

Routes and Tours

DISCOVERING
THE DRINA-TARA
REGION



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THE DRINA TARA REGION



Miraculous landscapes of the Drina-Tara region, vast spaces of intact nature and beautiful scenery of the area are the assets this territory is famous for. Still, you will not get familiar with all its beauty if you only lay back and enjoy the view from your terrace, delicious gastronomic specialties or warm smiles of your hosts. Take some of the routes or trails that will take you through the hidden places of the region's gorgeous mountains, dense forests, steep canyons and clean rivers. What you see and experience is definitely worth a little effort.

Routes and trails OF THE REGION



CYCLING ROUTES

Zlatibor - Tara cycling route

Zlatibor - Tara cycling path is 47 km long. The height difference between the highest and lowest point is 516 m. You will need a good physical condition, although there are no technically demanding sections. The surface consists almost entirely of clay and gravel roads. The route is of regional character, and besides connecting Zlatibor and Tara mountains, it has good road connections with Bosnia and Herzegovina and numerous places in Drina-Tara region, such as Mokra Gora, Kremna, Užice, Bajina Bašta, etc.

Carska Tara cycling route

Carska Tara (Mountain Tara is called the Empress among the mountains in Serbia) From Mitrovac - Rastište - Perucac along a 42 km long path, you will see the most beautiful and most diverse treasures of Tara mountain.

Visoka Tara cycling route

This route which connects Šljivovica–Tarabića brdo–Grebenski put–Beserovačke bare–Lokvica–Osluša–Sokolina–Rustine and returns to Šljivovica is 26km long. With the altitude of 380m, total ascent of 1183m and total descent of 1183m, this route will take you through the heart of the Tara mountain. You will see the natural diversity of this beautiful mountain along this short circular path.

Visoka Gora cycling route

This route will take you through Mokra Gora slopes of Tara mountain. It is 34 km long with an altitude difference of 834m.

Šargan - Mokra Gora cycling route

This circular and short route (16.6km) will take you along the Mokra Gora and its beautiful slopes. Cycling along this route will allow you to see the Šargan Eight railway road from a completely different angle.

Đetinjarenje (Djetinjareeing) cycling route

Đetinjarenje (Djetinjareeing) is a 22km long cycling route through the Đetinja River Gorge. The route runs along the old narrow-gauge railway, along the banks of the Đetinja River and through the tunnels, finishing at the Vrutci dam.

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Service, renting and selling:

www.milivoja-bike.com (Užice, Zlatibor)

Hiking and mountain TRAILS



Jelova Gora trails

Jelova Gora is located northeast from Užice and represents an interesting tourist destination and resort. This undulating plateau 850m above sea level with the peaks: Đakov kamen 1003m, Presedo, Okolište and Zborište is rich in streams with plenty of spring water. This mountain is famous for blueberries because the chemical composition of the soil is suitable for this type of plant. One can get familiar with the mountain along the following marked trails: Jovanova voda - Đakov kamen - Kadinjača, Užice - Đakov kamen, in total length of 56km.

Terzića Avlija with Surroundings hiking trail

The hiking trail Terzića Avlija with Surroundings is divided into four sections according to the length and difficulty. They intersect each other so they are available to all the types of hikers. The longest trail is called Dušan the Mighty (24.8km). There are the trails The First Užice Partisan Detachment (14.9km) and The Potters of Zlakusa (14.2km). The Trail of Health (5.8km) is the shortest and the easiest one. The starting and finishing points of all the trails are in the ethno park of Terzića Avlija. One section of marked circular trails Terzića Avlija and Surroundings is a part of the European Walking Route E7.

Detailed explanation can be found at:

www.zavicaj.info/etno-park-terzica-avlija/markirane-pesacke-staze

Tara Mountain Kaluđerske Bare trails

These trails all start at the locality of Kaluđerske Bare or its close vicinity, and take the hikers to various corners of Tara Mountain. A variety of trails are suitable for different needs or preferences, too, there are those that will take less than an hour of your time, but there are some trails that require 6 hours or more.

Mountain trails

Starting point: Kaluđerske Bare, Tara Mountain

Route	Hours of walking
Borovo Brdo-Mountain lodge-Kadinjača	6 h 30 min
K.Bare-Bulibanovac-Zborište	4 h 30 min
K.Bare-K.Stanovi-Vidikovac-Rača Monastery	3h 30 min
K.Bare-Kanjon Rače- Rača Monastery	6 h
Mountain lodge-Vidikovac	1 h 30 min
Mountain lodge-Hotel Tara	45 min
K.Bare-Lisicji (Užice) stream-Kremna	2 h

Tara Mountain Mitrovac trails

Another group of Tara Mountain trails start at Mitrovac, another famous locality of this beautiful mountain. Apart from one that requires 4.5h, these trails are easier and demand less time than the ones in the previous group. What makes these groups of routes equal is the beauty of the scenery they discover to a hiker.

Mountain trails

Starting point: Mitrovac, Tara Mountain

Route	Hours of walking
Mitrovac-Sekulića Voda-Zborište	3 h
Mitrovac –Peri Do-Peručac	1 h 30 min
Mitrovac-Krnja Jela-Čemerište-Predov krst	4h 30 min
Mitrovac - Banjska stena	2 h
Mitrovac -Crvene bare	25 min
Mitrovac –Vezanja (Revirzibilno jezero)	1 h 30 min
K.Bare-Lisicji (Užice) stream-Kremna	2 h

Contact organization and relevant info

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TOURS

OF THE DRINA TARA REGION

The Drina-Tara region can be experienced individually, along the routes and trails presented on the previous pages. But its charm can also be enjoyed with the help of the tours organised by regional service providers. These tours will take you to the region's most famous localities or to the attractions at the neighbouring territories that should not be missed.

Here we provide a list and descriptions of several tours organised by Montenegro Adventure, and the tours organised by Zlatibor Tourism Organisation and partner agencies.

Full Day Fishing, Tara River

Experience fishing in the National Park Durmitor and Tara River, known as the Tear of Europe, with its clear water and the second deepest canyon in the world. In combination with wild untouched nature and beautiful landscape, fishing on the Tara river is a beautiful adventure. Fishing on the river Tara is allowed only with artificial lures.



The most common types of fish are:

- Brook trout (*Salmo trutta fario*) - approximate weight of 0.5 to 5 kg, 10 kg;
- Danube salmon (*Hucho hucho*) -15-20 kg, 40 kg;
- Grayling (*Thymallus thymallus*) - 0.3-2 kg.

Additional Information:

- It is possible to organize overnight stay in Pljevlja, Kosanica or nearby.
- The arrangement is possible to organize the transport from / to Dobrilovina or River Tara for individuals and groups.
- The tour can be organized in connection with other activities, as a one-day trip (with or without accommodation) or longer.

Programme:

DAY 1

Arrival in the evening in Dobrilovina or the River Tara as a starting point for fishing. Free activities. Dinner. Overnight

DAY 2

- Breakfast. Preparing for fishing.
- Arrival at the starting point exciting fishing to the River Tara.
- Short break for lunch in nature.
- Continuing of fishing through the Tara River Canyon.
- Return to the starting point

Jeep Photo Safari on Bjelasica

Bjelasica is one of the most beautiful Montenegrin mountains, known as the mountain midst pastures and cold springs. A large number of mountain lakes, rivers and streams offer an excellent opportunity for exploring the beauty of Bjelasica.

Jeep Photo Safari tour will guide you through the green pastures, beside mountain cottages where you will get familiar with the customs and lifestyle of the people who live here. During a few hours of your stay in the mountains, at the height between 1800 and 2100 meters above the sea level, you will

enjoy unforgettable views. At the National Park Biogradska, you will have an opportunity to rent a boat at Lake Biograd, or enjoy hiking around the lake. If you do not opt for any of these, you can enjoy walking, picking berries or photographing the scenery, making this trip a special experience.

Programme:

- Transportation by bus to Kolašin
- Transport by jeeps to Eko Katun Vranjak
- Breakfast, traditional morning dish
- Jeep drive along the mountain slopes of Bjelasica
- Lunch at Eco Katun Vranjak, specialties of this region
- Return to Kolašin



Horseback riding, Kosanica and Tara Canyon

With a personal guide you will be riding through forest trails, meadows and hospitable villages in scenic surroundings on the hillsides overlooking the river, canyon and peaks of Durmitor Mountain. This unique tour will allow you to get familiar with wild nature and its stunning beauty.

Upon the completion of riding you have the opportunity to enjoy the specialties of the local cuisine, where you can try a delicious grilled meat, cheese, cream (kajmak), pies and bread under sač, donuts, pastries and homemade brandy or juice.

**Additional Information:**

- It is possible to organize the overnight stay in Kosanica, Đurđevića Tara, Pljevlja, Žabljak or places near the Tara Canyon.
- It is possible to organize the transport from / to Kosanica for individuals and groups.
- The tour can be organized in conjunction with another activity, as a one-day trip (with or without accommodation) or longer.

Programme :

11:15

- Arrival at the camp on Kosanica. Short break, preparation for riding.

12:00

- Start of riding through beautiful mountain scenery and along forest trails.
- Some stops to photograph and rest.
- Return to camp Kosanica.
- Lunch.

15:45

- Departure

STOPIĆ CAVE AND OPEN AIR MUSEUM OLD VILLAGE SIROGOJNO

This tour connects the only explored Zlatibor cave which is offered to tourists - the Stopić Cave and the open-air museum Old Village Sirigojno. The tour includes visiting some other sites and important localities, such as Gostilje waterfall.

The construction of museum Staro Selo started in 1979 by moving objects to the selected location near St. Petar and Pavle church in the center of the village Sirogojno. On the area of 5 ha, 47 original facilities have been placed.

Gostilje waterfall is certainly one of the most attractive hydrologic values of Zlatibor. It is situated in the village Gostilje, about 25 km away from Zlatibor centre. Before the mouth of the river Katusnica the water of Gostilje river pours down the 20 m high limestone cliff, thus forming a unique waterfall.

Excursion programme:

- Departure at 10:00 from Zlatibor bus station
- Arrival to Rožanstvo, visit to Stopić Cave
- Continuing the way towards Sirogojno and a visit to Old Village (Staro selo)
- Visit to the churches dedicated to the Holy Prophets Peter and Paul
- Visiting the selling exhibition of sweaters made by famous Sirogojno women knitters.
- Visiting Vlada Mitrović Art Colony in Trnava,
- Visit the waterfall in Gostilje
- Return to Zlatibor at about 16:00.

MOKRA GORA AND ŠARGAN EIGHT

This tour takes its visitors to Drvengrad (Timber Town) - Mečavnik, on Mokra Gora with the railroad that goes through very impressive regions being in an unusual shape of a number eight-shape loop. It is 13.5km long and there are 20 tunnels and about 10 bridges and viaducts on it.

What makes this tour even more interesting is a prophesy that talks about the route of narrow gauge railroad and steam locomotive. This famous Šargan Eight used to connect Užice with Višegrad over the mountain saddle Šargan between Tara and Zlatibor. The railway started to operate in 1925 to be disconnected in 1974 by some contestable decision. In March 1999 its restoration was started and in the mid-November the rails were laid on the section from station

Šargan Vitasi to Mokra Gora. Here the steam locomotive or the popular Čira surmounts the height difference of 300m on the 3.5km route. The railroad goes through impressive landscapes visitors can get familiar with at a tour with the following schedule:

Excursion programme

- Departure from Zlatibor bus station at 9:00 in the morning
- Arrival at the station Mokra Gora
- Driving on the Šargan Eight (a narrow gauge railway)
- Visit to the healing water spring Bela Voda (White Water) whose Ph value is 11.5
- Visit to a log-cabin Church of St. Prophet Ilija built in 1946
- Visit to Drvengrad (Timber Town) Mečavnik
- Return to Zlatibor at about 16:00

TORNIK, THE HIGHEST PEAK OF ZLATIBOR MOUNTAIN

Only nine kilometres away from the central Zlatibor plateau there is a modern ski centre Tornik. The renewed and widened ski paths Čigota, Tornik, Ribnica and Zmajevac are equipped with a modern six-seat cableway and ski lifts. Besides ski paths there are the sledging grounds and for those eager to have exciting fun, and a bob path with a moving belt for transport. The highest peak of the mountain is 1496m high. It disposes a ski cable car with the capacity of 3000 skiers per hour and a ski path 1650m long.



Tour to Tornik is ideal for those tourists who are fond of walking. You have to be a little braver and be in good physical condition, but each step of your efforts will be paid back many times with the beauty of the site in front of you, when you reach the peak. You can use the cable to come to the top because beside winter season the cable has also got summer season and then it is used for sightseeing the surroundings. In case it is a sunny day you'll be able to see Avala on the north, Durmitor on the south and Bosnian Mountains on the west across the Drina with your bare eyes.

Excursion programme:

- Departure at 10:00 from Zlatibor bus station
- Walking to the ski center Tornik which is 9km away from Zlatibor
- A panorama sightseeing ride on a cable car is also possible
- Arrival to Zlatibor at about 13:00

TARA NATIONAL PARK, VRELO RIVER, PERUĆAC LAKE AND RAČA MONASTERY

The tour includes visiting the National Park Tara, the shortest river in Serbia 365m long ('year length'), Lake Perućac, the Drina River and Monastery Rača from 13th century.

Excursion programme:

Departure from Zlatibor bus station at 9:00

- Arrival to Tara (Kaluderske Bare) with a short stay at the hotel Omorika. Going to Mitrovac through a beautiful Tara National Park region and visit to Tepih - Livade (Carpet Meadows) and Mitrovac
- Going down from Mitrovac to lake Perućac and the Vrelo River
- Arrival to the Rača Monastery
- Return to Zlatibor at around 18:00

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