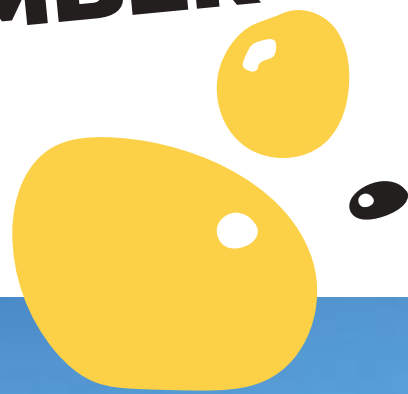


PLACES TO REMEMBER

An aerial photograph of a forested mountain peak. At the top of the mountain, there is a stone ruin or castle. The surrounding landscape is a dense forest of green trees, with a valley and a body of water visible in the distance under a clear blue sky.

**Treasury of nature,
culture, and
experiences**

WE CREATE MEMORIES

Zagreb County is an area of exceptional diversity. Within a short distance, forests and rivers, hills and plainss, historical towns, castles, and villages alternate.

The attractions of this region are not distant or inaccessible – they are part of the everyday landscape, easily accessible and adapted to different interests and generations.

This brochure provides an overview of the most important attractions of Zagreb County – places that shape the identity of the region and remain in



NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

ŽUMBERAK - SAMOBOR MOUNTAINS NATURE PARK

The largest and most valuable protected natural area of Zagreb County. Forests, hiking trails, villages, and preserved landscapes make this area a unique place for spending time in nature.

SLAPNICA AND THE STREAM VALLEY

One of the most famous excursion sites in Žumberak, with a series of waterfalls, promenades, and natural viewpoints.

JAPETIĆ

The highest peak of the Samobor Mountains and a popular hiking destination with panoramic views.

VUKOMERIČKE GORICE

Gentle hills and forested landscape south of Zagreb, ideal for leisurely excursions and getting to know rural nature

TUROPOLJE GROVE

A protected area of forests and meadows, important for the natural identity of Turopolje and the preservation of biodiversity.

SAVA RIVER

An open, linear space for walks, cycling, and spending time outdoors, connecting the city and nature.



HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS AND ARCHITECTURE

SAMOBOR - HISTORICAL TOWN

One of the most visited towns in the region, with a preserved old town center, promenades, and a rich cultural offer.

SAMOBOR OLD TOWN

A medieval fortress located above the town, a favorite excursion site and viewpoint.

OKIĆ OLD TOWN

One of the oldest medieval towns in Croatia, located above Jastrebarsko, with exceptional historical significance and views.

JASTREBARSKO

A town surrounded by parks, nature, and historical buildings, with a long tradition of culture and social life.

ERDÖDY CASTLE - JASTREBARSKO

One of the most significant castles in Zagreb County, surrounded by a park and an important historical symbol of the town.

MANOR HOUSES

Smaller noble residences scattered across the hills, witnesses to the historical and social development of the region.



TRADITION AND REGIONAL SPECIALTIES



INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF ZAGREB COUNTY

The intangible cultural heritage of Zagreb County is preserved in its language, skills, customs, and culinary traditions, all of which have been passed down through generations. Rather than being confined to museum displays, it continues to live in the everyday practices of the people and communities who safeguard it.

GINGERBREAD CRAFT

The traditional craft of making licitar gingerbread, inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, is maintained by family-run workshops such as Oslaković and Arko in Samobor, Saraga in Velika Gorica, and Bičak in Bedenica. Each licitar is shaped, painted, and decorated by hand, giving every piece its own distinctive character.

THE DONJA SUTLA KAJKAVIAN (IKAVIAN) DIALECT

A rare dialect created by the interweaving of Chakavian and Kajkavian dialects in the 16th century. It is still preserved today in Brdovec, Marija Gorica, part of Pušća, and the peripheral areas of Dubravica, where it continues to be transmitted through everyday use.

THE KRUH VUK TRADITIONAL OPANAK-MAKING CRAFT

The Kruh Vuk family preserves the tradition of crafting opanci, traditional leather footwear once commonly worn in everyday life. Handmade and authentic, these leather shoes remain a notable example of a living craft tradition.

RUDARSKA GREBLICA

A savoury pie from the village of Rude, Rudarska greblica was the first protected food product of Zagreb County. Its original recipe is preserved by the Nikl bakery, while the annual Days of Rudarska Greblica celebrates and sustains the tradition.





KRALUŠ

Kraluš is an ornament worn as part of traditional folk costume, indicating a woman's age and social status within the community. The best-known examples are the Samobor and Sveta Nedelja kraluši, handcrafted in fine braided work or on mesh.

BRAIDED KOLADRA

The koladra is a traditional necklace from the Jastrebarsko area, known since the 19th century. Handmade and unique, it is still worn today with traditional costume or as a distinctive accessory.

THE TUROPOLJE DIALECT

The Turopolje dialect is a distinctive form of Kajkavian speech, preserving older linguistic features and remaining one of the region's most recognisable cultural markers.

TUROPOLJE ST GEORGE'S DAY PROCESSIONS

This spring tradition features songs about Green George, village processions, and the lighting of a large bonfire in Velika Gorica and near the Old Town of Lukavec.

FLAX AND WEAVING WORKSHOP

In Ivanić-Grad, visitors can discover the traditional journey of flax — from field to loom — and see handmade linen towels created using time-honoured weaving techniques.

VRBOVEČKA PERA

Vrbovečka pera is a round savoury pie made to a closely guarded family recipe. Today, it is a highlight of the event What Our Ancestors Ate, with initiatives underway for its official protection.

SAMOBOR CREAM SLICE

This traditional dessert is known for its light yellow cream filling and delicate puff pastry. Created in the early 20th century, it remains one of Samobor's best-known specialities.

SAMOBOR ČEŠNOFKA

For more than a century, this lightly smoked sausage with its distinctive garlic flavour has been part of Samobor's culinary tradition and remains a favourite in local restaurants and excursion destinations.

SAMOBOR CARNIVAL

With a tradition spanning two centuries, the Samobor Carnival is one of the town's most distinctive cultural events, renowned for its satirical spirit, colourful parades, masks, and iconic figures such as Prince Fašnik and Sraka.



EVENTS AS ATTRACTIONS

Throughout the year, Zagreb County comes alive through numerous events that attract visitors from all over Croatia and abroad:

- Samobor Carnival
- Bučijada
- What Our Ancestors Ate
- International Knights' Tournament and Continental Croatian Wine Exhibition
- Jelačić Days
- Wine Days and Sparkling Wines & Strawberries
- Gastro Turopolja
- Sveta Nedelja Fish Festival
- Križ Delicacies
- Samobor Musical Autumn
- Vincekovo/Martinje/Škrlet Festival
- Turopolje St. George's Day
- Žumberak Trail
- Kupa Evenings
- Fishermen's and Boatmen's Evening
- Advent in Zagreb County
- Via Vino

Events are an opportunity to experience local culture, customs, and togetherness.



ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL GENERATIONS

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See you - somewhere between a glass of wine and homemade bread.

