

The valleys of Fruška Gora are covered with meadows, pastures and grain fields, its slopes with orchards and vineyards with famous wine cellars while the higher parts are overgrown with thick decennial forest. The largest concentration of lime tree forest in Europe can be found at Fruška Gora. Around 700 medicinal herbs varieties grow on this mountain. Fruška Gora is the area of wines with numerous wine cellars and wineries.



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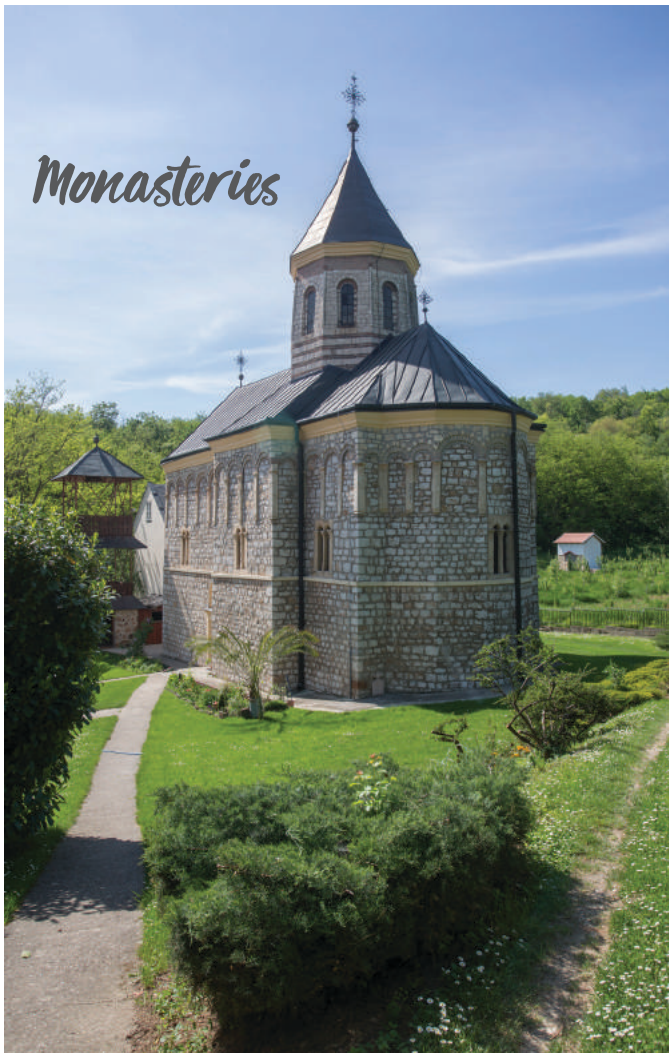


Introduction

Fruška Gora is an island mountain that is located in Vojvodina, in the vicinity of Novi Sad. It stretches across the length of around 80 km, 15 km of width and represents the oldest national park in Serbia. The complex of Orthodox monasteries can be included among the most significant material cultural heritage located within the territory of Fruška Gora.



Monasteries



Through history 30 monasteries have been built within the territory of Fruška Gora and that is why it was also known as the “Holy Fruška Gora”. Until today 16 monasteries have been preserved and they represent the most significant cultural heritage of Fruška Gora. All the monasteries were built in the period from the 15th to 18th century and they are linked primarily with the building undertakings of the Serbian dynasty of the Branković and the period of resistance to the Turkish invaders. For centuries now, Fruška Gora monasteries have been one of the greatest gathering points of spiritual life of the Serbs while they used to be the epicentre of the Serbian literacy, literary creative work and art.

Sremski Karlovci



It is the pearl of tourist offer of Serbia. At the same time, Sremski Karlovci occupy a prominent place in the history of the Serbs because the town used to be the seat of the Serbian Metropolitanate, the place where the Orthodox Seminary, the second in the Orthodox world was established along with the Karlovci Grammar School, the first of that type among the Serbs. The place is adorned with the monuments of culture and institutions established mainly during the 18th and 19th century, among which we can single out the Patriarch’s Palace, Orthodox Congregational Church and Chapel of Peace.

Irig - Vrdnik



The municipality of Irig is tucked among tame Fruška Gora slopes where beautiful nature intertwines with picnic areas of the National Park, numerous monasteries of the Serbian Orthodox Church, as well as vineyards and family wineries, which makes it an interesting place to visit. Vrdnik Spa is famous after its healing thermal water, indoor and outdoor pools, as well as diverse accommodation facilities and ethno complex that offer various contents for quality stay and relaxation.

Nature and picnic sites



National Park “Fruška Gora” is the oldest national park in Serbia that was established in 1960 already. Unique landscapes, valuable geological and geo-morphological areas, rare plant and animal species, and forest complexes are protected at the surface of around 25,000 ha that it covers. Natural wealth: plant and animal wildlife, landscapes, thermal springs – spas, and lakes represent the basis for tourism of special interests (hiking, cyclo tourism, rare birds watching, fishing, hunting) but also for recreational and picnic programmes, schools in nature, nautical, and health-spa/wellness tourism. Some of the most famous picnic areas include: Stražilovo, Glavica, Popovica, Iriški Venac, TV Tower, Zmajevac, Brankovac, Andrevlje, Osovlje, Ležimir, Letenka, and Testera.

Active vacation



From the very first breath of spring, when mild slopes get decorated with white snowdrop flowers, all up to late autumn when the entire nature is overflown with the shades of yellow and red colour of the autumn leaves, Fruška Gora is frequently visited by many picnic lovers and tourists. To all those who love active vacation we recommend the field horse riding with the “Active Fruška Gora” Association, organised walking along Fruška Gora with “Železničar” Sport Society, visit to Adrenaline Park in Vrdnik, as well as the visit to a specialised field court for mountain and extreme cycling in Bukovac.

Wineries



Fruška Gora is the area of good wines where Irig, Banoštor, Sremski Karlovci and Šid can be singled out among the wine centres. Some of the well-known wines include Riesling, Bermet, Frankovka, Merlot, Game, Vranac, Portuguiser, Ausbruch... If you decide to visit some of many wineries in the area of Fruška Gora you can expect quality wines and warm welcome.