# "I care for...Bač " 19 - 26 August 2017



Bač is the municipality in the north-western part of Serbia (south-west part of Vojvodina) on the left bank of the Danube River, 62 km far from Novi Sad. Bač is the town after which BAČKA region got its name. The «Historical place of Bač and its surroundings» are listed to be recognized as a UNESCO world heritage site. It's a perfect place to discover the multiculturality from Vojvodina...

# **Structure and Activities of the Camp**

Planned activities are:

- 1. "Active citizenship" actions: working activities
- 2. Other events: meeting with local Authorities and associations sightseeing of surroundings

# 1. Active citizenship actions - working activities

-cutting bushes around the fortress

### 2. Other events

- round-table with representatives of National Serbian Commission for UNESCO which will present their activities and discussion about Agenda 21 for culture
- mapping of cultural and natural values
- Sightseeing of:

Franciscan Monastery and other cultural monuments in Bač

Serbian Orthodox Monastery of Bođani

Deronje

Bačka Palanka and the Danube River

Novi Sad

Fruška Gora National Park

# **Accommodation**

Participants will have private accommodation in family house (rooms with 2 or more beds with private and shared bathrooms) near the fortress in quiet area. There are free parking places near the house. Large garden full of greenery, terrace, kitchen are at participants' disposal. The meals will be prepared with the involvement of participants/volunteers except certain days determined for trips.

#### Costs

The camp is co-financed through fees for volunteers to cover the costs of accommodation and food in Bač, local transport, organizational costs and insurance and it is fixed at 250,00 € per participant. We'll try to organize a travel to Bač by private cars or regular public transport.

# Documents

To enter into Serbia is required only valid passport for citizens of EU or non-EU Countries. From last year, the identification card is sufficient for Italian citizens for short time of staying in Serbia (max. 90 days).

# Times devoted to sightseeing of local natural and cultural values



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#### The Franciscan Monastery

Before the end of the 12th century, first it was mentioned the fortress and later the Templar monastery in Bač. It got its final look, which was partially preserved until now, in the first half of the 12th century. When the order of Templars was dismissed, the monastery was taken over by the Franciscans in 1301. Monastery buildings are built in various architectural styles. There is an obvious touch of Romanesque style as well as later Gothic alterations and Baroque implementations.



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### The Serbian Orthodox Monastery of Bođani

The big palace and the church in Bođani were built in the Baroque style and painted by Kristofor Zefarović, a famous frescoe painter of that time. In the palace there is a rich museum with many old engravings, oil paintings, church dishes, printing press, etc. There is a beautiful front yard with many trees and flowers which also contribute to the beauty of the monastery. The monastery also owns a few hectares of land under forests and orchards.



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## Deronje

The village is known for «Festival tamburica» and Art colony. It is a real example of the multicultural characteristics of this region, with the Roma community, Orthodox and Catholic churches and near Deronje there is also the neolithic settlement called Donja Branjevina from a period over 7.000 years BC.



#### **Bačka Palanka and Danube**

Bačka Palanka is known for Tikvara, natural monument. Tikvara – the Danube lake, which covers an area of 5 km². There are also 33 archeological sites in the municipality and the Church St. John the Baptist is one of the oldest churches in Vojvodina. It is also known for **Karađorđevo**, founded by Hungarians at the beginning of 1900, starting from the still famous horse farm. In the north of the town is also the forest Bagremara.



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## Ethnographic museum

Bač and its surroundings are rich of small museums of traditional activities or ethno settings of minorities who have settled here during the past centuries. Among all, we we will visit, in example, the Traditional old house of ŠOKCI, Croats who arrived 320 years ago to Bač and Native setting in SELENČA, established as a permanent setting of books, costumes and other items from the life of Slovak people in this region.



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#### **Novi Sad**

The capital of Vojvodina, has a great old town center and the **Petrovaradin Fortress:** the exceptional work of the 18th-century, one of the largest, the most complex and best preserved fortress in Europe. Fortress spreads over the northern slopes of Fruška Gora, on the right bank of the Danube. Actually it is the seat of several cultural events.



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#### Fruška Gora National Park

Fruška Gora is proclaimed as National Park since 1960 in order to provide its permanent protection and to improve its natural resources and beauty. It is an isolated, narrow, island mountain in Pannonia plain. Fruška Gora's valleys are covered with numerous vineyards and orchards and hides 16 orthodox monasteries famous for their specific architecture, treasuries, libraries and frescoes. This historical and sacral complex has been enlisted for UNESCO program of protection.

# **TIME TABLE**

Date	Program activities
19 August sat	h.17.00: Arrival of participants – registration and accommodation h.19.00: Welcome dinner and presentation of staff, camp activities, participants and partners
<b>20 August</b> sun	h.09.00: Sightseeing of Bač (part 1) – lunch at camp base h.16.00: Sightseeing of Bač (part 2) h.20.00: Dinner at camp base and planning of further working activities
21 August mon	h.09.30-19.30: "Community action" Day: Working activities around and inside fortress h.20.00: Dinner at camp base
22 August tue	h.09.30: Working activities at Turkish Ham ruins – lunch at camp base h.15.00: Excursion to Deronje and Odžaci – free dinner in Odžaci
23 August wed	h.09.30: Excursion to Selenča, Čelarevo and Danube river – free lunch near the river h.20.30: Dinner at camp base – after dinner preparation of further activities
24 August thu	h.09.00: Departure to Fruška Gora to visit some ortodox old Monasteries and sightseeing of Novi Sad (Petrovaradin fortress and other cultural monuments) h.21.00: Return to camp base for dinner
<b>25 August</b> fri	h.09.30: Sightseeing of Bođani Monastery and Provala Lake h.13.30: Return to camp base – lunch - preparation of final meeting h.18.00: Public Meeting in Bač with invited representatives of National Serbian Commission for UNESCO, local authorities and associations h.20.00: Final dinner, concert, partywith all our partners
26 August sat	h.10.00: Official closure of camp - meeting h.14.00: Departure