

"I care for...Drežnik Grad"

18 – 25 July 2017

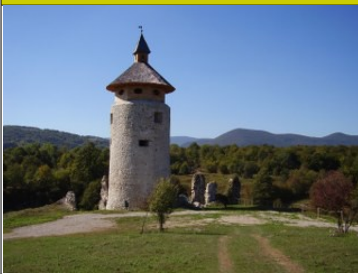


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Drežnik Grad is a small place near the old town Slunj and in the immediate vicinity of Croatian **National Park Plitvice Lakes** (UNESCO World Heritage) in the Municipality **Rakovica**, Karlovac County in Central Croatia. Drežnik is known for the old medieval town.

Structure and Activities of the Camp

Planned activities are:

1. "Active citizenship" actions: working activities
2. Other events: workshops – public conference – sightseeing of surroundings

1. Active citizenship actions - working activities

- cleaning the environment around the old ruined Drežnik Castle (garbage in the overgrown grass-bushes, pruning bushes)
- cleaning the canyon of river Korana

2. Other events

- round-table with about Local Communities as "Custodians of Cultural Heritage"
- Sightseeing of:

in Croatia:

National Park Plitvice Lakes (UNESCO World Heritage)

Old town Slunj and village Rastoke

Caves of Barać

Kuterevo (the only "orphanage" center for young bears in Europe)

In Bosnia-Herzegovina:

Center of Bihać and National Park Una River

Rafting excursion along the Una River canyon

Accommodation

Participants will have private accommodation in a family house (rooms with 2 or more beds with private and shared bathrooms), located in the center of Drežnik Grad (14 km from Plitvice Lakes) in quiet area. The ruins of Drežnik Castle are 300 m away. There are free parking places near the house. Large garden full of greenery and kitchen are at participants' disposal. 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 Drežnik Grad, local transport, organizational costs and insurance and it is fixed at 250,00 € per participant. We'll try to organize a travel to Drežnik Grad by private cars or regular public transport.

Documents

Identification card or passport is only required to enter into Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina - for citizens of EU or non-EU Countries.

Times devoted to sightseeing of local natural and cultural values



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National Park Plitvice Lakes

Plitvice Lakes known as the "Jewel of Nature" are the most beautiful natural sights in Europe. In the year 1979 UNESCO has declared it with all rights as the World Heritage...16 terraced lakes which are connected by waterfalls and cascades...and kilometres of arranged walking paths – wooden bridges built over surfaces of lakes and serpentine...



photo: Giuliano Bastiani

Slunj

Old town SLUNJ has a lot to offer: rich cultural heritage, old fortified town is situated on the Slunjčica river near the mouth of the river and is known for the beauty of the Korana river and...



photo: Nicola Trombetta

...the extraordinary landscapes particularly in **Rastoke** – a miller settlement that looks like something out of a fairytale...wooden and stone houses have been completely renovated...



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Caves of Barač

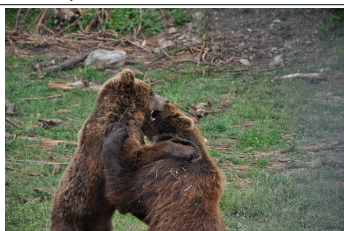
Discover the amazing world hidden beneath the earth...visit the world's oldest artist-Nature and Museum of Nature and see its works of art that were created millions of years ago... Let the nature teach us about the simplicity richness of pristine beauty. And we will have the opportunity to learn - all who are involved in this volunteer camp.



photo: Massimo Mucchiut

National Park Una River

We will go also to Bosnia and Herzegovina (Drežnik Grad is near the border) to visit the national Park of the river Una and discover the waterfall **Štrbački buk** and the Grand Canyon of Una River, called "Emerald Valley", maybe...in rafting boat, with the help of our partner association.



Kuterevo – photo: Leonardo Perin

Kuterevo Bears Refuge

Kuterevo is a small village in the Velebit from 634 habitants. The Bear Refuge takes care of young bears who by accident or due to poaching separated from their mothers when they were too young for an independent life. Such bears - nurtured with the help and care of people - fail to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for independent living. Therefore, they never go to their natural habitat but stay in the shelter, which is now a unique project in the world.

Refuge is managed by an association of citizens "Velebit Association Kutarevo" and volunteers from Croatia and abroad.



Bihać - panorama

Bihać

It's a city of 60.000 inhabitants, few km far from the camp base, in Bosnia-Erzegovina, along the river Sana. We will stop here for the lunch, after the rafting experience and will visit the old center of the city.

TIME TABLE

Date	Program of activities
18 July tue	h. 16.00: Arrival of participants – Accommodation h. 19.00: Welcome dinner & meeting – presentation of staff and participants
19 July wed	h. 09.00: Departure to Kuterevo – Visit to the "young bears orphanage center" h. 19.00: Dinner and discussion about Camp activities
20 July thu	h. 09.00-18.00: Sightseeing of National Park Plitvice Lakes - after dinner free time
21 July fri	h. 09.00-15.00: Visit to old town Slunj and sightseeing of miller village Rastoke – Free lunch time in Rastoke h. 15.30: Visit to the Barać Caves h. 20.30: Dinner & public meeting about "Local Communities as Custodians of cultural heritage"
22 July sat	h. 09.00-17.00: «Day of Community Action»: Cleaning the Korana River canyon and ruins of old Drežnik Castle (lunch and dinner included, together with partner associations and local citizens)– after dinner free time
23 July sun	h. 09.00: Departure to Bihać – visit to the center of Bihać – preparation for rafting h. 12.00: Departure to Una Valley – lunch near the Una river – rafting excursion – Visit to Una National Park; coming back to camp base about 21.00
24 July mon	h. 08.00-18.00: Sightseeing of the Virgin Forest in the Plitvice Lakes National Park h. 19.30: Farewell dinner – final meeting - party together with all partners and friends
25 July tue	h. 10.00: Official closure of camp h. 14.00: Departure