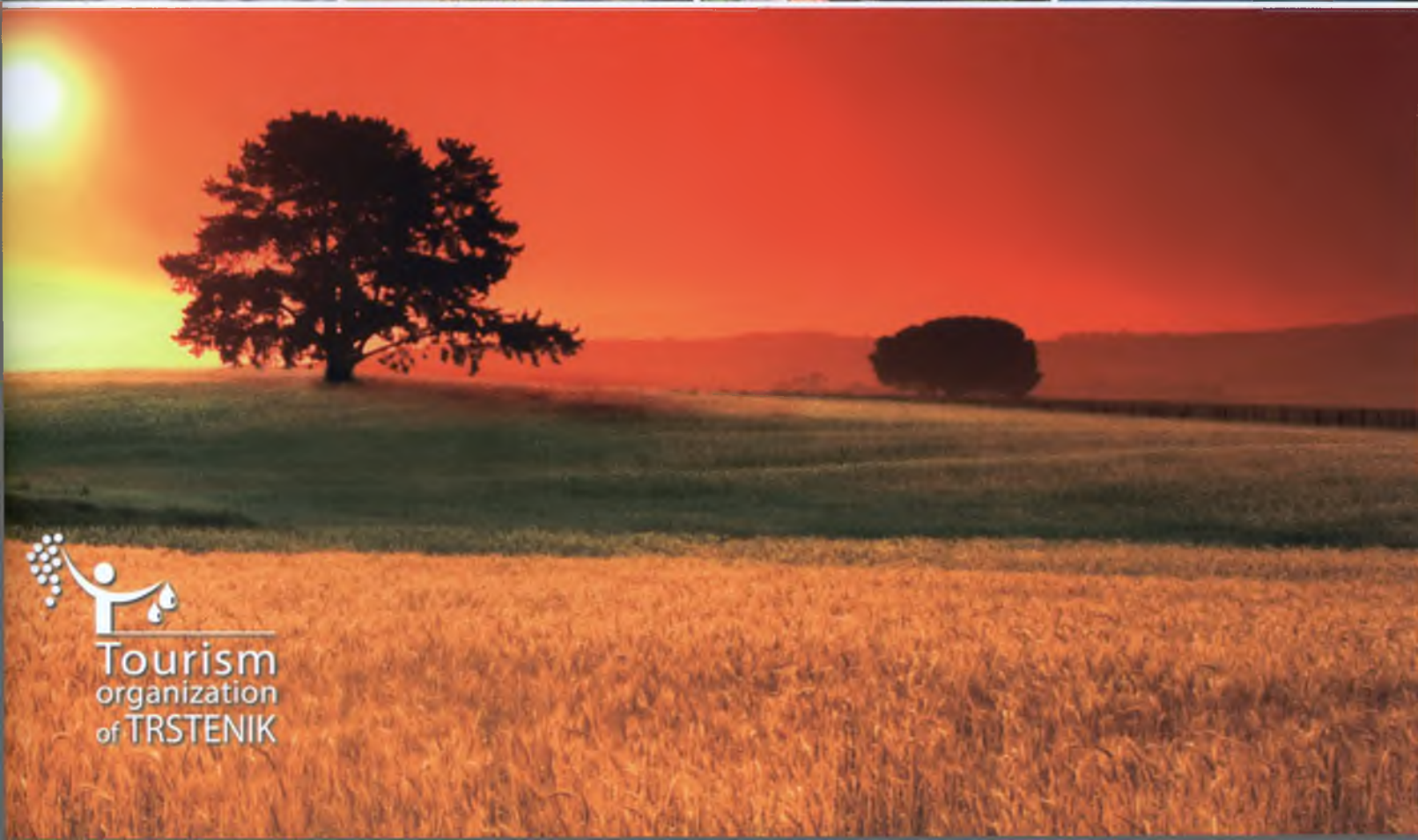


# TRSTENIK

*New Tourist Destination*

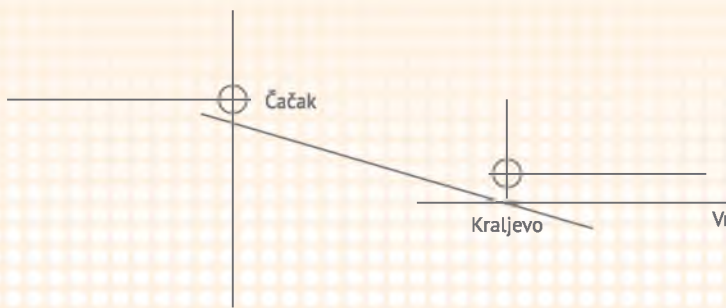




## HOW TO GET HERE

Trstenik is at the crossroads of important transportation routes since the ancient times. It is located on the national road Kruševac-Kraljevo-Čačak-Užice, 52 km away from a connection to highway E75 Belgrade –Niš nearby Pojate and 30 km away from the Ibar highway, actually, from the national road for Kragujevac. The nearest airport is “Constantine the Great” Airport in Niš, 100 km away. The airport is 230 km away from Belgrade airport.

The vicinity of Vrnjačka Banja Spa (10 km) and Kopaonik (90 km) has the great significance for the touristic position of Trstenik, as well as the position on the Wine Route. In the vicinity of the town, 2 km east, there is touristic-sports airport “Trstenik”.





Trstenik municipality is situated in the central part of Serbia, in the fertile valley of the West Morava and on the slopes of the Gledić Mountains and Goč. Approximately 45.000 habitants live in 51 settlements. Trstenik is economic, administrative and cultural center of the municipality which has approximately 16.000 habitants. In the vicinity of Trstenik, 10 km west of the town is the most celebrated Vrnjačka Banja Spa. 21° longitude goes through the municipality, that line symbolically connects us with the rest of the world in space and time and tell us that we are geographically, historically and culturally part of Europe.

The nature was very generous to Trstenik's region giving it good position, fertile soil and hardworking hosts. Lying at the crossroads since the ancient times, Trstenik is a town with a rich history and tradition. Even the Neolithic farmer knew to recognize the benefits of this region and settled the localities Blagotin and Stragari. The Romans brought us vine and left it for ever. Two monasteries, Veluće and Ljubostinja, which are the endowments of two Serbian princesses, dates back to the medieval times.

The first written mention of Trstenik is in the Charter of Prince Lazar issued to the Ravanica Monastery, in which he gave Veluće, Trstenik and Ribnik to his endowment. The town Trstenik was founded between 1832 to 1838 by order of Prince Miloš Obrenović, leaving to the previous settlement, which is two kilometers west, the name Stara Čaršija.

Trstenik municipality is the homeland of excellent metalworkers of "Prva Petoletka", hardworking truck farmers and skillful vintners. Earlier, Trstenik was a town of craftsmen and traders, but today it is modern, urban town cherishing its ancestors' spirit who left the rich, cultural heritage.

Our biggest value is warm, open hearted and cheerful spirit. Hospitality is everywhere. There is a place for everyone: whether you are admirers of nature and rivers, culture and tradition, sport and recreation or you are admirers of good wine and food.

**If you are making travel plans wanting to visit Serbia, then without any doubt you should consider visiting Trstenik. The Tourism Organization wishes you warm welcome!**

WELCOME

Trstenik municipality spreads over western part of the Kruševac ravine where the West Morava flows through and it lies on the slopes of the **Gledić Mountains and Goč**. The Gledić Mountains are considered the most beautiful mountains in Šumadija District because of their natural beauties: canyon valley, mountain rivers and brooks, numerous springs and diversity of flora. They are also called mythical mountains because they have been preserving traces since the ancient times: from the Neolithic Age over seven medieval cities built on the Roman fortifications, monasteries, till present days.

It has got pleasant, temperate continental climate, with 70 sunny days a year.

The **Zapadna Morava** flows through Trstenik in the length of 20 kilometers . On the spot where's the gorge exits, where Goč is closest to the Gledić Mountains, lies a small town Trstenik.

**Mineral water Mivela** is known for its mild taste and odor, extremely rich in magnesium, with optimal ratio of minerals and it is just right after physical activities. That's why sportsmen prefer this water. According to experts' opinion, this water has been declared the best water in the world on the World's exhibition in New York.



# NATURE



Nature was very generous to Trstenik giving it fertile soil. The Neolithic man knew to recognize it when he decided to settle this area around 6000 BC. In Poljna village, 20 kilometres from Trstenik, the early neolithic site of **Blagotin** is situated, which is one of the richest and most significant sites in Serbia considering the numerous and the diversity of the excavated material. The younger site is the one in **Stragari** from period 4500-4000 BC.

The medieval town **Grabovac** known as Jerinin grad, testifies about the strategic significance of the road that was leading through the valley of the Zapadna Morava. The town was established by Byzantine Emperor Justinian in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, and it was restored and enlarged by the Serbian medieval rulers. It is bigger and more accessible than far more popular Koznik, Maglič and Soko grad.

There are also two monasteries Ljubostinja and Veluče, two beauties of Morava Serbia, the endowments of two Serbian princesses dedicated to the Holy Virgin.

The **Ljubostinja Monastery** is 4 km north of Trstenik and it is an endowment of Princess Milica which was built from 1388 to 1405. Milica is one of the most impressive characters as wife, mother and ruler in Serbian history. The name Ljubostinja originates from two words "ljubve" and "stan" which means Place of Love. This is the place where Milica had first met her future husband Lazar and in memory of this event she decided to establish the monastery.

Since the beginning, the Ljubostinja monastery has been the center of cultural and spiritual life. Besides Milica, later Nun Evgenija, the monastic life also found Jelena, later Nun Jefimija, who was the wife of Despot Jovan Uglješa Mrnjavčević. She was the first Serbian poet. Her famous work is "Ode to Prince Lazar" which was embroidered by a golden thread on big red cloth which was intended to cover the body of the killed prince. Both rulers died and were buried here, in this monastery. The legend says that Milica, while her friend was dying, gave Jefimija her sarcophagus, which she dedicated for herself, with carved lily that denotes purity and chastity which is usually attributed to the Holy Virgin.



# LANDMARKS





The **Veluče monastery**, which carries the same name as the village, is 5 km south from regional road Kruševac-Kraljevo, "in the middle of Prince Lazar's land", and from the west, the monastery is situated on the approach to his capital.

The Veluče monastery is one of the rarest monasteries whose founder is unknown, but it is certain that it was built in 1377 - 1378, and depicted in 1389. According to the founder's fresco and inscription in the naos it can be concluded that the founder was a woman. The legend says that the monastery was founded by Mara, daughter of Prince Lazar and wife of Vuk Branković, as a symbol of repentance. Be that as it may, the founder remains veiled.

Architecturally, the monastery belongs to the Morava school, and because of its similarity with Lazarica in Kruševac, it is considered that the Lazarica monastery was model and they were built at the same time by the same masters.

Monastic buildings are situated in not so wide garden full of flowers and mass of greenery.

In the vicinity of the monastery, between Veluče and Tobolac, there are springs of natural mineral water which has been known for its therapeutic characteristics for decades and the monastery is usually called "spring building". Earlier it was known as Srebrnica named after the river. You can still find few gold and silver miners.

**St Petka Church**, 2 km from Trstenik, is situated in one of the most beautiful spots where magnificent scenery can be seen and it is surrounded by vineyards. Allegedly, before Princess Milica moved the sacred bones of St Petka from Trnovo to Belgrade, they had rested in this church. It is believed that water welling here cures sterility.

The old center of town with numerous buildings from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century testifies that Trstenik was a town of notable craftsmen, traders and vintners. The most beautiful is the house of notable trader **Petar Katić** from 1875. It is protected by law as cultural property. The ground floor is rearranged into a restaurant, where specialities of domestic cuisine are served in a very pleasant atmosphere.

# LANDMARKS



The building of **former Primary school "St Sava"** dates back to 1873. It is situated right next to the church on the same estate. The Austrian engineer Franc Vinter who, in 1872, worked on regulation plan of Vrnjačka Banja projected the most beautiful villas in Vrnjačka Banja. Today, you can find there business and cultural offices.

In the center of Trstenik is **St Trinity Church**. It dates back to golden age of Trstenik. It was built from 1898 to 1900. It is the first church which wasn't built in the Morava Style and it was a model to the builders from the beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is similar to Church of king Milutin in Hilandar. Concerning acoustic, Oplenac church is better.

The **Parlament building** dates back to 1935. It was built on the place where the office of head was situated. The building is in the very center of town as well as church and old school.

**Church of St Archangel Gavril** is in Ribnik village. As the legend says, village was named after rich fish ponds. The Nemanjićs, the Hrebeljanovićs, the Obrenovićs and the Karadjordjevićs adored fish from these fish ponds. In 1824, Miloš Obrenović built the church for people of this village and it was one of his places for repentance. This church is one of the oldest in Trstenik municipality and in 1984, it was declared the cultural monument and it is under protection.



# LANDMARKS

The culture of Trstenik and its surroundings has a long-lasting and rich tradition. The Ljubostinja Monastery has been the cultural center of vast significance for the whole region for centuries. **Jefimija**, the first Serbian poet, spent last years of her life in the Monastery of Ljubostinja. "**The Ode to Prince Lazar**" is one of the most significant works of Serbian medieval literature and also the first achievement of the female poet in the whole Europe.

Traditionally, rich cultural life of Trstenik is organized by the following institutions: The Adult Educational Center Trstenik, The National Library "Jefimija", The Cultural Center and numerous cultural and art associations.

The Adult Educational Center has at its disposal **The Art Salon**- a hall for the exhibition of works of arts that could be envied by many big cities, as well as **The Cultural Center** with the seating area of approximately six hundred seats. The **Museum of Trstenik** is interesting for its permanent ethnographic exhibition. The purpose of **The Youth Square** is being the summer stage. The Art Association of Romanies has its own gallery "**Forma**" in which various culture programmes are organized.

The **Legacy of Hometown Artists**, established by Electricity Generation Company, represents a treasure of hometown artists, which will be permanent testimony of possible and successful cooperation between economy and culture. It is entrusted to the care of the The National Library "Jefimija".

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# CULTURE



In Trstenik area old meets new at almost every step. Houses from the past, water mills, a number of old crafts and various customs, all of these make this region particularly interesting.

Traditional clothes - **folk costumes** can be seen in the workshop for making folk costumes in Stragari village, in the local museum, during folklore manifestations and rarely in fairs. Long embroidered socks worn by men on special occasions were very characteristic for this area and from then on, people from this area are called "**Čarapani**". Trstenik area is famous far and wide for **rugs**. Even the famous travel writer Feliks Kanic noticed that nowhere else in Serbia such high quality rugs could be found but in Trstenik and Pirot. Many women from Trstenik cherish weaving and embroidery skills. Braided scarves, cloaks, bags are made very precisely and they are original concerning ornament and colours.

In **Soda shop** founded in 1935. you can refresh yourself with "klaker", made by the recipes from the last century.

Villages on the left banks of the Morava river, Medveđa, Velika Drenova, Milutovac are famous for **grafters**.

**Popina** village is famous for the plenty of quartzite stone and its process. In workshop for aesthetic process of quartzite stone, which dates back to 1935, inspiration is found in the stone plastic of the Morava school.

As the legend says, **Dublje** village was named after an enormous stone, and the village was developed in its vicinity. "The stone from Dublje" from neighboring mines is known outside the borders. Few family workshops in Dublje are devoted to mill stone carving. The oldest **stone cutting shop** dates back to 1875, golden age for stone cutters, when water mills appeared on almost every brook.

**Brezovica** is famous for the numerous **lime kilns**. The valleys of the Brezovica and the Popina rivers are rich in marble, which has been the main source for producing good quality lime for almost two centuries.

**Twig weaving**, an ancient craft developed near rivers, is the most popular in **Odžaci** village. Many different materials, especially willow tree, are used for making very usable household objects.



# OLD CRAFTS

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**Start in Trstenik: the Church of St. Trinity – Cultural center – the building of elementary school St. Sava – The House of Katić – Trstenik Museum – iron bridge over Morava – The Church of St. Petka on Vetrenjak – Ljubostinja Monastery – the return to Trstenik over the concrete bridge on Morava.**

**Profile:** Hiking and bicycle tour

**Length:** 15km

**Time needed to complete the tour:** 5 hrs hiking, 2 hrs by bicycle

**Lowest point:** Trstenik (172m above sea level)

**Highest point:** Đula (438m above sea level)

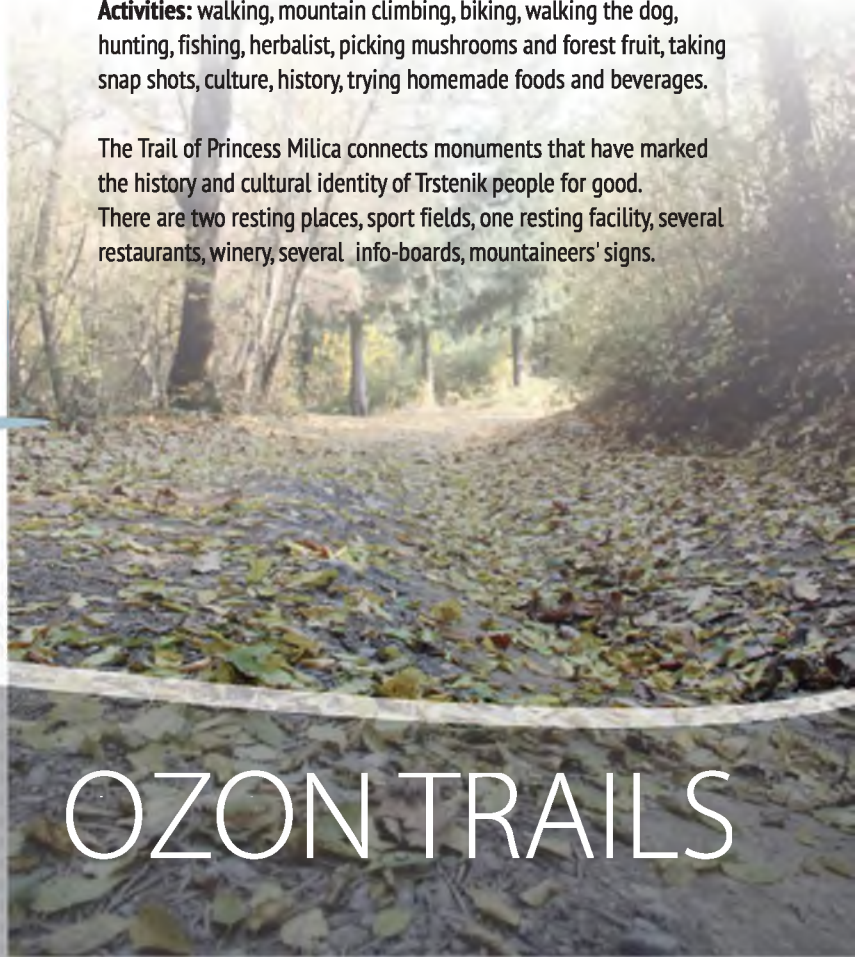
**Terrain:** asphalt, macadam, forest road

**Hiking conditions:** safe in any weather, from spring till autumn.

**Activities:** walking, mountain climbing, biking, walking the dog, hunting, fishing, herbalist, picking mushrooms and forest fruit, taking snap shots, culture, history, trying homemade foods and beverages.

The Trail of Princess Milica connects monuments that have marked the history and cultural identity of Trstenik people for good.

There are two resting places, sport fields, one resting facility, several restaurants, winery, several info-boards, mountaineers' signs.



*The Trail of Princess Milica*



**Start from Trstenik: Trstenik Museum-Soda Shop-City square**  
- Osaonica - Dublje (mill stone carving workshop) - Popina (stone carving) - Brezovica (lime kilns, watermills, ethno village, church)  
- Rogovi - St John church - Čairi - the return to Trstenik

**Profile:** hiking and bicycle trail

**Length:** 25 km

**Time needed to complete the tour:** 8 hours for hikers, 4 hours for bikers; from Trstenik, as well as from Vrnjačka Banja, takes about half an hour to get to the Brezovica by car.

**Lowest point:** Trstenik (172 m. above sea level)

**Highest point:** Rogovi (513 m. above sea level)

**Terrain:** asphalt, macadam, forest road

**Hiking conditions:** safe in any weather, from spring till autumn

**Activities:** walking, mountain climbing, bike ride, walking the dog, bird watching, hunting, fishing, herbalist, picking mushrooms and forest fruit, taking snap shots, learning old trades, trying homemade food and drink, hanging out with locals, rural activities...

There are two ethno houses, watermills, two resting places, sport fields, outdoor pool, several info-boards, mountaineers' signs.



OZON TRAILS

The Old Crafts Trail

Morava and its bridges are regarded as trademark of people who live in Trstenik. Numerous meanders, river islands and dense vegetation make the landscape attractive and it is paradise for fishermen. Morava is full of fish such as sneep, chub and barbel, little less catfish, but very rare types are carp and bream. Mountain streams are rich in brook trout which is a symbol of pureness of water.

The **Morava** surroundings are pleasant to hikers, sportsmen, artists. Yet, the biggest lovers of Morava are fishermen and boatmen. Morava boat is unavoidable item in Morava landscape. It is run by a pole, and skilled boatmen compete on manifestation "Trstenik on the Morava river" which has been organized every August for the last 15 years.

Ethno house "Vilin dar" for her guests organized **raft ride**. Enjoy the gentle ambience of the Morava.

There are **mountain trails**, over 100 km long for the admirers of nature and active vacation in the Gledić Mountains(922 m) and Goč (992 m). The program includes discovering the peaks of neighbouring mountains. Visitors can walk, hike or bike the trail. For those interested in hiking and cycling we recommend **The Trail of Princess Milica and The Old Crafts Trail**, which except of refreshing, offers cultural experience.

If you go along **The Trail of Princess Milica**, you will follow the footsteps of Serbian ruler and founder of the Ljubostinja monastery. This ground marked her life: she grew up here on the estate of her father, Jug Bogdan, here she first met prince Lazar, she founded her endowment and this is the place where she rests.

If you go along **The Old Crafts Trail** which leads through the valleys of the Popina river and the Bršljanica, you will familiarize with watermill stories, the art of sandstone processing, the authentic Lime Kiln or you can be wrapped in one of those hand-made scarves and the greatest fashion admirers will remain envious.



# ACTIVE VACATION



Collecting medical herbs, mushrooms and forest fruits are activities offered to the visitors in the villages.

**Hunting** has a very long tradition in Trstenik municipality: during the Middle Ages this area was hunting ground of the aristocracy, including the Prince Lazar. The hunting area "Dubička reka" coincides with the territory of the municipality Trstenik. Its area is about 448 km<sup>2</sup>. Hunting association "Trstenik" manages hunting area and has around 1700 members.

Is there a better way to experience the beauties of this town then to observe them from the air? **Panoramic sight-seeing** of Trstenik and its surroundings with fascinating landscapes of forests, rivers, vineyards, monasteries is a unique experience. The Aero Club Trstenik organizes tourist flights including sightseeing of Trstenik and its surrounding area (Vrnjačka Banja, Kraljevo and Kruševac, the monasteries of Ljubostinja, Veluće, Žiča, Kalenić, St Petka).

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# ACTIVE VACATION



The villages of Trstenik attract at first sight with diverse nature, interesting customs and crafts, kind and hardworking people, good wine and rich and diverse variety of dishes.

**Brezovica** village has been gladly visited by many tourists for years. Natural beauties, traditional crafts, good cuisine, hospitable hosts make staying here be remembered and retold. Collecting medical herbs and forest fruits, hiking, swimming in a pool or familiarizing with the old and almost forgotten crafts and customs are activities offered to the guests.

**Ethno house "Brezovica"** has 10 beds, a restaurant with 40 seats and an open swimming pool with spring water.

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**Ethno village "Rakezići"** covers the area of 5 hectares of the family estate and it contains: a restaurant, a house for vacation and overnight stay, a museum and authentic log-huts over 100 years old.

There are 8 beds, two double rooms, and two rooms with French beds. Each room has: TV set, air-conditioning, heating and bathroom.

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**Ethno household "Lugovi"** in Bresno Polje offers a small zoo where you can see a pony, a donkey, rabbits, geese, pheasants, ostriches, and a special kind of pigs so called "mangulice". In the "House of healthy food" organic food from plants and animals is produced.

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**The Garden of Nikolići in Jasikovica** has got a house, a wine cellar for tasting wine, barbecue and authentic bakery made of mud, where you can bake bread or some different kind of food. In the spacious yard is a beautiful stage where the host, the famous journalist and the author of the show "Šarenica", organizes entertainment programmes for his guests and the locals. The house has four beds in two rooms and a library, and the sleeping is on mattresses with cornstalks.

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# VILLAGE VACATION





In the household **At Žika's neighbour** for those who prefer peace and quiet five beds in two double rooms and one single are prepared. We sincerely recommend walk to the nearest viewpoint or visiting the local winery in the village Bučje.

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**The Floral Ćukovac** is an oasis of quiet, hidden place which is full of love for animals and flowers. Accommodation is suitable for families with children who would enjoy spending time here with dog, horses and chickens. A welcome, friendly housewife will serve you honey and brandy.

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**The Magic garden** is about 10 km from the monastery Kalenić, an area known by its hardworking grafters. Here you can try restoring an old furniture. On the family farm cows and sheep are taken to pasture every day.

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The natural beauty, rich culture heritage, traditional crafts, good food and friendly locals make these visits unforgettable.



# VILLAGE VACATION



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Present day vineyards are developed on the remnants of Roman and Imperial vineyards resulting in good quality wine. Tourists have at their disposal three wineries.

**Winery "Stemina"** has its own vineyards on the edge of beautiful oak forests near Ljubostinja, on the same place where the Imperial vineyards were in the past. The modernization of fifty year long tradition and experience resulted in wine of good quality. It produces wine such as Chardonnay, Rose, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Baric. The winery can receive 30 visitors.

**Family winery "Milosavljević"** lies in fertile glades of Bučje village, in the vicinity of the Veluče monastery. The winery is a result of two hundred years old tradition and experience acquired abroad. The winery is capable to receive tourist groups and would welcome all those who want to relax and enjoy in green vineyards and in taste of specific red and white wine.

Winery resort **"Vineyards Nikolić"** is a perfect place, where you can rest, relax and taste vines with a perfect view on Župa's vineyards and glades of Kopaonik. The complex has three luxurious suites and rooms for wine tasting with 25 and 50 seats.

# WINE ROUTE



**Epiphany swimming for Holy Cross (on 19<sup>th</sup> of January)**

Organized by: Local Community Stopanja Church and Municipality of Bela Voda

**Winegrowers' Day - St. Trifun's Day (on 14<sup>th</sup> of February)**

Organized by: Tourism Organization of Trstenik

**Children's music festival and carnival, (the end of March)**

Organized by: Cultural Center and Adult Educational Center

**Spring Mountaineers' Day (in April)**

Organized by: Mountaineering Association "Ljukten"

**Humanitarian Easter Egg Auction (in April)**

Organized by: Tourism Organization of Trstenik

**The Festival of drama of Primary schools (in April and May)**

Organized by: Adult Educational Center and Cultural Center

**Museums at Night (in May)**

Organized by: Museum of Trstenik

**Municipality's slava- The descent of the Holy Spirit on Apostles (in June)**

Organized by: Municipality of Trstenik

**"Jefimija's Days" (in June)**

Organized by: Cultural and Adult Educational Center

**The Ibar and Morava Regatta, (the end of July)**

Organized by: Water Sports Association

**The Blackberry Day, (on 2<sup>nd</sup> of August)**

Organized by: Local Community Rujišnik

**Trstenik on the Morava river, (in August)**

Organized by: Tourism Organization of Trstenik

**International Art Camp, (in August and September)**

Organized by: Serbian Romany Art Association (LUR) Trstenik

**Moto Show Trstenik (the first weekend of September)**

Organized by: Tourism Organization of Trstenik

**International Art Colony Gornji Dubič, (in September)**

Organized by: Youth Cultural Center "Reformars"

**Čarapanska pečenijada and Vegetable day (in September)**

Organized by: Local Community Stopanja

**Farewell to summer, Jasikovica (in September)**

Organized by: Žika Nikolić, author of the show "Žikina Šarenica"

**All breeds Federal Dog Exhibition, (beginning of October)**

Organized by: Cinology Association Trstenik

**The Day of Trstenik (the 15<sup>th</sup> of October)**

Organized by: Municipality of Trstenik

**The Fair of Hunting, Fishing and Rural Tourism (in October) Trstenik**

Organized by: Municipality of Trstenik

**Memorial Football Tournament "Ljubiša Vukadinović", (in October)**

Organized by: Sports Association "Trstenik" and "Politika"

**Contemporary Serbian Prose, (in November)**

Organized by: The National Library "Jefimija"

**Ribnikar's Mountaineers' Day (the second weekend in November)**

Organized by: Mountaineering Association "Ljukten"

# Calendar of manifestations



Manifestational life of Trstenik is diverse. "Jefimija's Days" has the longest tradition, whereas "Trstenik on the Morava river" gathers the numerous and the most cheerful visitors.

**Celebrating St. Trifun**, the patron of vintners and grape growers, is a tradition in viticulture of Trstenik. In the festive spirit and the plenty of wine of high quality, wine toasts and poetry are told and the king of wine is chosen.

**"Spring Mountaineers' Day"** takes place in April. It attracts a great number of admirers of nature and this kind of sport takes place in Trstenik municipality. The Mountaineers reach Samar, the highest peak of the Gledić mountains, that has an altitude of 922 meters above sea level. The second day is traditionally reserved for visiting Goč.

Visitors coming in June will experience traveling through time and go back to medieval century. **"Jefimija's Days"** is a cultural manifestation with the longest tradition, dedicated to nun Jefimija, the first Serbian female poet, which is held in the churchyard of the Ljubostinja Monastery and Cultural Center. Famous actresses recite the Ode to Prince Lazar in honor to Jefimija. The programme contains the Female art colony, Letter of Jefimija, poetic offerings, musical programme. Poetic award "Jefimija's embroidery" is awarded every year on this manifestation.

**Blackberry Day** gathers producers of this admired fruit and they compete in picking and crops and it is followed by folklore and selecting the most beautiful girl. It is organized by Local Community Rujišnik.

Manifestation **"Trstenik on the Morava"** is a cheer combination of summer, sport, fun, cultural happening and friendship. There is something for everyone!

# MANIFESTATIONS



Broth cooking is the favourite discipline of those who adore it and this is a rare happening for the central part of Serbia. The pole boat race is a unique competition on the Balkan. It requires not only physical condition but skill of conducting a boat along Morava's rapids using poles. Sports courts near the Morava river are reserved for competitions in volleyball, tennis, water polo and on the banks of the river fishermen and swimmers compete.

Painters, folklore dancers and kids artists are also part of this good, almost holiday atmosphere on the town's beach.

Concerts, theatrical performances and literary evenings, baby crawling contest, karaoke and young models parade are reserved for the evening programme.

The **International Art Camp** of the Romany gathers art creators from home and abroad. It exceeds the Romany manifestation because it is dedicated to international understanding and cultural cooperation.

Village Stopanja, well known for its delicious pork and lamb, is the host of "**Čarapanska Pečenijada**".

**Vegetable Day** is an economic manifestation something like fair which gathers vegetable producers from the region as well as numerous representatives of producers of chemical preparation for plants protection and seed materials. It is followed by cultural programme.

**Contemporary Serbian Prose** is a cultural manifestation, which takes place every November in Trstenik, gathers eminent creators of contemporary prose art and it is organized by National Library "Jefimija".

It is interesting to mention that people from Trstenik cherish a **cult of fairs**: there are four organized in the town during the year.



# MANIFESTATIONS



In very pleasant and relaxing environment, near the Morava, there is a **Sports and Recreation Center** with outdoor pool, football court, basketball court, tennis court, sand volleyball, mini pitch, as well as Sports Hall with 1300 seats.

For many visitors one of the most interesting places during the summer is opened pool. It has Olympic swimming pool, children's pool, as well as a platform with nearly 500 seats.

One of the most important sports object is Touristic sports airport. In addition to regular activities such as skydiving, motor flying, gliding and modeling the club organizes the school of the same, Air shows and other events. Unique and unforgettable is sightseeing from the air.

# SPORT



## Don't miss one day trips and excursions:

Monastery tour  
Fish picnic on the Morava river  
Wine tours  
Visiting ethno village and getting to know the old crafts  
Panoramic sightseeing tour  
Hiking or cycling  
Driving by carriage  
Hiking tour to fortification Jerinin grad  
Competition in cooking broth- manifestation " Trstenik on the Morava"

If you want to create your own excursion across Trstenik and its surroundings, please contact Tourism Organization of Trstenik.

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# Service informations





There are several legends concerning the name of the town. According to one of them, it is said that the Slavic tribes who had settled here, brought with them the name **Trstenik** from their original homeland, nowadays Moravska, where you can still find similar toponyms such as: Trsteno, Trstene. In the Middle Age “trstenik” was the name for the place where vine was planted.

The legend says that an old dirty road was passing through **Brezovica** village, the road which was leading to Niš via Župa, and the Emperor Constantine and the Empress Jelena, passing through the village, received Christianity nearby the spring **Krštena voda**.

It is also said that there is a ruin in Donji Dubič, which is 5 kilometers from Ljubostinja, which dates back to the reign of Uroš Nemanjić time, father of Dragutin and Milutin. Around this town, all fields and woods were the property of the king, and his son Milutin was born into one of these estates. This place was later named **Milutovac**, and still exists under the same name.

In the area of village **Ribnik** life existed in the early Neolithic period, so called culture of Vinča. According to legend, the entire field from the village to the river Morava was filled with fish ponds. From these fish ponds the Nemanjićs, Hrebeljanovićs, Obrenovićs and Karađorđevićs ate fish. The village got its name by the rich fish ponds spreading in the lower and the upper part.

**Počekovina** is one of the oldest villages in the municipality of Trstenik. During the battle of Kosovo, Počekovina was an important spiritual center of the Prince Lazar. The Prince himself often visited the village and just before the battle of Kosovo Počekovina was the shelter for the soldiers who were waiting the call for going to the battle field.

# Legends of Toponyms

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