

Pictograms



symbol of the sea, the island of Krk, the cradle of the Frankopans



layout of Nova Kraljevica Castle, a symbol of the powerful Zrinski-Frankopan alliance



symbol of the power and influence that the Frankopans had – they were governors (bans), counts (knezovi), builders, diplomats, and artists



six-pointed star, a symbol on the first Frankopan coat of arms from the time of the Counts of Krk



Glagolitic letter (O) – a symbol of advocacy of Croatian literacy, language and literature



Venetian symbol on the second coat of arms of the family, created after changing the name to Frankopan



bread broken by two lions on the Frankopan coat of arms

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THE ROUTES OF THE FRANKOPANS Bribir Tower

“The Routes of the Frankopans’ cultural tourism project is inspired by the legacy of the Frankopans, a famous Croatian noble family who left numerous traces of their influence and power in the area of present-day Primorje-Gorski Kotar County in the period from the beginning of the 12th century until the second half of the 17th.

They wanted everything: personal power, reciprocated love, a blessing from heaven, and their own state. Borders did not exist for them. Space would just open up in front of them as they observed it from the walls of their castles.

And then a border appeared after all – at the least convenient moment.

Dear readers, doesn't this sound like an introduction to a dramatic story from national history? This is the story of the Frankopan noble family, whose origins were on the island of Krk. In fact, it's a number of stories about them that took place over centuries. To follow the routes of the Frankopans means to take a journey across a vivid, authentic landscape built by this family in the areas of Krk, Vinodol and Gorski Kotar.

In the past, the fortress had two towers – a round and a square one. Only the square one, known as Turan Tower, has survived. Its interior was turned into a prison, which is attested to by its narrow cells. Loopholes have been preserved on all its sides. The tower today hosts 'The Routes of the Frankopans' interpretation centre.



In the vicinity, there are also...



view point
„Slipica“



cultural heritage
medieval exhibition



walking trail
the 'Karst and Sage Trail'

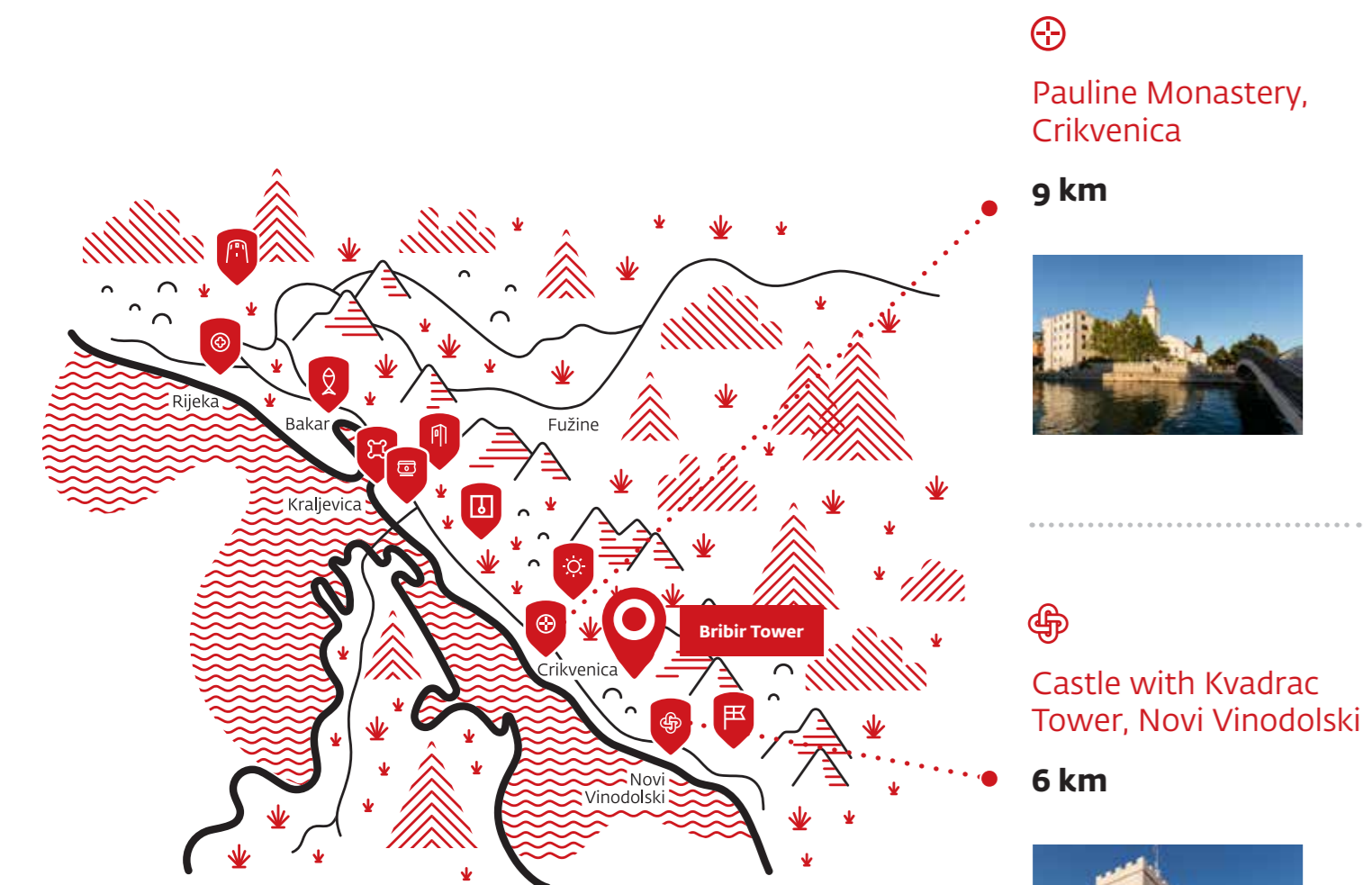
A journey into the past

The tower features an attractive exhibition of coats of arms, medieval weapons, stamps, and flags of the Frankopan and Zrinski families. Next to the tower, there is a Frankopan-themed children's playground.



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Pauline Monastery,
Crikvenica

9 km



⊕
Castle with Kvarac
Tower, Novi Vinodolski

6 km



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Bribir Tower 13th century



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