

Famous Croatian shrine and one of the most beautiful Croatian Baroque churches was built from donations of the citizens of Krapina. It holds the miraculous statue of Mary brought from Jerusalem. The construction of the church lasted from 1750 to 1761, when it was consecrated. It still remains a place of pilgrims' gathering - votive place. The interior of the church and the atrium are decorated with beautiful scenes from the life of Mary, and unique baroque organ with the choir is a work of master Antun Roemer. On both sides of the access road to the church are Stations of the Cross, hand painted by Zagorje and Croatian famous artist Ivan Lovrenčić, which were officially opened in 2002. From May to October different kermesses are held there.



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CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF JERUSALEM

CRAFT



Krapina early became the craft centre thanks to the privileges of King Ljudevit I in 1347 which enabled it autonomy of practicing craft, trade and agriculture. At the beginning of the 19th century famous factory "Krapina's rocks" started working, which produced decorative and usable ceramics (blikum - Three-part pot, Krapina's judges, jugs "svrbljivci", etc.) and was regularly praised at international exhibitions. The first wine fair in Croatia after the disease phylloxera was held in Krapina on 3rd February 1907 in Magistrate building. It is still possible to feel and taste a bit of rich wine history in the back yard of Ljudevit Gaj's birth house where a unique and the only surviving specimen of native vine "Krapina's helina", which was widespread in 19th century, can be found. As craftsmen gathered in Krapina in the past, they do so now at Zagorje Economic Association (as part of Kajkavian Culture Week) where they exhibit their traditional and contemporary products.



ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH FRANCISCAN MONASTERY



The Franciscans arrived to Krapina in mid-17th century at the invitation of Ana Maria Erdödy, the wife of Croatian Vice-Roy Sigismund, who gave them the land to build a monastery. They were powerful carriers of faith, spirituality, pharmacy and education (from 1685 to 1783 there was a study of philosophy for the education of young Province Franciscan in a monastery). There is a library in Franciscan monastery which holds priceless literary materials (rare incunabula) and a collection of religious art. Every year in May Franciscans organize the Festival of Sacred Music "Krapinafest", and throughout a year they host many concerts.

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STRAHINJŠČICA

Like a shield Strahinjščica Hill (847 m) surrounds Krapina and offers a magnificent view of the entire Zagorje. The path to the Mountain house is well-marked. Near the house there are beautiful meadows which can be used for recreation and after refreshment and the local food one can enjoy the fresh mountain air and the scent of Strahinjščica's exceptional flora.

Duty hours in Mountain house
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PARISH CHURCH



Krapina's parish church, dedicated to St. Nicholas - bishop and confessor, patron of the town of Krapina, is one of the oldest parishes in Zagorje - it was first mentioned in written records in 1193. The Church was built in the early 20th century on the site of the old gothic church destroyed due to deterioration. It holds valuable relics and beautiful organ, the work of the organist Heferer, on which great musicians often perform memorable concerts. This beautiful church is open for sightseeing throughout the day (7.00 - 20.00).



CONCERT HALL

Krapina's imposing temple of culture restored in 2007 offers the visitor an unusual experience through numerous theatrical performances and concerts. This is a place where a traditional Kajkavian Song Festival has been taking place for years, and recently many other festivals.

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KRAPINA

THE TOWN OF HISTORY & CULTURE





Krapina was first mentioned in written documents in 1193, and in 1347 it became a free royal town. Worldwide, Krapina is significant as the largest and richest fossil site of Neanderthal remains and stone artefacts 130 000 years old which were discovered in 1899 by Dragutin Gorjanović Kramberger. Krapina was one of the centres of the Croatian National Revival and today it is a historical, cultural, educational, economic and political centre of Krapina-Zagorje County, and thanks to its rich cultural offer (Krapina's špelancije, Actors Festival, Festival of Sacred Music-Krapinafest, Summer in Krapina, Kajkavian Culture Week and Kajkavian Song Festival, Zagorje Art Salon, Zagorje Firefly Music Festival, Traditional Christmas concert, festivals - Song and Tamburitza, Musicians, Play for Us) it has an important place on the Croatian map.



The medieval fortress-town on a steep cliff above the river valley of Krapinščica is associated with the Legend of Čeh, Leh and Meh and their sister Vilina. It is a story of tragic love between the Roman general and Vilina who was punished by her brothers for treason and confined in Old Town walls. The brothers fled from Romans to the north where they founded the Slavic countries Czech Republic, Poland and Russia. Throughout the history this fortress frequently changed its owners; due to the purchase, marriage or donation. The dukes of Celje, Regievic family, Drašković family resided in it, and the last owners of the fortress were families Lichtenberg and Ottenfels. During the worst Turkish attacks on Croatia (end of 16th, beginning of 17th century) five sessions of the Croatian Parliament were held there. Nearby, in the chapel of St. Trinity in 1405, in the presence of more than 400 European kings, princes and lords, a great ceremony was held - a royal wedding of Croatian-Hungarian king Sigismund of Luxemburg (reigned from 1387 to 1437) and Barbara of Celje, the daughter of Count Herman of Celje and Zagorje. Since 1994 archaeological excavations have systematically been carried out. This monumental complex, the Croatian town of Vice-hoy and parliament, has a high degree of importance in the history of Croatian people and its statehood.



LJUDEVIT GAJ MUSEUM



Ljudevit Gaj, Croatian linguist, poet, journalist and politician, was born in Krapina in 1809. He was a central person and ideologist of the Illyrian movement from 1835 to 1843, reformer of the Croatian alphabet, author of the first universally accepted Croatian spelling and publisher of the first newspaper in Croatian language "Novine Horvatske". In his birth house, which is protected as a cultural monument, there is a museum which takes visitors back to his time - it displays portraits of Gaj and his family, furniture, photocopies of Gaj's manuscripts, printed texts, books, brochures, newspapers and magazines which he edited and published.



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Krapina's špelancije (February/March)



Actors Festival in Krapina (after Easter)



Zagorje Art Salon (triennial event)



Festival Musicians, Play for Us (June)

TOURIST BOARD OF KRAPINA

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It is the artistic soul of Krapina in which, since the opening in 1993, numerous exhibitions and meetings of artists have been held. It is located in neoclassical Majcen family house, a magnificent building from the 19th century, and it operates within the Public Educational Institution (POU) Krapina. Long before Majcen family donated the house to the town, prominent names of Illyrian movement, like great Croatian patron Archbishop Josip Juraj Strossmayer, met there. At present, along with many art exhibitions, Exhibition of Easter eggs and Zagorje Art Salon, exhibition of works by famous Croatian artists from its rich holdings are housed there.



TOWN GALLERY

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Sculpture Park "Forma Prima" is a unique outdoor museum of contemporary wooden sculptures in Croatia. The collection has more than 30 sculptures, made by famous world and local sculptors of the 1980s, located near the Krapina Neanderthal Museum at Josipovac Hill. Park has the status of cultural property.

FORMA PRIMA



The new Krapina Neanderthal Museum was opened in February 2010. One of the most modern and sophisticated museums in the world which, through its multimedia contents, takes visitors through the evolution of Earth, from its earliest geological history with the reconstruction of cosmic evolution (so-called "Big Bang") to the development of human civilization until today. The reconstruction of Neanderthals' life and customs finishes by visiting their actual habitat, most important and protected paleontological site in Croatia - the half-cave at Hušnjakovo, where paleontologist Dragutin Gorjanović Kramberger discovered the remains of "Krapina Early Man" in 1899.



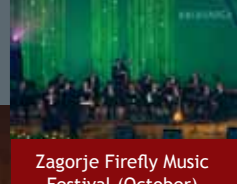
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Summer in Krapina (August)



Kajkavian Song Festival (September)



Zagorje Firefly Music Festival (October)



The Day of the Town Krapina (December)

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