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An aerial photograph of a village in a valley. In the foreground, a large white church with a tall, dark spire and a red-tiled roof sits on a slight rise. Surrounding the church are various houses with red-tiled roofs and some modern multi-story apartment buildings. The background shows rolling green hills with scattered houses and trees displaying autumn colors. The text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

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WELCOME TO DOBRNA!

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INTRODUCTION

Dobrna – the place of my dreams, in the words of Baron Kajetan Dienersberg – was named after the English oak (dob in Slovenian).

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The town is distinguished by its beautiful location in the heart of green forests, its healing thermal water and the people who live here. It is difficult to describe the emotions that wash over you as you step into the shade of the magnificent, centuries-old park and the chestnut trees, planted two hundred years ago to create an avenue between the spa building and the town.

Dobrna offers a variety of options for a healthier and more energetic lifestyle. You may not find Slovenia's longest water-slide here, but you will have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Karl May, the world-famous writer and creator of two immortal literary heroes, the Native American Winnetou and the "paleface" Old Shatterhand. More than a century ago, the author visited Dobrna to relax in the spa; other famous guests of Terme Dobrna include Louis Bonaparte, brother of the French Emperor Napoleon, and many other fascinating people.

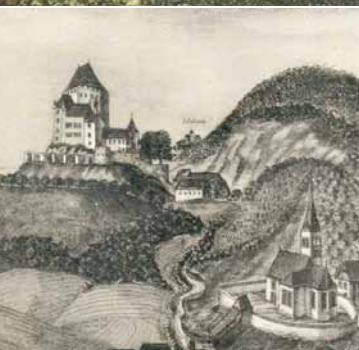
In close contact with nature, Dobrna will change your outlook on the world. Hiking, cycling or just walking around the nearby towns, you will enjoy new experiences, discover new horizons and see familiar places from a fresh angle. In the summer, when the rest of the country is gasping from the heat, Dobrna stays pleasantly cool. In the winter, when the houses and trees are

covered in a blanket of snow, the silence is so relaxing you can just feel it. Slowly, you begin to find yourself in a fairytale that you can't buy even at the largest shopping centre or online.

Dobrna has plenty to offer to stop you from being lazy, although sometimes laziness is a necessary part of life that contributes to its quality. But we have known for a long time that it is never good to overdo things, be it at work, at the table or where laziness is concerned. This idyllic part of the world will give you inner peace and the perfect balance of physical activity and rest. Dobrna is the best place to discover harmony of body and spirit. It offers the perfect location and surroundings for a pleasant stay; you will rediscover the joy of swimming pools, find fresh hope in the treatments and therapies, relax on walks in the fresh air, enjoy the mild climate where it's never foggy, delight in the delicious food and drink and take pleasure in the view of a beautiful garden or the colourful flowers in the windows. What is it that drives this magical place? Here is the answer: a beautiful, well-maintained town, friendly people, healing thermal water, freedom of movement in body and spirit, chatting with neighbours, trustworthy medical staff, a hot cup of coffee, a fun day spent at the nearby farm, a tour of the local museum, lively dancing in the café ...

A LOOK AT THE HISTORY

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A LOOK AT THE HISTORY

The town has a long history: even the Celts and the Romans were aware of the healing thermal water at Dobrna.

Gravestones and other remains of a necropolis offer plenty of evidence of these ancient cultures in the area. The Slovenian name Dobrna can be traced back to 1155, when it was first mentioned in a document as a town in the Diocese of Gurk. The German name Neuhaus was initially only used for the castle. First mentioned in 1257, the castle must have been built around that time, since the ruins feature some Gothic elements, but there are no Romanesque properties. Managed by the knights of Dobrna, the estate was pledged to the cathedral chapter of Gurk in 1346 and came into the hands of the Ptuj lords in 1438. The knights of Dobrna continued to manage the castle until 1613, when the estate was taken over by the Gačnik family. The story of a tragic event from this era is still passed on in folk tradition: in 1478, the castle lord Viljem of Dobrna flew into a rage, grabbed his child and flung him at the wall with such force that the child died on the spot. When Viljem realised what he had done, he joined the Celje Minorite monastery as a penitent monk. A settlement grew at the foot of the castle; as the spa developed, wooden houses were replaced by stone buildings

such as the curacy in 1755 and the new rectory in 1791.

The first mention of the Dobrna spa dates back to 1403. The spa has had a decisive influence on the fate and development of the town. It is only right, then, to learn more about the spa and its history before we look at Dobrna and its many natural and cultural sights.

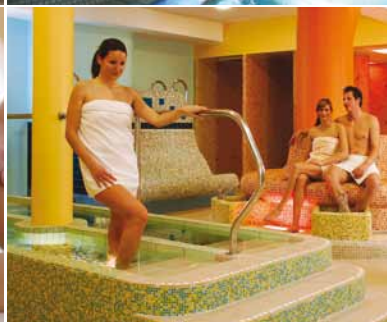
The first owners of the spa, mentioned in 1403, were Andrej and Sigmund of Dobrna. In 1608, the local lords requested 600 florins of financial aid from the provincial assembly for a new building that would attract high class visitors to the spa. In 1613, Dobrna was purchased by Hans Gačnik, who later sold it to his brother Matija. This was the beginning of a new era for the spa. In 1624, Matija Gačnik built the first spa building and commemorated the event with a marble plaque on the wall above the spa pool. The plaque has been preserved until the present day. The inscription reads: *"This spa was built in honour of the province by the undersigned nobleman, otherwise it would have remained abandoned. This took place in 1624, when Dobrna was owned by Matija Gačnik."*

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TERME DOBRNA

The spa is important. If it wasn't for the spa, Dobrna would not be on the map of modern and attractive tourist destinations today.

The history of Dobrna includes a lot of information about the spa. During World War I, it housed a military hospital. In 1919, it came under the management of the Maribor authorities until 1929, when it passed into the hands of the newly established Drava Banovina. In the period between the wars, the spa buildings and facilities were renovated and expanded.

During World War II, the spa was again used as a hospital for the wounded. During the occupation, the spa was under military management; after the war, it stayed in the hands of the Yugoslav National Army for a time, until it passed back into civilian ownership.

The area of Brdce and Strmec above Dobrna played an important part in the National Liberation War; in February 1944, the 14th Partisan Division fought their way through heavy snow here. Their struggle is commemorated in the form of several plaques and a monument to the fallen in Brdce above Dobrna, where 39 fighters were buried.

After World War II, the spa in Dobrna boomed, attracting masses of people. In 1870, the spa first welcomed 1000 guests; a century later, by 1970, the number of visitors had grown to 8392. The rapid development of the spa led to the construction of a new, modern hotel in 1979. Situated on the lawn between the town and the spa complex, the hotel boasted a thermal swimming pool, a medical centre, restau-

rants, a cafe and other facilities. This in turn led to further growth, attracting even more visitors.

With over 600 years of tradition, Terme Dobrna is the oldest surviving thermal spa in Slovenia. In 1810 and 1811, Louis Bonaparte, the brother of Emperor Napoleon I, recuperated here. He commissioned the stone floor in the gentlemen's pool to be straightened. *"Believe me, dear friend, I have seen a great deal of the world, but this is the place of my dreams,"* enthused Baron Franc Ks. Kajetan Diersberg in 1814 in a letter to his friend in Graz. At the turn of the century, the most important guests to visit Dobrna included Archduke Rainer (1905) and German writer Karl May (1907).

The spa's famous tradition dates back to the 15th century. Dobrna has always been renowned particularly as a spa for women's diseases and the treatment of infertility. Today, its programme has been expanded to include highly effective treatments in other areas. However, some things have not changed: the spa is still far removed from factories and the noise and traffic of big cities. It is distinguished by clean air, a mild climate with no sudden changes and the beautiful, green surroundings of the spa park and nearby forests. Quality care and treatments, a lively social life and entertainment – these are the factors that continue to attract visitors from all over the world.



The Spa House and the Thermal spring

Walking around Dobrna, you can't miss the Spa House. Villa Tavčar, famous in the 16th century, once stood on the platform in front. Until the completion of Hotel Dobrna – now Hotel Vita – the Spa House dominated the spa panorama.

Designed with four wings, the building still stands in its original form today. The Spa House was originally built in 1624; however, the old central building was demolished by Baron Franc Ksaverij Dienersberg in 1815 and replaced with a new two-storey building with nine windows on each floor. Later, both side wings were expanded. Soon after 1847, the new spa owner, Count Hoyos, added another floor to the building and installed a wrought iron balcony on two pillars above the entrance. A new building was added on the right. This new two-storey building stands out from the lines of the Spa House; it was later expanded to a height of two floors to accommodate a luxurious, beautifully painted spa hall, so it now matches the height of the Spa House. A bit complicated, isn't it? But it's all part of the magic.

After this period, the building was frequently adapted and remodelled; the frescoes were rediscovered and restored in 1983.

The building also houses several smaller halls named after eminent guests from the past. The large spa hall is now used for seminars, conferences, cultural events and weddings.

In the Spa House of today, you can still see the thermal water spring and thermal pool that was originally built in 1624, as evident from Gačnik's commemorative plaque.

Thermal springs represent the heart of any spa. It is no different in Dobrna; the thermal spring is situated in the central part of the Spa House. It is captured in an angular stone well and covered with a truncated glass pyramid. The glass plates allow visitors to catch a glimpse of the lightly foaming water with no colour, smell or taste. If the water is agitated, it turns milky white. With a constant temperature of 36 °C, the thermal water springs from a depth of 1200 m, from layers of limestone that later settled and formed younger features on the surface. It is believed that the water springs up in five channels. One of them is the main channel, while the remaining four are weaker. From the accumulation well, the water is piped directly into the pool and marble baths. Just before entering the pool, there is a barrier in the pipe, allowing the water to be poured into twelve marble baths. Just a few steps before reaching the pool, you will find a well with thermal drinking water. The spa pool is topped up with water from four other springs, a medium sized spring and three smaller ones. The spa's thermal spring is distinguished by impressive physical and chemical properties that make



it suitable for treating a number of diseases and disorders. Dobrna thermal water is acratothermal (35.4 °C), mildly radioactive and contains carbon (3.4 % CO₂ in gas form) and a number of inorganic substances. It is used for thermal baths (chambers, pool), spruce and salt baths (2 to 3 % NaCl), marsh baths, marsh wraps and fango wraps. Naturally, the thermal water is drinkable and can be taken away in bottles.

Villa Higea

Now completely remodelled, this elegant villa continues to attract attention and admiration. Originally known as Villa Kottowitz, it was named after the spa doctor and director, Dr. Gustav Kottowitz, who built the villa on the land that he had purchased from farmer Gašper Jablanšek around 1855. The doctor was fluent in Slovenian. He settled down in the villa and rented out several rooms to more eminent guests. In 1859, when management of the spa was taken over by the provincial authorities, a Dr. Schuler was appointed the new spa doctor, while Kottowitz sold the villa and left to work in Tobelbad. The villa was bought by Count Gustav Egger, who then sold it to the spa in 1876. The villa is built on a stone wall. As evident from old pictures, it used to give the impression of a fairytale castle. After

World War II, it was almost entirely remodelled inside and out, losing its original architectural features. After the war, it was known as the Belgrade Dependency. Today, the villa houses several rooms, a wedding hall and a wine cellar.

Hotel Park

This majestic, imposing building was known in the past as Schweizerhof, Schweizerhaus or Švicarija; after World War II, it was named the Zagreb Dependency. The hotel has a lively exterior with picturesque wooden elements reminiscent of an Alpine cabin. This is the last of the large structures built in the golden age of the spa. The old location plan, printed in colour by the famous Graz publisher Leykam, was preserved almost by coincidence. Preparations for construction began in 1870. The building was completed in 1872, earning the name Švicarija (the Swiss House) thanks to its architectural characteristics. A park was added that still survives today. It is the perfect example of how a building of this type can be improved further with a park. Today, Hotel Park is favoured particularly by visitors looking for an active vacation.



The old cafe

Once known as Milchmariandel, this is another building that was built by Count Hoyos soon after 1847. The cafe served whey (Molkensiederei), fresh milk, coffee and chocolate, which was favoured by the ladies. In 1860, a glass pavilion was added and a wooden pavilion was built on the east side. The cafe was intended for live music and dancing, something that it was famous for. It continued to serve as a centre of social life for some years after World War II. Today, the building houses the Terme Dobrna holistic centre.

The management, Gentry House, Villa Šenoa

This is the former Novak homestead, also known as Novakovina or, locally, Topličarjevo. The Novak family probably came from the vicinity of Nova Cerkev between 1643 and 1750. In the two-storey building with a semi-cellar, they opened a rural tavern for spa guests on the ground floor, while the family lived on the first floor, which also housed several guestrooms. The house was later auctioned off and bought by Count Hoyos, who intended to use it for the accommodation of spa guests. He even added the stables, since many people visited Dobrna with their own horses and carriages. After Count Hoyos went bankrupt in 1858, the house was bought by the Graz provincial authorities. It was completely renovated and expanded with a second floor and mansard roof. After that, the building was known as the Gentry House. Later, an extension was built under the terrace to make room for offices. Today, the building houses the Terme Dobrna management offices.



Terme Dobrna today ...

Today, Terme Dobrna is a modern, dynamic health and tourist resort with accommodation at Hotel Vita, Villa Higiea and Hotel Park. Distinguished by its natural properties as well as cutting-edge medical science, the spa occupies a well-earned place at the very top of Slovenian tourism.

The health services provided at the medical centre are combined into preventative, curative and relaxation programmes.

For centuries, Terme Dobrna has been renowned for its medical programmes aimed at women and the understanding of women and their partners. The traditional medical procedures have now been updated to accommodate new knowledge and modern technology. In combination with the natural properties, this has created new possibilities of treatment.

The Terme Dobrna treatments benefit guests suffering from inflammatory rheumatic diseases, degenerative muscular rheumatism, after injuries



1 Hotel Vita, **2** The Medical Centre, **3** "House on the Meadow" Massage and Beauty Centre, **4** Thermal pools (indoor and outdoor), **5** The world of saunas, **6** Hotel Villa Higiea, **7** Hotel Park, **8** The Spa House, **9** The sports park, **10** The town of Dobrna

and illnesses of the locomotor (musculoskeletal) system with affected functionality, neurological diseases, urological conditions, injuries and illnesses of the central and peripheral nervous system, including cerebrovascular strokes, nerve and muscle disorders and gynaecological diseases.

The exclusive knowledge acquired through the long history of the spa has enabled Terme Dobrna to open Slovenia's first clinic for the preventative and conservative treatment of female urinary incontinence. They use the latest methods to alleviate and combat this disorder of the modern age.

The medical centre also offers preventative manager examinations. In addition to the many treatment programmes, Terme Dobrna also attracts guests who don't need medical services but are looking to spend an active vacation in a beautiful natural environment. The spa is ideal for families. There are countless options for leisure time activities: the pool, wellness centre, world of saunas, beauty centre and more.

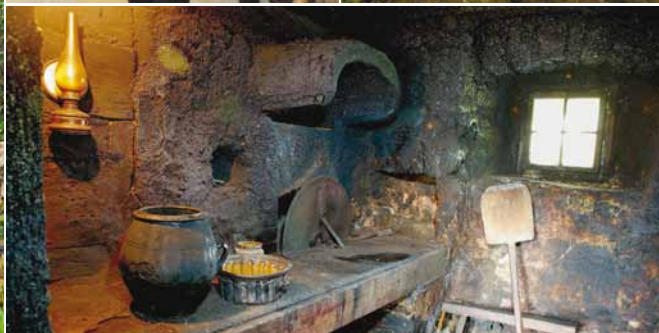
Every month, the spa organises a series of lectures, dance nights and culinary experiences. Throughout its long history, the spa has developed superb gastronomy and has become particularly famous for its pastry shop, which serves delicious desserts. In Terme Dobrna, you can have an unforgettable wedding, a business lunch or a children's birthday party, or visit the Villa Higiea wine cellar for a unique lesson in the history of wine culture in Slovenia.

The natural environment also has plenty to offer. The spa park is ideal for a relaxing rest or pleasant walk around the beautifully maintained paths, blooming gardens and majestic trees. Terme Dobrna organises entertainment programmes and daytrips in the surrounding area. They will also tell you all about the nearby walking and hiking trails, cycling routes and mountaineering opportunities. There are excursion farms, agritourism farms and countless natural and cultural sights just waiting to be discovered.

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AROUND DOBRNA
AND THE LOCAL AREA

CULTURAL HERITAGE

*The monuments
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CULTURAL HERITAGE

Dobrna's rich cultural heritage with a strong focus on architecture has developed largely thanks to tourism.

Architecture has always been strongly linked with tourism, particularly during the golden age of the Dobrna spa in the 18th and 19th century. Since the development of spa activities attracted investors, who built as many as 23 villas here, you could say that it was tourism that encouraged the creation of this interesting aspect of cultural heritage.

Let's take a walk to some of the monuments that reveal the rich history of the town: the castles – feudal centres of development, symbols of political and military power and the sources of economic life of the area. The castle lords owned the castles and estates, which served as their means of livelihood. In Dobrna, the castle lords were also closely linked to the thermal water, although it took them a relatively long time to start focusing on it as a source of income. It wasn't until the Gačnik family took over in the early 17th century that Dobrna entered its golden age.

The ruins of the Snake Castle or Kačnik

The ruins of the Snake Castle or Kačnik are still imposing enough to be easily spotted on the hill in Lokovina. They will make you wonder what the castle looked like in its heyday. Experts have been trying to find the first lords of the nearby Ranšperk Castle, first mentioned in writing in 1208 and referenced as "the old house" as early as 1335, meaning that a new castle must have been built nearby. The new castle was first mentioned in 1275; in 1346, Eberhard of Dobrna pledged his Dobrna Castle to the cathedral chapter of Gurk for 120 Aquileian pounds. Later, it came into the hands of the Ptuj lords. In 1613,

the estate was sold to the Gačnik family. In 1666, Emperor Leopold I elevated the then-owner of Dobrna, Janez Matija Gačnik, to the aristocracy, conferring on him the name *von und zu Schlangenberg auf Schlangenburg*; this is where the Slovenian name of the castle comes from: Kačji grad (Snake Castle). In 1769, the castle building was bought by Baron Franc Ksaverij Avguštin Dienersberg; he moved in with his family and servants, but just three years later, they were forced to leave the castle in the middle of the night as it started to fall apart. Two years later, Baron Dienersberg built a new mansion in the valley, naming it after the old castle.

The ruins of Villa Ružička

This is another cultural monument from Dobrna's history that only gives us a vague idea of its past glory. Just a short walk from the centre of the town towards Hudičev graben (Devil's Ditch) you will see ruins on the right side of the road. They are now almost completely hidden by vegetation. The villa was built on the spot of the erstwhile Grobelnik farm by Count Aichelburg in the mid-19th century. Later it was purchased by engineer Heider, the constructor of the Zidani most railway bridge. For a long time, the building was known as Villa Heider. In 1913, the villa was purchased by a family of Jewish Romanian immigrants, the Ružička family, who lived there until World War II. Ružička was a renowned numismatist and it is no surprise that the first meeting of Yugoslav archaeologists was held in his villa in 1922. In World War II, the family's property was confiscated by the Germans and the villa was abandoned. Today, it is privately owned and has sadly been left to ruin. ①



Dobrnica or the Gutenek Castle in Zavrh

Let's continue on our way towards Hudičev graben; at the turning for Klanc and Zavrh, you will find the Dobrnica Castle, known in the past as Gutenek. It is believed to have been built in the 17th century. It had all the properties of a mansion, including a small estate. The first owner that we know of was the nobleman Ehrenreich Hohenwart in 1650, followed by Leopold Raumschü from Šenek and others. In 1822, the mansion was purchased by the then-owner of the Dobrna estate and spa, Baron Kajetan Dienersberg. In 1851, it came into the hands of Count Franc Anton Kolo-vrat – Liebsteinsky, who converted it into one of Slovenia's first breweries. In later years, Dobrnica often changed hands. In the period between the wars, it was used as a spa. The building has an interesting front with decorative elements that reflect the architecture of the Early Baroque period. The three-storey mansion has been renovated and converted into apartments. The remains of a park are still visible outside.



The New Castle or Neuhaus in Lokovina

The New Castle was built in 1774 by Baron Franc Ksaverij Avguštin Dienersberg to serve as his new home. The castle had a number of other owners. After World War II, it housed the Ivanka Uranjek Institute for War Orphans for many years. Later, it was renamed the Miha Pintar House and used as a centre for young people with special needs. Today, the building is state-owned and lies empty.



The Šumej black kitchen

The Šumej homestead in Brdce above Dobrna is one of the few small farms in the municipality to have preserved some of its original architectural and cultural heritage until the present day. The oldest part of the homestead is an open-fire or “black” kitchen, featuring a small window as a smoke escape and beautiful details on the wooden hinges of the front door. Inside the house, it feels as though time stood still, allowing visitors to experience for themselves how people lived here over three centuries ago. At one time, the cottage with its open-fire kitchen was the only part of the homestead inhabited by the people. The fireplace and wood oven, the main room and the small bedroom were the main parts of the house.

As you enter the cottage, the first thing you notice is the smell of smoke that pervades the room. The floor is made of wood. Once your eyes have adjusted to the dimness and smoke, step into the modest kitchen, the heart of the cottage. The warm fireplace, the iron and clay crockery, coffee substitutes on the shelf by the fire, the pots and pans with a variety of cooking implements and spices and the straw basket for dried fruit are the main elements in the kitchen. The walls and ceiling are shiny with soot, the centuries-old deposits beginning to form veritable charcoal stalactites. A spider web in the corner has turned black from the smoke.

The main room, usually called the house (hiša), was where our ancestors worked, slept, ate, drank, cried, laughed and mourned. It is furnished with an old bench and table; the walls are decorated with religious images, whose frames are an obvious testament to their age. The smells, pots, windows, wardrobes and the old clay oven that still works – these items tell the story of these farmers’ modest way of life.



The valley of the watermills

Milling is an ancient family trade. In most cases, millers also did farm work in addition to milling. Watermills were built wherever the conditions were right – the power and volume of water, the precipitation and the land. Aside from mills on low-lying streams, a number of smaller, private mills were also built at higher, isolated farms in the Dobrna area, as they were an essential tool. After the war, life in many watermills came to a halt. Most mills on streams were abandoned; sometimes the owners took the millstones home and converted the mills to operate on electricity. The old millstone mills are now a part of our past. Their remains are a symbol of the decline of a once important industry and trade as well as social relations.

There were a total of 29 watermills in this area, including the mills in Dobrna. You will find the valley of the mills under the Temnjak hill. The stream that flows at the foot of the hill once powered as many as seven mills in this valley, used to make flour for the farmers’ own needs or for a bit of extra income.



The upper Vovk mill

Over 450 years old, the upper Vovk mill is the best preserved watermill in the valley. You will find it north of the house at Lokovina 36, known locally as the Vovk homestead. Situated on the right bank of the Temnjaški vrelec stream, the mill was used in the past to grind flour for the Snake Castle. The mill was restored and reopened in September 2007. Mostly built out of wood, the mill still boasts original ceilings, something of a rarity in Slovenia and found in just one other watermill in the country. Arrange a visit with the owners in advance and they will show you around the mill. They will also add a stamp to your mountaineering log.

The Cultural Heritage House – the Polenek collection

The Cultural Heritage House is situated a 10 min walk from Hotel Vita. In a roofed double hayrack, an agricultural building used in the past by Terme Dobrna, you will discover a fascinating collection of objects that tell stories of the life and work of our ancestors.

The collection includes tools used in shoemaking, tailoring, milling, roofing, brewing liquor, smithing, beekeeping and other trades. Look around and you can almost imagine yourself standing in the kitchen of a townhouse, a black kitchen, the main room or “house” of a farm with its religious images, a cosy cottage or a modest bedroom. Be sure to take enough time to discover everything that this extensive collection has to offer. ②



The chapel gallery

Near Villa Higiea, you will find two picturesque chapels; the smaller is closed, while the larger has been converted by Jože Polenek into a gallery of old religious paintings, Mass vestments and other implements.



The house on the lawn or the post office

The house was built in 1850, replacing the erstwhile Novak agricultural buildings. It was later demolished and completely rebuilt as the house you see today. The left side of the ground floor was occupied by the post office, while the right served as a cellar. The first floor housed a guestroom and a small kitchen. This was also the home of the local police constable. To this day, the building remains one of the most beautiful examples of Late Classicism in Dobrna.



Villa Zora

Situated in the forest above the Terme Dobrna management offices, Villa Zora is outwardly reminiscent of Švicarija, but its size and purpose were different. It was owned by the German family Bogataj. The interior and exterior of the villa are decorated with wooden ornaments. The building has now been converted into apartments. A well still stands in front.



Villa Huba

The small, picturesque house on the hill above the Spa House is known as Villa Huba. In the early 19th century, it was the home of the Zidar family. Although he was already considerably in debt, Count Hoyos bought the house in 1847 and integrated it into the spa estate. Later adapted to the needs of the spa guests, the villa still has the layout of a typical old farmhouse and is distinguished by unique architectural features. It has now been converted into apartments.



CHURCHES

The parish church of the assumption of Mary

The parish church is the main religious building in the centre of Dobrna. Clearly visible from every direction, it dominates the town from a small hill. The current church was built in 1844 on the ruins of the old church in the Baroque style, which survived in the countryside well into the 19th century.

After Anton Martin Slomšek was appointed bishop of the Lavantine Diocese on 5 July 1846 in Salzburg, the newly built church of the Assumption of Mary in Dobrna was the first church he consecrated on 30 August of the same year. On the church arches, you can see frescoes by Tomaž Fantoni, who decorated many of the churches in Slovenia. Fantoni was a member of the Friuli group of artists active in the wider Štajerska area. The frescoes in the Dobrna church are the first paintings he created in Slovenia. Inside the church, three marble gravestones have been preserved, including the gravestones of Matija and Margareta Gačnik, members of the Dobrna nobility and an enduring symbol of the town's former glory. The gilded sculpture of the Assumption of Mary in the niche behind the large altar was brought here from the old church and dates back to 1740.

The chapel of St. Joseph was added to the old church by Vicar Gašpar Rodič in 1663 with help from the owner of Kačjek, Matija Gačnik. In 1676, Gačnik had his family tomb built in the chapel. It was demolished along with the old church but rebuilt later in the same year. Originally, there were three large bells in the bell tower. Two bells were taken away during the war, leaving only the smallest bell from 1924. In the 1990s, the parishioners bought a new, large bell, naming it after Anton Martin Slomšek.



The succursal church of St. Nicholas in Vrba

On a small hill not far from the centre of Dobrna, you will find the succursal church of St. Nicholas in Vrba, a picturesque addition to the panorama of the town. Built in the Late Gothic period, the first written mention of the church dates back to 1567; however, experts believe it is even older and was probably built in the early 16th century. The church survived the Turkish invasions and the spread of Protestantism. Outside the church, don't miss the relief plaque in the south wall commemorating Aurelius Victor, a Roman soldier in the 2nd Italian legion who lived in the 3rd century. Equally fascinating are the Renaissance stone statue of St. Nicholas from the 16th century in a niche on the bell tower, the large altar from the first half of the 18th century in the presbytery and the altar of St. Francis Xavier from 1770. The latter is situated in a chapel decorated with frescoes depicting scenes from the life of this saint, who was most devoted to visiting China. The third altar dates back to the last century. The church also boasts some beautiful Baroque candleholders and an oil painting of the Stations of the Cross with inscriptions in the Bohorič alphabet. The bell tower can only be accessed from inside the church; the lower part of the tower features unique elements reminiscent of triumphal arches, the only example of its kind in the wider area. The tall bell tower dwarfs the tiny spire on the chapel. It may look like a miniature toy, but this spire – modelled on Carinthian examples – is one of the most attractive architectural features of the church, adding to its reputation as one of the most beautiful churches in the Dobrna area.



The parish church of St. Judoc

The Neogothic parish church of St. Judoc, built in 1884, is situated just under the summit of Paški Kozjak, at an altitude of 1063 m. A typical example of rural sacred architecture, it is the modesty of the building that has the greatest impact on visitors in search of spiritual comfort. Churches such as the parish church of St. Judoc have a special atmosphere, because they are small and blend well with the natural environment, giving an impression of modesty. They make us feel completely natural and help us to forget all prejudice and simply be ourselves as we enter seeking spiritual nourishment.

Next to the church, you will find the Baroque rectory, remodelled in 1820, the primary school and the former sexton's house, a building typical of the Kozjak area. This is where the municipalities of Dobrna, Velenje and Mislinja meet. It is a place well worth visiting and experiencing for yourself.

CHAPELS AND CROSSES

The chapel at Golobova Štefka

Under the vines by the Golobova Štefka house on the right bank of the Klanec, some 100 m from the Spa House, you will find the pillared chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. It was built and consecrated in 1993 during the mission in Dobrna. The chapel was built upon the wish of the now deceased Ivanka Centrih, née Golob, by her son and his friends.

The Golob chapel

Another Golob chapel stands further on, situated on the left side of the Dobrna–Klanc road. It is also dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. The chapel was built on the Golob farm by the farmer Janez Golob as a sign of gratitude after his wife



recovered from a serious illness. It was consecrated in 1922. ③

At the top of the village of Klanc, you can also see the Žebelar and the Zlodej chapel.

The Flis cross

On your way from Dobrna to Brdce, you will soon reach the Flis cross on a small hill a short distance from the road. The older villagers remember that a different cross once stood here but was long gone by the time the current owner, Martin Flis from Zavrh nad Dobrno, took over the farm. In the 1960s, Flis decided to build a new cross. Since he had trouble finding a sculpture of Jesus in the right size, he made one himself. Using linden wood, he carved a 1 m sculpture of Jesus and a 60 cm statue of Mary, which he placed in the wooden chapel that is attached to the cross.

The Jakop or Pušjek chapel

This chapel is situated at the junction of two abandoned roads, one leading from Dobrna to Brdce and the other to Zavrh. Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, this chapel is believed to be very old. It stands above a well with clean, drinkable water from a stream. ④

The two Ožetač chapels

You can see one of these on the way from Dobrna to Zavrh nad Dobrno. It will greet you at the turning for the church of St. Nicholas. The chapel is over 300 years old and has had a number of different owners. In 1993–94, the villager Pavel Švab drew up the plan, recruited a team, collected the necessary funds and had the chapel renovated. The paintings were created by another local, Karl Jevnišek.

The second chapel is situated by the Vrba–Zavrh nad Dobrno road, on the land now owned by Franc Špegl. The chapel was built around 1840 by

Škrilin, the then-owner of the farm, which is still known locally as the Škrilin farm. Through the years, the chapel has been in the charge of three different owners, starting with Škrilin. After the death of the last member of the Škrilin family, the Kolman family took over, followed by the current owner of the land. ⑤

The Švab chapel in Vrba

This is a relatively new chapel. It was built as a sign of gratitude after the wishes of several villagers were fulfilled. The people of Vrba believe that this is an area with positive energy. ⑥

The chapel of Mary, Queen of peace in Lokovina

This new chapel with a wishing bell was built with voluntary contributions and help from the people of Lokovina as well as financial and material help from various benefactors. It was consecrated on 7 September 2013, a special day for the villagers. Their wish was for the chapel to become a popular meeting place and contribute to the peace, solidarity, love, honesty and faith in the village. ⑦

There are countless other chapels in the Dobrna municipality, built and maintained by the local people on their own land. Examples include the Popek chapel in Pristova, the Sedevesek chapel in Dobrna, the Čerjak and Banačan chapels in Loka and the Štancl chapel in Lokovina.

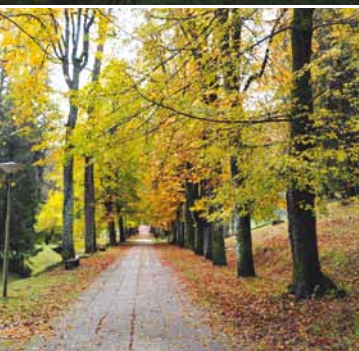
Also worth noting are two crosses in prominent locations in Dobrna. If you are on your way from the town centre to the surrounding area, you can't miss them. The Kasnik cross is situated on the left side of the road; you will see it soon after you have crossed the new bridge in the direction of Hudičev graben. The Kotnik cross stands near the Golob chapel, next to the turn for Klanc. It is named after the Kotnik farm near the junction.

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A WALK
AROUND DOBRNA
AND THE LOCAL AREA

NATURAL HERITAGE

*Dobrna was one of
the first spa towns to have
a park of its own.*



The spa park

The spa park is one of the main reasons why people visit Dobrna. In the summer, it provides a natural coolness far more pleasant and refreshing than any air conditioning. A dominant feature of Dobrna, the spa park is a precious gem of irreplaceable natural heritage. Parks are a reflection of our desire to manage nature. Dobrna was one of the first spa towns to have a park of its own.

The Dobrna spa park was born around 1820, when the then-owner of the spa, Baron Ksaverij Kajetan Dienersberg, planted two straight lines of chestnut trees to form a tree alley between the Spa House and Dobrna. At that time, there was farmland owned by the Novak family – who ran a restaurant to attract spa guests – north of the alley and nothing but meadows and forests to the south. Originally, there was nothing of interest between the tree avenue and the north path, just a flat meadow and the Spa Stream, known to the locals today as Topličica. Over the next few decades, the first plants were brought in to create a park. The most important period was 1847–48, when the spa was managed by Count Hoyos. Groups of trees are complemented by decorative shrubs; sometimes new paths and rest areas are added. Carefully marked with plaques, the trees in the park are a particular attraction, offering a wealth of botanical knowledge even to the casual visitor. Aside from the predominating horse chestnut trees, you can also see maple, birch, catalpa, giant cedar, purple beech, blue spruce, plane, white poplar, Turkey oak, English oak, yew, white cedar, hiba, hemlock, etc. The trunk of the white poplar near the Spa House has a circumference of 515 cm and ranks third among the largest poplar trees in Slovenia. The trunk of the plane tree near Švicarija has a slightly smaller circumference of 464 cm, while the giant cedar in the middle of the park boasts a circumference of 280 cm. The lively Spa Stream is a natural part of the park. If you feel like resting for a while, you can easily find a bench in the park; there is even a small pavilion where you can sit awhile with

friends for a chat or a game of cards. A children's playground was added recently as well as a tennis court on the south edge of the park. In the north and south, the park gradually transforms into a natural coniferous forest with a trim track. In short, it is well worth visiting Dobrna simply to see this extraordinary park.

The Dobrnica stream that runs through the town starts at the confluence of the Šumečnica and Kačnica near the Zlodej mill in Klanc. Take a walk in the direction of Hudičev graben and enjoy the relaxing sight and sound of the lively, bubbling stream. You will be surprised at the abundance and diversity of the plants on its banks.

The Kneipp source of health

After passing the Dobrnica mansion and shortly before the turning for the Ledenica cave, on right side of the road you will find a Kneipp source of health – a stream. The principles of natural healing set out by Sebastian Kneipp are based on the use of natural remedies. If you are interested in learning how to use the Kneipp method correctly in order to restore your energy and strength, Dobrna is the right place for you. There are many experts who swear by the Kneipp method, which focuses on improving health and treating patients using a combination of water, a healthy and balanced diet, physical activity (hiking, cycling, swimming in thermal pools), healing plants and psychotherapy to ensure mental relaxation. ⑧

Although predominantly used for preventative purposes, the Kneipp programme in conjunction with other methods can also be used to treat certain diseases or improve specific conditions. This is particularly true for patients with vascular damage, although positive results have also been achieved in the treatment of nervous and digestive disorders, diseases of the digestive system, etc.



Dobrna is the perfect place to learn about the Kneipp method and the guidelines for a healthy lifestyle: enjoy herbal baths and massage, sample the healthy food and delicious home-grown produce from the nearby farms and relax in the fresh air as you walk through the green forest to reach the Kneipp springs near the Ledenica cave. tudi pri zdravljenju živčnih in presnovnih motenj, boleznih prebavil, ipd.

The Drenovec stream

Rushing over rocky overhangs and the Drenovec waterfall, the Drenovec stream flows into the Dobrnica torrent near the Ledenica cave. Except in periods of drought, the Dobrna area boasts a wealth of water courses. On top of that, according to the Poti Dobrne (The Trails of Dobrna) tourist guide, the area around the Drenovec stream is a great place to look for mushrooms.

Ledenica (Bierkeller)

Not too far from the Čutenek Castle (now known as Dobrnica) in the direction of Hudičev graben, you will find the Ledenica cave. The way is well signposted and the cave is easy to find. Many years ago, this natural limestone cave was expanded and used to store ice for cooling the beer brewed in the Dobrnica Castle. Later, it was used as a place to store drink in the cold. In winter months, the locals collected ice from the nearby ponds and stored it in the cave, where it didn't melt until late summer. Outside the cave, you can enjoy the fresh air sweetened by the coniferous trees and pick a handful of heather, hellebores, cyclamens, lungworts, primroses and liverworts. Don't miss the beautiful marsh marigolds that grow around the cave entrance. From here, you can continue on your way to Hudičev graben or climb over the hill, crossing the Drenovec, and head to Brdce, where you can see the Šumej black kitchen and enjoy a picnic at the Marovšek farm. From there, you can continue all the way to Brdce and Paški Kozjak.



The Hudičev (Zlodejev) graben gorge

It takes about half an hour to walk the 2 km from the centre of Dobrna to the kilometre-long gorge carved out by the Dobrnica torrent. Known as Hudičev or Zlodejev graben (Devil's Ditch), the gorge was named after the Zlodej farm in Klanc; the Zlodejeva reber hill was also named after the farm. The name might be slightly spooky, but that makes it all the more attractive to modern visitors. The visit also provides a rush of adrenaline. Along the way, you can admire countless rapids, waterfalls and the sadly abandoned watermills and sawmills, which add a picturesque touch. A walk through the gorge makes you feel connected with nature and provides ample opportunity to admire its mysterious beauty and power.



The Šumečnik waterfall

From Dobrna, turn in the direction of Villa Ružička and walk past the Gutenek Castle, the Ledenica cave and the erstwhile Hudičev graben Inn until you reach the crossroads. Follow the sign for the Šumečnik homestead; just below the house, you will find a 4 m waterfall. The pool below slows down the stream for just a short while before it flows down another, lower waterfall (the combined height of both waterfalls is 7 m). ⑨

The Daje valley

One of the most beautiful plains on Paški Kozjak, the Daje valley lies along the trail that leads through Brdce to Paški Kozjak. Along the road and on rocky verges, you will find daphnes in spring, St. John's wort, blackberries and raspberries in July and August and red whitebeam berries in autumn. From Daje, you can enjoy beautiful views of Ostrica and the highest summit of Paški Kozjak, Basališče (1272). ⑩

Žebelarjeva peč

To reach Žebelarjeva peč, head from the centre of Dobrna in the direction of Hudičev graben. Take a left uphill under the Gutenek Castle; after a 20 min walk, you will get to Žebelarjeva peč. There is a rock climbing route to the top. The summit offers a magnificent view of the valley below.

Paški Kozjak

From west to east, the Karavanke mountain range ends in Paški Kozjak, the most imposing mountain in northeast Slovenia.

Distinguished by two ridges reminiscent of two wrinkles, Paški Kozjak is covered in thick forests and grassy plains. Its paths lead the curious visitor to ethnological gems of times gone by and to rich and diverse plant and animal life. The forests are a mix of beeches and firs, spruce trees and hornbeams, pines and birches.

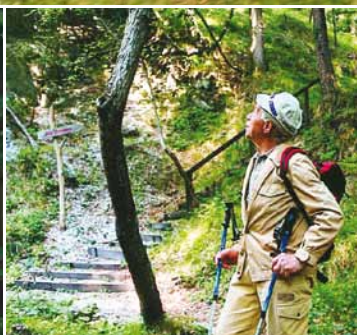
The highest point on the north ridge is Basališče (1272 m). The south ridge is somewhat lower; its highest point is Špik. For the most part, the grassy plains are never mowed. There used to be sheep here, but today even cows are a rare enough sight in this area. The highest summit in the Dobrna municipality is Štrukljev vrh (1227 m). On Paški Kozjak, you will find a mountain hut where you can stop for a rest and some refreshment. ⑪

Koška ura

Koška ura is a tall rock, used in the past by the people of Klanc as a sort of sundial. In the summer, when the shadow reached a certain point on the rock, they knew that it was around 5 PM and time to bring food to the labourers on the fields and meadows.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

*Hiking trails in Dobrna
and the local area*



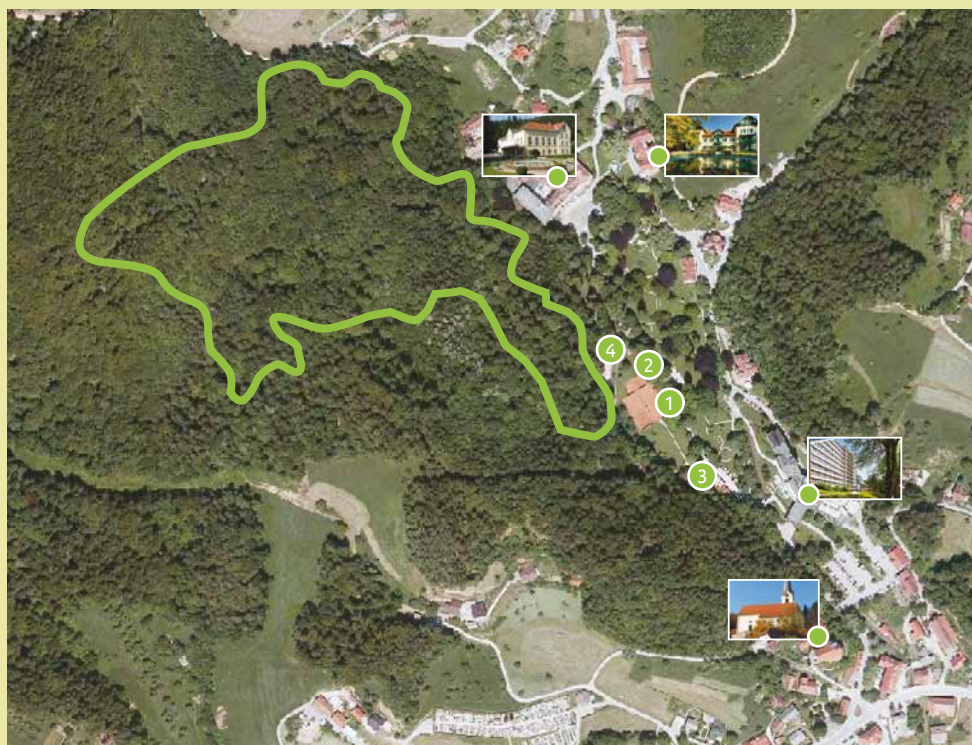
TRIM TRACK

The trim track through the forest above the spa park will take you on a 40 min recreation walk with twenty exercise stops in three categories: warming up and stretching, intensive workout and relaxation. While on the track, try to relax and focus on each individual exercise area. Breathe deeply and let the calming sounds of the forest wash over you.

SPORTS GROUNDS

If you are not a fan of hiking and cycling, you can take advantage of the tennis court, volleyball court, garden chess and a bowling green next to the spa park. For more information about the sports grounds, please ask at the reception in Hotel Vita.

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TRIM TRACK 

 1 Tennis courts

 2 Volleyball court

 3 Open air chess

 4 Bocce



ANA'S TRAIL

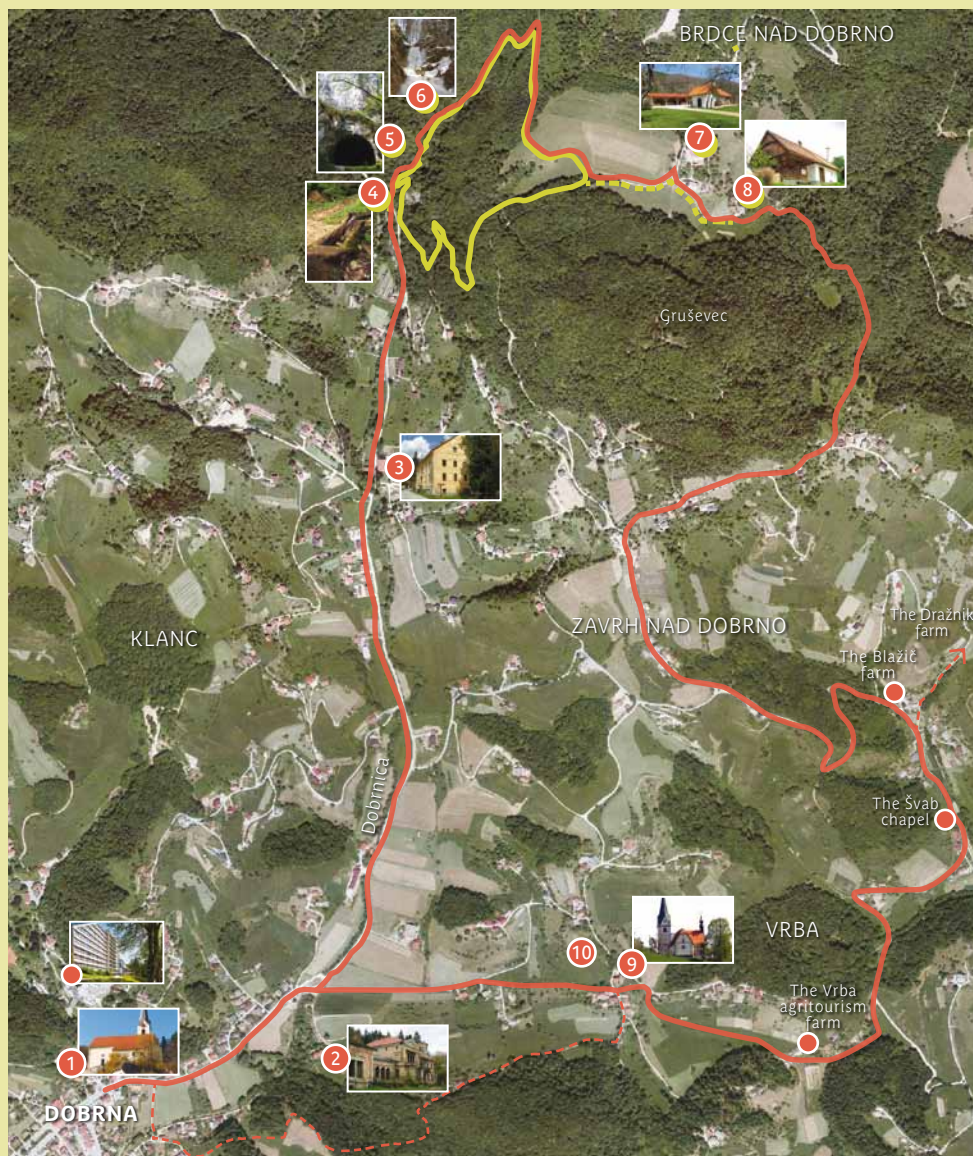
The trail was named after Ančka, the former owner of the Šumej homestead, who continued to live in this ancient house with a functioning open-fire kitchen until 2005. The trail leads along hilly terrain between the Dobrnica torrent and the Hudinja, which flows from the direction of Vitanje. There are no real settlements here, just small clusters of houses and isolated farms dotted amongst orchards and vineyards. The locals you meet here can tell you a lot about the way of life in this area. Starting in the centre of Dobrna, Ana's Trail leads along the road past the remains of Villa Ružička towards Hudičev graben, past the Gutenek Castle (a former brewery) to the Kneipp trough filled with crystal clear water that springs from under the rock. Continue on past the Ledenica or Bierkeller cave and the Drenovec waterfall along the smaller waterfalls on the Drenovec stream until you reach the clearing that is ideal for a picnic. Follow the grassy track to the Marovšek farm; they have a beautiful picnic spot as well as an old smithy and small collection of antiques that they will be happy to show you. At the turn, take

a right downhill and continue on your way to the Šumej homestead, where you can take a look at the preserved open-fire or "black" kitchen. From here, walk around the Gruševac hill to the village of Zavrh. In the crossroads, turn right and follow the road to the junction at the Flis house; take a left, pass the Flis cross and follow the asphalt road downhill until you reach the Blažič farm, where you can admire beautiful examples of rural architecture, a granary and a hayrack. They also sell excellent honey. If you are thirsty for some good wine, take a left and follow the trail uphill to the Dražnik farm; they also have honey and other bee products. From here, descend back into the valley and walk past the Švab homestead and chapel until you reach the junction; turn right and follow the macadam road to the Vrba excursion farm. Then follow the grassy track to the church of St. Nicholas and climb one last hill; the summit offers an unforgettable view of Dobrna and the surrounding area. From here, descend back into the valley and return to Dobrna.

EDUCATIONAL FOREST TRAIL

An educational forest trail has been set up along a section of Ana's Trail; it's a fun way to discover the local natural and cultural heritage. The blossoming meadows and clearings offer plenty of opportunities for rest as well as fascinating insights into the plant and animal life of the area. You will also discover what living and working on a farm is like. The trail starts at the Ledenica caves and leads through the hidden wilderness of the Drenovec

gorge to Brdce, to the Marovšek farm on a mountain plain and onwards to the preserved open-fire kitchen on the Šumej homestead. The way back follows the same trail for a time, branches off at the edge of the forest to take you past picturesque columns of rock jutting out from steep wooded slopes and ends at the Ledenica cave. Duration at a moderate pace: 90 minutes.



ANA'S TRAIL

EDUCATIONAL FOREST TRAIL

Walking time: 3 hours

Time of visit: all year

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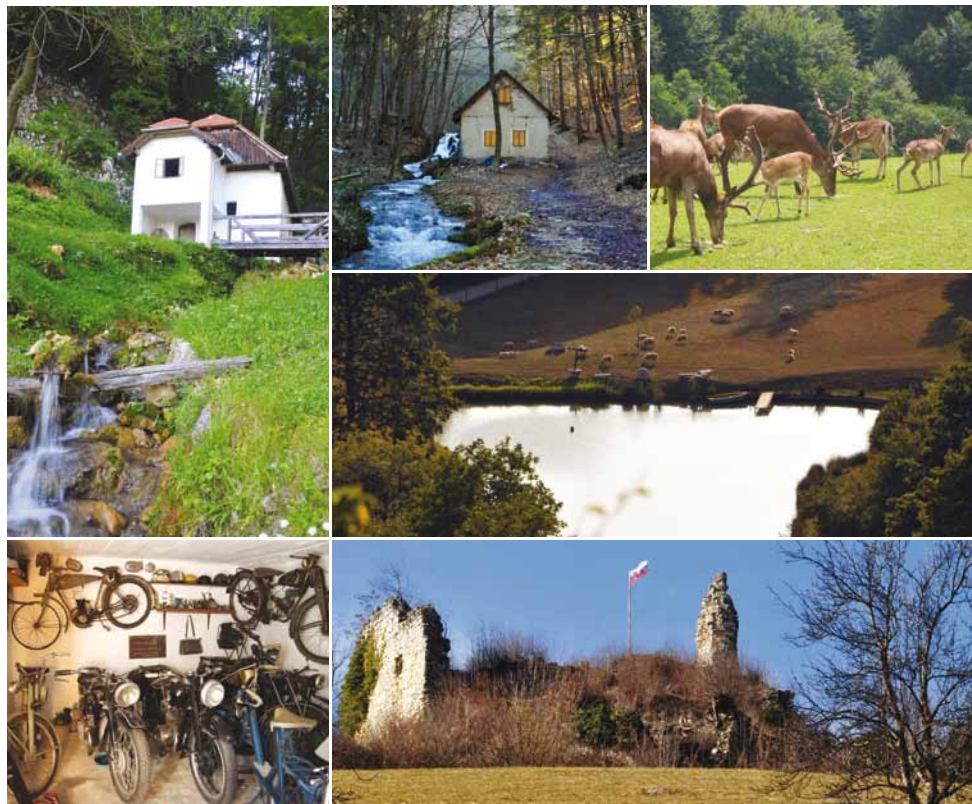
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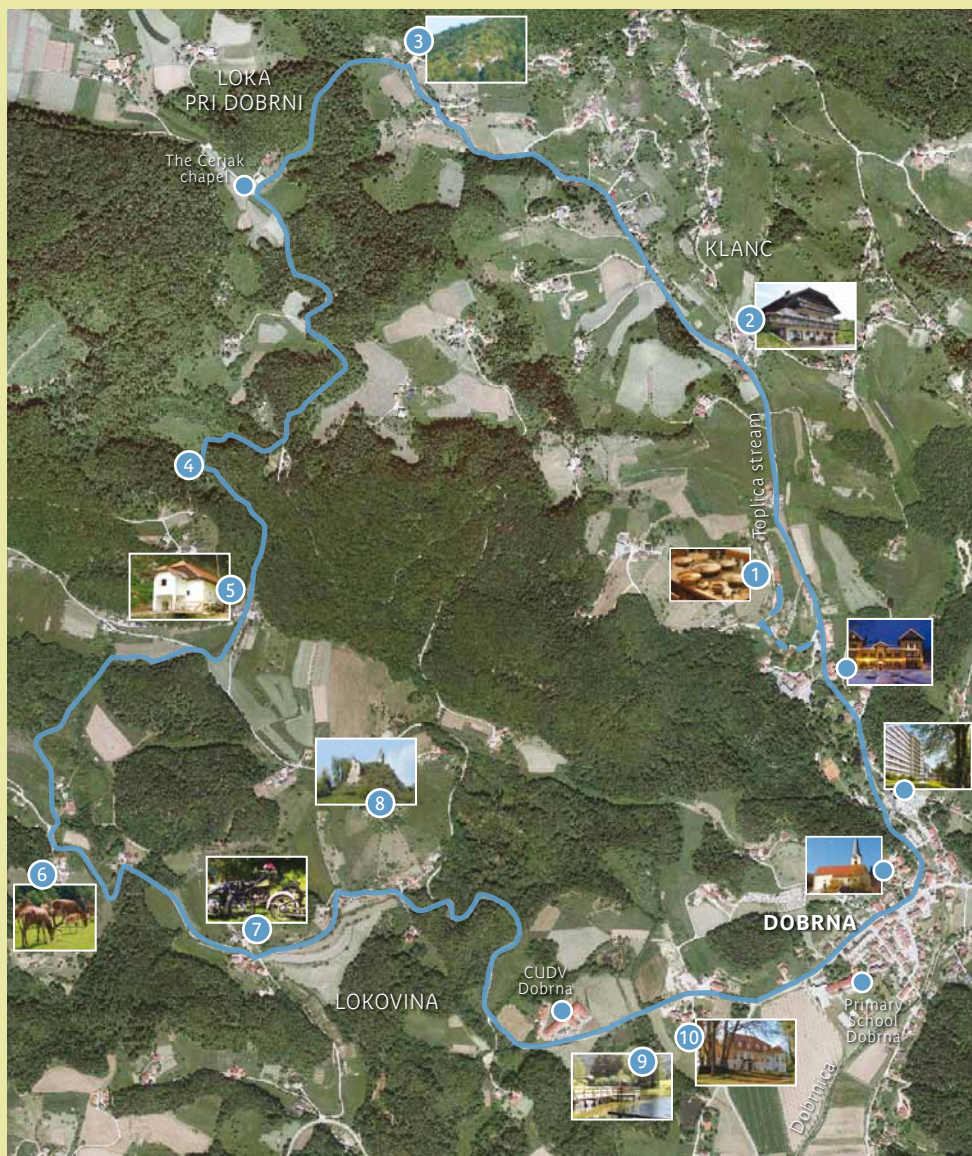


THE LOKA TRAIL

The Loka Trail leads from the centre of Dobrna through the spa on the road to Klanc, passing the many vineyards on the slopes of nearby hills. The trail climbs up to the village of Loka pri Dobrni. The Loka valley is characterised by karst terrain with typical reddish-brown soil (terra rossa), dolines, sinkholes and a karst cave, Osrečanova zvonica. Continue on past the Čerjak chapel to the valley of the mills, where you will find remains of watermills over 300 hundred years old, namely the Gregor, Petrač and Sedevšek mill as well as two Vovk mills. Over 450 years old, the upper Vovk watermill is the best preserved; in the past it was used to supply flour for the Snake Castle. Restored in 2007, the mill is now open to visitors, offering demonstrations of the mill in operation and the milling tariffs used before World War II. The mill and its surroundings are a great draw for

tourists, giving them an opportunity to enjoy the fresh air by the stream in this peaceful valley and experience a small part of the past that the Pun-gartnik family has so successfully preserved. For people who favour homemade products, there is freshly milled flour, homemade bread and other goods.

From here, follow the marked trail to the Lamperček homestead, where you can stop to see the deer and sample some homemade food. Continue on to the Blažiš homestead, which boasts a fascinating collection of antiques – old bicycles, swords, everyday items and pictures of Dobrna and the surrounding area. Enjoying the view of the remains of Snake Castle, follow the marked trail back into the valley, past the ponds to the New Castle in Lokovina. Take a left and return to the centre of Dobrna.



Walking time: 3 hours

Time of visit: all year

Visit way: on foot

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5 The upper Vovk mill

6 The Lamperček homestead

7 The Blažiš homestead
– antique collection

8 The ruins of the Snake Castle

9 The ponds

10 The New Castle



WALKING TRAIL ALONG THE DOBRNICA

The trail along the Dobrnica is entirely flat, making for an easy walk. It starts at the ruins of Villa Ružička, crosses the Dobrnica on the local road after some 300 m and continues along the stream past fields and meadows all the way to the Arlič farm. You can stop here for a rest and some re-

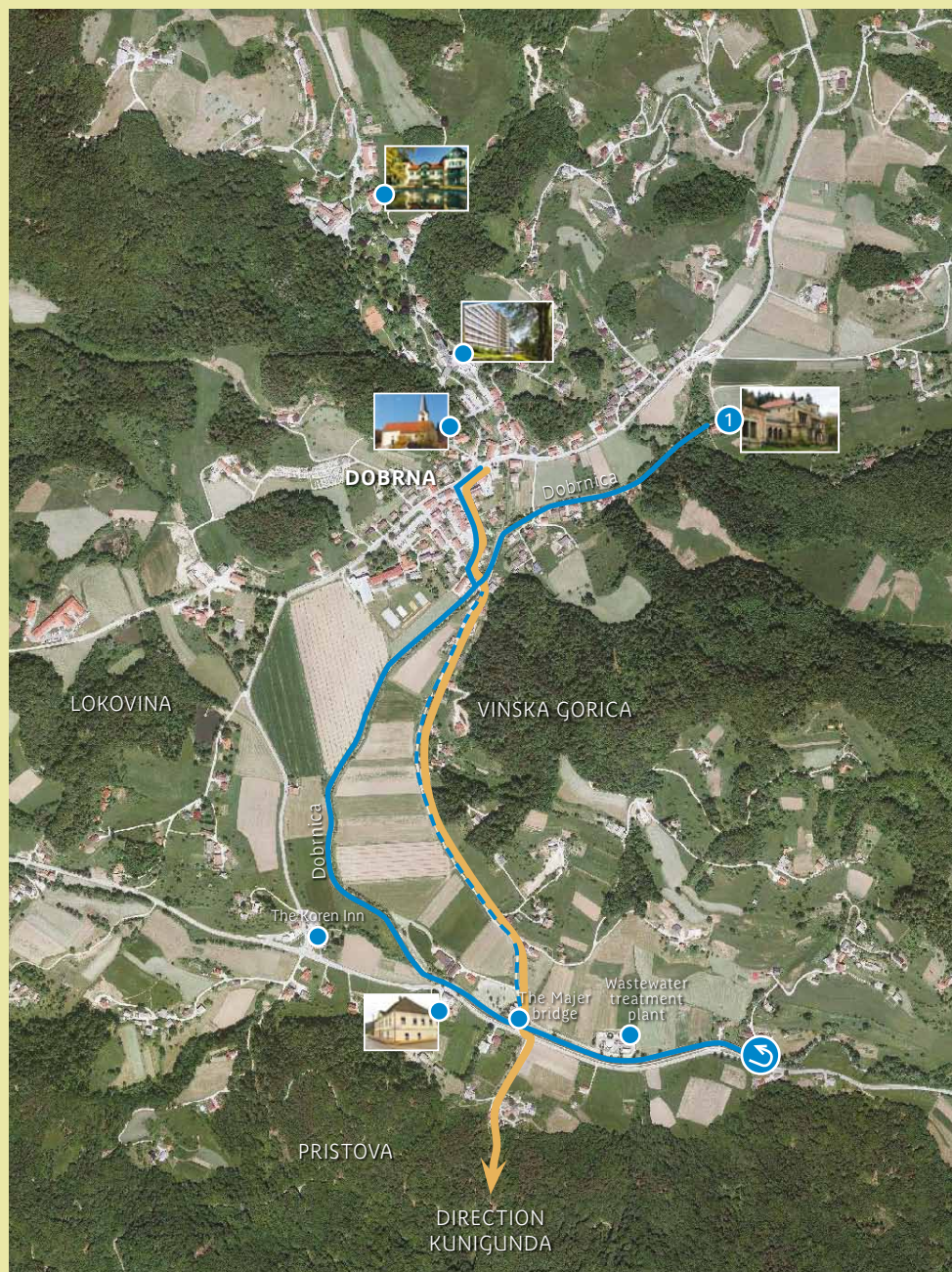
freshment, then carry on towards Vinska Gorica. When you have reached the end, you can simply turn around and follow the same trail back to Dobrna; alternatively, you can turn right at the Majer Bridge and take the asphalt road back to Dobrna. Duration at a moderate pace: 45 minutes.

THE HIKING TRAIL OVER LANŠPERG TO KUNIGUNDA

Suitable for seasoned mountaineers, this trail starts in the centre of Dobrna and takes a left to the signpost for Lanšperg, Kunigunda. Cross the bridge on the Dobrnica and follow the local road through Vinska Gorica to the main road. Cross the main road, walk past the Popek farm and follow the steep forest trail uphill. About halfway, on your left you will see a deep channel, carved through the centuries into the living rock by wa-

ter. After reaching a small stream, the trail rejoins the forest cart track that will bring you to the settlement of Lanšperg (the village of Rupe). Here, the trail joins the Vojnik–Kunigunda (Šentjungert) mountain trail. It is well marked and signposted. The mountain hut on Kunigunda, managed by the Galicija Mountaineering Society, is open on Saturdays and Sundays.

Duration of the walk: 2 hours one way



WALKING TRAIL
ALONG THE
DOBRNICA



THE HIKING TRAIL
OVER LANŠPERĠ
TO KUNIĠUNDA



The ruins of Vila Ružička



THE TRAILS TO PAŠKI KOZJAK

The marked mountain trail leads from the centre of Dobrna, past Hotel Vita and the Spa House, then follows the road to the Žebelar chapel at the top of Klanc. From here, the easier trail leads along the road. It is well marked and particularly suitable for winter hikes. The steeper trail turns left up the wooded slopes along a cart track. The trails meet at the Trojnšek farm. From here, continue on to the Jurk farm, where you can turn right and follow the well-marked Šaleška mountain trail or turn left and choose the 14th Division Trail.

The 14th Division Trail follows the cart track uphill. Coming out of the spruce forest, cross the meadow and continue on to the summit, where you can enjoy beautiful views of Lake Velenje, the Mozirje hills and the Savinja Alps in the background. The grassy plain in front of you is Visoko. This is where you will find a granite monument in memory of the 14th Division. Continue northwards down the meadow towards the mountain hut on Paški Kozjak.

The Šaleška mountain trail turns right at the Jurk farm and then climbs up steep, rocky terrain and through a beautiful spruce and larch forest until it reaches the macadam road that leads to the mountain hut. The trails meet at the junction with the Velenje road near the mountain hut. From here, the trail follows the road uphill to the church of St. Judoc on Paški Kozjak, then turns left towards Špik (1109 m). From the summit of Špik, you can enjoy breathtaking views of the Mozirje hills, Raduha, Peca, Uršlja gora and the Savinja Alps.

It takes about two and a half hours to walk from Dobrna to the mountain hut on Paški Kozjak and another 30 minutes to reach the summit of Špik. For the most part, the trail leads through forests, so it's nice and cool even in the summer. It is suitable for anyone looking for some peace, fresh air and beautiful views.



THE TRAIL FROM MIKLAVŽ TO MIKLAVŽ

Leading along the borders of the municipality or from Miklavž to Miklavž, this is a relatively difficult trail but well signposted and marked in both directions. On the summits of Zavrh (907 m), Vinski vrh (557 m), Aleksandrov vrh (606 m), Visoko (991 m) and Štrukljev vrh (1,227 m), you will find boxes containing a stamp and logbook for mountaineers to sign their name and stamp their mountaineering log. There are benches along the way where you can rest.

For the most part, the trail leads along the municipality border but avoids impenetrable forests and similar impassable areas. The south section of the trail will take you past the Lanšperg Castle, through Rožna dolina valley past the villages of Šmartno and Rupe, because the actual border leads through thick forests; for the same reason, the east section passes the village of Vine. It would take 11 hours or longer to walk the entire trail in a single day.

THE DOBRNA – BRDCE – BASALIŠČE TRAIL

Starting at Hotel Vita, the trail leads through the centre of Dobrna before turning left and crossing the bridge on the Topličica.

Continue on the pavement until you reach the bridge on the Dobrnica and the junction of the Vrba and Zavrh roads.

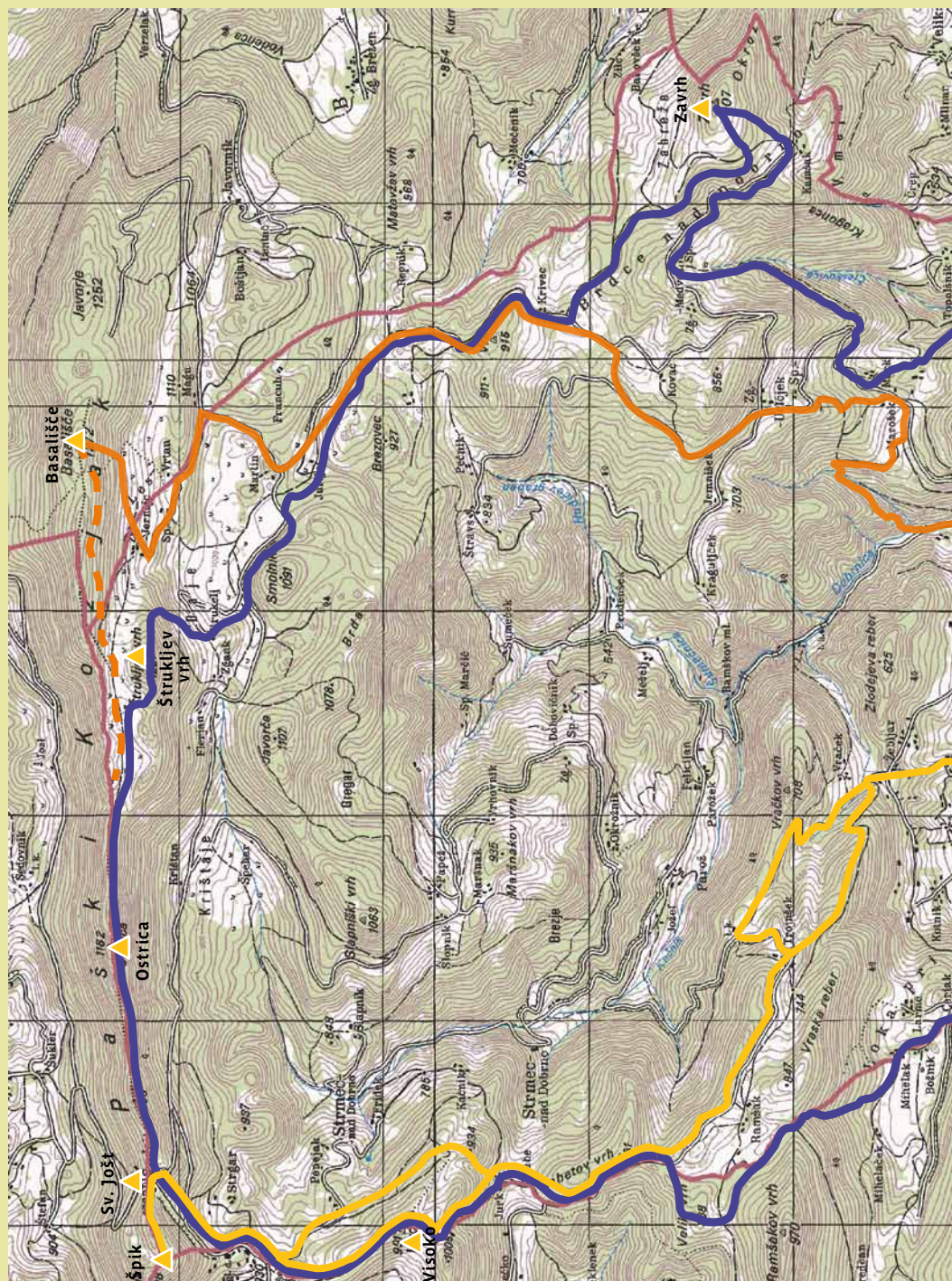
Follow the stream uphill to the Gutenek Castle and further on to the bridge, where you will see the signpost for the famous Ledenica cave. Take Ana's Trail into the forest and up the steep slope. From here, follow the cart track across the meadow to the asphalt road.

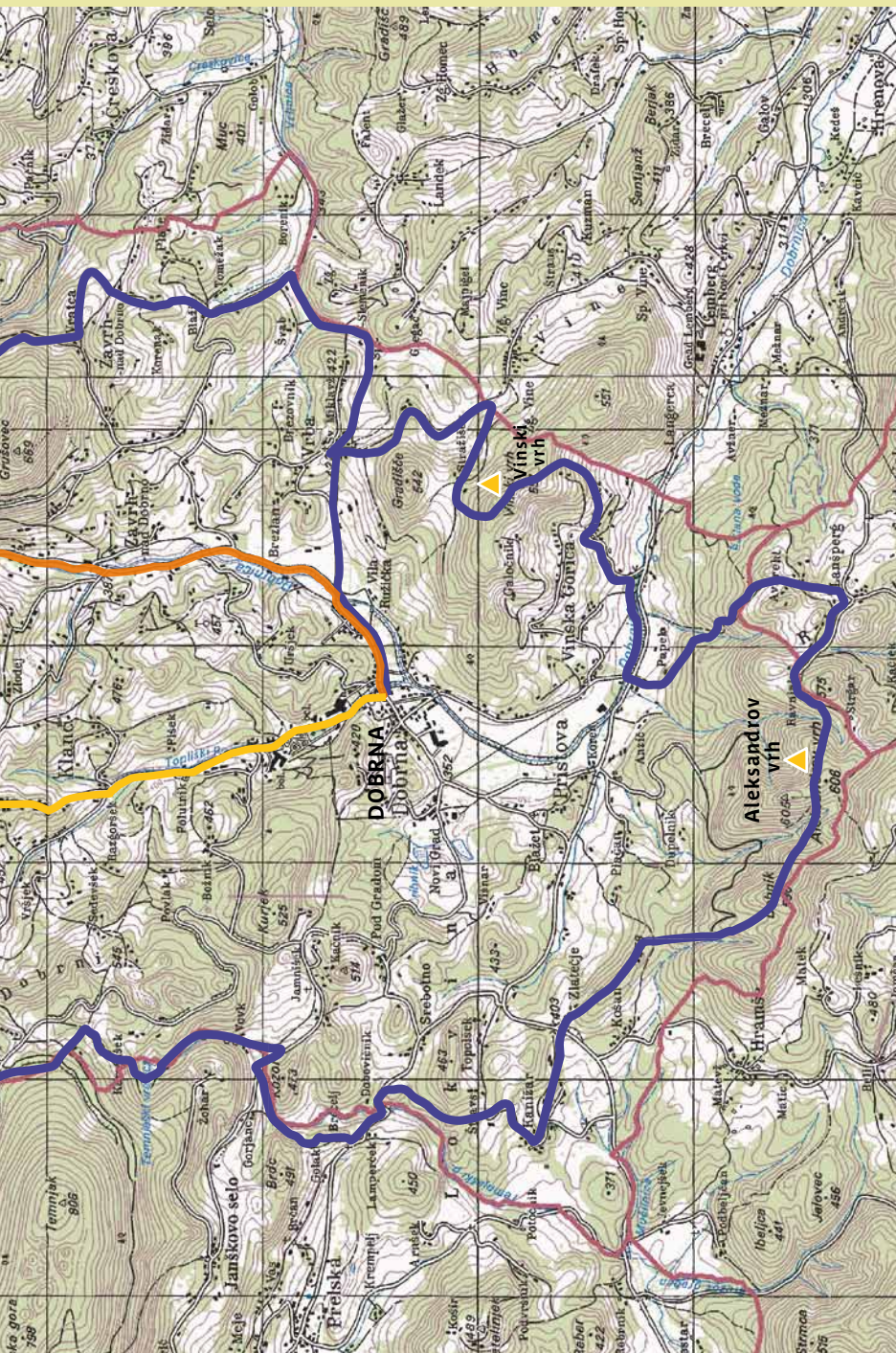
After about 200 m, you will reach the Marovšek farm; take a left into the forest and follow the old cart track past a small sand pit. Coming out of the forest, continue on the asphalt road until you reach the junction; to the right, the trail leads to Brdce, while the mountain trail turns left and follows the road to the Štravs farm (about 2 km). At the Štravs farm, a marking will direct you to the old cart track that leads uphill through the for-

est. Once you are out of the trees, you will see a signpost for the monument in memory of the 14th Division.

Continue on the road past the Nerodn farm – from the right, the 14th Division Trail and the trail along the Dobrna municipality borders will join the road – and past the Krivec farm. At the Tonač farm, turn left off the main road and follow the markings; they will lead you back to the road just before the Daje valley. From here, it's just a few steps until you reach a crossroads. Take a right and follow the markings towards the two Jernejc farms. Continue on the road past both farms and follow the markings into the forest. After a steep climb, you will soon reach Basališče, the highest summit of Paški Kozjak. Since there are no particular views from the summit itself, don't forget to look around and take in the beautiful panorama at the Jernejc farm.

This is an easy, well-marked trail. At a moderate pace, it will take 3 and a half hours one way.





THE TRAILS TO PAŠKI KOZJAK

THE TRAIL FROM MIKLAVŽ TO MIKLAVŽ

THE DOBRNA – BRDCE – BASALIŠČE TRAIL

CYCLING TRAILS

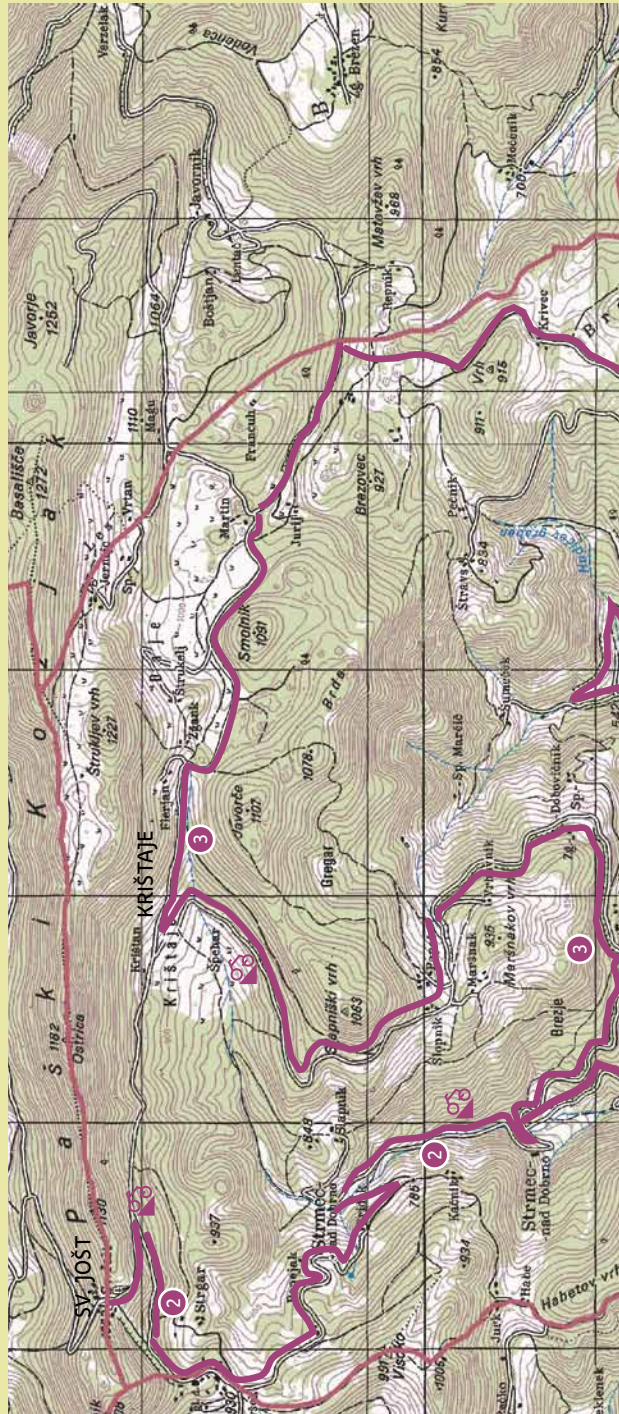
Dobrna boasts five cycling trails of varying lengths and levels of difficulty. Each trail leads past different cultural and natural sights.

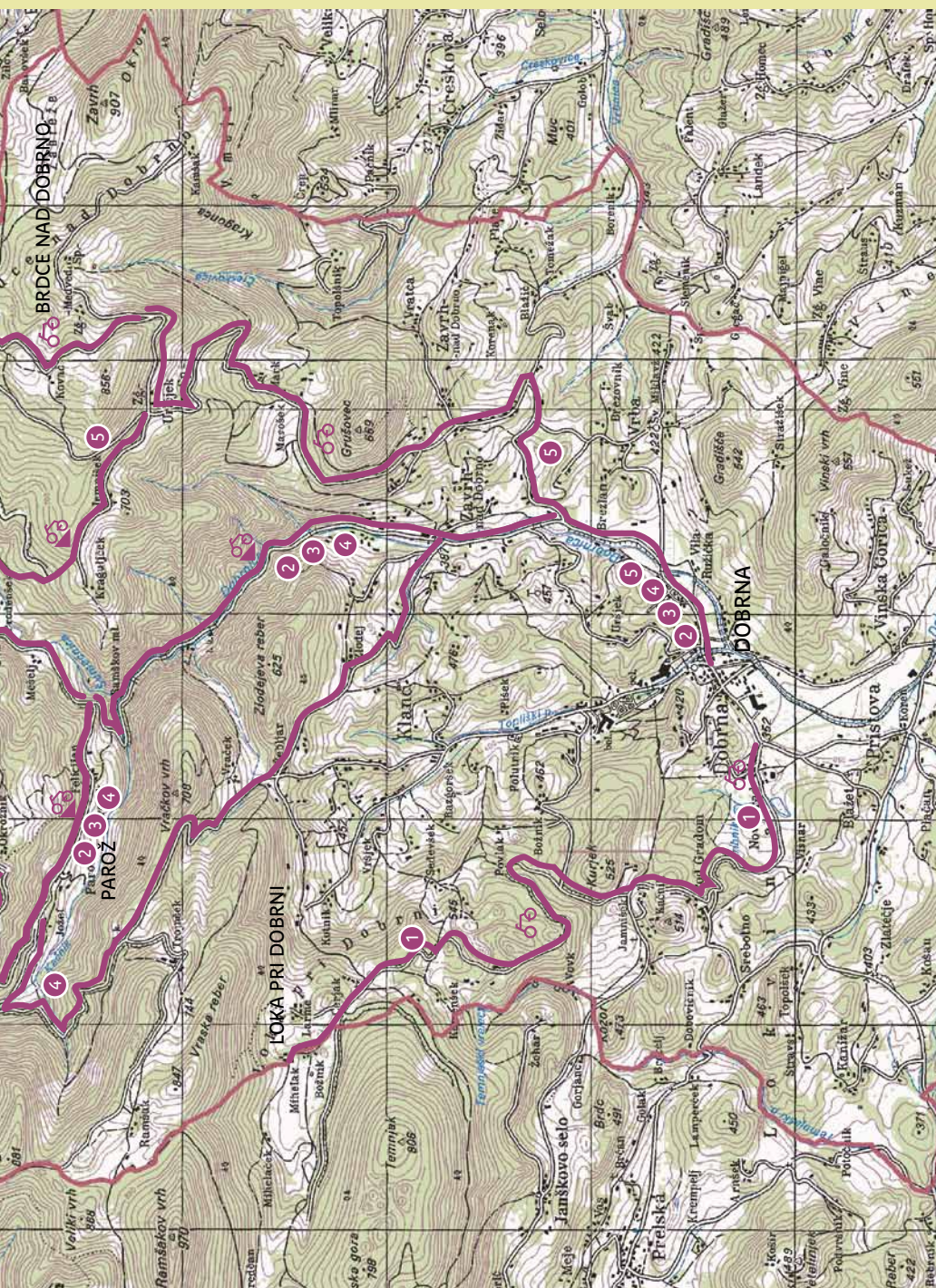
If you didn't bring your own bicycle, you can rent one at Terme Dobrna. For more information, please ask at the reception in Hotel Vita.

- 1 DOBRNA - LOKA
🚲 5 km
- 2 DOBRNA - PAROŽ - SV. JOŠT
🚲 12 km
- 3 DOBRNA - PAROŽ - KRIŠTAJE
- DOBRNA
🚲 24 km
- 4 DOBRNA - LOVSKA KOČA
- DOBRNA
🚲 12 km
- 5 DOBRNA - BRDCE NAD DOBRNO
- DOBRNA
🚲 12 km

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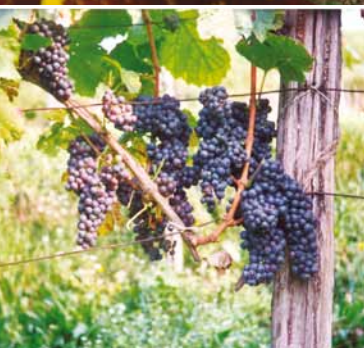
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CULINARY EXPERIENCES

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During your explorations of Dobrna, you are sure to come across a variety of goods and products bearing the “Dobra Dobrna” (Delicious Dobrna) symbol.

The idea for the brand came from the Dobrna Tourist Society as a way to create a uniform approach to presenting the products to the general public.

The symbol was created using the typography of Dobra Dobrna and a stylised letter O in the form of an acorn with an oak leaf. The oak leaf comes from the Dobrna coat-of-arms, while the acorn stands for the fruit or products on offer.

The Dobra Dobrna brand is usually represented by members of the Farmwives of Dobrna, a division of the tourist society. They make delicious homemade bread, noodles, pastries, traditional nut rolls and many other products. Some of them can be food at the farmers' market in the centre of Dobrna on Saturday mornings.

Speaking of gastronomy and Dobrna, we absolutely have to mention Minka's strudel and the variety of small pastries that they serve at Minka's open door farm. Don't forget to visit their shop to stock up on more homemade products. Also worth noting is the line of teas created by Matej at this excursion farm. If you call in advance, they will be happy to prepare a home cooked meal for you.

Walking around in the Dobrna area, you won't be able to take your eyes off the beautiful vineyards carefully maintained by the local winegrowers. Quite a few of them produce excellent wines that you can purchase in their wine cellars. You will soon discover the local hospitality – every time you meet a winegrower in his vineyard, he is likely to offer you a taste of his wine.

Speaking of gastronomy, we should also mention the many varieties of quality honey and other bee products available from the many local beekeepers, members of the Dobrna Beekeeping Society. In Klanc, visit beekeeper Ivan Krulc to learn everything about beekeeping at his small museum.

Let's finish this chapter with a tip for where to eat aside from the farms mentioned above. For the most demanding guests, there is the Koren Inn, which boasts a long tradition, and the restaurant at Hotel Vita in Terme Dobrna. If you feel like homemade food and maybe a pizza, stop at the Pod kostanji Inn. For fish and homemade food, we recommend the Šumečnik farm, but remember to call in advance. If you prefer to enjoy your food in nature, there is the picnic spot at the Marovšek farm in Brdce or try the Vrba excursion farm.

TRADITIONAL EVENTS

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A wide variety of events are organised in Dobrna throughout the year.

We are very proud of the many societies active in the Dobrna municipality that contribute to social life in the town. They include vocal groups, a brass band, a folklore group, a youth club, various sections of the tourist society, humanitarian societies, etc.

THE NIGHT UNDER THE CHESTNUT TREES is a traditional, widely known event. Organised in August in the centre of Dobrna, it attracts the largest number of visitors. Held over several days, it is aimed at all generations and tastes in music.

On the **MILLERS' SUNDAY** in August, the valley of the watermills comes alive as the Pungartnik farm in Lokovina organises a neighbours' meeting in conjunction with the nearby settlement of Vinska Gora. Come to the normally peaceful area around the Vovk mill for a memorable afternoon of culture, folklore and gastronomy.

If you prefer a walk in nature, we recommend **ANA'S SUNDAY** in late July. The event includes a walk on Ana's Trail, plenty of homemade local food and an introduction to the rich cultural heritage and rural traditions of the area.

The Dobrna concert band adds a festive note to many events in the municipality of Dobrna; it is famous for playing the traditional **REVEILLE ON 1 MAY** in every local settlement.

Also worth mentioning are concerts performed by Slovenian and foreign musicians in the Spall Hall in Terme Dobrna; organised for several years now every Friday from mid-June to mid-September, the series of concerts is known as the **MUSICAL SUMMER IN DOBRNA**.

In October, the Dobrna Folk Singers organise a traditional event entitled **IT'S LOVELY HERE**, which features folk singing as well as rural traditions that would otherwise be forgotten.

In November, on the last Saturday before St. Martin's Day, **ST. MARTIN'S FAIR** is held outside the Spa House, including a cultural programme and blessing of new wine.

The event with the longest tradition in Dobrna, **THE BURIAL OF THE CARNIVAL EFFIGY AND CARNIVAL PARADE** is held every year on Ash Wednesday.

In December, the blessed Advent wreath on a small island in the centre of Dobrna signals the start of the holidays. On Christmas Eve, the wreath is replaced with a Christmas tree, completing the festive image of the town. The year ends with **OPEN-AIR NEW YEAR'S EVE FESTIVITIES** and fireworks.

TOURIST INFORMATION

*Where to sleep,
eat and drink,
shop, relax, ...*



WHERE TO SLEEP & STAY



Hotel Vita ****
(vita – life)

Situated directly by the entrance to the spa complex, this is the smallest hotel that offers everything under one roof.

Here you will find the main reception for all hotels, a cafe with a selection of delectable desserts, dance nights at the end of the week, pools with healing thermal water, a naturist terrace, a world of saunas with a large, sunny terrace, a high quality massage and beauty centre, the House on the Meadow hair salon, a medical centre offering treatments that take advantage of natural healing elements, a hotel restaurant and an à la carte restaurant, conference and seminar rooms, a children's and entertainment corner and an internet corner with free internet access.

Hotel Vita has 172 rooms (single rooms, double rooms, suites, etc.) with a total of 251 beds. The rooms are equipped with a phone, TV, safe, mini bar, toilet, bathroom, hairdryer, air conditioning and free wireless internet access.

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Hotel Villa Higiea ****
(Higiea is the goddess of healing, taking care of health and well-being)

Built in 1855, this hotel has been renovated and remodelled several times. In 2007, the first floor was refurbished according to the principles of feng shui. In the basement of the villa, you will find a wine cellar with a wide range of Slovenian wines and homemade specialities. Situated some 50 m from Hotel Vita, Villa Higiea has 31 rooms with a total of 60 beds. The rooms are equipped with a phone, TV, safe, mini bar, toilet, bathroom and hairdryer. The hotel has an internet corner with free internet access.

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Hotel Park ***
(park - nature and energy)

Built in 1875, Hotel Park was last renovated in 2008. It is situated 300 m from Hotel Vita.

Hotel Park is particularly suitable for guests looking for an active vacation. It offers a fitness room, common room, individual saunas, relaxation rooms and a self-serve restaurant.

The rooms are equipped with a phone, TV, toilet, bathroom and hairdryer. The mansard rooms also have air conditioning. Free wireless internet access is available in the rooms.

Subject to a surcharge, Hotel Park also offers accommodation for smaller pets. The number of rooms is limited. Pets are not permitted in the hotel restaurant.

Hotel Park can be found in the Garmin travel guide.

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The Triglav Inn

The once famous Triglav Inn has been completely renovated and will reopen its doors in spring 2014.

It is situated in the heart of Dobrna, just a stone's throw from the spa. It makes for a good starting point for walks or cycling tours of the area. In addition to good food, the inn also offers accommodation in 14 modern rooms and one suite.

GOSTILNA TRIGLAV

Dobrna 12, 3204 Dobrna

☎ +386 (0)3 78 01 133

@ info@gostilna-triglav.si

www.gostilna-triglav.si



The Šumečnik farm

(agritourism farm with accommodation)

The farm is situated at an altitude of 680 m, 6 km from the centre of Dobrna. They offer accommodation in double rooms for up to 10 people at a time.

KMETIJA ŠUMEČNIK

Strmec nad Dobrno 11,
3204 Dobrna

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Andrej Farkaš

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WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK



The Hotel Vita restaurant

The restaurant is open to hotel guests and other visitors. Hotel guests can take advantage of a sumptuous self-serve buffet (breakfast with a healthy food corner, lunch, dinner), while daily visitors can enjoy lunch or dinner (also possible in combination with admission to the pools or saunas). The restaurant can seat up to 280 people and can be used by large groups for events such as:

- receptions
- themed dinners
- hot and cold buffets
- business lunches or dinners

Fans of fine wines will enjoy the large selection of Slovenian wines. There is a sommelier on hand to recommend the right wine to go with your food. There are themed dinners organised on Wednesdays, featuring Štajerska or Primorska cuisine accompanied by live music, zither and guitar.

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À la carte restaurant (Hotel Vita)

The À la carte restaurant boasts contemporary and attractive interiors. Offering top gastronomy at affordable prices, the restaurant is intended for individual guests and smaller groups. In addition to the regular menu, guests can choose from daily menus, wedding menus, a large selection of desserts and a variety of wines. The restaurant can seat up to 60 people.

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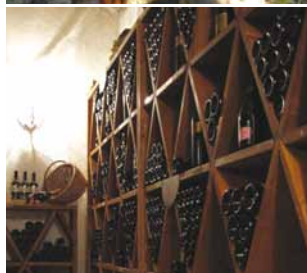
The Hotel Vita cafe

The Hotel Vita cafe offers a pleasant ambience ideal for relaxing and spending time with friends. They serve a variety of drinks, cocktails, warm beverages, sandwiches, ice creams and their famous homemade desserts. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, you can enjoy live music, dancing, stand up performances, themed nights and socialising. On Mondays, the cafe hosts folklore and singing groups.

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The Villa Higiea wine cellar

The wine cellar at Villa Higiea offers a pleasant ambience with wooden benches and tables, an enormous old press and rough plaster walls. It is the perfect environment for a song, a dance and a delicious snack; in addition to the selection of Slovenian wines, the wine cellar offers a range of food.

Visitors also have the opportunity to buy bottles of wine at affordable prices for a souvenir or a gift. The wine shop offers wines from 10 wine cellars across Slovenia.

The wine cellar can accommodate 15 to 45 people. It can be used for a variety of events such as receptions, birthdays and anniversaries, business meetings, wine tastings and weddings.

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The Pod kostanji Inn and pizzeria

This pleasant inn boasts a large garden in the shade of chestnut trees. Situated in the centre of Dobrna, it offers pizza, brunches and other dishes made to order. The inn is suitable for private groups and can seat up to 30 people.

GOSTILNA IN PIZZERIA
 POD KOSTANJ
 Dobrna 25, 3204 Dobrna
 Contact: Mr. Andrej Farkaš
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 @ andrej.farkas1@siol.net



The Koren Inn

An inn with over 200 years of tradition, the Koren Inn is situated a kilometre outside of Dobrna at the turning for Dobrna. It is famous for its house specialities, game, freshwater and sea fish and grilled food. They also serve cottage cheese rolled dumplings, buckwheat žganci and other traditional food. The Koren Inn is suitable for large and small groups, bus tourism and various celebrations. They also serve daily brunches and lunches.

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 @ gostilna.koren@gmail.com
www.gostilnakoren.si



The Triglav Inn

The Triglav Inn offers traditional Slovenian dishes. They can seat up to 62 guests. Next to the restaurant, there is a pavilion suitable for private groups or talks. It is open all year round and can seat up to 60 people. The summer garden can seat up to 64 people looking for a relaxing meal with delicious food.

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The Arlič day bar

At the end of the walking trail that leads along the Dobrnica stream, you will find a pleasant bar with a summer garden where you can sit down for some refreshment. The bar serves a variety of food and drink. It can accommodate group of up to 25 people and is suitable for parties.

DNEVNI BAR ARLIČ
 Pristova 6, 3204 Dobrna
 Contact: Mr. Beno Arlič
 ☎ +386 (0)31 301 710
 @ beno.arlic@gmail.com



The Jagoda bistro and pastry shop

Situated near Hotel Vita and the centre of Dobrna, this pleasant pastry shop boasts a large summer garden. They serve a variety of desserts throughout the year. In the summer, you can refresh yourself with ice cream in a whole range of different flavours. They also offer coffee, hot and cold beverages and alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

**OKREPČEVALNICA IN
SLAŠČIČARNA JAGODA**
Dobrna 25, 3204 Dobrna
☎ +386 (0)35 778 076, (0)31 243 746
✉ shenazijagoda@gmail.com
www.slascicarnajagoda.si



The cafe bar Mini Rosi

Situated in a quiet residential area near the Mercator shopping centre in the heart of Dobrna, in the vicinity of Hotel Vita (300 m), this bar and cafe with a lovely little garden under a willow tree serves a wide selection of beverages – soft drinks, fruit juices, wine, spirits and a variety of teas. They are particularly famous for their hot chocolate and excellent espresso, served with a selection of extras.

KAVA BAR MINI ROSI
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✉ roser.mitja@siol.net

BUSINESS TOURISM



Terme Dobrna

Terme Dobrna offers eight rooms of different sizes for different occasions, featuring all the necessary technical equipment. The friendly and hard-working staff will be happy to offer expert support to make sure that your meeting goes exactly the way you imagined it. At the same time, the peaceful surroundings will provide a creative atmosphere and relaxed work.

The following conference and seminar rooms are available: the Vivat conference hall, the Viva seminar room, the Spa House hall, the Blue Lounge in the Spa House, the Holistic Centre and the à la carte restaurant at Hotel Vita. Additional support for seminars, workshops and business meetings: accommodation at Hotel Vita****, Villa Higiea**** and Hotel Park***. The hotels offer the necessary technical support, beverages during breaks, gastronomy services, team building services and the organisation of daytrips, picnics and social games.

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The Dobrna Culture Centre

The Dobrna Culture Centre offers two modern conference halls that can seat up to 100 people. Both halls are equipped with a sound system and projector. An additional, smaller room for up to 25 people is particularly suitable for workshops. It also features a small kitchen. By request, the centre can organise catering services according to your wishes.

KULTURNI DOM DOBRNA
Dobrna 1a, 3204 Dobrna
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AGRITOURISM FARMS AND OTHER TOURISM PROVIDERS



The Marovšek farm picnic spot

The farm is situated 4 km from the centre of Dobrna, on the slopes of Paški Kozjak at an altitude of 600 m. It provides a great opportunity to spend your leisure time in a natural, rural environment, discover the local plant and animal life, learn about life and work on a farm or organise meetings, picnics, workshops, camping, social events and festivals in nature – the farm offers a beautiful picnic spot for up to 120 people and large grassy surfaces suitable for a variety of sports activities. You can also see the old smithy and a whole range of tools used for farm work in the past. Nearby you will find the Šumej house with a preserved open-air or “black” kitchen, a protected architectural feature. The farm makes for a good starting point for short and long walks; the Grušovec hill is a popular destination, as are Drenovec and the Hunting Trail. The Marovšek farm is also popular with cyclists looking to explore the local cycling routes.

KMETIJA MAROVŠEK

Brdce nad Dobrna 2a,
3204 Dobrna

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Contact: Mr. Branko Brecl

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@ branko.brecl@gmail.com

www.piknik-marovsek.si



The Šumečnik farm (agritourism farm with accommodation)

The Šumečnik farm is the right choice if you are looking to spend your vacation in a house in the forest, surrounded by unspoilt nature and babbling brooks, where you can forage for berries or help with the hay harvest. Here you will find accommodation as well as plenty of delicious local food and homemade meats, minced lard and bread from a clay oven. The Šumečnik offers all this and more.

KMETIJA ŠUMEČNIK

Strmec nad Dobrno 11,
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Minka's open door farm

At Minka's open door farm, you will be welcomed with open arms and offered snacks, traditional homemade food and desserts as well as homemade spirits and blueberry liqueur. The house speciality is Minka's strudel. There are two lar-

ge rooms available for groups (one for up to 30 people and one for 15 to 20 people), but visits should be arranged in advance. Many of the goods produced at the farm can be purchased from their shop, at the Dobrna market on Saturdays or in the lobby of Hotel Vita on Sundays. They offer delicious sweet and savoury pastries, dried meats and a range of teas.

IZLETNIŠKA KMETIJA PRI MINKI

Klanc 29, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours: by appointment

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Krulec beekeeping

Krulec Beekeeping is situated just 600 m from the centre of Dobrna. They sell a whole range of different types of honey (floral, chestnut, acacia, forest), pollen, propolis, beeswax candles, mead, spruce tip syrup, a mix of honey, pollen and propolis with beetroot syrup, etc.

Tastings of bee products are available by prior appointment.

ČEBELARSTVO KRULEC

Klanc 86a, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Ivan in Mrs. Sonja Krulec

☎ +386 (0)41 226 393, (0)51 335 616

@ ivan.krulec@gmail.com



Zvonček creations – CUDV Dobrna gallery and shop

At the Zvonček gallery and shop, you will find one-of-a-kind hand-made products that are available to buy. They make for an original souvenir or a thoughtful personal or business gift and have a practical as well as decorative purpose. The objects are made from clay, wood and recycled paper with embroidered elements. Zvonček also sells herbs from the nearby herbal garden and scented herbal candles, soaps and essential oils. The shop owners' goal is to involve the local people and visitors to Dobrna of all ages in their activities, so they regularly organise open lectures, discussions and creative workshops.

**USTVARJALNICA ZVONČEK –
PRODAJNA GALERIJA CUDV
DOBRNA**

Dobrna 41, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours:

Mon – Sat 9:00 – 12:00

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The Šumej black kitchen

The Šumej homestead in Brdce above Dobrna is one of the few small farms in the municipality to have preserved some of its original architectural and cultural heritage until the present day. Visit the beautifully preserved open-fire or "black" kitchen to discover how our ancestors lived three centuries ago.

Information: Tic Dobrna

Opening hours: by appointment

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www.ztsk-dobrna.si



The upper Vovk mill on the Pungartnik homestead

Although more than 450 years old, this is the best preserved mill in the valley of the watermills. The mill was restored and reopened in September 2007. Arrange a visit with the owners in advance and they will be happy to show you around. You can also buy flour and home-made bread here or get a stamp for your mountaineering log.

**ZGORNJI VOVKOV MLIN
NA DOMAČIJI PUNGARTNIK**

Lokovina 36, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours: by appointment

☎ +386 (0)35 890 194



The demonstration apiary of the Dobrna Beekeeping Society

The demonstration apiary is situated at the foot of the small hill opposite the Dobrna primary school. It was built in 2011 using resources from the Carniolan Bee Preservation Fund of the Slovenian Beekeepers' Association. The demonstration apiary is used by the students at the Dobrna primary school beekeeping club to learn about the life of bees and how to work with bees. There is a garden of honey plants next to the apiary where bees can collect nectar and pollen.

**UČNI ČEBELNJAK ČEBELARSKEGA
DRUŠTVA DOBRNA**

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The Vrba agritourism farm

The farm is situated on Ana's Trail. It offers a beautiful and well-maintained spot where you can enjoy a picnic in pleasant surroundings. They will also be happy to prepare some homemade food for you, provided you call in advance.

TURIZEM NA KMETIJI »VRBA«
Vrba 17, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Janko Černe

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The Pri Papež homestead

The Javornik farm is situated in Strmec nad Dobrno at an altitude of 900 m. It is locally known as the Pri Papež farm. Mrs. Marta Javornik is the president of the Farmwives of Dobrna. She is an expert bread and pastry baker; her crescent rolls have won an award in the Goods from Slovenian Farms competition in Ptuj.

DOMAČIJA PRI PAPEŽ

Strmec nad Dobrno 14,
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Opening hours: by appointment

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The Štravs eco farm

The Štravs eco farm is situated in Brdce at an altitude of 850 m in the direction of Paški Kozjak. They are famous for their delicious bread that Mrs. Ivanka has been baking for over 30 years.

It has won three awards at the Goods from Slovenian Farms competition in Ptuj. The farm generates and sells energy from renewable sources and offers farming and forestry services, machinery and equipment.

EKOLOŠKA KMETIJA ŠTRAVS

Brdce nad Dobrno 19,
3204 Dobrna

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The mountain hut on Paški Kozjak

The mountain hut on Paški Kozjak is situated above the valley of the Paka River, east of Velenje and south of Mislinja. It is accessible by foot or by car from the direction of Velenje, Čornji Dolič, Srednji Dolič and Dobrna. The mountain hut makes for the perfect starting point for an ascent to Basališče, the highest summit of Paški Kozjak. Food and drink is available and varies from season to season.

PLANINSKI DOM

NA PAŠKEM KOZJAKU

Paški Kozjak 61, 3320 Velenje

Opening hours:

during the week - afternoons,
on Saturdays, Sundays and
holidays – all day

Contact: Mrs. Olga Ramšak

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The hunting lodge on Trojna

The lodge on Trojna is situated on the mountain trail from Klanc in the direction of Paški Kozjak. It offers beautiful views of the Dobrna area and the Celje basin. Call in advance to arrange a meal and a viewing of the trophies and historical images depicting the activities of the Dobrna Hunting Club. Every year, hunting club teams participate in a shooting competition at the lodge.

LOVSKA KOČA NA TROJNI

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Jože Klinc

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The pond in Lokovina

The pond in Lokovina is managed by the Dobrna Voluntary Fire Brigade. You can come here for sport fishing or use the space for a celebration.

RIBNIK V LOKOVINI

Opening hours: Fridays, Saturdays
and Sundays by appointment

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The chapel gallery

Housing a collection of religious exhibits, Mass vestments and other objects, this gallery near Villa Higiea is well worth a visit.

GALERIJA KAPELICA

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Jože Polenek

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The cultural heritage house

Under the hill, not far from the Spa House, a former roofed double hayrack houses an extensive collection of antiques that offer insight into life in the countryside in the recent past.

HIŠA KULTURNE DEDIŠČINE

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Jože Polenek

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Tourist train

The tourist train will take you on tours of the Dobrna area. The train schedules are available at Hotel Vita and at the tourist train station.

Opening hours: by schedule

and by appointment

Contact: Mr. Jože Polenek

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The Lamperček homestead

The Lamperček homestead is situated on the border between the municipalities of Dobrna and Velenje, in Vinska Gora (formerly Šentjanž pri Velenju). They have a 13 ha pen that currently houses over a hundred deer, hinds, fallow deer and mouflons. Visitors have the opportunity to feed the animals or just observe them. The homestead has recently been expanded to include an ethnology and hunting museum. The owners have restored the old hayrack, added a room with tables and chairs and prepared a picnic spot, a children's playground and an outdoor sports ground for a variety of activities.

DOMAČIJA LAMPERČEK

Črnoa 1, 3320 Velenje

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Tomaž Drev

☎ +386 (0)31 318 101, (0)3 589 01 04

@ tomaz.drev@siol.net

www.domacija-lampercek.si



The Blažiš homestead – antique collection

The Blažiš homestead is situated in Lokovina, in the settlement of Srebotno. The owner, Peter Habe, is an avid collector of antiques. At the homestead, you can admire his collection, which includes motorcycles, bicycles, swords, military and firefighting equipment, the remains of an airplane that crashed in Socka near Dobrna in World War II, various folklore objects, postcards of Dobrna and the local area and many other antiques. The Blažiš homestead also offers sports fishing and a picnic spot at the Blažiš pond, where you will find a sports ground, table football and a children's playground.

DOMAČIJA BLAŽIŠ

Lokovina 30, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Peter Habe

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@ habe.peter@gmail.com



The Soržev mlin agritourism farm

The Soržev mlin agritourism farm is situated in Nova Cerkev, in Polže by the Hudinja River. For centuries now, the river has been powering the watermill, a 200-year-old Venetian sawmill that still functions today and, until a few decades ago, a smithy. This is the perfect place to discover the rich techno-

logical heritage of watermills and sawmills and see rare examples that still function today. Every building at the homestead is a cultural and historical monument that the family has preserved in its original form, carrying on the ancient tradition. The farm offers four suites.

TURISTIČNA KMETIJA SORŽEV MLIN

Polže 1, 3203 Nova Cerkev

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Oton Samec

☎ +386 (0)3 78 12 542

@ sorzev.mlin@gmail.com



The Lemberg Castle

The Lemberg Castle is situated on a rocky outcrop above the village of Lemberg pri Novi Cerkvi, by the Nova Cerkev–Dobrna road; it belongs in the municipality of Vojnik. The castle was first mentioned indirectly in a 1213 document that bears the witness signature of Eberhard of Lemberg – Vlscalcus de Rauenberch et frater eius Eberhardus de Leuburch.

In 2007, the castle was purchased by its current owner, historian and geographer Franci Zidar, who is now occupied with planning the restoration and potential cultural role of the castle. Once a year, on the first Sunday in September, the castle hosts the Castle Afternoon, a cultural and folklore event.

GRAD LEMBERG

Lemberg 24, 3203 Nova Cerkev

Opening hours: by appointment

Contact: Mr. Franci Zidar

☎ +386 (0)40 642 049

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WHERE TO SHOP



The Dobrna supermarket

This well-stocked supermarket boasts affordable prices and items from the Tuš catalogue at discount prices. They also sell freshly baked bread rolls, Primorje wine on tap and cold cuts for various occasions.

MARKET DOBRNA

Dobrna 11 a, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours:

Mon - Fri 7:00 - 19:00,

Sat 7:00 - 12:00, Sun 7:30 - 11:30

☎ +386 (0)35 778 055

@ sp-dobrna@kz-celje.si

www.kz-celje.si



The Mercator Dobrna supermarket

The Mercator Dobrna supermarket offers a wide range of fruit and vegetables, pre-packaged meat, bread, pastries and pre-made hot food.

SUPERMARKET MERCATOR DOBRNA

Dobrna 14 a, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours:

Mon - Fri 7:00 - 19:00,

Sat 7:00 - 15:00, Sun 8:00 - 12:00

☎ +386 (0)51 285 859

@ 017793.prodajalne@mercator.si

www.mercator.si



The Vida Dobrna kiosk

The kiosk is situated in the centre of Dobrna next to the post office. It sells newspapers, postcards, cigarettes, fancy goods and souvenirs.

KIOSK VIDA DOBRNA

Opening hours:

Mon - Fri 6:00 - 15:30,

Sat 7:00 - 12:30, Sun 7:00 - 12:00

Contact: Mrs. Albina Krameršek

☎ +386 (0)31 201 263



The Trimex shop – the Dobrna sales unit

Trimex sells clothing and footwear for all generations. You will be greeted by friendly and helpful shop assistants.

TRGOVINA TRIMEX

– PRODAJNA ENOTA DOBRNA

Dobrna 18, 3204 Dobrna

Contact: Mrs. Majcen Irena

☎ +386 (0)35 778 777

WHERE TO RELAX AND FIND WELLNESS SERVICES



Pools in Terme Dobrna

Thermal pools are available at Hotel Vita and the Spa House. The alkaline thermal water has a temperature of 35–36.5 °C at the spring and contains the ideal amounts of calcium, magnesium and hydrogen carbonate. It is the main healing factor in Terme Dobrna.

The thermal spring in Dobrna was known even to the ancient Celts and Romans. The water was first used for health purposes in 1403. Since 1542, the Dobrna thermal water has been considered the ideal means of treatment for gynaecological and urological diseases, rheumatism and related conditions and diseases and injuries of the locomotor system.

The Dobrna thermal water has also proved extremely beneficial for patients with peripheral vascular diseases, neurological problems, diabetes, high blood pressure and milder cardiac and respiratory conditions. It has been used for decades to strengthen

the body and improve general physical and mental fitness.

The main healing factor used is the calcium and magnesium-rich, hydrogen carbonate, alkaline acratotherm with a temperature of 35–36.5 °C.

The calcium ions give the Dobrna thermal water an anti-inflammatory and anti-allergy effect that is beneficial in treating all chronic inflammations of the digestive and urinary tract. At the same time, it promotes urinary eliminations and helps indirectly with passing kidney stones and gallstones.

The thermal water has been certified a natural healing factor by the Ministry of Health.

Thermal water composition:

SUBSTANCE	g/l
Lithium	0.000005
Sodium	0.00393
Magnesium	0.0210
Aluminium	0.000014
Zinc	0.000034
Nitrate	0.00142
Hydrophosphate	0.00005
Potassium	0.00093
Calcium	0.0744
Chloride	0.00110
Sulphate	0.0179
Hydrogen carbonate	0.3186
Iron	0.000026
Copper	0.000016

Information: The pool reception
(Hotel Vita, 3rd floor)

☎ +386 (0)3 78 08 150

@ info@terme-dobrna.si

www.terme-dobrna.si



The World of Saunas at Terme Dobrna

At the pool complex on the 3rd floor of Hotel Vita, you will find an attractive, varied selection of steam and Finnish saunas and the necessary facilities for the Kneipp programme.

Come to the land of peace, rejuvenation and rest and discover the tradition of relaxation and cleansing. Enjoy the beneficial effects that we get from the energy of positive crystals. The saunas have been named after a selection of crystals, offering a short introduction to the land of minerals concealed and revealed by the earth.

Every Monday from 16:00 to 19:00, the saunas are open to women only.

Information: The pool reception
(Hotel Vita, 3rd floor)

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The House on the Meadow massage and beauty centre

Terme Dobrna boasts an excellent massage and beauty centre, the House on the Meadow. The latest devices for facial and body care are used in conjunction with traditional methods and the experienced hands of top massage therapists, all for the purpose of pampering and relaxing the guests and awakening their inner beauty.

The massage and beauty centre offers massage and relaxation rituals, ayurveda, facial treatments and cleansing, make-up, body care, manicure, pedicure, body shaping, relaxation and pampering programmes and body shaping programmes.

Information and booking:
The House on the Meadow reception (Hotel Vita, 1st floor)
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✉ travnik@terme-dobrna.si
www.terme-dobrna.si



K&M Styling hair salon

Treat your hair to the best – visit the K&M Styling hair salon. They will cut and shape your hair in a modern, precise, business or youthful style or just refresh your current hairdo. They also offer haircuts for children.

The salon uses Rene Furterer cosmetics, a famous Parisian brand with over 50 years of tradition. The products are distinguished by the addition of essential oils: rosemary, mint, sage, basil, thyme, orange, cumin, lemon, clove, tea tree, eucalyptus and lavender.

Customers can have their hair dyed with natural, ammonia-free hair dyes. The salon offers haircuts for men, women and children, perms, highlights and more at competitive prices and with added free treats for the customers. They also offer discounts for pensioners, women's days (Eve's Day), men's days (Adam's Day) and children's days.

FRIZERSTVO K&M STYLING

Location: Hotel Vita, ground floor
Information and booking:

The House on the Meadow reception (Hotel Vita, 1st floor)

☎ +386 (0)3 78 08 545,

+386 (0)51 329 506

✉ frizerski.salon@terme-dobrna.si



The Metka Salon

The Metka Salon is situated in the centre of Dobrna, in the business and residential building at Dobrna 15c. They offer classic and trendy haircuts for men, women and children at competitive prices. You can also buy a gift voucher and surprise your loved ones.

SALON METKA,
MARJETA KRAJNC S.P.

Dobrna 15 c, 3204 Dobrna

☎ +386 (0)35 778 200

✉ krajnc.metka@gmail.com



Darja Kolar s.p. Hairdressing

The Darja Kolar, s.p., hairdressing salon aims to please the customers. They focus on each individual customer, listen to his or her wishes and offer expert advice. The salon offers discounts for students and pensioners and sells gift vouchers.

FRIZERSTVO DARJA KOLAR S.P.

Dobrna 65 a, 3204 Dobrna

☎ +386 (0)31 322 119

✉ darja.kolar86@gmail.com



Aroma

This beauty salon offers therapeutic massage (classic massage, lymphatic draining, reflexology foot massage, aromatherapy, etc.), pedicures, manicures, facial and body treatments, hair removal and paraffin wraps for the hands and feet. Gift vouchers are available.

AROMA, MOJCA RAZGORŠEK S.P.

Dobrna 14 c, 3204 Dobrna

☎ +386 (0)41 531 654

✉ aroma.mr@gmail.com

FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT



Dance nights at Terme Dobrna

Dance nights are held every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at the Hotel Vita cafe and every Wednesday and Sunday at the Villa Higiea wine cellar.

TERME DOBRNA

Dobrna 50, 3204 Dobrna

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www.terme-dobrna.si



Entertaining at the Villa Higiea wine cellar

The wine cellar can accommodate 15 to 45 people. It can be used for a variety of events such as receptions, birthdays and anniversaries, business meetings, wine tastings and weddings. The wine cellar is famous for its Bacchus feasts.

TERME DOBRNA

Dobrna 50, 3204 Dobrna

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Weddings in Terme Dobrna

Civil wedding ceremonies can be held at the Villa Higiea wedding hall or in the open air in the park pavilion for a particularly unforgettable experience. The celebration can be organised at the Spa House festive hall, Spa House smaller hall or the à la carte restaurant in Hotel Vita. Newlyweds who decide to organise their special day in Terme Dobrna can take advantage of discounts on a number of other services.

TERME DOBRNA

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www.terme-dobrna.si



Birthday parties with Vitko the Dwarf at Terme Dobrna

Vitko the Dwarf is a cheerful fellow – a friendly, apple-cheeked character that will play hide and seek with children, run around with them and perhaps even play a memorable trick or two. For children aged 2 to 8, three different themed 2-hour birthday parties can be organised in the company of Vitko. The entertainment programme is organised by an entertainment coordinator.

TERME DOBRNA

Dobrna 50, 3204 Dobrna

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@ info@terme-dobrna.si

www.terme-dobrna.si



The night bar

The night bar is situated in the centre of Dobrna, next to the main parking lot. It is open every day of the year.

NOČNI BAR CANK JOŽE S.P.

Dobrna 9, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 16:00 - 4:00, Sun 16:00 - 2:00

☎ +386 (0)35 778 450

TIPS FOR THINGS TO DO IN THE LAND OF CELJE



KSEVT Vitanje

The Cultural Centre of European Space Technologies, the only institute of its kind in the world, focuses on space culturalisation rather than militarisation or commercialisation.



The Old Castle at Celje

The castle is a Celje icon; also worth visiting is the Knežji dvor building next to Narodni dom, where you can see a collection of excavated objects from Roman times (the Town under the Town permanent exhibition).



The Žiče Carthusian Monastery

Situated near Slovenske Konjice, Žiče is Slovenia's oldest Carthusian monastery and a gem of medieval religious architecture. Built in the 12th century, it was the first Carthusian monastery outside of the western monasteries.



The Velenje Mining Museum

An extraordinary underground museum featuring the latest technology. They even serve visitors a miners' brunch below ground.



Lake Šmartinsko jezero

An attractive tourist destination near Celje and a veritable paradise for hikers, fishing and nature enthusiasts. Boat rides available.



Information:
TIC Dobrna
☎ +386 (0)3 78 01 064

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DOBRNA

DOBRNA WAS GIVEN MUNICIPALITY STATUS after the 1998 reform of local self-government in the Republic of Slovenia. On a total surface of 31.68 km², the municipality has 2,164 inhabitants (data from 31.12.2009).

THERE ARE 11 SETTLEMENTS in the Dobrna municipality, namely Dobrna, Pristova, Loka pri Dobrni, Zavrh nad Dobrno, Klanč, Lokovina, Brdce nad Dobrno, Strmec nad Dobrno, Parož, Vrba and Vinška Gorica. The largest settlement, the village of Dobrna, is situated at an altitude of 375 m. The highest point of the municipality is Paški Kozjak – Štrukljev vrh (1,227 m).

THE DISTANCE to the administration centre in Celje is 18 km and 10 km to the town of Velenje. The distance to the nearest airport in Maribor is 60 km, 85 km to the Brnik airport and 120 km to the Graz airport.

Dobrna enjoys a very mild **CLIMATE**. Paški Kozjak shelters the basin in the north, keeping out the cold north winds. The average annual temperature is 8.4 °C, the average summer temperature is 16.5 °C, the average temperature in August is 18.4 °C and the highest temperature in August is 31.5 °C.

There are on average 97 rainy days a year, with annual precipitation of around 960 mm and 8% average humidity.

By approving three site plans, the Dobrna Municipality has expanded its options for the development of tourism and other business opportunities.

More information:
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Cashpoint

There is a cashpoint in the centre of Dobrna at the Dobrna supermarket. There is also a cashpoint at the Dobrna filling station.

Petrol Dobrna filling station

The filling station is situated at the turn for Dobrna from the direction of Velenje or Celje.

**BENCINSKI SERVIS
PETROL DOBRNA**
Pristova 21, 3204 Dobrna

Opening hours:
Mon - Sat 7:00 - 20:00
(7:00 - 19:00 in winter),
Sun 7:00 - 15:00
(7:00 - 13:00 in winter)
☎ +386 (0)3 78 18 028

Dobrna post office

Situated in the centre of Dobrna in the municipal building.

POŠTA DOBRNA
Dobrna 19, 3204 Dobrna
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 - 10:30 and 14:30 - 17:00,
Sat 8:00 - 11:00
☎ +386 (0)3 78 01 040

The Dobrna library

In the extension at the Dobrna primary school, which houses the newly built, multi-purpose Dobrna Culture Centre, you will find a modern, spacious library well stocked with a wide range of reading materials.

Dobrna 1a, 3204 Dobrna
Opening hours: tue 12:00 - 14:00,
Wed, Fri 16:00 - 19:00,
Sat 9:00 - 12:00
☎ +386 (0)3 42 61 780

The Dobrna medical centre

Is situated in the building next to the Dobrna primary school. It comprises a general clinic and a dental clinic.

**ZDRAVSTVENA POSTAJA
DOBRNA**
Dobrna 5, 3204 Dobrna
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(general clinic)
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(dental clinic)

The pharmacy

Situated in the centre of Dobrna in the corner building next to the main parking lot.

LEKARNA DOBRNA
Dobrna 9, 3204 Dobrna
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TIC Dobrna

Operates as part of ZTŠK Dobrna, established by the Dobrna Municipality.



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CELJE	17 km
MARIBOR	72 km
LJUBLJANA	80 km
MURSKA SOBOTA	122 km
JESENICE	141 km
KOPER	186 km
NOVA GORICA	187 km
LJUBLJANA AIRPORT	82 km
MARIBOR AIRPORT	64 km



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