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1-DAY TRIP



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PAVLOVAC MONASTERY, KOSMAJ AND ETHNO VILLAGE AMERIC
DAY TRIP FROM BELGRADE



KKOSMAJ IS A BEATIFUL MOUNTAIN IN THE ŠUMADIJA REGION, LOCATED JUST 60 KM FROM BELGRADE. THE NAME KOSMAJ IS ORIGINATED, ACCORDING TO ONE INTERPRETATION, FROM THE CELTIC WORD "KOS"(FOREST) AND THE PRE-INDO-EUROPEAN WORD "MAI" (MOUNTAIN). ACCORDING TO ANOTHER INTERPRETATION, THE NAME IS LINKED TO THE ROMANS AND THEIR MYTHOLOGY:" KASA MAIAE" MEANS "THE DWELLINF OF THE GODDESS MAIA." FROM A DISTANCE, IT LOOKS "LIKE A DRAGON RESTING". THE KOSMAJ AREA IS RICH IN PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE. NEARLY 600 PLANT SPECIES, AROUND 100 BIRD SPECIES, OVER 300 MUSHOOM SPECIES, 50 MAMMAL SPECIES, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF INSECTS HAVE BEEN RECORDED ON THIS MOUNTAIN. THE ENTIRE LANDSCAPE IS COVERED WITH VEGETATION. FORESTS COVER THE STEEPER SLOPES, GENTLE SLOPES ARE COVERED WITH MEADOWS AND PASTURES, AND THE FOOTHILS ARE FILLED WITH ORCHARDS AND FIELDS. KOSMAJ AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA ALSO HAVE A RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE, WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PROTECTED CULTURAL PROPERTIES. AMONG THE MOST NOTABLE ARE: THE PAVLOVAC MONASTERY, THE TRESIJE MONASTERY, THE RUINS OF THE MEDIEVAL MONASTERY KASTELJAN, AND THE SYMBOL OF KOSMAJ - THE MONUMENT TO THE FIGHTERS OF THE KOSMAJ DETACHMENT. THE MOST VALUABLE THING THAT KOSMAJ OFFERS IS PEACE AND ENJOYMENT IN UNSPOILED AND TRANQUL NATURE.

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Gathering of travelers in New Belgrade, at the city transport stop opposite Ušće Shopping Center (near Branko's Bridge) and the skate park at 08:45 AM. Departure at 09:00 AM. Travel via the E75 highway to Mladenovac and then by regional road to the village of Koraćica. Arrival at Pavlovac Monastery around 9:30 AM. Pavlovac Monastery is located on the southeastern slopes of Kosmaj, on a plateau above the Tihanovački stream. It was founded by Despot Stefan Lazarević in the 15th century. Due to numerous destructions over the years, this sanctuary lay in ruins for a long time until it was restored in 1967. Today, it is a monument of great cultural significance. Next, we meet members of the Greben Mountaineering Society and embark on a hiking tour and mushroom foraging. Mount Kosmaj is rich in wildlife. The mountain is largely covered with dense vegetation, with steeper sides forested mainly with beech and oak trees. Gentle slopes and clearings are covered with grasses, and the foothills are rich with orchards and fields. Knowledgeable guides can identify some of the 550 plant species and 300 mushroom species found here, including edible, medicinal, and poisonous varieties. Here, you can find lilies of the valley, chanterelles, porcini mushrooms, parasol mushrooms, and milk caps. The forest path leads us to the ruins of Kasteljan Monastery, and then to a viewpoint. Kasteljan Monastery was built in the 14th century during the reign of King Dragutin on the foundations of an old Roman castrum from the 2nd or 3rd century. Despot Stefan Lazarević restored the monastery in the 15th century. During the Ottoman occupation, the monastery first fell into disrepair and was later destroyed in the 17th century. Today, it appears as a labyrinth of old walls. We will have a photo stop at the viewpoint with a view of the Šumadija villages. Then, arrival at the Monument to the Fighters of the Kosmaj Detachment. This symbol of Kosmaj, erected in 1971, represents the struggle of our soldiers, sculptors depicting it as a spark of freedom composed of five branches, each 30 meters high, with a marble pedestal in the center symbolizing the eternal flame. Continuing to the ethno village Americ. Arrival around 13:30 PM. Lunch at 14:00 PM. Visit to the ethno village museum at 15:30 PM. Departure for Belgrade around 16:00 PM. Expected arrival around 17:00 PM. End of the program.



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Operation months: April – October (every Saturday and Sunday)

Price per person: 70 €

Duration: 8 hours Departure: 9:00 am Arrival: 17 pm

Included

- Transport by air-conditioned minibus
- Services of a professional tour guide
- Services of a professional hiking guide/ member of the Greben Mountaineering Society
- Sightseeing of all places by the program
- Full traditional Serbian lunch at the ethno village Americ /www.ethnoseloameric.rs/
- Ticket for ethno village museum
- Organisational costs

Not Included:

- Individual passenger expenses

Additional Info

- Confirmation will be received at time of booking
- The minimum number for a tour to operate is 20 guests
- Travelers should have a moderate physical fitness level

