunadrava@ddnp.kvvm.hu

<https://www.ddnp.hu/>

White Stork Museum

Kölked, Széchenyi u. 1, 7717 Hungary

Tel.: +36 30 846 6020

Mohácsi Nemzeti Emlékhely

Mohács, Tomori u. 8, 7700 Hungary

Tel.: +36 69 382 130

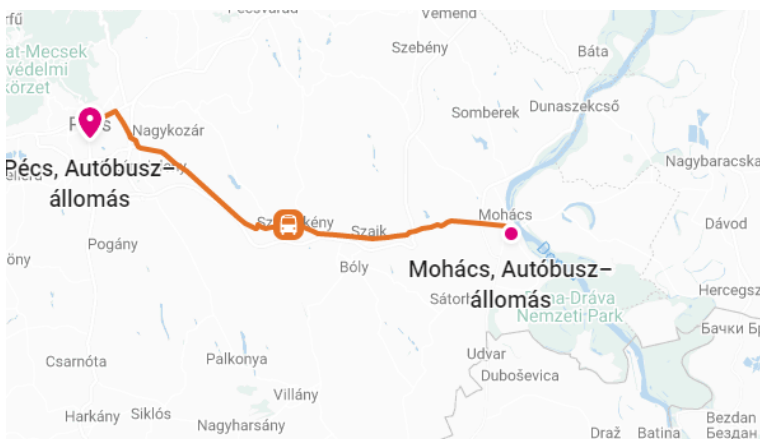
Tourinform Iroda-Mohács

Széchenyi tér 1., 7700 Mohács

[mohacs\(at\)tourinform.hu](mailto:mohacs(at)tourinform.hu), + 36 69 505 515

Trains: from Mohács to Pécs via Villány and from Villány to Beli Manastir in Croatia: www.mavcsoport.hu/en,
Bicycle transportation is available for an extra fee

<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Moh%C3%A1cs/P%C3%A9cs>



Bus lines: www.volanbusz.hu/en

Boat trips: Dunasafari – +36 70 3888980, info(at)dunasafari.hu, www.dunasafari.hu

Cycle routes:

EV 6 - Danube Cycle Route – www.eurovelo.com

EV 13 - Iron Curtain – www.eurovelo.com

Bike-, canoe-, and kayak rental:

Mohács (Indóház Street, Mohács), +36 20 378 0033, +36 69 505 515, mohacs(at)tourinform.hu, www.mohacs.hu

<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/mohacs/>

4.2.10 Duna-Ipoly National Park

The destination can be entered from Budapest.

Useful information:

Pilisi Len Visitor Center

2084 Pilisszentiván, Bányász u. 17.

Tel.: +36 30 511 1802

Email: pilisilen@dinpi.hu

<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/pilisi-len-visitor-center>

Lynx House Visitor Center

2624 Szokolya, Királyrét

Tel.: +36 27 585 625; +36 30 238 0063

Email: kiralyret@dinpi.hu; hiuzhaz@dinpi.hu

<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/lynx-house-visitor-center>

Sas-Hill Visitor Center

1112 Budapest, Tájék u. 26.

Tel.: +36 30 408 4370

Email: sashegy@dinpi.hu

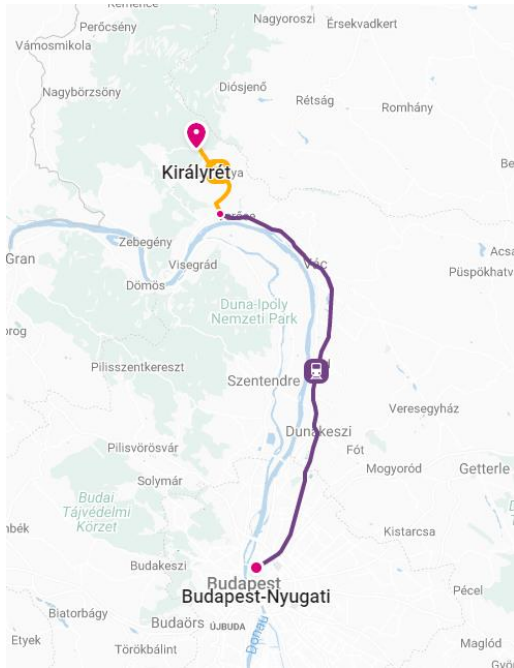
<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/sas-hill-visitor-center>

The websites of the visitor centers provide a detailed travel description in English.

Train:

From Budapest to Királyrét (Lynx House Visitor Center)

<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Budapest/Kir%C3%A1lyr%C3%A9t>



Bike:

EuroVelo 6 <https://de.eurovelo.com/ev6/hungary>

4.2.11 Szigetköz Landscape Protection Area, Fertő-Hátság National Park

The destination can be entered from Budapest or Bratislava.

Useful information:

FERTŐ-HANSÁG NEMZETI PARK IGAZGATÓSÁG

Levelezési cím: 9435 Sarród, Rév-Kócsagvár Pf.: 4

Tel.: +36303778555

Email: fhnp@fhnp.hu

<https://www.ferto-hansag.hu/en>

Szigetköz Turizmusáért Egyesület (DMO Szigetközr)

Magyar u. 9., 9200 Mosonmagyaróvár

info(at)szigetkozportal.hu, +3696 206 304

<http://www.szigetkozportal.hu/en/>

Main hubs: Mosonmagyaróvár railway & bus station / Rajka railway station

Trains: Bicycle transportation is available for an extra fee

MÁV Railway Corp. – www.mavcsoport.hu/en

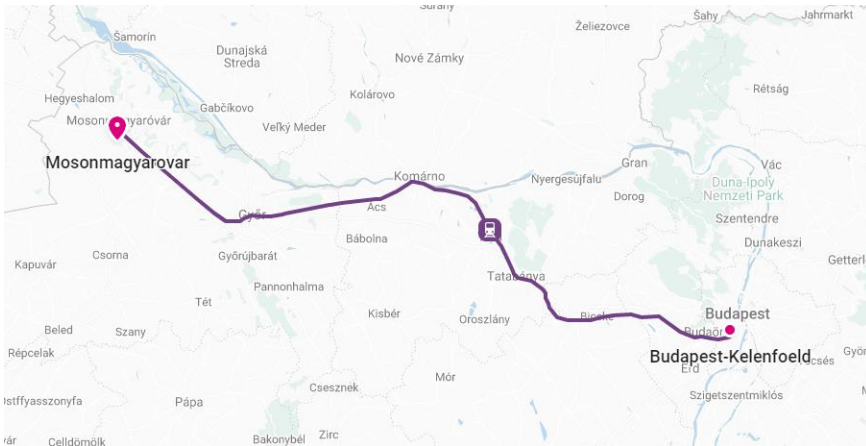
GySEV Railway Corp. – www2.gysev.hu

Bus lines: The bus line network is covering the whole region of the Szigetköz: www.menetredek.hu

Train:

From Budapest to Mosonmagyaróvár

<https://www.rome2rio.com/de/map/Budapest/Mosonmagyar%C3%B3v%C3%A1r>



Local bus lines: are available in Mosonmagyaróvár – www.enykh.hu

Cycle Routes:

The Tourism Destination Management of the Szigetköz area offers a lot of opportunities for cycling along the Szigetköz or along the EV 6 - Danube Cycle Route – www.szigetkozportal.hu/en

Bike and canoe rentals:

Several rentals are available for tourists – www.szigetkozportal.hu/en

<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/szigetkoz/>

Trout Circle Association

Trout Circle Waldorf Nature-protective Outdoor Association (in short: Trout Circle Association) was created in 1998 with the aim of deepening people's knowledge and love for nature and to foster sustainable and healthy living on our Earth.

Activities: organizing nature-awareness canoe tours and watercamps; running nature school, ecopark, educational centre and hostel; planning and creating of interactive exhibitions in connection with nature; organizing rubbish-collecting days on land and on water; publishing of specialized books and brochures, etc.

<http://www.pisztrangkör.hu/eng/canoe-tours.html>

<http://www.pisztrangkör.hu/eng/our-association.html>

4.2.12 Dunajské Luhý Protected Landscape Area

The destination can be entered from Bratislava.

Useful information:

Location: Slovak - Hungarian section of the Danube from Bratislava to the Vl'kolélsky ostrov island in the district Komárno, Slovakia.

Managed by the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic.

Contact details:

Tajovskeho ul. 28B

SK-974 01 Banska Bystrica

Slovak Republic

Tel.: 048 472 20 26, 048 472 20 27

Useful information can also be provided by BROZ, an NGO for Nature conservation.

BROZ – Bratislavské regionálne ochrannárske združenie

Na Riviére 7/a

841 04 Bratislava

Tel.: + 421 903 046 540

Email: broz(at)broz.sk

www.broz.sk

Island Veľký Lél

The island is a great way for visitors to experience the area and learn more about Nature conservation.

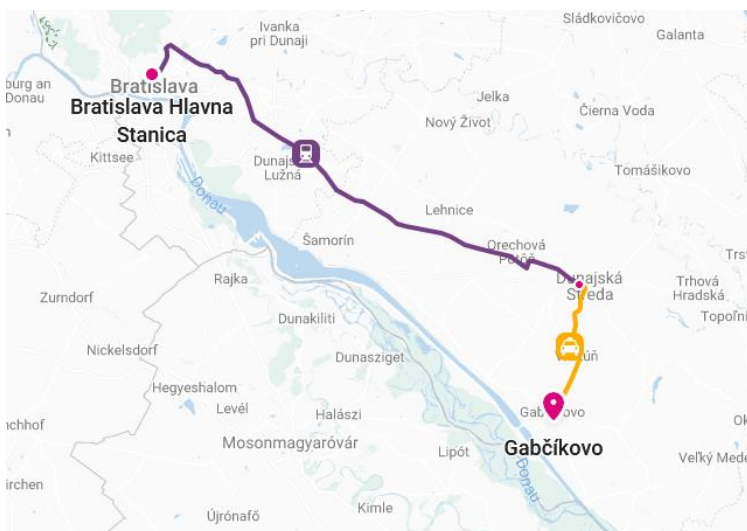
<https://broz.sk/en/ostrov-velky-lel/>

Train and Bus services:

From Bratislava to Gabčíkovo

The train stops in Dunajská Streda from there it is necessary to take a taxi to enter the Protected Area.

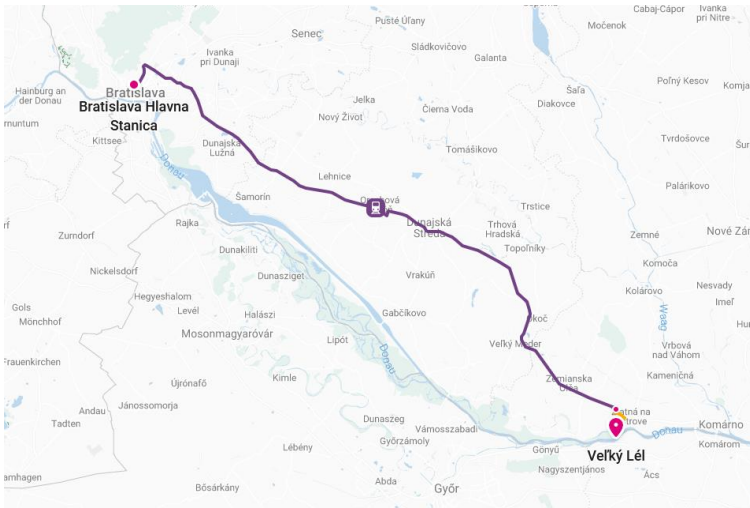
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Bratislava/Gab%C4%8D%C3%ADkovo>



From Bratislava to Veľký Lél

From the train stop it is necessary to take a taxi to reach the Ecofarm.

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Bratislava/Ve%C4%BEk%C3%BD-L%C3%A9l>



Bike:

EuroVelo6

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/slovakia>

4.2.13 Záhorie Protected Landscape Area

The destination can be entered from Bratislava.

Useful information:

Location: Slovak - Hungarian section of the Danube from Bratislava to the Vl'kolélsky ostrov island in the district Komárno, Slovakia.

Managed by the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic.

Contact details:

Tajovskeho ul. 28B

SK-974 01 Banská Bystrica

Slovak Republic

Tel.: 048 472 20 26, 048 472 20 27

Useful information can also be provided by BROZ, an NGO for Nature conservation.

BROZ – Bratislavské regionálne ochrannárske združenie

Na Riviére 7/a

841 04 Bratislava

Tel.: + 421 903 046 540

Email: broz(at)broz.sk

www.broz.sk

Bratislava Region Tourism

Sabinovská 16, 820 05 Bratislava

info(at)bratislavaregion.travel, +42104310916092

Bus:

Public bus line No. 91 to Rusovce and Čunovo; - public bus line No. 90 to Rusovce; - public line bus No. 29 to Devínska Nová Ves - Sandberg; - public line bus No. 70 to Vlčie hrdlo, and further by bus No. 77 to terminal Povodie Dunaja

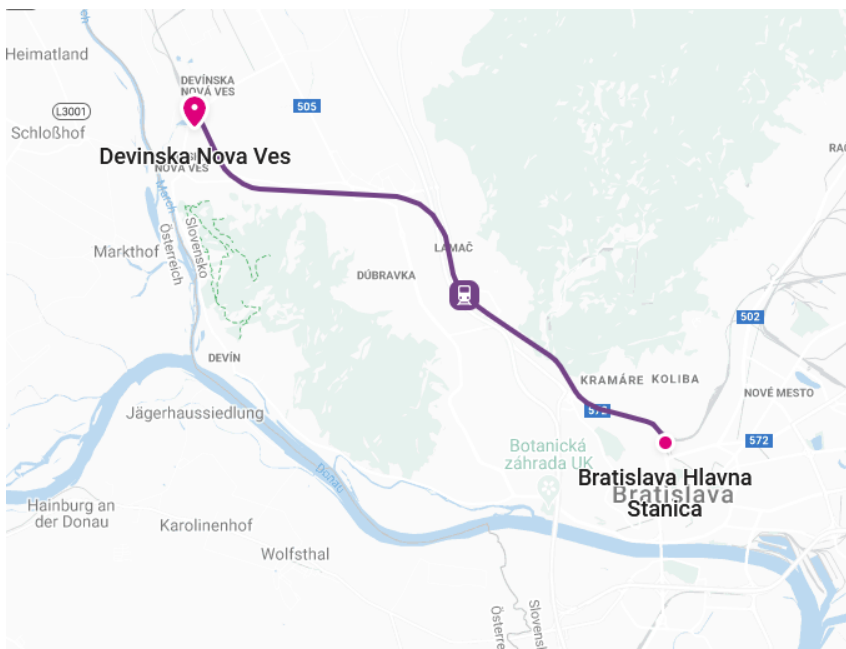
Trains:

Slovak Rails – www.slovakrail.sk, +421 24 48 58 188, info@slovakrail.sk, Bicycle transportation is available for an extra fee

RegioJet – www.regiojet.sk, +421 2 2050 2020, [info\(at\)regiojet.sk](mailto:info(at)regiojet.sk), Offers bike trips combined with a train in the Danube region

From Bratislava to Devínska Nová Ves

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Bratislava/Dev%C3%ADnska-Nov%C3%A1-Ves>



Bus lines:

Slovak Lines a.s. – www.slovaklines.sk, +421 2 55 422 734, [info\(at\)slovaklines.sk](mailto:info(at)slovaklines.sk)

Integrated transport system of the Bratislava Region:

IDS BK – www.idsbk.sk/en/, +421 948 102 102, [info\(at\)bid.sk](mailto:info(at)bid.sk)

With the agreement of the bus driver and for an extra fee bicycle transportation is possible

Public transport:

Dopravný podnik mesta Bratislava a.s. – imhd.sk/ba/public-transport, +421 2 5950 5950, [info\(at\)dpb.sk](mailto:info(at)dpb.sk)

<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/bratislava-region/>

Bike:

EuroVelo6

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/slovakia>

EuroVelo13

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev13/slovakia>

4.2.14 Donau-Auen National Park

The entry points to the National Park are Vienna and Bratislava.

Useful information:

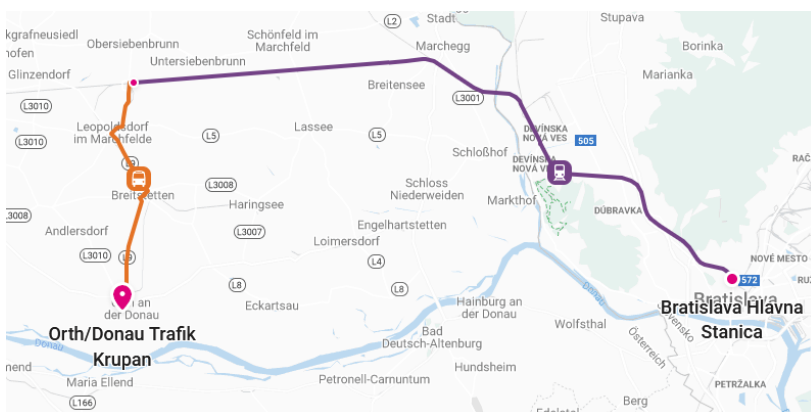
Visitor Center schlossORTH Nationalpark-Zentrum
Schlossplatz 1, 2304 Orth/Donau
Tel. 02212/3555
E-Mail: schlossorth@donauauen.at

Visitor Center Nationalparkhaus wien-lobAU
1220 Wien, Dechantweg 8
Tel. 01/4000-49495, e-mail: nh@ma49.wien.gv.at
www.nph-lobau.wien.at
<https://www.donauauen.at/>

Donau Niederösterreich Tourismus GmbH
Schlossgasse 3
A-3620 Spitz/Donau
Tel.: +43 2713 30060-60
+43 2713 30060-30
Email: urlaub@donau.com
www.donau.com

Bus from Vienna to Orth an der Donau or train S7 and private ferry from Haslau to Orth. Travel information is available on the website of the National Park.
<https://www.donauauen.at/besuchen/allgemein/anreise>

From Bratislava to Orth an der Donau it is possible to travel by train and bus:
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Bratislava/Orth-an-der-Donau>



Bike:
EuroVelo6

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/austria>

4.2.15 Wachau Protected Landscape Area

The entry point is Vienna.

Useful information:

Verein Welterbegemeinden Wachau

Schlossgasse 3

3620 Spitz

Tel.: 02713/30 000

Email: [office\(at\)wachau-dunkelsteinerwald.at](mailto:office(at)wachau-dunkelsteinerwald.at)

<https://www.weltkulturerbe-wachau.at/>

Donau Niederösterreich Tourismus GmbH

Schlossgasse 3

A-3620 Spitz/Donau

Tel.: +43 2713 30060-60

+43 2713 30060-30

Email: urlaub@donau.com

www.donau.com

The Protected Area can be reached by train and bus.

From Vienna to Spitz an der Donau:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Vienna/Spitz-An-Der-Donau>



Bike:

EuroVelo6

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/austria>

4.2.16 Narrow Valley of the Danube in Passau district

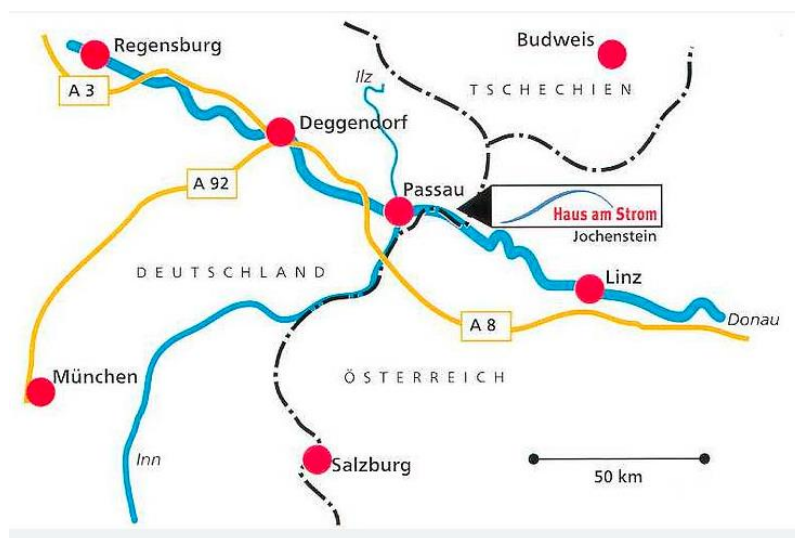
The destination can be entered from Passau.

Useful information:

Haus am Strom
Am Kraftwerk 4
94107 Untergriesbach
Tel. +49(0)8591/4629960
Email: info@hausamstrom.de
<https://www.hausamstrom.de/de/>

Travel information is available on the Website of Haus am Strom:

[Anfahrt | Haus am Strom](#)



Bike:

EuroVelo6

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/germany>

ADFC - German Cycling Federation

<https://www.deutschland-per-rad.de/>

4.2.17 Donauauwald Neuburg-Ingolstadt

The destination can be entered from Ingolstadt or Munich.

Useful Information:

ARGE Donauauwald
Neuburg-Ingolstadt
Platz der Deutschen Einheit 1
86633 Neuburg/Donau
Mail: info@donauauen.de

Ingolstadt
Mr. Schneider
Umweltamt
City of Ingolstadt
Tel.: 08 41 / 3 05 25 57

Neuburg
Mr. Geißler
Naturschutzbehörde
Landkreis Neuburg Schrobenhausen
Tel.: 0 84 31 / 5 73 04

<https://www.donauauen.de/>

Auenzentrum
Neuburg-Ingolstadt
Schloss Grünau
86633 Neuburg an der Donau
Telefon: 08431 647590
info@aueninformationszentrum.de
<https://www.auenzentrum-neuburg-ingolstadt.de/>

There is a very detailed travel information on the website:

<https://www.auenzentrum-neuburg-ingolstadt.de/kontakt-anfahrt/index.html>

The PA is located on the train line Ingolstadt - Neuburg. There is a train station in Weichering from where the PA can be easily reached, but the visitor center is some kilometers apart. Same is by bus from Ingolstadt.



Bike:
EuroVelo6
<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/germany>
ADFC - German Cycling Federation

<https://www.deutschland-per-rad.de/>

4.2.18 Regional Park Mura-Drava

The destination can be entered from Zagreb.

Location: Area near Drava river in Osijek-baranja county, Croatia

Useful information:

Regional Park Administration

Županijska 4/III

Osijek

31000

Hrvatska

Tel.: 00385-31-200-425

E-mail: info@obz-zastita-prirode.hr

<http://www.obz-zastita-prirode.hr/>

Pitomača Municipality Tourist Board

Address: Ljudevita Gaja 26/1, 33 405 Pitomača

Tel: +385 (0)33 782 860 | +385 (0)33 782 840

E-mail: turisticka@pitomaca.hr

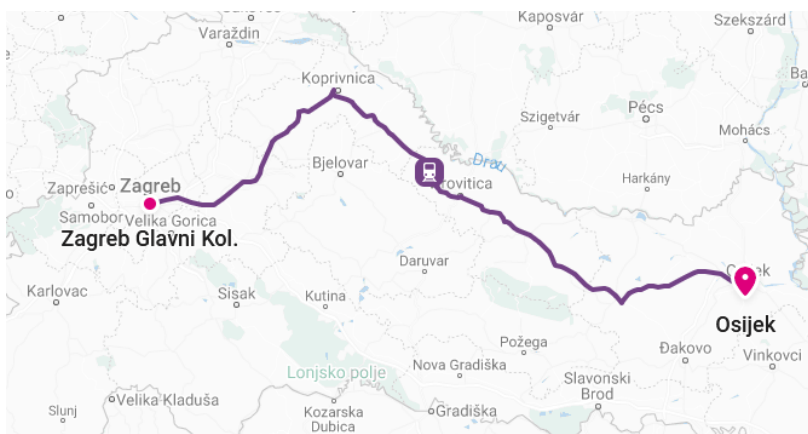
<https://tourism-pitomaca.hr/en/5c40f-home/>

Turistička zajednica Međimurske županije

<https://www.visitmedimurje.com/>

Train from Zagreb to Osijek

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Zagreb/Osijek>



Bike:

Amazon of Europe Bike Trail

<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/amazon-of-europe-bike-trail>

4.2.19 Lonjsko Polje Nature Park

The destination can be entered from Zagreb.

Location: Along the central course of the Sava River, about 75 km downstream from Zagreb, Croatia

Useful information:

Lonjsko Polje Nature Park Public Institution

Krapje 16, HR-44 324 Jasenovac

www.pp-lonjsko-polje.hr

e-mail: info@pp-lonjsko-polje.hr

https://pp-lonjsko-polje.hr/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Posjetiteljski_centar_EN.pdf

The Osekovo Reception Center

Address: Gornje selo, Osekovo

Telephone: +385 (0)44 672 080

Visitor and educational centre Čigoč

Address: Čigoč 26, Čigoč

Telephone: +385 (0)44 715 115

Visitor and educational centre Krapje

Address: Krapje 18, Krapje

Telephone: +385 (0)44 672-080

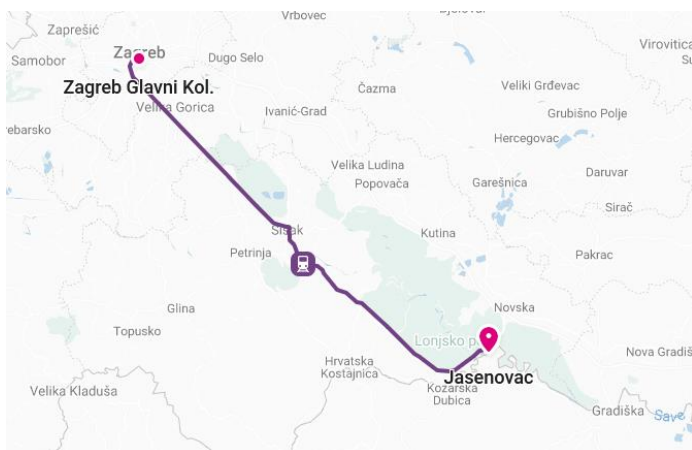
Visitor and Educational centre Repušnica

Address: Fumićeva 184, Repušnica

Telephone: +385 (0)44 652 427

There are Bus and train connections from Zagreb to Jasenovac

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Zagreb/Jasenovac-Sisak-Moslavina-County>



Bike:

Bikes can be rented at the Nature Park.

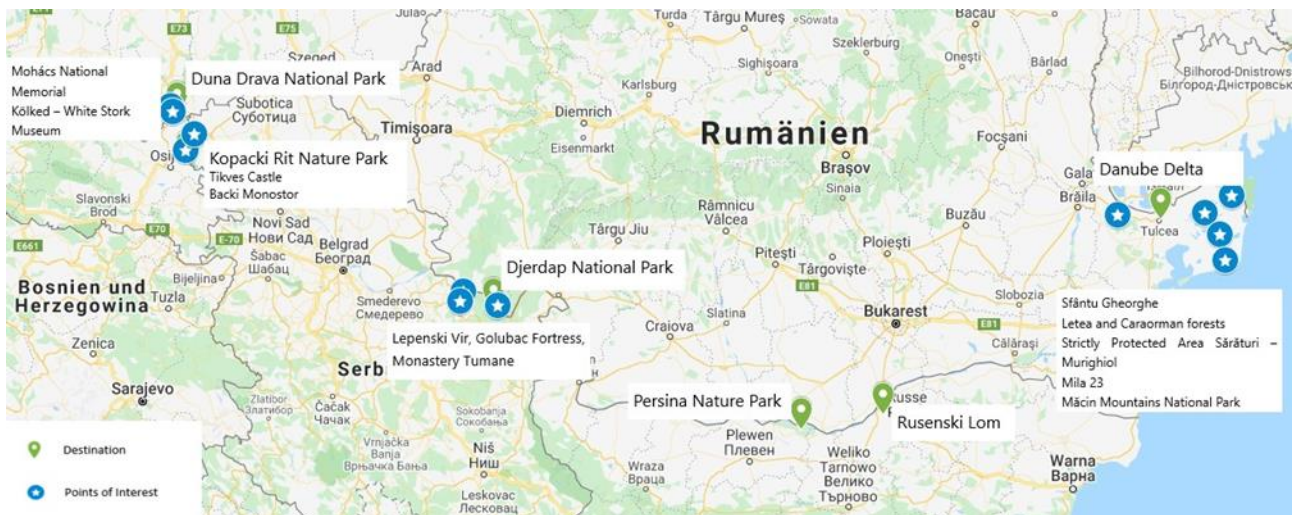
Amazon of Europe Bike Trail

<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/amazon-of-europe-bike-trail>

Boat trips can be booked in the visitor centres.

4.3 How to move within a destination?

Destinations and Points of interest of the trail "Returning to the Last Danube". In this chapter we focus on the destinations of the trail. Meaning "The Heart of the Danube", "Clash of Forces- the Iron Gates" and "A true Nature Show – Persina and the Danube Delta".



4.3.1 The Heart of the Danube

A pristine wetland, centre of undulating reeds and vibrant natural life: the unique, romantic world of Kopački rit.

Starting Point: Visitor Centre of Kopački rit Nature Park

Points of interest:

White Water-Lily Boardwalk & Interactive Exhibition

Tourist dock Sakadaš

Tikveš Castle Complex

Village Kopačevo

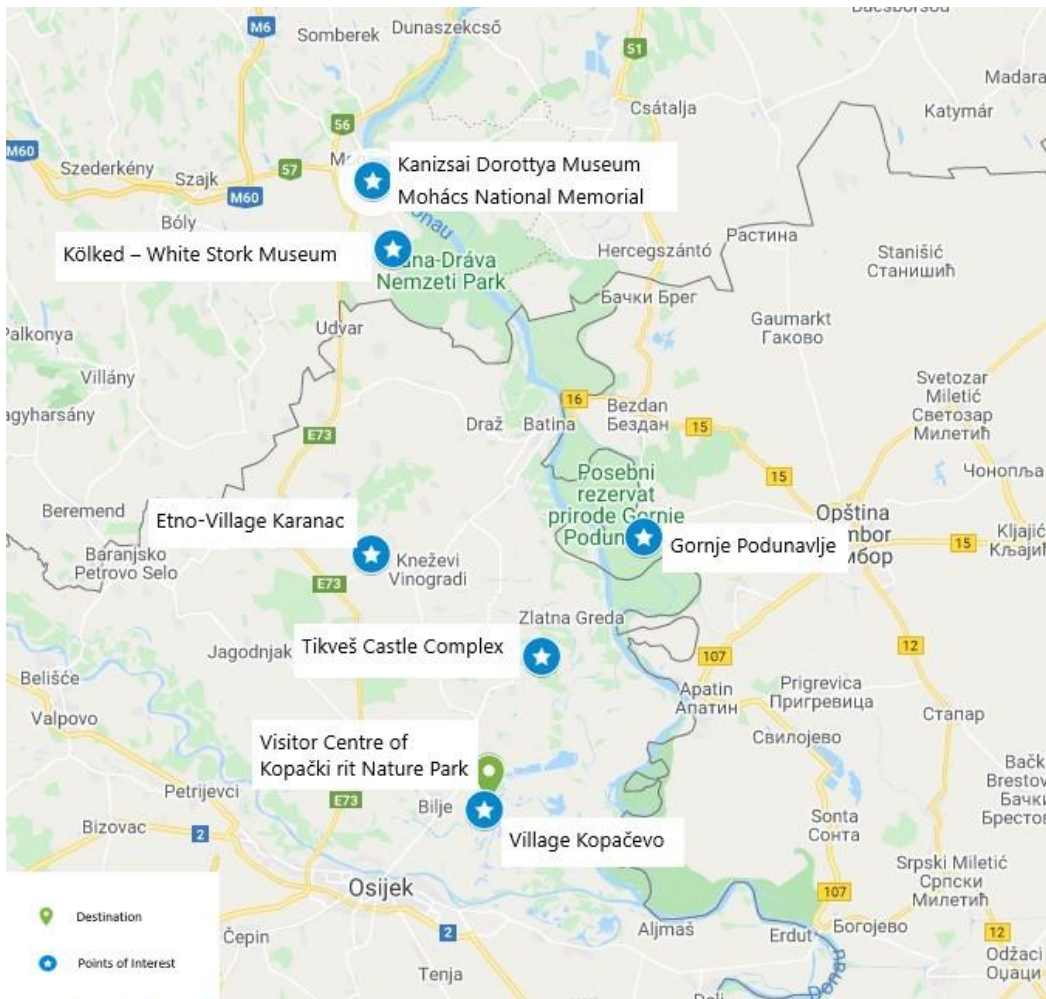
Etno-Village Karanac

Gornje Podunavlje (SRB)

Kanizsai Dorottya Museum

Mohács National Memorial

Kölked – White Stork Museum



From Visitor Centre Kopački rit Nature Park (Kopacevo) to Tikveš Castle
 There are no public transport services available. The only option would be to travel by taxi.

From Visitor Centre Kopački rit Nature Park (Kopacevo) to Etno-Village Karanac
 There are no public transport services available. The only option would be to travel by taxi.

From Visitor Centre Kopački rit Nature Park (Kopacevo) to Gornje Podunavlje (SRB) (Backi Monostor)
 There are no public transport services available.

From Visitor Centre Kopački rit Nature Park (Kopacevo) to Mohács
 By Taxi from Kopacevo to Osijek. From Osijek there is a Bus connection to Mohács:
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Kopa%C4%8Devo/Moh%C3%A1cs>

In Osijek the bike infrastructure will be improved: The e-mobility project involves the procurement of a total of 175 public bicycles, 50 of which will be electric bikes, as well as the deployment of 25 self-service docking stations across the city. Source: <https://balkangreenenergynews.com/osijek-gets-eur-1-77-million-for-e-mobility-project-cycling-lane-upgrade/>



From the Bus station in Mohács there is a Bus connection to the memorial in walking distance.

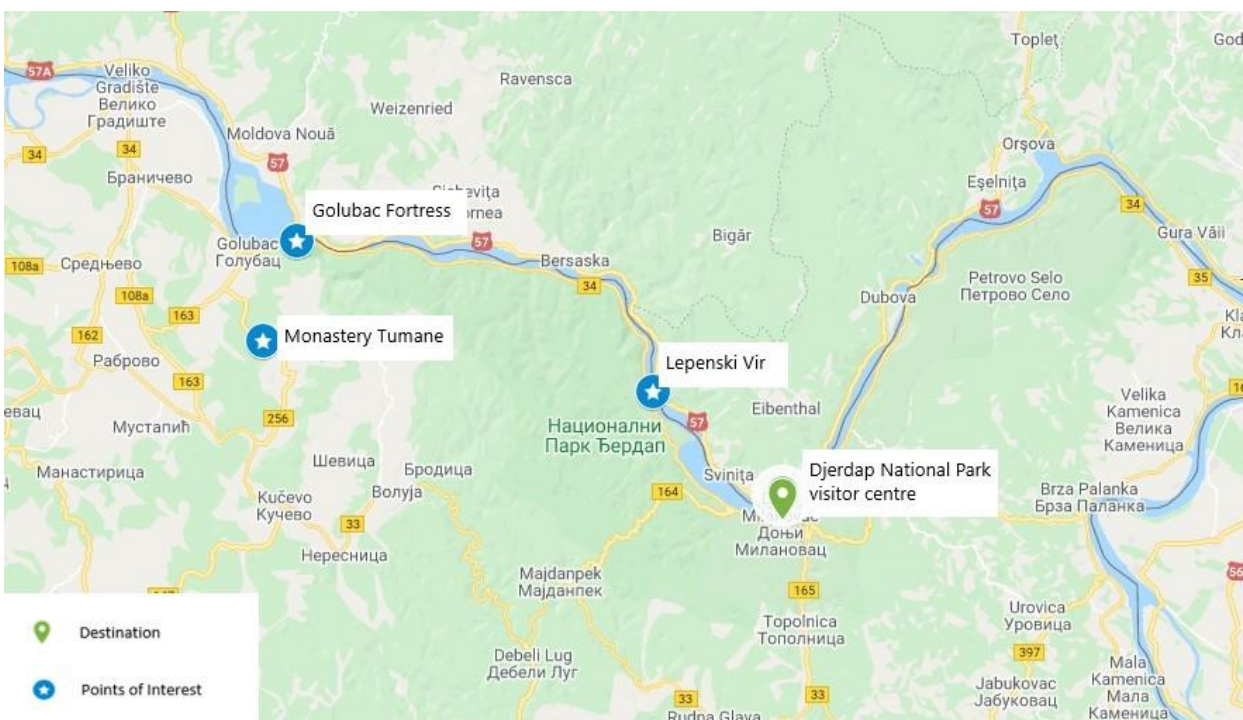
From Visitor Centre Kopački rit Nature Park (Kopacevo) to Kölköd
 There are no public transport services available.

4.3.2 Clash of Forces – The Iron Gates

The starting point to move in this destination is the visitor centre of Djerdap National Park in Donji Milanovac.

Points of interest

- Lepenski Vir
- Golubac Fortress
- Monastery Tumane







From Visitor Centre Djerdap National Park to Lepenski Vir:

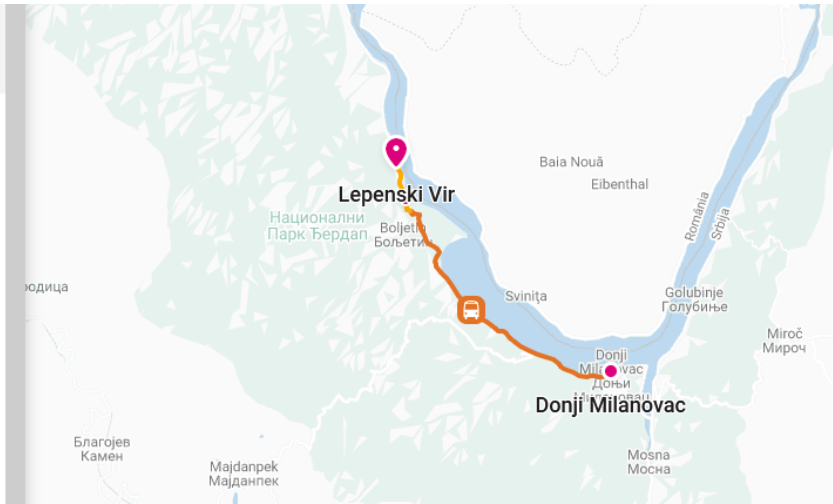
There is a Bus connection to Boljetin. For the approx. 3km to Lepenski Vir there is no public transport connection:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Donji-Milanovac/Lepenski-Vir#r/Bus>

Bus

19m €4 - €6

-  Donji Milanovac
- 15m by bus 5 times a day
- €1 - €3
-  Boljetin
-  Boljetin
- 4m by taxi on demand (3.1 km)
- €2 - €3
-  Lepenski Vir






From Visitor Centre Djerdap National Park to Golubac Fortress:


There is a Bus connection 5 times a day:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Donji-Milanovac/Golubac-Fortress#r/Bus>

Bus

1h 1m €3 - €5

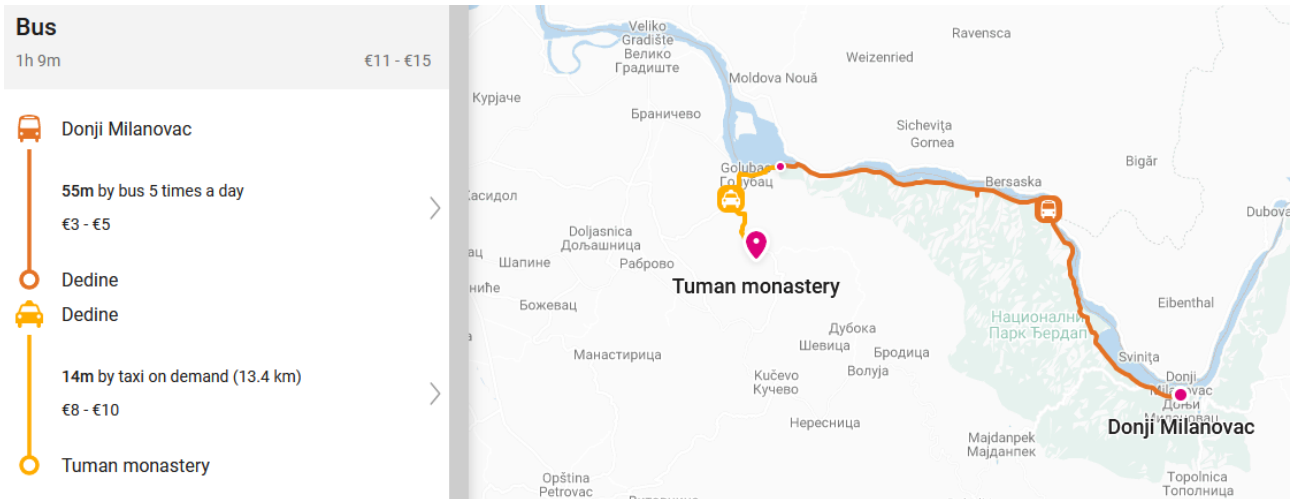
-  Donji Milanovac
- 55m by bus 5 times a day
- €3 - €5
-  Dedine
- 6m walk (540 meters)
-  Golubac Fortress



From Visitor Centre Djerdap National Park to Monastery Tumane:

There is a Bus connection to Dedine. From there there is no additional connection for the approx. 13km to the Monastery:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Donji-Milanovac/Tuman-monastery#r/Bus>



4.3.3 A True Nature Show – Persina and the Danube Delta

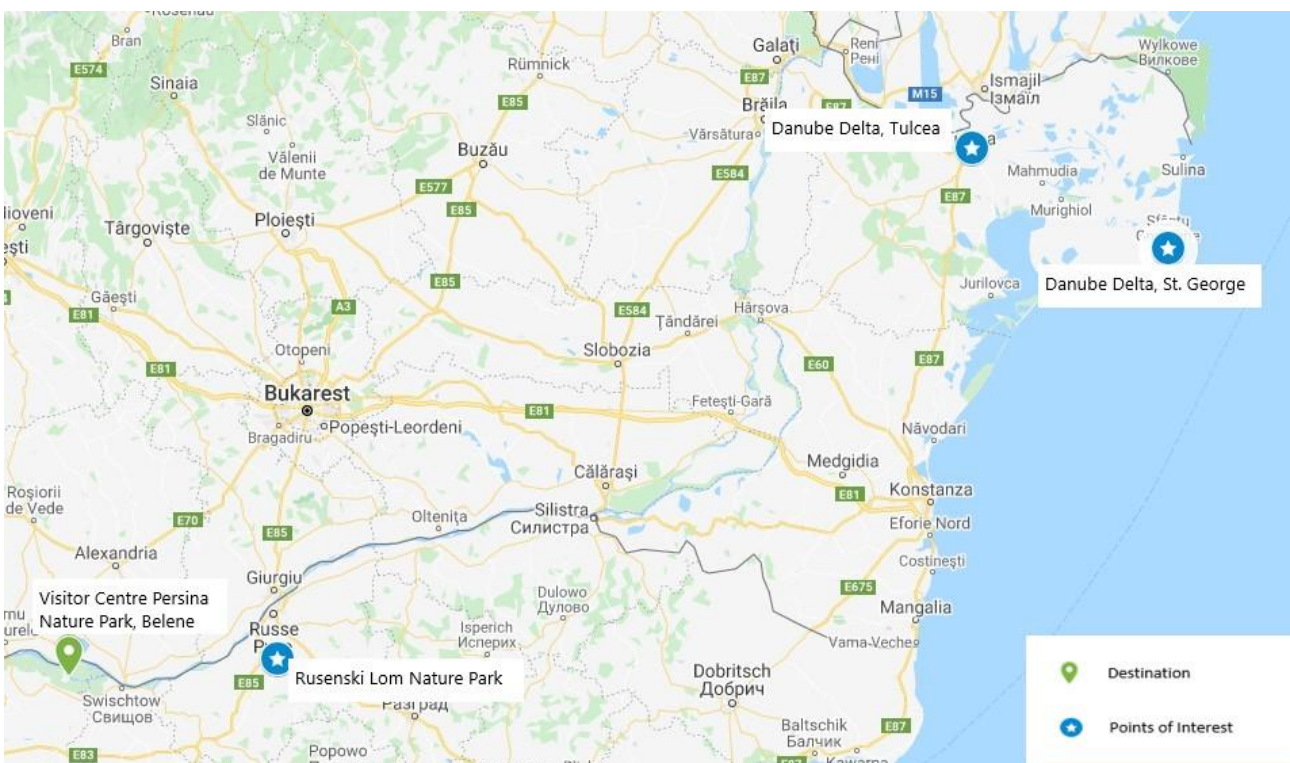
The "Undiscovered Land" of the Lower Danube, Persina Nature Park
 The northern part of Bulgaria and in particular the Danube river valley in the central northern part is very often an unknown territory for tourists.

Starting Point: Visitor Centre Persina Nature Park, Belene

Points of Interest:

Rusenski Lom Nature Park

Danube Delta (Tulcea, St. George)

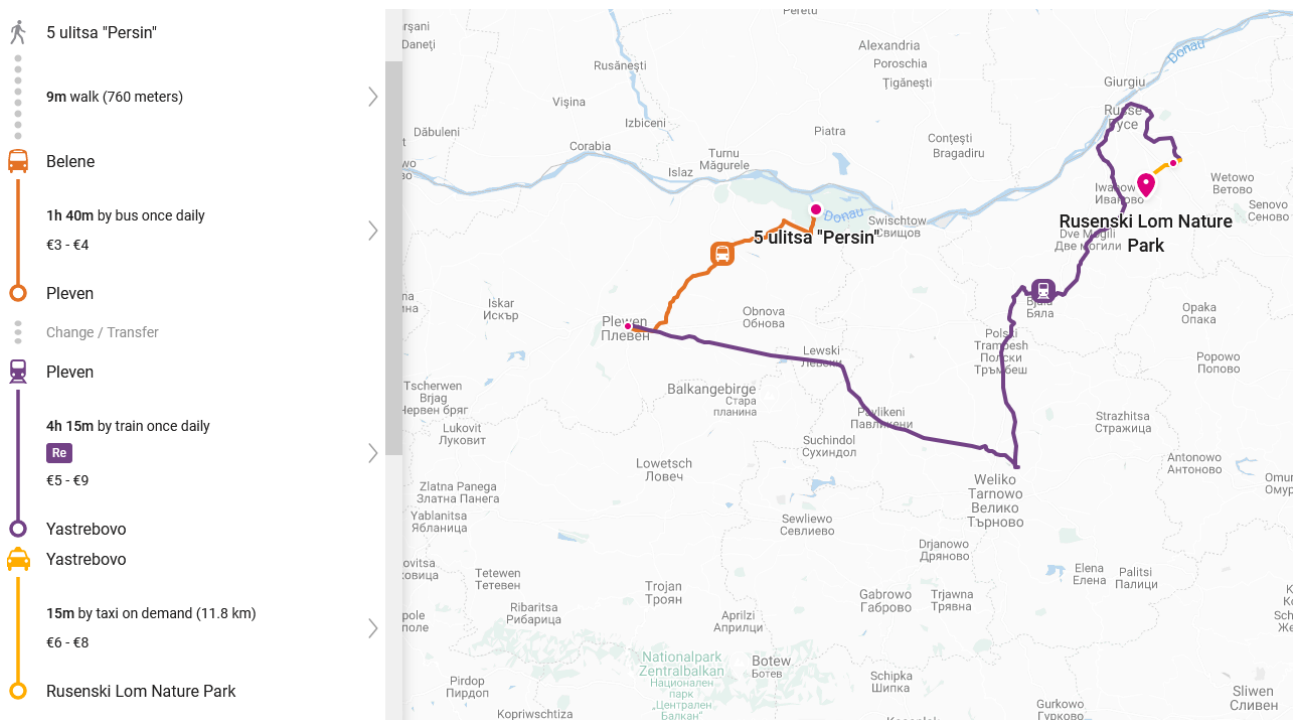


From Visitor Centre Persina Nature Park, Belene to Rusenski Lom Nature Park (Iwanowo):

There is a train and a bus connection. The last part to Rusenski Lom Nature Park however seems to be only reachable by taxi:

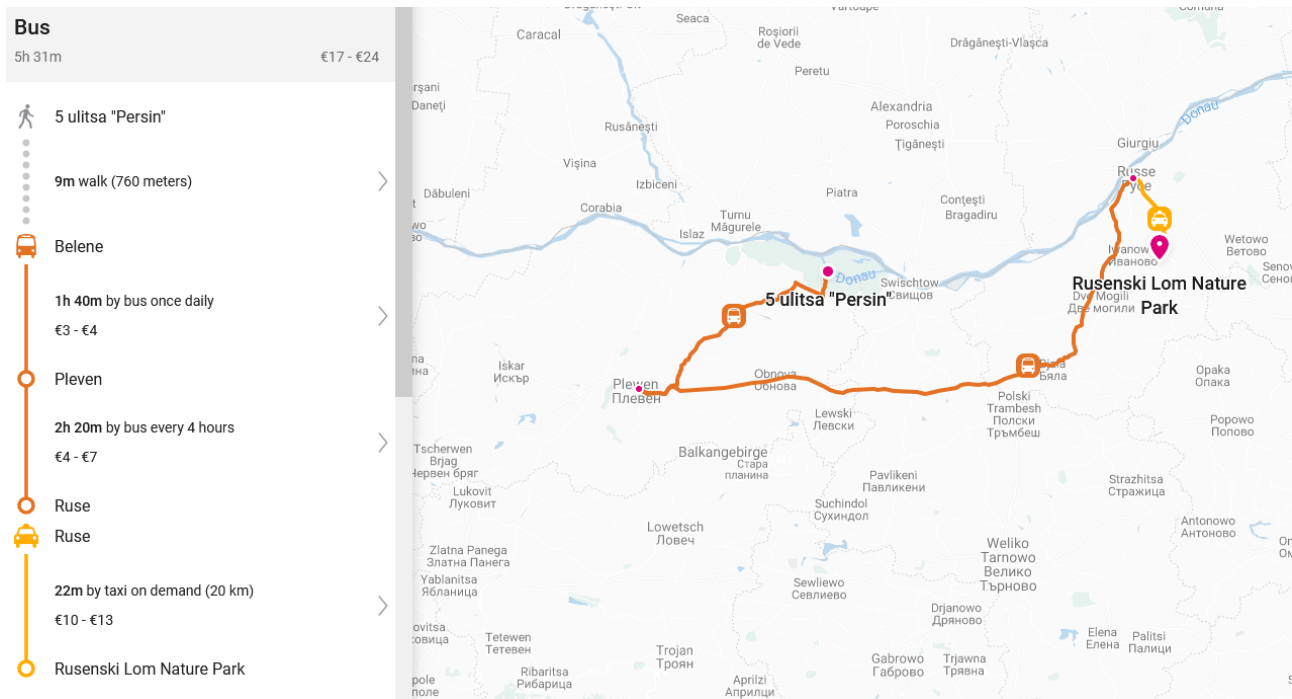
From Belene to Pleven to Yastrebo and from there by Taxi

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/-Persina-nature-park-administration-ulitsa-Persin-Belene-Bulgaria/Rusenski-Lom-Nature-Park#r/Bus-train>



A shorter way would be by bus from Belene to Pleven to Ruse and from there approx. 20km by taxi.

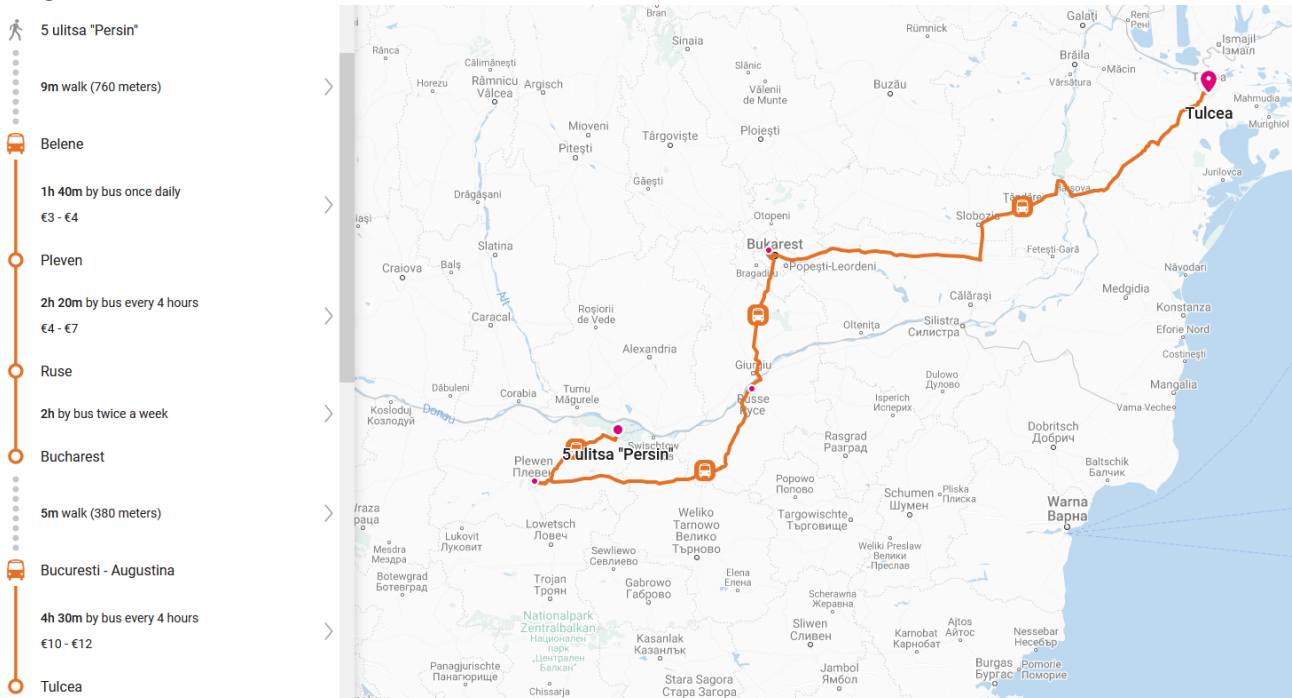
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From Visitor Centre Persina Nature Park, Belene to Tulcea (Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority):










There is a bus connection from Belene to Pleven to Ruse to Bucharest and from there to Tulcea:

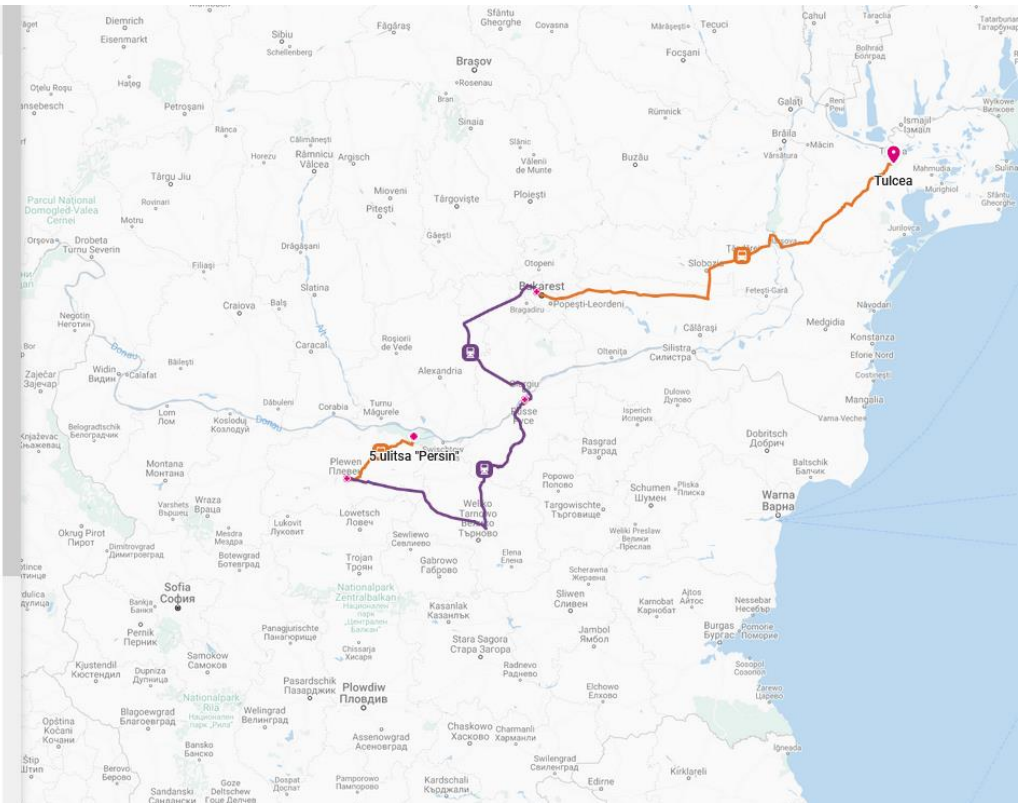
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Also a train and bus combination would be possible:











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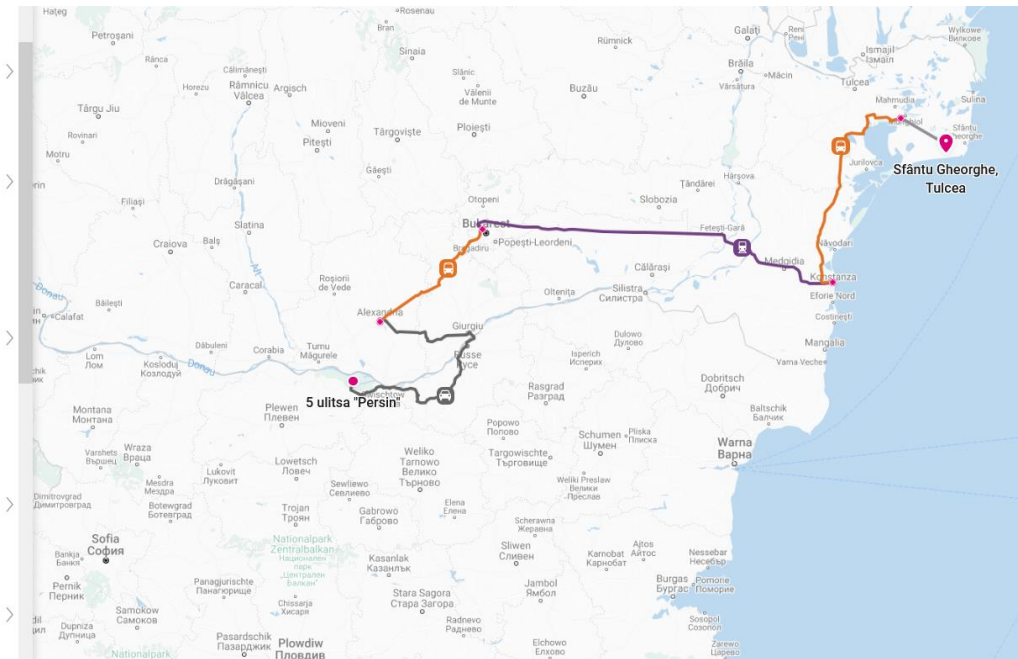
Bus, train	
15h 45m	€20 - €34
 5 ulitsa "Persin"	
9m walk (760 meters)	
 Belene	
1h 40m by bus once daily	€3 - €4
 Pleven	
Change / Transfer	
 Pleven	
3h 28m by train twice daily	Rc 462 €5 - €8
Change / Transfer	
 Ruse - Tovarna	
Change / Transfer	
 Ruse	
2h 45m by train once daily	IR-N Ruse - Bucuresti Nord Gr.A €2 - €10
 Bucuresti Nord Gr.A	
13m walk (1.1 km)	
 Bucuresti - Augustina	
4h 30m by bus every 4 hours	€10 - €12
 Tulcea	



From Visitor Centre Persina Nature Park, Belene to Sfântu Gheorghe:
The available connections consist of car hire, train and bus.

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/-Persina-nature-park-administration-ulitsa-Persin-Belene-Bulgaria/Sf%C3%A2ntu-Gheorghe-Tulcea-Romania#r/Bus-train>

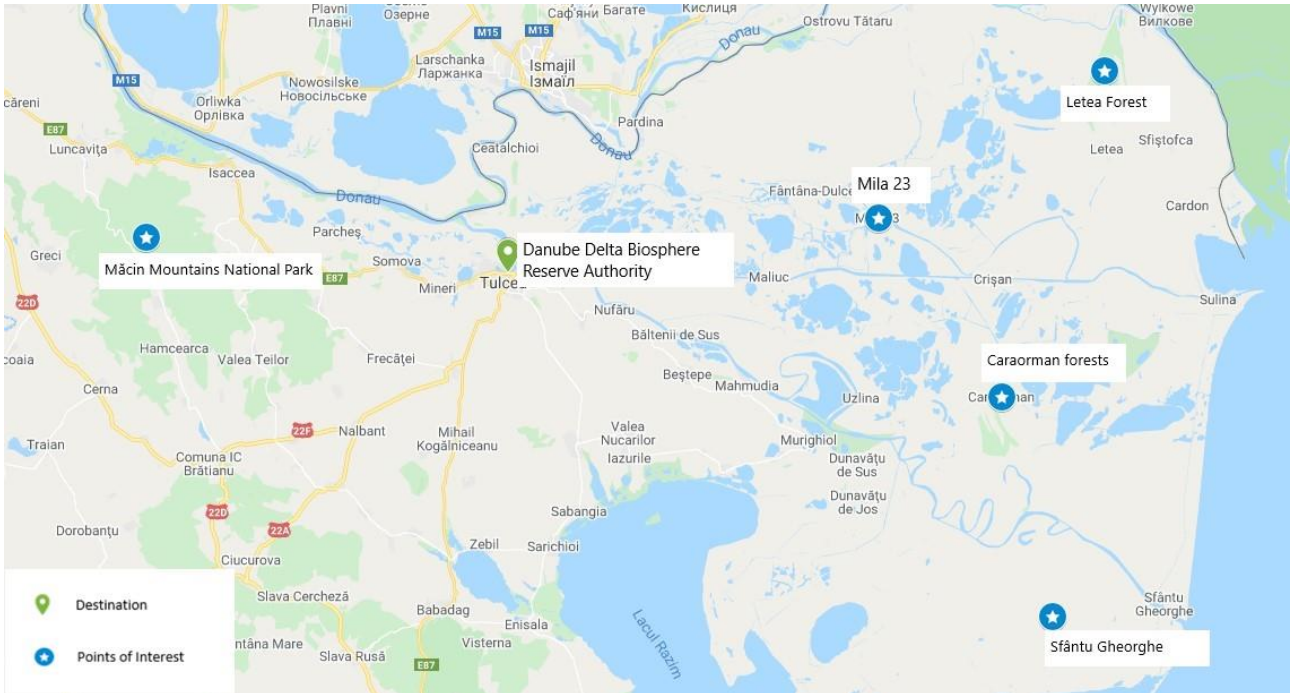
 5 ulitsa "Persin"	
3h 2m by car on demand (186.9 km)	€16 - €23
 Alexandria	
 Alexandria	
1h 53m by bus every 3 hours	
 Bucuresti	
Change / Transfer	
 Bucuresti Nord Gr.A	
2h 15m by train hourly	IR: Bucuresti Nord Gr.A - Constanta... €4 - €16
 Constanta	
Change / Transfer	
 Constanta	
2h 43m by bus 3 times a day	€5 - €8
 Plopu	
 Plopu	
36m on demand	
 Sfântu Gheorghe, Tulcea	



Moving in the Danube Delta

Points of interest:

Sfântu Gheorghe
 Letea and Caraorman forests
 Strictly Protected Area Sărături – Murighiol
 Mila 23
 Măcin Mountains National Park



From Tulcea to Sfântu Gheorghe:
 By ferry boat, three times a week:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Tulcea/Sf%C3%A2ntu-Gheorghe-Tulcea-Romania#/Ferry>







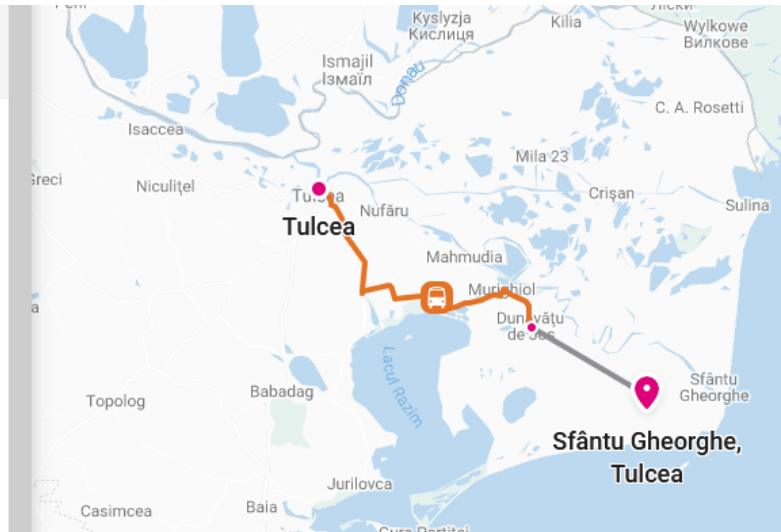
Or by bus and taxi. The bus goes 4 times a day:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Tulcea/Sf%C3%A2ntu-Gheorghe-Tulcea-Romania#/Bus-travel>

Bus, travel

1h 36m

-  Tulcea
- 1h 10m by bus 4 times a day
- €2
-  Dunavatu de Jos
-  Dunavatu de Jos
- 26m on demand
-  Sfântu Gheorghe, Tulcea



From Tulcea to Letea Forest:



By ferry and taxi:

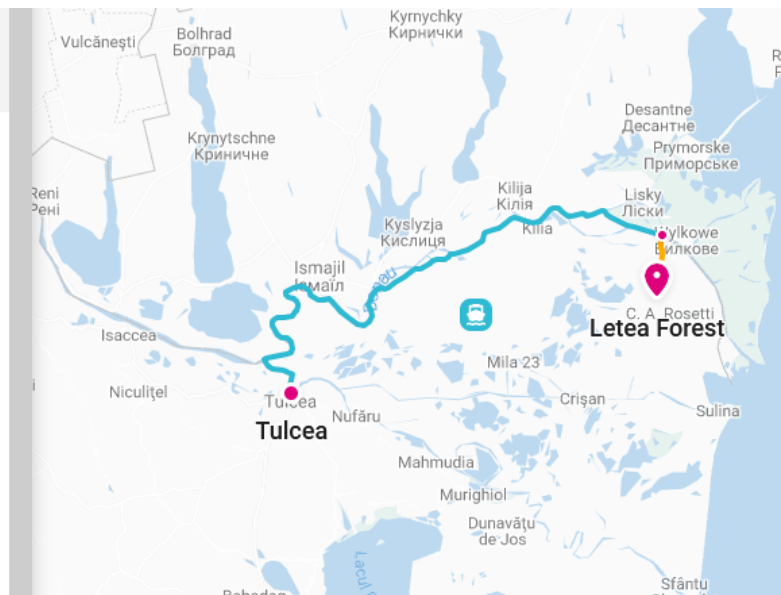
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Tulcea/Letea-Forest#r/Ferry>

Ferry

7h 45m

€15 - €16

-  Tulcea
- 7h 30m by ferry 3 times a week
- €11
-  Periprava
-  Periprava
- 15m by taxi on demand (7.5 km)
- €4 - €5
-  Letea Forest






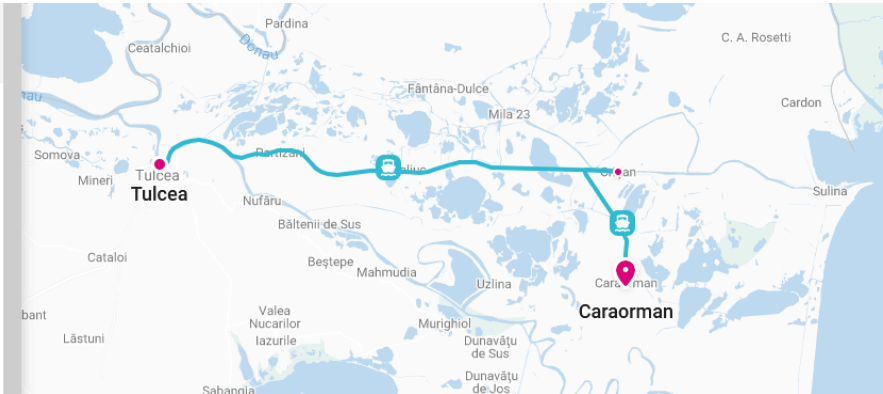
From Tulcea to Caraorman Forest:

By ferry. 6 times a week.

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Tulcea/Caraorman#r/Ferry>

Ferry
6h

-  Tulcea
- 3h 30m by ferry 6 times a week
-  Crişan
- 1h 30m by ferry 6 times a week
- €4
-  Caraorman





From Tulcea to Strictly Protected Area Sărături – Murighiol:



There is a bus connection to Murighiol three times a day:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Tulcea/Murighiol#r/Bus/s/0>


Tulcea to Murighiol

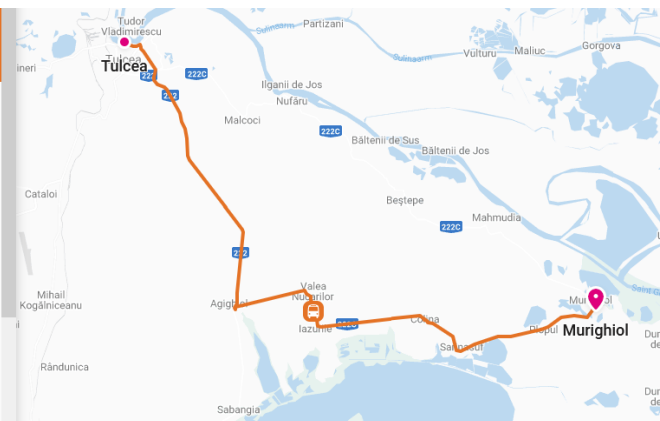
 58m  €2 47.4 km

Journey overview

-  Tulcea
- 58m
- Sherif Transport
- Show stops
-  Murighiol

Pricing information

 Expect to pay: €2






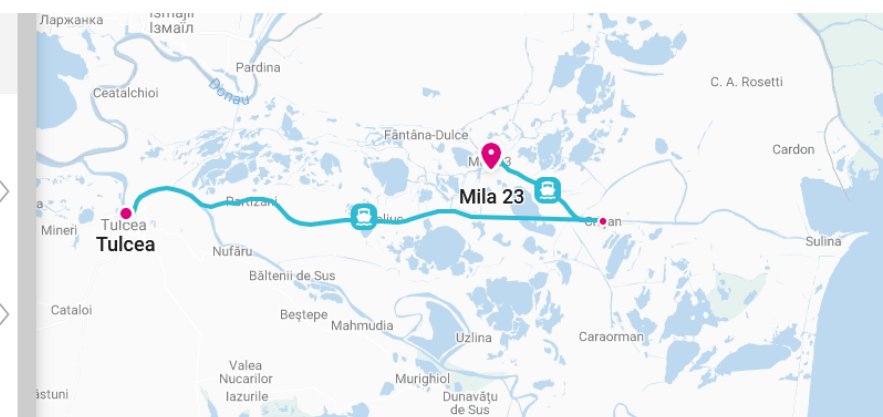
From Tulcea to Mila 23:

By ferry boat 6 times a week:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Tulcea/Mila-23#r/Ferry>

Ferry
5h 45m

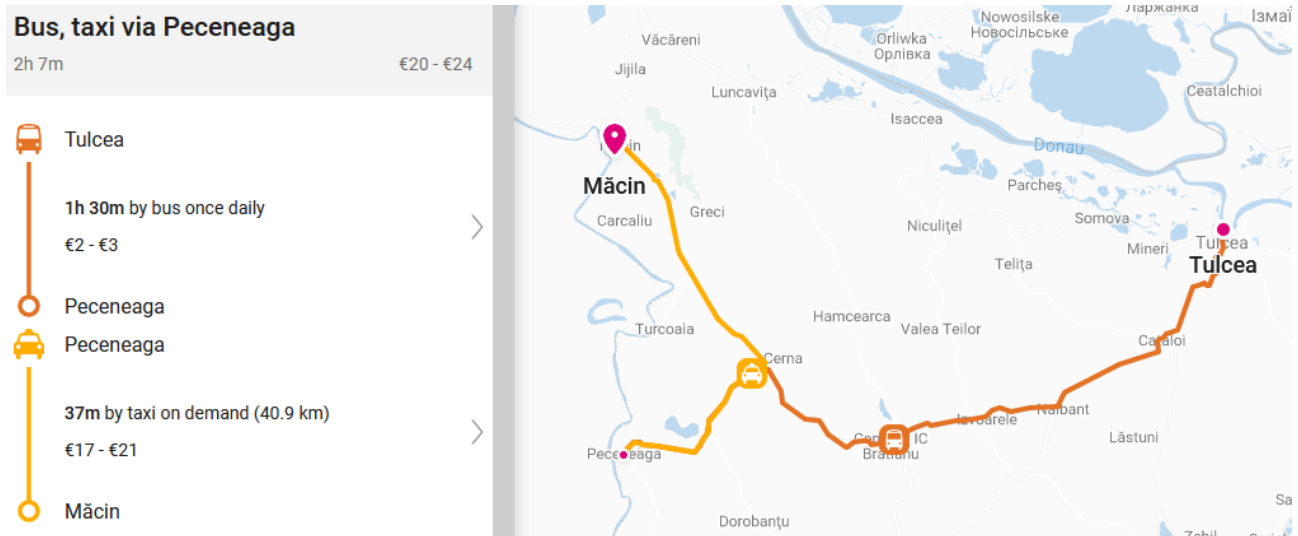
-  Tulcea
- 3h 30m by ferry 6 times a week
-  Crişan
- 1h 15m by ferry 6 times a week
- €4
-  Mila 23



From Tulcea to Măcin Mountains National Park:

There is a bus connection to Peceneaga. For the remaining 40km to Măcin there is no public transport available.

<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Tulcea/M%C4%83cin#r/Bus-taxi-via-Peceneaga>



4.4 How to move between destinations?

In the analysis of 4.2 and 4.3 various types of transportation by public transport within and between destinations have been identified. As the trail follows the Danube through a lot of different countries major cities have been used as starting points and connected with visitor centres of Protected Areas and Points of interest. In this chapter we focus on moving between destinations by bike.

Danube Delta

Useful information:

Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority

Str. PORTULUI Nr. 34A, Tulcea, Romania – 820243;

+40 240 51 89 24

Website of Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority: <http://ddbra.ro/>

C.F.R. RAILWAY STATION Tulcea phone: 0240/ 513706

BUS STATION Tulcea phone: 0240/ 513304

RIVER SHIPS STATION Tulcea phone: 0240/ 511553

AIRPORT Tulcea phone: 0240/512910, fax: 0240/511040, email: aeroport@x3m.ro

SC NAVROM BAC SA Galati: ferry crossing - Faleza Dunarii: 0236/ 496627; 418383, fax: 0236/ 460848

SC NAVROM SA Galati: 34 Portului Street, phone: 0236/461022, fax: 0236/460190, , www.navrom.ro

SC NAVROM Tulcea www.navromdelta.ro +40 240 511 553

TAXI: 0240/ 941; 942; 943; 949

MAYOR'S OFFICE Tulcea: 0240/511440

INFORMATION CENTER – DANUBE OFFICE: 0240/519130

<http://old.ddbra.ro/en/tourism/tourist-routes>

<https://ddbra.ro/centre-de-informare-si-educatie-ecologica/>

<https://ddbra.ro/trasee-turistice/>

<http://old.ddbra.ro/en/tourism/tourist-information-and-environmental-education-centers>

<http://old.ddbra.ro/en/tourism/tourism-operators>

Bike rental:

TripsOnBike – tripsonbike@yahoo.com, +40741331362,

Transport by boat:

Public:

- Water Public Transport: Tulcea to Periprava, Sulina, Saint George and back: NAVROM – www.navromdelta.ro, +40741331362, +40 240 511 553

Flexible Transport by boat:

- Diana: Tulcea-Crisan, +40737259337
- Travel Delta Star: Tulcea-Sulina; +40752917592
- Sulina Trans: Tulcea-Sulina, +40748369173
- Nautica Sulina +40 747 976 427, <https://nauticasulina.ro/>

Lower Prut Nature Reserve

Useful Information:

Agency Moldsilva

124 bd. Stefal cel Mare; Chisinau 2100

Tel: +373 22272306

Fax: +373 22277345

Email: msilva@moldsilva.gov.m

<http://www.moldsilva.gov.md/?l=en>

Reservatia Biosferei Prutul de Jos

Nuferilor 1, 5320 Slobozia Mare

https://www.facebook.com/rezervatianaturalaprutuldejos/?ref=pages_you_manage

Rusenski Lom Nature Park

Useful information:

Directorate of Nature Park Rusenski Lom

7000 Ruse, 7 Skobelev Blvd.

Contact:

Director: Tsonka Hristova

Phone: 082 87 23 97

Fax: 082 87 23 97

Email: dpprusenski_lom@nug.bg

Internet address: www.rusenskilom.iag.bg

Tourist Information

<https://bulgariatravel.org/de/naturpark-rusenski-lom/>

www.visitruse.info | [Official tourist guide of Ruse municipality](#)

Bulgarian Association for Alternative Tourism

<http://www.baatbg.org/en/home/1/>

Persina Nature Park

Useful information:

Persina Nature Park Directorate

5930 Belene, Bulgaria
5 Persin str.
tel/fax:+359658 3 26 84
e-mail:persina@abv.bg,
dppersina@iag.bg
https://persina.bg/indexdetails.php?menu_id=23&cli_lang=EN

Tourist Information
<https://bulgariatravel.org/de/naturpark-persina/>

Bulgarian Association for Alternative Tourism
<http://www.baatbg.org/en/home/1/>

Iron Gates Natural Park

Useful information:

Administratia Parcului Natural Portile de Fier
225200 – Orsova, MH
Tel: 0372.702.529
Email: parc@drobeta.rosilva.ro
<https://www.pnportiledefier.ro/index.html>

Tourist Information & Promotion Center Orsova

Bulevardul 1 Decembrie 1918, 225200 Orsova
turism.orsova@yahoo.com, +40 352 40 14 09

Buses:

Regular bus service between Drobeta Turnu Severin and Herculane spa – www.autogari.ro

Passenger shipping for river cruises:

- Dierna ship: www.navadierna.wordpress.com

Bike rentals: private operators e.g.:

- “Floare de Colt” Hotel in Herculane spa resort – www.oaredecoltherculane.ro
- “Melba” guesthouse in Orsova municipality – <https://pensiunea-melba.ro/>

EuroVelo6
<https://de.eurovelo.com/ev6/romania>

Djerdap National Park

Useful Information:

Public Enterprise
Djerdap National Park
st. Kralja Petra I No. 14a
19220 Donji Milanovac, Serbia

E-mail: office@npdjerdap.rs

<https://npdjerdap.rs/en/>

Mobility info center - Kladovo

22. Septembra No. 4, 19320 Kladovo

[tookladovo\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:tookladovo(at)gmail.com), +381 19 801 773

Main hubs: Belgrad railway & bus station / Kladovo

Bus line:

Early morning bus from Belgrade to Djerdap: Arriva Litas – <https://arriva.rs/>

Bicycle transportation is free of charge. The bus can carry up to 5 bicycles and it stops in all major destinations, such as: Veliko Gredište, Golubac and Donji Milanovac.

Kopacki rit Nature Park

Useful information:

JAVNA USTANOVA PARK PRIRODE KOPAČKI RIT

Adresa: Mali Sakadaš 1, 31327 Kopačevo, Bilje

Telefon: +38531/445-445, +38531/752-320

Email: prijemni.centar@pp-kopacki-rit.hr

<https://pp-kopacki-rit.hr/?lang=en>

Touristinformation Vukovar

J.J. Strossmayer 15, 32000 Vukovar

[info\(at\)turizamvukovar.hr](mailto:info(at)turizamvukovar.hr), +385 32 442 889

<http://turizamvukovar.hr/en/>

Main hubs:

Osijek: railway & bus station / Vinkovci: railway & bus station / Vukovar: railway & bus station / Bačka Palanka: bus station

Trains:

Information about trains: <https://prodaja.hzpp.hr/en>

Bus lines:

from main hubs to the villages Nijemci, Bilje and Ilok with different operators Bicycle transportation is available for an extra fee on selected trains and buses

Passenger shipping:

Public port for international cruise ships in Vukovar, Batina, Aljmaš and Ilok

E-Boat-Danube Cruising on Vukovar Waterbus:

www.vukovarwaterbus.hr, +385 98 344 741

Cycle Routes:

EV 6 - Danube Cycle Route & Srijem Route [EuroVelo 6 / Kroatien - EuroVelo](#)

Bike rental: options in every city/municipality:

Vukovar – <http://www.nextbike.hr>

Bikefriendly Hotels:

Hotel Lav

<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/vukovar/>

Boats and bikes can be rented in the visitor centre of the nature park. Guided boat tours can be booked there as well.

Gornje Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve

Useful information:

“VOJVODINAŠUME” Direkcija preduzeća | Preradovićeva 2, 21132 Petrovaradin | Tel: 021 431 144 (centrala) |

Fax: 021 6433 139

Travel agency „Vojvodinašume-Turist“

Office address: Preradovićeva 2, 21131 Petrovaradin, Novi Sad

E-mail: travel@vojvodinasume.rs

Phone: +38121/6432-401, +38121/6432-976

<https://www.vojvodinasume.rs/en/vojvodinasume-turist/eko-turizam/>

<https://www.vojvodinasume.rs/en/snr-gornje-podunavlje/>

Eco-center „Karapandža“ is located next to the settlement Kendžija (Bezdan), on the shores of the Bajski canal. The easiest way to reach Monoštorski rit and the Eco-center „Karapandža“ is through Sombor and Bezdan, with about a 20-minute drive. Eco-center „Karapandža“ is located in the reserve, 30 km away from Sombor, 115 km from Novi Sad, and 205 km from Belgrade.

Bike and Boat trips can be booked there.

Duna-Dráva National Park

Useful information:

Duna-Dráva Nemzeti Park

Tettye tér 9. Pécs, Hungary 7625

Mohács, Cselepaták u. 43, 7700 Hungary

Tel.: +36 72 517 200

Email: dunadrava@ddnp.kvvm.hu

<https://www.ddnp.hu/>

White Stork Museum

Kölked, Széchenyi u. 1, 7717 Hungary

Tel.: +36 30 846 6020

Mohácsi Nemzeti Emlékhely

Mohács, Tomori u. 8, 7700 Hungary

Tel.: +36 69 382 130

Tourinform Iroda-Mohács

Széchenyi tér 1., 7700 Mohács

[mohacs\(at\)tourinform.hu](mailto:mohacs(at)tourinform.hu), + 36 69 505 515

Bus lines: www.volanbusz.hu/en

Boat trips: Dunasafari – +36 70 3888980, info(at)dunasafari.hu, www.dunasafari.hu

Cycle routes:

EV 6 - Danube Cycle Route – www.eurovelo.com

EV 13 - Iron Curtain – www.eurovelo.com

Bike-, canoe-, and kayak rental:

Mohács (Indóház Street, Mohács), +36 20 378 0033, +36 69 505 515, mohacs(at)tourinform.hu, www.mohacs.hu
<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/mohacs/>

Duna-Ipoly National Park

Useful information:

Pilisi Len Visitor Center

2084 Pilisszentiván, Bányász u. 17.

Tel.: +36 30 511 1802

Email: pilisilen@dinpi.hu

<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/pilisi-len-visitor-center>

Lynx House Visitor Center

2624 Szokolya, Királyrét

Tel.: +36 27 585 625; +36 30 238 0063

Email: kiralyret@dinpi.hu; hiuzhaz@dinpi.hu

<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/lynx-house-visitor-center>

Sas-Hill Visitor Center

1112 Budapest, Tájék u. 26.

Tel.: +36 30 408 4370

Email: sashegy@dinpi.hu

<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/sas-hill-visitor-center>

Bike:

EuroVelo 6 <https://de.eurovelo.com/ev6/hungary>

Szigetköz Landscape Protection Area, Fertő-Hátság National Park

Useful information:

FERTŐ-HANSÁG NEMZETI PARK IGAZGATÓSÁG

Levelezési cím: 9435 Sarród, Rév-Kócsagvár Pf.: 4

Tel.: +36303778555

Email: fhnp@fhnp.hu

<https://www.ferto-hansag.hu/en>

Szigetköz Turizmusáért Egyesület (DMO Szigetközr)

Magyar u. 9., 9200 Mosonmagyaróvár

info(at)szigetkozportal.hu, +3696 206 304

<http://www.szigetkozportal.hu/en/>

Main hubs: Mosonmagyaróvár railway & bus station / Rajka railway station

Trains: Bicycle transportation is available for an extra fee

MÁV Railway Corp. – www.mavcsoport.hu/en

GySEV Railway Corp. – www2.gysev.hu

Bus lines: The bus line network is covering the whole region of the Szigetköz: www.menetredek.hu

Local bus lines: are available in Mosonmagyaróvár – www.enykk.hu

Cycle Routes:

The Tourism Destination Management of the Szigetköz area offers a lot of opportunities for cycling along the Szigetköz or along the EV 6 - Danube Cycle Route – www.szigetkozportal.hu/en

Bike and canoe rentals:

Several rentals are available for tourists – www.szigetkozportal.hu/en

<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/szigetkoz/>

Trout Circle Association

Trout Circle Waldorf Nature-protective Outdoor Association (in short: Trout Circle Association) was created in 1998 with the aim of deepening people's knowledge and love for nature and to foster sustainable and healthy living on our Earth.

Activities: organizing nature-awareness canoetours and watercamps; running nature school, ecopark, educational centre and hostel; planning and creating of interactive exhibitions in connection with nature; organizing rubbish-collecting days on land and on water; publishing of specialized books and brochures, etc.

<http://www.pisztrangkor.hu/eng/canoe-tours.html>

<http://www.pisztrangkor.hu/eng/our-association.html>

Dunajské Luhy Protected Landscape Area

Useful information:

Location: Slovak - Hungarian section of the Danube from Bratislava to the Vl'kolélsky ostrov island in the district Komárno, Slovakia.

Managed by the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic.

Contact details:

Tajovskeho ul. 28B

SK-974 01 Banska Bystrica

Slovak Republic

Tel.: 048 472 20 26, 048 472 20 27

Useful information can also be provided by BROZ, an NGO for Nature conservation.

BROZ – Bratislavské regionálne ochranárske združenie

Na Riviére 7/a

841 04 Bratislava

Tel.: + 421 903 046 540

Email: broz(at)broz.sk

www.broz.sk

Island Velký Lél

The island is a great way for visitors to experience the area and learn more about Nature conservation.

<https://broz.sk/en/ostrov-velky-lel/>

Bike:

EuroVelo6

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/slovakia>

Záhorie Protected Landscape Area

Useful information:

Location: Slovak - Hungarian section of the Danube from Bratislava to the Vl'kolélsky ostrov island in the district Komárno, Slovakia.

Managed by the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic.

Contact details:

Tajovskeho ul. 28B

SK-974 01 Banska Bystrica

Slovak Republic

Tel.: 048 472 20 26, 048 472 20 27

Useful information can also be provided by BROZ, an NGO for Nature conservation.

BROZ – Bratislavské regionálne ochrannárske združenie

Na Riviére 7/a

841 04 Bratislava

Tel.: + 421 903 046 540

Email: broz(at)broz.sk

www.broz.sk

Bratislava Region Tourism

Sabinovská 16, 820 05 Bratislava

info(at)bratislavaregion.travel, +42104310916092

Bus:

Public bus line No. 91 to Rusovce and Čunovo; - public bus line No. 90 to Rusovce; - public line bus No. 29 to Devínska Nová Ves - Sandberg; - public line bus No. 70 to Vlčie hrdlo, and further by bus No. 77 to terminal Povodie Dunaja

Trains:

Slovak Rails – www.slovakrail.sk, +421 24 48 58 188, info@slovakrail.sk, Bicycle transportation is available for an extra fee

RegioJet – www.regiojet.sk, +421 2 2050 2020, info@regiojet.sk, Offers bike trips combined with a train in the Danube region

Bus lines:

Slovak Lines a.s. – www.slovaklines.sk, +421 2 55 422 734, info@slovaklines.sk

Integrated transport system of the Bratislava Region:

IDS BK – www.idsbk.sk/en/, +421 948 102 102, [info\(at\)bid.sk](mailto:info(at)bid.sk)

With the agreement of the bus driver and for an extra fee bicycle transportation is possible

Public transport:

Dopravný podnik mesta Bratislava a.s. – imhd.sk/ba/public-transport, +421 2 5950 5950, [info\(at\)dpb.sk](mailto:info(at)dpb.sk)

<https://www.danube-pearls.eu/en/danube-pearls/bratislava-region/>

Bike:

EuroVelo6

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/slovakia>

EuroVelo13

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev13/slovakia>

Donau-Auen National Park

Useful information:

Visitor Center schlossORTH Nationalpark-Zentrum

Schlossplatz 1, 2304 Orth/Donau

Tel. 02212/3555

E-Mail: schlossorth@donauauen.at

Visitor Center Nationalparkhaus wien-lobAU

1220 Wien, Dechantweg 8

Tel. 01/4000-49495, e-mail: nh@ma49.wien.gv.at

www.nph-lobau.wien.at

<https://www.donauauen.at/>

Donau Niederösterreich Tourismus GmbH

Schlossgasse 3

A-3620 Spitz/Donau

Tel.: +43 2713 30060-60

+43 2713 30060-30

Email: urlaub@donau.com

www.donau.com

Bus from Vienna to Orth an der Donau or train S7 and private ferry from Haslau to Orth. Travel information is available on the website of the National Park.

<https://www.donauauen.at/besuchen/allgemein/anreise>

Bike:

EuroVelo6

<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/austria>

Wachau Protected Landscape Area

Useful information:

Verein Welterbegemeinden Wachau

Schlossgasse 3
3620 Spitz
Tel.: 02713/30 000
Email: [office\(at\)wachau-dunkelsteinerwald.at](mailto:office(at)wachau-dunkelsteinerwald.at)
<https://www.weltkulturerbe-wachau.at/>

Donau Niederösterreich Tourismus GmbH
Schlossgasse 3
A-3620 Spitz/Donau
Tel.: +43 2713 30060-60
+43 2713 30060-30
Email: urlaub@donau.com
www.donau.com

Bike:
EuroVelo6
<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/austria>

Narrow Valley of the Danube in Passau district

Useful information:

Haus am Strom
Am Kraftwerk 4
94107 Untergriesbach
Tel. +49(0)8591/4629960
Email: info@hausamstrom.de
<https://www.hausamstrom.de/de/>

Bike:
EuroVelo6
<https://en.eurovelo.com/ev6/germany>
ADFC - German Cycling Federation
<https://www.deutschland-per-rad.de/>

Donauauwald Neuburg-Ingolstadt

Useful Information:

ARGE Donauauwald
Neuburg-Ingolstadt
Platz der Deutschen Einheit 1
86633 Neuburg/Donau
Mail: info@donauauen.de

Ingolstadt
Mr. Schneider
Umweltamt
City of Ingolstadt

Tel.: 08 41 / 3 05 25 57

Neuburg
Mr. Geißler
Naturschutzbehörde
Landkreis Neuburg Schrobenhausen
Tel.: 0 84 31 / 5 73 04

<https://www.donauauen.de/>

Auenzentrum
Neuburg-Ingolstadt
Schloss Grünau
86633 Neuburg an der Donau
Telefon: 08431 647590
info@aueninformationszentrum.de
<https://www.auenzentrum-neuburg-ingolstadt.de/>

Regional Park Mura-Drava

Useful information:

Regional Park Administration
Županijska 4/III
Osijek
31000
Hrvatska
Tel.: 00385-31-200-425
E-mail: info@obz-zastita-prirode.hr
<http://www.obz-zastita-prirode.hr/>

Pitomača Municipality Tourist Board
Address: Ljudevita Gaja 26/1, 33 405 Pitomača
Tel: +385 (0)33 782 860 | +385 (0)33 782 840
E-mail: turisticka@pitomaca.hr
<https://tourism-pitomaca.hr/en/5c40f-home/>

Turistička zajednica Međimurske županije
<https://www.visitmedimurje.com/>

Lonjsko Polje Nature Park

Lonjsko Polje Nature Park Public Institution
Krapje 16, HR-44 324 Jasenovac
www.pp-lonjsko-polje.hr
e-mail: info@pp-lonjsko-polje.hr
https://pp-lonjsko-polje.hr/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Posjetiteljski_centar_EN.pdf

The Osekovo Reception Center
Address: Gornje selo, Osekovo
Telephone: +385 (0)44 672 080

Visitor and educational centre Čigoč
Address: Čigoč 26, Čigoč
Telephone: +385 (0)44 715 115

Visitor and educational centre Krapje
Address: Krapje 18, Krapje
Telephone: +385 (0)44 672-080

Visitor and Educational centre Repušnica
Address: Fumićeva 184, Repušnica
Telephone: +385 (0)44 652 427

Bike:

Bikes can be rented at the Nature Park.

Amazon of Europe Bike Trail

<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/amazon-of-europe-bike-trail>

Boat trips can be booked in the visitor centres.

4.4.1 Cycling the Danube

The EuroVelo 6 – Atlantic–Black Sea is one of the most popular EuroVelo routes, and connects most of the DANUBEPARKS Protected areas. Following the trail is the perfect option to move between destinations.

A professional cyclist Jovan Eraković was travelling along the EuroVelo 6 from 12th April to mid-June 2019 and visited all DANUBEPARKS Protected Areas to learn more about the implemented nature conservation activities of DANUBEparksCONNECTED.

Our cyclist travelled 3,000 km through 10 Danube countries and visited 17 Protected areas with 120 DANUBEPARKS conservation actions.

1 - Danube riparian forest Neuburg-Ingolstadt	6 - Devin Carpathians ¹	11 - Kopački rit Nature Park	16 - Brashlen-Kalimok Protected Area
2 - Danube floodplain Ingolstadt	7 - Szigetköz Protected Landscape Area ²	12 - Fruška gora National Park	17 - Serbarna Nature Reserve
3 - Narrow Valley Passau – Jochenstein	8 - Dunajské Luhy Protected Landscape Area ³	13 - Special Nature Reserve Koviljsko rit ⁴	18 - Small Wetlands of Braila Natural Park
4 - Wachau Protected Landscape Area	9 - Duna-Ípoly Nemzeti Park ⁴	14 - Djerdap National Park	19 - Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve
5 - Donau-Auen National Park	10 - Duna-Dráva Nemzeti Park	15 - Persina Nature Park	20 - Lower Prut Biosphere Reserve

¹ and Sedlackov Island ² under management of Fertő-Hanság Nemzeti Park Igazgatóság ³ Velký Lát Island ⁴ Kőköröcsin Ház, Szentendre Island, in Budapest Buda Hills ⁵ managed by Vojvodinasume



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network of protected areas


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 Danube Transnational Programme
DANUBE parksCONNECTED

A detailed report of the whole trip is available on the project website:

<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/danubeparksconnected/section/cycling-the-danube>

Here travellers can find detailed information about how to travel along the EuroVelo 6 and also visit the Danube Protected Areas along the way.

4.5 How to get information about existing mobility services?

Tourist Information Belgrade

Tourist info center Knez Mihailova St.

Address: Knez Mihailova 5, 11000 Belgrade (City center)

Phone: +381 11 26 35 622, +381 11 26 35 343

E-mail: bginfo.knezmihailova@tob.co.rs

Website: <https://www.tob.rs/en/info/tic/tourist-info-center-knez-mihailova-st>

Opening hours: Mon-Sat. 09.00-21.00, Sun. 10.00-15.00h

Museum of Lepenski Vir

Phone: +381 (0) 62 216 559

Working hours: every day: 9:00-17:00

E-mail: office@lepenski.vir.org

Website: <http://www.narodnimuzej.rs/contact/?lang=en>

Tourist Information Center – Ruse (ROM)

Address: Ruse, 61 Aleksandrovska Street

Phone: +35982 824704

Working hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00-18:00, Saturday: 9:30-18:00, Sunday closed

E-mail: ruse.tic@gmail.com , ruseart@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.visitruse.info>

Information Centre, Ruse

Address: Town of Ruse, 61 "Alexandrovska" str.

Phone: +35982 824 704

E-mail: ruse.tic@gmail.com; ruseart@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.visitruse.info>

Working hours: MondayFriday: 9:00-18:00, Saturday-Sunday: 9:30-18:00

Tourist Information Centre, Ivanovo (BUL)

Address: Ivanovo village, Ruse District, 75 "Olimpiyska" str.

Phone: +359 81 162 285

E-mail: tur_iv@abv.bg

Website: <http://www.ivanovo.bg>

Working time: Monday – Friday: 08:30 a.m. – 04:50 p.m., Weekends: closed

Vukovar Tourist Board

Address: J.J.Strossmayera 15, 32000 Vukovar

Phone: 032/442-889

Email: [info\(a\)turizamvukovar.hr](mailto:info(a)turizamvukovar.hr)

Website: <http://turizamvukovar.hr/en/>

Working hours: Monday – Friday, from 07:00 to 15:00

Tourist information center Pecs (Tourinform Szombathely)

Address: Pécs, Széchenyi tér 1 (the main square), 7621 Hungary

Phone: +36 72 213 315

E-mail:

Website:

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 09:00-17:00, Saturday: 09:00-13:00

Novi Sad Tourism Organisation

Address: Apolo, Trg slobode 3/III, 21101 Novi Sad

Phone: +381(0)21 66 17 343; +381(0)21 421 811

Email: tons@novisad.travel

Website: <https://novisad.travel/en/>

Tourist info center Jevrejska 10

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 18:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.– 14:00 p.m.

Phone: +381(0)21 66 17 343; +381(0)21 66 17 344

Tourist info center Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 9

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 18:00 p.m

Phone: +381(0)21 421 811

Ecoromania

The Association of Ecotourism in Romania (AER)

175 Lungă st. Braşov 500051 Romania

<https://www.eco-romania.ro/>

<https://www.eco-romania.ro/en/eco-destinatii/danube-delta/>

5 SWOT Analysis

5.1 Sustainable mobility services along the trail

	Positive	Negative
Internal characteristics	The trail "Return to the Last Danube" and the DANUBEPARKS Network consist of the most valuable natural sites along the Danube which provide a great experience for visitors. Some of the visitor centers are well connected with the major cities and provide very good information on their website.	The protected areas and visitor centers are located in remote areas and not easy to reach by public transport. For most visitor centers there is a connection but the trip is quite time consuming. The encouragement to use public transport on the websites of the Protected Areas is low.
External characteristics	Climate change and also the pandemic bring Nature and Nature protection more in focus of decision makers. The current interest in Nature protection can be used for future projects on the topic of environmental education and awareness raising. In the course of these projects the infrastructure for sustainable mobility services can be improved.	Public transport services are not used by visitors enough and therefore cannot be funded in the long-term. Some visitor centers don't have a public transport connection and the funding to improve the situation is difficult as the number of travelers interested to use public transport services is not that high. Even if the public transport service is in place the frequency of busses or trains remains low.

5.2 Information services on sustainable mobility options along the trail

	Positive	Negative
Internal characteristics	Some of the Protected Areas provide travel information with public transport providers on their website and also encourage visitors to use them.	A lot of Protected Areas do not provide any travel information on their website. It is even more difficult to find information in English.
External characteristics	There are some travel portals like Rome2Rio which help a lot with planning trips. Also some bus and train service providers have English websites that help planning trips.	In most of the areas along the trail "Return to the Last Danube" no information on public transport providers can be found in English on local websites. The train and bus schedules are not very frequent. Travelling takes a lot of time. The part from the last bigger village to the Protected Area very often can only be travelled by taxi and even that sometimes is not possible.

6 Recommendations for improvement

The basis of the recommendations are the findings of the questionnaire send out to all DANUBEPARKS partners and the desk research. The recommendations have been discussed in the course of the expert workshop.

Overall recommendation of improvement	
Description	<p>The status of sustainable mobility services within the DANUBEPARKS Network and the trail "Return to the Last Danube" varies a lot. Still improvement should be possible everywhere. Therefore, overall improvements are suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel information on sustainable mobility services on websites of the visitor centre in local language and in English. - For Protected Areas which already provide the travel information, the encouragement to use public transport could be improved. (e.g. Position of the information on the website, incentives for visitors that arrive by public transport, support of climate change projects). - Adaption of excursion programmes to the time schedule of public transport services. - Cooperation with public transport service providers. - Travel information to Protected Areas on DANUBEPARKS Website.
Responsible institution	<p>Each protected area is responsible for the implementation of travel information on their websites. But the DANUBEPARKS Association should support their members in their communication activities and also provide the information on the DANUBEPARKS Website.</p> <p>The DANUBEPARKS Association should ask their members if any support for updating the website with the travel information is needed. Be in touch with communication officers of each member and make sure that the information is accurate. Also provide information to foreign visitors on the DANUBEPARKS Website.</p>
Horizon for implementation	<p>The basic information can be implemented until middle of 2022. But further discussions should be made within the network how travel information could be provided in a user-friendly way and if joint communication activities should be implemented through a project. A project on nature tourism communication could be developed until end of 2022 and maybe start somewhere in 2023. Joint website development and corporate design could be finalised in 2024.</p>

6.1 Recommendations for each destination of the DANUBEPARKS Network including the trail “Return to the Last Danube”

Destination 1: Danube Delta	
Description	The Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority is the expert institution in the region. There is a lot of information available on the website in local language. The English website is currently under construction but the old website provides all the necessary information to move around in the Danube Delta. It is possible to travel in the region by public transport, bike and boat. The information should also be provided on the DANUBEPARKS website. The DANUBEPARKS association needs to get in touch with the communication department of the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority.
Responsible institution	Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority and DANUBEPARKS Association.
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the Network. Time horizon could be 2023. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 2: Lower Prut Nature Reserve	
Description	The managing authority of the Nature Reserve, Moldsilva provides a lot of information on the website in local language and in English. However, any kind of travel information is missing. Also, on the DANUBEPARKS Website no travel information is provided. Anyways with a little internet research travel information can be found online and sustainable mobility services are provided. It is possible to travel in the region by public transport, bike and boat. More information should be provided on the websites.
Responsible institution	Moldsilva Agency and DANUBEPARKS Association.
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the Network. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 3: Rusenski Lom Natural Park	
Description	<p>The area can be visited by public transport and taxi. There is a lot of information available in local language on the website of the Natural Park but travel information is missing. The connections with public transport are there but very time consuming.</p> <p>Partly it is necessary to take a taxi to enter the Protected Area. Here a cooperation with local taxi companies could be helpful which needs to be communicated on the website of the Natural Park and the different tourist information's. Travel information also needs to be provided on the DANUBEPARKS website. Bikes can be hired at most accommodation providers in the region.</p>
Responsible institution	Rusenski Lom Natural Park Directorate, DANUBEPARKS Association, Tourist information Ruse.
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the Network and with other stakeholders like local taxi companies and Tourist associations. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 4: Persina Nature Park	
Description	<p>Persina Nature Park Directorate provides a lot of information about the Protected Area and Tourism in local language and in English. However, travel information is missing. But can be found with a little internet research through other channels. The connections with public transport is there but very time consuming. Partly it has to be covered by taxi. Here a cooperation with local taxi companies could be helpful which needs to be communicated on the website of the Nature Park and the different tourist information's. Travel information also needs to be provided on the DANUBEPARKS website.</p>
Responsible institution	Persina Nature Park Directorate, DANUBEPARKS Association, local Tourism Organisations and local taxi companies.
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the Network and with other stakeholders like local taxi companies and Tourist associations. The feedback of the Protected Area was that there are not a lot of local taxi companies. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 5 Iron Gates Natural Park	
Description	The Iron Gates Natural Park provides a lot of information on the website. Travel information is missing and there is no information available in English. With a little internet research public transport services can be found. More information on the website of the Natural Park and on the DANUBEPARKS website would be helpful.
Responsible institution	Natural Park Iron Gates, DANUBEPARKS Association
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders like local taxi companies and Tourist associations. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 6 Djerdap National Park	
Description	Djerdap National Park provides very detailed tourist information on the website in local language and in English. But travel information on sustainable mobility is missing. The sustainable transport services in the region are established well. Djerdap National Park also is a Danube Pearl on the Danube.Pearls Website but there is no contact information of the visitor centre of the National Park available there. Visitors always have to check several websites to get the travel information. The DANUBEPARKS websites also provides no travel information. Travel information should be shared on different channels.
Responsible institution	Djerdap National Park Directorate, DANUBEPARKS association, Arge Danube.Pearls
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 7 Kopacki rit Nature Park	
Description	The website of the Nature Park provides a lot of useful information for visitors. Travel information is missing. There are no public transport services directly to Kopacevo. The last part has to be travelled by taxi. Here the recommendation would be to add more travel information on the website and develop a cooperation with local taxi companies to offer shuttle services also to the Points of interest like Tikves castle. On the Danube.Pearls website Vukovar is mentioned as a Pearl. It is not far from the Nature Park. So here also more information could be provided as well as on the DANUBEPARKS website.

Responsible institution	Kopacki rit Nature Park Directorate, DANUBEPARKS association, Arge Danube.Pearls
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 8 Gornje Podunavlje Nature Reserve:	
Description	Vojvodinasume, the managing entity of the Nature Reserve, provides a lot of information in local language and in English. Travel information is missing. The Eco-centre cannot be reached directly by public transport. The last part needs to be travelled by taxi. Here the recommendation would be to add more travel information on the website and develop a cooperation with local taxi companies to offer shuttle services also to the Points of interest like the Eco-centre. Travel information should be provided on the website as well as on the DANUBEPARKS Website.
Responsible institution	Vojvodinašume-Turist, DANUBEPARKS Association.
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 9 Duna-Drava National Park:	
Description	The website of the National Park provides information about Eco-Tourism in local language. There is no travel information in local language or English. The area can be visited by public transport, mainly by bus. More information on the website also in English would be helpful. Mohacs is also a Danube.Pearl but the National Park is not mentioned on the website. Travel information should also be available on the DANUBEPARKS website.
Responsible institution	Duna-Drava National Park Directorate, DANUBEPARK Association, Arge Danube.Pearls

Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.
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Destination 10: Duna-Ipoly National Park	
Description	The website of the National Park provides very detailed travel information by public transport in local language and in English. This information should be available on the DANUBEPARKS website as well. The public transport services to the visitor centres are well established due to the location close to Budapest.
Responsible institution	Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate, DANUBEPARKS Association
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be end of 2022. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 11 Szigetköz Landscape Protection Area and Fertő-Hanság National Park	
Description	There is tourist information available in local language and in English on the website of the National Park. Travel information is missing as well as on the DANUBEPARKS Website. The public transport connections are established but the frequency of the busses is not very often and visitors have to change lines a lot. The Landscape Protected Area is also a Danube.Pearl. Improving time schedules of the public services would be recommendation for the long-term. In short time the recommendation is to add more travel information on the website of the National Park, the Tourist information's and the website of the DANUBEPARKS Association.
Responsible institution	Fertő-Hanság National Park Directorate, DANUBEPARKS Association.
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon for adding information on the websites could be end of 2022. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 12 Dunajske Luhy Protected Landscape Area	
Description	The Landscape Protected Area can be entered from various different locations. There is no infrastructure for visitors such as a visitor centre yet. But the NGO for Nature Conservation BROZ manages the Island Velký Lél with an Ecofarm and a Campsite. Information is provided on the website in local language and in English. Travel information is missing as well as on the DANUBEPARKS website.

	The area can only be reached partly by public transport. Information about and cooperation with local taxi companies could be helpful.
Responsible institution	BROZ, State Nature Conservancy, DANUBEPARKS Association
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 13: Zahorie Protected Landscape Area	
Description	The Landscape Protected Area can be entered from various different locations. There is no infrastructure for visitors such as a visitor centre yet but a visitor centre is under construction in Cunovo. Due to the proximity to Bratislava, public transport services are well established and information can be found easily with a little internet research but there is no main information website about the area available. More information should be available on the DANUBEPARKS website. Bratislava Region is also a Danube.Pearl and useful information is available on the Danube.Pearls website. Contact with the new visitor centre in Cunovo should be established and information about the region harmonized.
Responsible institution	State Nature Conservancy, BROZ, Bratislava Region, DAPHNE, DANUBEPARKS Association.
Horizon for implementation	The new visitor centre should be finalized at the end of 2022. The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 14: Donau-Auen National Park	
Description	The website provides travel information in local language and in English and Slovak. Public transport is mentioned first to encourage visitors to use it. The schedule of the excursions has been adapted to the time schedule of public transport. Still the trip from Vienna to Bratislava is time consuming but the frequency has been improved. The travel information is missing on the DANUBEPARKS Website. Another recommendation would be a sustainable mobility campaign for visitors. Like a week of sustainability every visitor with a public transport ticket or with a bike gets a discount on the entry fee to the visitor centre.

Responsible institution	Donau-Auen National Park, DANUBEPARKS Association, Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 15: Wachau Protected Landscape Area	
Description	There is a lot of information about projects and tourism on the website of the Protected Area but no travel information. The destination can be reached by public transport. For this region more travel information is available on the website of the destination management organisation "Donau Niederösterreich". Travel information should be included on the DANUBEPARKS website. Another recommendation would be a sustainable mobility campaign for visitors. Like a week of sustainability every visitor with a public transport ticket or with a bike gets a goody from the region.
Responsible institution	Verein Welterbegemeinden Wachau, Donau Niederösterreich, DANUBEPARKS Association
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 16 Narrow Valley of the Danube Passau District:	
Description	There is a detailed travel information in various languages provided on the website of the visitor centre "Haus am Strom". However, travelling by car is mentioned before travelling by public transport. The reason is the frequency of the busses. A shuttle service from the bus station is offered as well. Increasing the frequency of bus services is a bigger project and would need long-term funding. Another recommendation would be a sustainable mobility campaign for visitors. Like a week of sustainability every visitor with a public transport ticket or with a bike gets a discount on the entry fee to the visitor centre.
Responsible institution	Passau District, Haus am Strom, DANUBEPARKS Association

Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.
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Destination 17: Donauwald Neuburg-Ingolstadt	
Description	There is a very detailed travel information provided on the website of the Auenzentrum available in German. Using public transport services is mentioned on top and there is also a joint taxi service which can be booked for the trip from the train station to the visitor centre. As there is no English website available it is even more important to add the travel information on the DANUBEPARKS website. Another recommendation would be a sustainable mobility campaign for visitors. Like a week of sustainability every visitor with a public transport ticket or with a bike gets a discount on the entry fee to the visitor centre.
Responsible institution	City of Ingolstadt, Landkreis Neuburg Schrobenhausen, Auenzentrum, DANUBEPARKS Association
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 18: Regional Park Mura-Drava	
Description	The website of the Regional Park is only available in local language and presents more projects than tourist information. There is a Tourist Board of Pitomača Municipality which provides a website also in English with a route planner. Sustainable mobility services are not mentioned explicitly. There is a train connection from Zagreb to Osijek from there local taxi services are necessary. The recommendation is to define public transport services and communicate them on the websites of the Regional Park and Tourist information's in the region. A cooperation with local taxi service providers would be helpful. The travel information should also be available on the website of the DANUBEPARKS association.
Responsible institution	Regional Park Mura-Drava, Tourist Boards of the region, DANUBEPARKS Association
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

Destination 19: Lonjsko Polje Nature Park	
Description	The website provides a lot of information in local language. There is no travel information available. There are bus and train connections from Zagreb and bikes can be rented at the visitor centres. For moving in the destination taxi services might be necessary. Therefore, the recommendation is to define public transport services and communicate them on the websites of the Nature Park and Tourist information's in the region. A cooperation with local taxi service providers would be helpful. The travel information should also be available on the website of the DANUBEPARKS association.
Responsible institution	Lonjsko Polje Nature Park, Tourist Boards of the region, DANUBEPARKS Association
Horizon for implementation	The recommendation has to be discussed within the DANUBEPARKS Network and with other stakeholders. Time horizon could be 2024. Because a project for communication activities has to be developed to ensure funding.

6.2 General recommendations for the whole trail

Increase communication of sustainable mobility services:

- Travel information needs to be included on the websites of visitor centres and the DANUBEPARKS Association.
- If the travel information is on the website, it needs to be presented before travelling by car to encourage visitors to use public transport.
- If the public transport services are not well established, cooperation's with local taxi providers should be established and communicated.
- Communication campaigns for sustainable mobility should be created maybe on Danube-wide scale with the DANUBEPARKS association. E.g.: Week of sustainability – free entry to the visitor centre if travelling by sustainable means of transport.
- Cooperation with public transport service providers especially for events.
- Adaption of visitor programme to schedule of public transport.
- Climate change and sustainable mobility reflected in communication activities. (e.g.: Climate change projects, tree planting activities, waste collection activities, volunteers days.)

7 Good practice collection

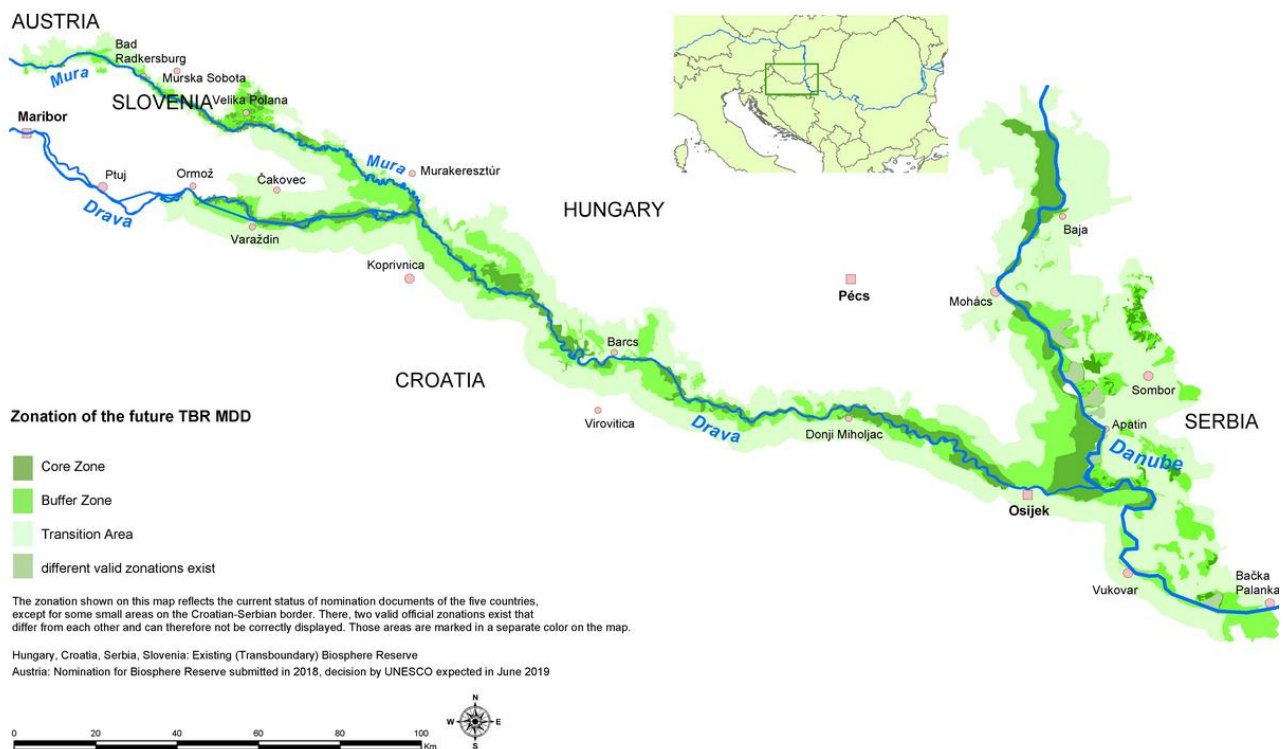
In the course of the questionnaire filled out by experts of the different areas and the expert workshop only the Amazon of Europe Bike trail and Lena Project, both funded through the Danube Transnational Programme were mentioned. The topic of sustainable mobility is not addressed in projects of our Protected Areas. In the course of the survey and through the expert workshop, awareness on the topic could be raised and the discussion for future projects on sustainable mobility has been started. As a lot of our Protected Area visitor centres can not be reached by public transport and the recommendation is to travel the last part to by taxi another best practice for involving local taxi service providers would be "IST mobil".

Amazon of Europe Bike Trail

<http://www.amazon-of-europe.com/en/bike-trail/>

As a socio-economic guiding project for the further development of future Transboundary Biosphere Reserve „Mura-Drava-Danube“ (TBR MDD) WWF Austria initiated the idea of establishing a cross-border cycle path, a unique brand for bike tourism, the so-called "Amazon of Europe" Bike Trail. The idea is to build on and enhancing existing routes in the TBR MDD region.

Future Transboundary UNESCO Biosphere Reserve „Mura-Drava-Danube“ (TBR MDD)



The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail also covers part of the "Return to the Last Danube" Trail. The project was finalised in May 2021.

Lena project

LENA- Local Economy and Nature Conservation in the Danube Region is connecting nature and people for well-being and prosperity across 7 Danube countries and 11 protected areas. We share know-how and experience for sustainable economic development in protected areas through enhancing:

- sustainable income generation from wild plants
- fishing-based livelihoods
- added value sustainable agriculture
- regional tourism marketing
- training Danube tourist guides across borders
- sharing know-how on e-mobility

<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/lena>

The project was finalised in 2019.

IST mobil

<https://istmobil.at/>

As an innovative hybrid of classic public transport and cab services, the ISTmobil micro public transport mobility solution combines the advantages of both systems and offers an additional, sustainable mobility service away from the private car. ISTmobil, unlike other commercial providers, does not have its own fleet of vehicles. Instead, transportation services are provided locally by regional cab, rental car or bus companies. In this way, existing mobility services are networked within a region, a demand-oriented mobility supply is ensured, and the regional economy is strengthened.

Through the online platform local taxi providers are connected with customers. The taxis can only be booked if there is no public transport service available at the same time. The participating regions and municipalities receive different taxi stops from where the trip starts or ends. The costs of the trip are cheaper than a normal trip by taxi. The more people are travelling, the cheaper it gets.

8 Annexes

Annex 1: Questionnaire Results

Questionnaire on Sustainable Tourism in around Danube Protected Areas

18 institutions invited and 16 participants

46 Questions

752 Answers

Sustainable Tourism Mobility

1. Name of Protected Area/Institution *

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

- Nationalpark Donau-Auen
- Iron Gates Nature Park
- Arge Donauauen Neuburg Ingolstadt
- Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority
- Public Institution Kopački rit Nature Park
- Lower Prut Scientific Reserve
- Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate (DINPI)
- Nature Nature Reserve Donauleiten and Natura 2000 site Donau, district of Passau
- Lonjsko Polje Nature Park Public Institution
- Gornje Podunavlje
- Dunajské luhy Protected Landscape Area
- Rusenski Lom
- City of Ingolstadt
- Ferto-Hanság National Park
- Duna-Dráva National Park Directorate
- Djerdap National Park/ Public Enterprise "Djerdap National Park"

2. Name and Position *

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

	1. Spalte
Surname	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grabner - Dumbrava - Geißler - CODREANU - Marušić - Placinta - Józsa - Kotz - Hima - Vasić - Pačenovský - Petkova - Schneider - Babos - Wodtke - Djokić
First Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ursula - Amalia - Siegfried - ALINA - Ružica - Iurle - Erika - Christiane - Valerija - Ivana - Samuel - Emiliya - Thomas - Attila - Szilvia - Sanja
Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Head of Department "visitors & communication" - Biologist - Projektmanager - Head of Information and Ecological Education Office - Head of Visitor and Education Department - Tourist Guide - Ecotourism Officer - Head of Department Nature Conservation Office - natural resources manager - Senior expert Associate for protected areas and environment protection - zoologist - expert - Project Manager Climate, Biodiversity and Danube - Head of Department - Ecotourism and Environmental Education - head of departement of ecotourism and env. educ. - Head of Department for Tourism and Geopark
Email address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - amalia.dumbrava@pnportiledefier.ro - siegfried.geissler@neuburg-schrobenhausen.de - acodreanu@ddbra.ro - ruzica.marusic@pp-kopacki-rit.hr - ghidturism20@gmail.com - jozsae@dinpi.hu - christiane.kotz@landkreis-passau.de - valerija.hima@gmx.com - ivana.vasic@vojvodinasume.rs - samuel.pacenovsky@sopsr.sk - em.petkova@gmail.com - thomas.schneider@ingolstadt.de - babos.attila@fhnp.hu - wodtke@ddnp.hu - sanjajamanojlovic@npdjerdap.rs

3. 1. Does your Protected Area have a visitor centre? *

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

13 (81.3%): ja

3 (18.8%): nein



4. If your Protected Area has more than one visitor centre, please enter name and address of up to three visitor centres.

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 11

	1. Spalte	2. Spalte	
Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visitors center - Information and Ecological Center - Visitor centre Mali Sakadaš - Educational Info Center - Piliši Len Visitor Center - Haus am Strom - Čigoč Visitor Centre - Auenzentrum Neuburg - Ingolstadt - LÁSZLÓMAJOR LÁTOGATÓKÖZPONT, BEMUTATÓ MAJORSÁG - Old-Drava Visitor center - Visitor Center in Donji Milanovac 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information Center - Information and Ecological Center - Presentation and Education Center Tikveš - Lynx House Visitor Center - Repušnica Visitor Centre - HANSÁG ÉLŐVILÁGA KIÁLLÍTÁS - Drava Gate Visitor center - Geointerpretative Center in Tekija 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visitor Ce - Sas-Hill Vi - Krapje Vis
Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orsova - TULCEA - Mali Sakadaš 1 - Slobozia Mare - 17. - Čigoč - Schloss Grünau - 1. - Szaporca - Kralja Petra I 14a, Donji Milanovac 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dubova - CRIȘAN - Titov dvorac 1 - Királyrét - Fumičeva - 1. - Barcs-Drávaszentes - Tekija village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SULINA - 26. - Krapje
Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Centru Civic - PORTULUI NR. 34 A - Nuferilor 1 - Bányász u. - am Kraftwerk 4 - no 4 - Lászlómajor - külterület - Kralja Petra I 14a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no 184 - Rákóczi - Fő u. 1 - Tekija village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tájék u. - no 18
Postal code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 820243 - 31327 - 5320 - 2084 - 94107 - HR - 44213 - 86633 - 9435 - 7843 - 19220 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 31328 - 2624 - HR - 44319 - 9339 - 7570 - 19325 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1112 - HR - 4432
City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orsova - TULCEA - Kopačevo - Cahul - Pilišszentiván - Untergriesbach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dubova - Lug - Szokolya - Repušnica - Öntésmajor - Barcs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SULINA - Budapest - Jasenovac

	- Kratečko - Neuburg a.d. Donau - Sarród-Lászlómajor - Szaporca - Donji Milanovac	- Tekija village	
Country	- Romania - România - Croatia - Molodova - Hungary - Germany - Croatia - Germany - Hungary - Hungary - Serbia	- Romania - România - Croatia - Hungary - Croatia - Hungary - Hungary - Serbia	- România - Hungary - croatia
Website	- ddbra.ro - www.pp-kopacki-rit.hr - https://www.facebook.com/rezervatianaturalaprutuldejosej/?ref=pages_you_manage - https://www.dunapoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/plisi-len-visitor-center - www.hausamstrom.de - info@pp-lonjsko-polje.hr - www.auenzentrum-neuburg-ingolstadt.de - https://www.ferto-hansag.hu - www.ddnp.hu - https://npdjerdap.rs/en/djerdap-national-parks-visitors-center/	- ddbra.ro - www.pp-kopacki-rit.hr - https://www.dunapoly.hu/en/places/interpretation-sites/lynx-house-visitor-center - info@pp-lonjsko-polje.hr - https://www.ferto-hansag.hu - www.ddnp.hu - https://npdjerdap.rs/en/geointerpretative-center-in-tekija/	- ddbra.ro - https://www.sas-hsites.com - info@pp-l

5. If no: is there a place where guided tours or environmental educational programmes in your Protected Area can be booked? (please enter address of up to three places)

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 2

	1. Spalte	2. Spalte	3. Spalte
Name	- Auenzentrum - Info-center Karapandža		
Street	- Schloss Grünau 1 - Bezdán		
Postal Code	- 86633 - 25270		
City	- Neuburg an der Donau - Bezdán		
Country	- Deutschland - Serbia		
Website	- www.auenzentrum-neuburg-ingolstadt.de - https://www.vojvodinasume.rs/ponuda/srp-gornje-podunavlje/		

6. Can your PA (visitor centre or start of visitor programme) be reached by sustainable means of transport?

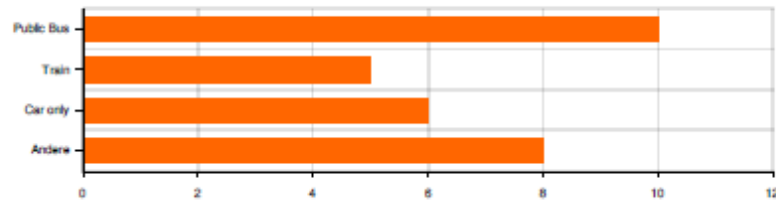
Anzahl Teilnehmer: 14

10 (71.4%): Public Bus

5 (35.7%): Train

6 (42.9%): Car only

8 (57.1%): Andere



Antwort(en) aus dem Zusatzfeld:

- train plus ferry boat
- by boat
- Bike
- Ship
- Bicycle
- Bicycle
- situated on the Donau-Radwanderweg
- By bicycle, by boat

7. If yes, please state the lines.

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 9

- bus: Postbus Wien - Orth
- bike: Eurovelo (Donauradweg)
- train: Schnellbahn S7 (private ferry Haslau - Orth)
- Fahren Sie bitte zunächst mit dem Zug zum Bahnhof Neuburg/Donau. Vom Neuburger Bahnhof aus kann man sich entweder für den Stadtbus oder das Sammeltaxi entscheiden, das Sie zum Auenzentrum bringt. Für Lauffreudige bietet sich natürlich auch der direkte Spaziergang durch die Donauauen oder der Stadtbus (Linie 2) an. Dieser fährt bis Herrenwörth, das etwa 2,5 km vom Jagdschloss Grünauf entfernt ist. Für die, die es bequemer haben möchten, haben die Stadtwerke Neuburg das Anrufsammeltaxi (AST) eingerichtet. Unter der Nummer 08431/48090 können Sie sich über die Fahrt informieren. Erwachsene zahlen 2,50 €, Begünstigte 1,50 €.

Eine andere Möglichkeit ist die Anreise mit dem Zug zum Bahnhof Rohrenfeld. Von dort sind es 10 Minuten per Rad bzw. 20 Minuten zu Fuß zum Auenzentrum.

- No.
- At the moment the Area can be visited by train, public transport, boat.
- How to get there:
Pilis Len Visitor Center: By bus from Budapest: From Árpád Híd bus terminal to "Piliszentiván Polgármesteri Hivatal" then three minutes walking.

Lynx House Visitor Center: by train from Budapest, Nyugati Railway Station to Kismaros, then take the forest train or the bus to Királyrét. 350 m from the station to the left (follow the lynx sign). Alternatively, Királyrét can be accessed by narrow-gauge railway via Kismaros.

Sas-Hill Visitor Center: From Budapest, Keleti railway station take bus 8 to "Korompai street" or from the Széll Kálmán tér, take tram 59 to "Farkasréti temető".

- bus is poorly possible
- The PA is located on the train line Ingolstadt - Neuburg. There is a train station in Weichering from where the PA can be easily reached, but the visitor center is some kilometers apart. Same is by bus from Ingolstadt.
- Both PA has the same situation. There is a public transportation/bus but it has bad connections, hard to get here even from the closest city. In school time there is 5 round daily, otherwise only 2.
- Belgrade - Kladovo, a public bus that runs along the main road through the entire Park and through many settlements along the way; Majdanpek (a town that also has a train station, which is 20 km away from the Park boundary) - Donji Milanovac
- NIŠ - Donji Milanovac

8. How many visitors do you have per year in your Protected Area?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 15

- visitor centre: 40,000; total area: 2 Million
- 45000
- 100000
- In the pandemic year 2020, 52,000 tourists, reported by the tour operators to our monitoring department
- 42000
- 1397 visitors/ per year (statistic from the boat rides only))
- 215 641
- 15.000 before COVID 19
- 5.000
- thousands annually, but we do not have exact numbers
- 5000
- 100.000
- 30 000
- 140.000
- In 2019 5500, in 2020 10400 (specific year due to pandemic)

9. Please quantify the visitors related to how long they stay in your Protected Area, give estimations in %:

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 12

	1. Spalte
Short-term visits (local recreation, few hours for having a walk, going with the dog etc.)	- 5000 - 79% - 15% - no data - 55% - 75% - 4500 - 80 - 68 - 80 - 20
Day trips, guests who booked excursions and programmes, visitors in your centre	- 30000 - 20% - 80% - no data - 90 - 40% - 25% - 500 - 15 - 26 - 15 - 70
Tourism and trips for more days	- 10000 - 1% - 5% - no data - 10 - 5% - 0 - 5 - 6 - 5 - 10

10. Where does the majority of your visitors come from? (please mention the three top destinations)

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

- Vienna (40%)
- Lower Austria (40%)
- Slovakia (10%)
- others (10%)
- Romanian visitors: Timis, Dolj, Gorj
- Region 70%
- Deutschland 20%
- EU und Weltweit 10%
- In the pandemic year, most of the tourists were romanians. Before 2020, most of the tourists came from West Europe.
- Slovenija, Njemačka, Mađarska
- The majority of our tourists are coming from the Urban areas (Chisinau, Cahul, Vulcanesti), before the pandemy year we use to have from Romania (Galati) we are 5 km from the Giurgulesti naval port, some of the tourists use to come from europe on Danube river.
- We have no exact data, but we assume: we have visitors from all over the world, a significant number of our visitors come from Budapest and surroundings and from the operation area of the Directorate which covers Pest, Fejér, and Komárom-Esztergom County. There is a significant number of foreign visitors at the caves in Budapest. Due to Covid 19, the number of foreign guests has fallen sharply.
- District of Passau, Franken, Nordrhein-Westphalen
- Čigoč village - European Stork Village
- Mužilovčica Village - Lonjsko Polje floodplain and traditional grazing
- Krapje Village- Village of architectural heritage, boat trip on the Sava and Strug Rivers
- We have a very modest number of foreign visitors. Usually, those are national ones (from Serbia).
- Belgrade, Novi Sad, Vojvodina region
- most of visitors come from capital Bratislava
- Bulgaria
- Romania
- Ingolstadt, Neuburg, Region
- Next biggest cities and the Hungarian capital city
 1. Sopron
 2. Győr
 3. Budapest
- Baranya county
 - Pécs
 - Mohács
- 1. Belgrade
- 2. Novi Sad
- 3. It is very variable from year to year. In 2020 this place was shared by several places in Vojvodina

11. Is it possible to reach your Protected Area by public transport from these destinations?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

12 (75.0%): ja

4 (25.0%): nein



12. If yes: please state the different bus or train lines, the stations where they arrive in your Protected Area and the link where tickets can be bought

If no: please state if there are any changes planned

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 13

- see question 7; tickets at the stations, in the transport
- train lines, in Orsova
- Station: Tulcea Railwaystation, <https://bilete.cfrcalatori.ro/ro-RO/Itineraries>
- It is possible to reach nearby town of Osijek or Bilje
- The tickets you can buy from the South Bus Station from Chisinau, also the tickets for train at the Railway station in Chisinau, also from Cahul.
- Route planners:
train: <https://www.mavcsoport.hu/en>
train, bus, ship: <https://menetrendek.hu/mobile/?lng=en>
Budapest public transport: <https://bkk.hu/en/>
- train stations Passau and Vilshofen
Bus stations Obernzell, Passau, Windorf, Hofkirchen, Pleinting
- So far no changes have been planned
- - public bus line No. 91 to Rusovce and Čunovo
- public bus line No. 90 to Rusovce
- public line bus No. 29 to Devínska Nová Ves - Sandberg
- public line bus No. 70 to Vičie hrdlo, and further by bus No. 77 to terminal Povodie Dunaja
- Bus - Oborishte bus station in Ruse - tickets from the bus.
- www.bahn.de: Weichering
www.invg.de: Weichering
www.fahrplan.guru: Weichering
- As stated above both sites have a bad connection, the visitors need to change bus at least 4 times.
- Belgrade is the main traffic hub in Serbia from where numerous lines depart to all parts of our country. From many destinations you can reach our protected area via Belgrade. The stations where the public bus stops in the PA are all settlements along the main road (Golubac, Brnjica, Dobra, Boljetin, Donji Milanovac, Golubinje, Tekija, Kladušnica, Síp, Kladovo). Tickets can be bought at the Bus station in Belgrade (<http://www.bas.rs/en/>), at all stops and on the bus.

13. Do you know the % of visitors that arrive by public transport

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 15

- 30
- 2
- 10
- 30
- 0
- 30%
- no data
- 2-3%
- 0
- approx. 40%
- 10
- unknown
- 8
- 1
- about 40%

14. Please state if these guests are mainly individual guests or guests that have booked guided tours and participate in any kind of programme. (e.g. school groups)

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 14

- Individual guests
- Einzelgäste
- Our guest are mainly organized groups arriving by organized transportation
- Usually they come in a booked tours, but since the pandemy we had more individuals guests coming for a short time.
- Approximately 50% of the registered visitors participate on a guided tour or programme.
- mainly individual guests, families, school groups with the visitor center and also some tourist groups
- Before covid - 80% visitors booked guided tours and educational programmes (school groups), 20% of individual visitors mostly from the EU countries in July and August

Now - 95% individual visitors form Croatia (families, recreational visitors), 5% some school groups and visitors from the EU countries

- Since 2020, our guests were coming via touristic agencies
- Mainly individual guests.
- There are individual tourists and small groups. Most of them practise hiking on the different trails in the Nature park. Rarely several groups per year have guided tours around the park.
- school groups com by hired bus
- Mainly prebooked school groups.
- Individual
- Equally represented (organized groups and those coming by public transport). Local public transport is very poorly developed and that guests who come with the intention of visiting most of the Park, mostly come by car.

15. Do you inform your visitors about the possibility to travel to your PA by public transport?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

10 (62.5%): ja

6 (37.5%): nein



16. If yes: How? In which languages?

If no: Do you plan to change that in the future?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 14

- German, English, Slovakian language
- the infrastructure is not so good for this and connections by train to the most important places from our protected areas are not reachable
- Deutsch
- We usually inform our tourists in english, but also in their language (french and german).
- No, because we can't organize public transportation to our PA
- In romanian at the moment , we are working in having more info
- On our website in English and Hungarian.
- German, planned in english, czech and dutch
- If public transport would be provided, we would promote this option to all our visitors.
- Yes, but currently priorities of our organisation are nature conservation , management of protected areas, not management of visitors.
- Information could be obtained from the Tourist information center in Ruse or the Directorate of Nature Park Rusenski Lom.
- On our website, email and phone
- hungarian
- By e-mail, phone. In Serbian and English.

17. Do you know or cooperate with other platforms that inform visitors of your PA about options of public transport (e.g.: tourist agency, tour operator)

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

7 (43.8%): ja

9 (56.3%): nein



18. If yes: please state the organisations

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 8

- Donau Niederösterreich
- Marchfelder Schlösserreich
- Niederösterreich Card
- Top Ausflugsziele
- We cooperate with tourist agencies and tour operators, but nobody informs visitors about options of public transportation since there is any. We do inform them that there is no public transportation.
- Agentia Moldisilva they have all the info about our PA
- Landkreis Passau Tourismus, Werbegemeinschaft Donautourismus Oberösterreich, Oberösterreich Tourismus, Tourismus Ostbayern
- We cooperate with many touristic agencies.
- We have good cooperation City Council Bratislava , public transportation, including innovative and green ones is well developed.
- Tourist association in Ruse: Prista, Sexaginta prista and Academik.
- tourist agencies, tour operators and region tourism office

19. Do you have cooperation with providers of public transport (railway, bus) e.g. to promote public transport, to optimize the time schedules etc.

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 17

4 (23.5%): ja

13 (76.5%): nein



20. If yes, please state organisations

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 5

- ÖBB
- Stadtwerke Neuburg
- Schifffahrtsgesellschaft Wurm & Noe
- only for special events like Stork Day in Čigoč or Day of the Architectural Heritage in Krapje - special organized public transport for these days only
- Not directly, but City Council Bratislava has that cooperation developed.

21. When in your Protected Area, is it possible to move around by sustainable means of transport?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

4 (25.0%): Public Bus

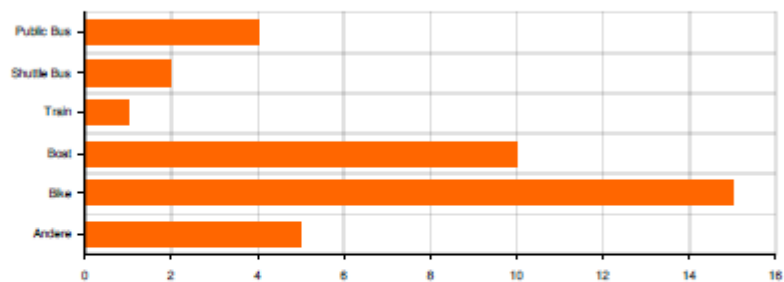
2 (12.5%): Shuttle Bus

1 (6.3%): Train

10 (62.5%): Boat

15 (93.8%): Bike

5 (31.3%): Andere



Antwort(en) aus dem Zusatzfeld:

- in the region: bus, train
- Touristic Train
- local touristic train
- walking, skating
- Hiking

22. If visitors travel by bike or boat, do they travel individually or do you offer guided tours?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

- boat: both
- bike: both (bike tours only in the Viennease part of the National Park "Lobau")
- mostly individually
- Beides
- Usually the tourists are traveling individually. Our Institution doesn't organise or offer guided tours.
- Boat and Touristic Train are guided tours
- We offer guided tours, for safety porpuse, also they can do kayaking in places not too deep
- The majority of our protected nature areas and sites are open to the public, can be visited without a guide and throughout the year on marked hiking trails. However, some strictly protected areas and caves may be visited only in the frame of guided tours.

Duna-İpoly National Park Directorate offers and organises guided walking, bike, e-bike and canoe tours. At the Lake Velence we are working together with a local company and offer guided boat tours in the floating wetlands and bird reserve.

- both
- Individually or guided tours for the boat trips, guided tour for the bike on the base of the special request
- We have both experiences.
- mostly individually
- Small independent groups.
- mostly individually
- Both is possible
- Individually and offered guided tours
- Those who come by this type of transport, organize the trip independently. We offer guided tours to all guests, regardless of the mode of transport.

23. Is biking allowed in your PA?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

16 (100.0%): ja

- (0.0%): nein



24. If yes, please state the regulations/restrictions in your Protected Area.

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 13

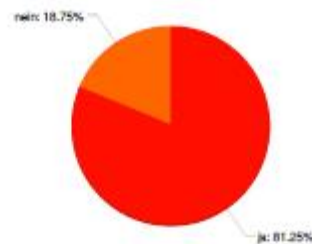
- Access for tourists in the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve is allowed based on entrance permits. Entering in the strictly protected areas is forbidden.
- Bikes are allowed on the marked bike roads
- our area is divided in 3 main region (there is one area which is considered nucleus, where the birds have nests etc. is prohibited area for the tourists)
- Biking is allowed only on public roads and marked bike trails.
- bikeway along the Danube, some trails
- recreational biking is permitted on the special bike tours according to the guiding brochure
- Bikes can be rented in our info-center Karapandža.
Limitation: During hunting season and deers roar
- Biking is allowed at official bike- routes
- Groups of up to 8 people on marked trails.
- it is allowed on suitable pathways according to Bavarian law (common use)
- Only on the bike roads.
- only on bikeroads/roads/paths
- Cyclotourism takes place in accordance with the rules applicable to the Eurovelo 6 route, which runs the entire length of the PA.

25. Is there a bike path in or close to your Protected Area?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

13 (81.3%): ja

3 (18.8%): nein



26. If yes, please state the name or number

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 13

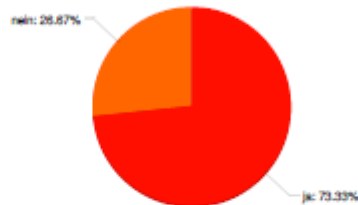
- Eurovelo 6 Donauradweg and numerous local/regional trails
- 5
- Donauradwanderweg
- Danube Bike Route, Panonian Peace Route, Euro Velo 6
- There are several bike paths in our area, e.g. : Danube Cycle Path - part of EuroVelo 6, Lake Velence Bike Path, Által-ér Valley Bike Path (Tatabánya-Dunaalmás), Bike Path along the river Ipoly (Szob - Ipolydamásd)
- bikeway Donauradweg and other 6 bike paths
- 8
- 2
- there is a long bike - route at both banks of the Danube, from Bratislava to Čunovo and from Bratislava to Hamuliakovo
- Donauradwanderweg, E6
- eurovelo 13
- eurovelo 6, 13
- Beside the Eurovelo 6 with its detours, about 7 bike paths. Cyclists also use local roads that are not official bike routes.

27. Is there a place that hires bikes in or close to your Protected Area?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 15

11 (73.3%): ja

4 (26.7%): nein



28. If yes, please state the company.

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 10

- from different accomodation places and from Coronini village, the protected area has also bikes to hire
- PI Kopacki rit Nature Park
- There are many private companies, DINPI cooperates with Maróti Kiskert (marotikiskert .hu) and El-Tekerentyü Ebike renting and tours (eltekerentyu.hu)
- Zweirad Würdinger , Kapuziner Str. 107, 94474 Vilshofen a.d. Donau, Tel. +49 (0)8541 / 910710, www.wuerdinger.de;
- LOnjsko Polje Nature Park Public Institution, Tradicije Čigoč
- Bikes can be rented in our Info-center Karapandža, PE "Vojvodinašume"
- Najšport
- Fertő-Hanság Nemzeti Park
- Duna-Dráva National Park Directorate
- Tourist organization of Municipality Golubac, Tourist organization of Municipality Kladovo, Hostel in Donji Milanovac

29. Is there a bike parking facility (incl. lockers) in or close to your Protected Area?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 17

10 (58.8%): ja

7 (41.2%): nein



30. Is there possibility to charge e-bikes in or close to your Protected Area?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

9 (56.3%): ja

7 (43.8%): nein



31. Is there a place to hire boats or kajaks in or close to your Protected Area?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 17

11 (64.7%): ja

6 (35.3%): nein



32. If yes: please state the company

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 10

- a lot of accomodation palces have boats
- Zlatna Greda eko centar
- Valeni village
- There are many private companies, DINPI cooperates with Szigetmonostori Vízisport Egyesület
- LONjsko Pollje Nature Park Public Institution
- Boatsand canues can be rented in our info-center Karapandža, PE "Vojvodinašume"
- Green Bike, Najlacnejsisport.sk,
- Directorate of NP and Tourist associations
- Fertő-Hanság Nemzeti Park
- Duna-Dráva National Park Directorate

33. Is it possible to reach other Protected Areas close to you from yours by public transport?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

8 (50.0%): ja

8 (50.0%): nein



34. If yes: please state the lines

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 7

- you have to travel back to Vienna; bike is possible
- Domogled -Cerna Valley National park, Mehedinti Plateau Geopark
- By river Prut you can go up to the North where we couple PA
- There are severel lines. Route planners: train: <https://www.mavcsoport.hu/en> train, bus, ship: <https://menetrendek.hu/mobile/>
- Ing-en Budapest public transport: <https://bkk.hu/en/>
- Nationalpark and Naturpark Bayerischer Wald, Europareservat Unterer Inn
- bus line No. 21 to destination Pri Sandbergu
- e.g Donji Milanovac - Kladovo, Donji Milanovac - Majdanpek

35. Please list three of the most interesting sites (points of interest) for visitors close to your Protected Area.

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 15

- Schlosshof
Römerstadt Carnuntum
Schloss Marchegg
- Danube Gorges, Island Moldova Veche
- Historic objectives near the Reserve (fortress, archaeological sites, Orthodox churches and monasteries)
- Old Town of Osijek
Monument of battle in Batina
Wineries
- Tara Bitlanilor, Cariera Fetesti, La Castel, Padurea Domneasca etc.
- Danube Bend, River Danube
Budapest Caves & Hills
Lake Velence
- Passau, Vilshofen, Engelhartzell
- Papuk Nature Park, Medvednica Nature Park, Kopački Rit Nature Park
- Sombor, Bački Monoštor, muzej Batinske bitke
- Donau Auen NP in Austria...It is just across a bike-bridge from Bratislava - Devínska Nová Ves
Malé Karpaty Protected Landscape Area
Záhorie Protected Landscape Area
- Ivanovo rock hewn churches - near the village of Ivanovo; Medieval fortress of Cherven - near the village of Cherven; The Large cave near the village of Pisanets.
- Donaudurchbruch Weltenburg
Cities of Ingolstadt and Neuburg
Altmühltal
- Borsodi Dülő
Hany Istók tanösvény
Gloritte kilátó
Vizi rence tanösvény
- Drava
Danube
Mecsek
- Monastery Tumane, Rajko's cave, Blederija waterfall

36. Can these sites be visited by sustainable means of transport?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 15

12 (80.0%): ja

3 (20.0%): nein



37. If yes, please state which sustainable means of transport can be used to reach the points of interest.

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 13

- bike
train from Vienna
ferry plus train
- hires buses
- Bikes, public buses
- Old Town of Osijek yes - public transportation, train, bus
- public transport, boat, train, bicycle
- Route planners:
train: <https://www.mavcsport.hu/en>
train, bus, ship: <https://menetrendek.hu/mobile/?lng=en>
Budapest public transport: <https://bkk.hu/en/>
- train, bus
- by cable car - Medvednica Nature Park
by bike - all 3 parks
- bike...
- Public bus
- ... but often with high efforts
- Bus
- By bus, bicycle.

38. Would you be interested to establish a mobility centre in your PA? (mobility manager that organises and coordinates mobility services and activities.)

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 15

7 (46.7%): ja

8 (53.3%): nein



39. Do you plan to integrate and promote using sustainable means of transport in your communication measures?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

15 (93.8%): ja

1 (6.3%): nein



40. Are there any projects in or close to your PA that support sustainable mobility? (e.g.: development of bike trail, new train or bus station, walking trails)

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 16

11 (68.8%): ja

5 (31.3%): nein



41. If yes, please state the projects.

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 12

- walking trails are key issue of PA management
- normal activities to maintain our one trails, not a project itself
- Bike trail in Sf. Gheorghe village Project
- Bike trail Amazon of Europe
- Trails around Beleu Lake
- E.g.,
 - Development of Királyrét narrow-gauge railways
 - Constructions of EuroVelo6
 - Construction of the Budapest-Lake Balaton bike road
 - Application of new bike coaches on the Vác-Balassagyarmat railway line
 - Danube Bend Circle Line (summer time boat line)
- Verkehrsgemeinschaft Landkreis Passau
- Rural Development measures - walking trails
- Amazon of Europe bike of trail
- DTP project LENA
- <https://www.naturpark-altmuehltal.de/stromtreter/>
- Transdanube Pearls - Network for Sustainable Mobility along the Danube

42. Do you have any suggestions how to improve sustainable mobility in your PA?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 8

- harmonization of starting/ending times of excursions/programmes with schedule of public transport (train, bus)
- Information on website (for all visitors)
- when describing hiking tours, do NOT describe parking place but train/bus stations
- provide informations about public transport on the visitor centre (telephone and personal)
- No
- By making trails, in the near by areas, coordination with other regions, Cooperation between the local and Local Mayor etc.
- -
- no economically suggestions
- There is a lack of promotion, a lack of capacities to organise tours, strictly protected - sensitive areas should not be visited, but a number of sites in Protected Landscape Area should be open for not only anglers, family visits, bikes, but also for e-bikes, boat trips, canoe - trips, etc.
- Development of bike stations in the main villages. Hiring options of electrical vehicles.
- Increase the number of local lines in public transport, involve local people in projects through which they could purchase bicycles, boats or mini buses for rent

43. If yes, please state the projects.

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 2

- cooperation with ÖBB (Austrian Federal Railway) (ongoing)
- Cycling the Danube
- Increase the number of local lines in public transport, involve local people in projects through which they could purchase bicycles, boats or mini buses for rent

44. Please give one good practice example/best practice initiative in your Protected Areas in the field of sustainable mobility?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 10

- basically we dont have (unfortunately)

discussion process with VOR (Verkehrsverbund Ostregion) which resulted in the adaptation of the schedule; now it fits for schools in Vienna to reach the visitor centre with the bus in the morning

school programme in Hainburg/Ruine Röthelstein: pupils arrive by train

- we re using wooden boats, bicycles, walking trails, education about nature with kids, the use of water, cleaning around the lake .

- Bicycle wagons on trains (MÁV):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih-A0tO1WbU>

DANUBE BEND CIRCLE LINES:

<https://www.mahartpassnave.hu/en/timetable/danube-bend-excursion-boat-lines/v/>

- Expansion of the cycle path along the Danube

- solar boats on the Strug River, possibility of rent e-bike

- A few years ago we had good and intensive cooperation with local bike clubs.

Interreg Project Amazon of Europe bike trail

- There is a well developed bike-route at both banks of the Danube River: from Bratislava - to Čunovo at the right bank, and from Bratislava to Hamuliakovo - Komárno - Štúrovo - further exits to Hungary at the left bank.

- Organised groups come by hired buses mostly. Some guesthouses (for example Milkovata house in Koshov) provide bikes for short trips for their guests.

- Amazon of Europe Bike trail

- Transdanube Pearls - Network for Sustainable Mobility along the Danube project which also included the PA

45. What are the main difficulties for improving the situation on Sustainable mobility in your region?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 17

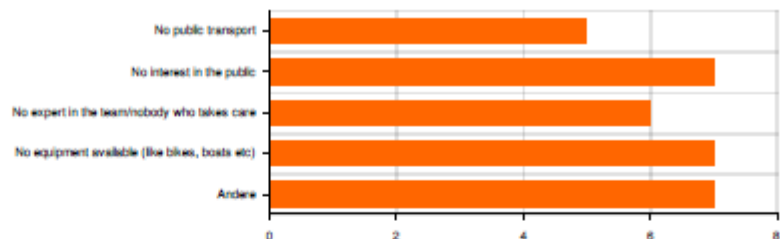
5 (29.4%): No public transport

7 (41.2%): No interest in the public

6 (35.3%): No expert in the team/nobody who takes care

7 (41.2%): No equipment available (like bikes, boats etc)

7 (41.2%): Andere



Antwort(en) aus dem Zusatzfeld:

- schedules of the public transport (Intervalle, later etcl); costs of public transport

- public transport is at the limit of the protected area, not inside

- lack of resources

- We are not responsible for public transport, we do not have the financial resources to take action ourselves.

- no financial support

- No national culture and awareness for using sustainable means of transport

- legal restrictions and unsolved questions

46. Comment: Is there any information or comment you would like to share which has not been addressed yet?

Anzahl Teilnehmer: 7

- No.
- Not yet, what is missing here is a better communication in between different parts like the Government, locals. Investments for the infrastructure (no roads) etc.
- General comment: besides the National Park several other protected areas belong to Danube-Ipoly National Park Directorate as well: 8 Landscape Protection Areas and 36 Nature Reserves and „ex lege“ protected nature assets (e.g.: caves), 1 Europa Diploma site, 1 Biosphere Reserve. The operation area of the Directorate covers 3 counties (Pest, Fejér, and Komárom-Esztergom County), 1 354 903 hectares. The options to reach the different sites (locations) are quite different.
Point 8: we gave the number of registered visitors of the year 2019. In year 2020 we had far more less visitors (100 900) because of Covid19. There are lots of visitors in our operational area who are not registered and we have no data about them.
Point 38: we need more information about mobility centre and details about the proposed project to make a statement.
- We are putting efforts into attracting visitors to Gornje Podunavlje and make it as tourism destination visible.
- In my opinion there is a strict regulation preventing cars from entering tracks (e.g. forest tracks) in protected areas in general, what is good in one hand, but on the other hand, there is a demand from public to access these areas and that question has no good solutions so far.
There is a great potential of protected areas around capital Bratislava for recreation, most of it is realised in Malé Karpaty and Záhorie Protected Landscape Areas, facilities for recreation in Dunajské luhy are not well developed, also promotion is missing.
There are great possibilities of cross-border cooperation in that field, still very little utilised.
- I think public transport with transportation of own bikes is the challenge. People have often expensive bikes which they want to use and have less interest in hiring middle-quality bikes.
- Comment: the data refer to visitors who have used the services of the PE "Djerdap National Park", PA manager