

## 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



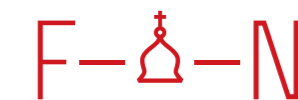
Glagolitic letter (O) – a symbol of advocacy of Croatian literacy, language and literature



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



## THE ROUTES OF THE FRANKOPANS Gomirje Monastery

“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 12<sup>th</sup> century until the second half of the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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.

This former Frankopan castle, which includes the Church of St. Mary, is today the westernmost orthodox monastery in Europe. It was founded for warriors of the Orthodox faith who fought against the Ottomans, together with an extension to the church and the construction of a tower that was eventually turned into a belfry.



In the vicinity, there are also...



walking trails



cycling trail



sacral buildings

Church of St. Mary and  
Church of the Nativity of St.  
John the Forerunner

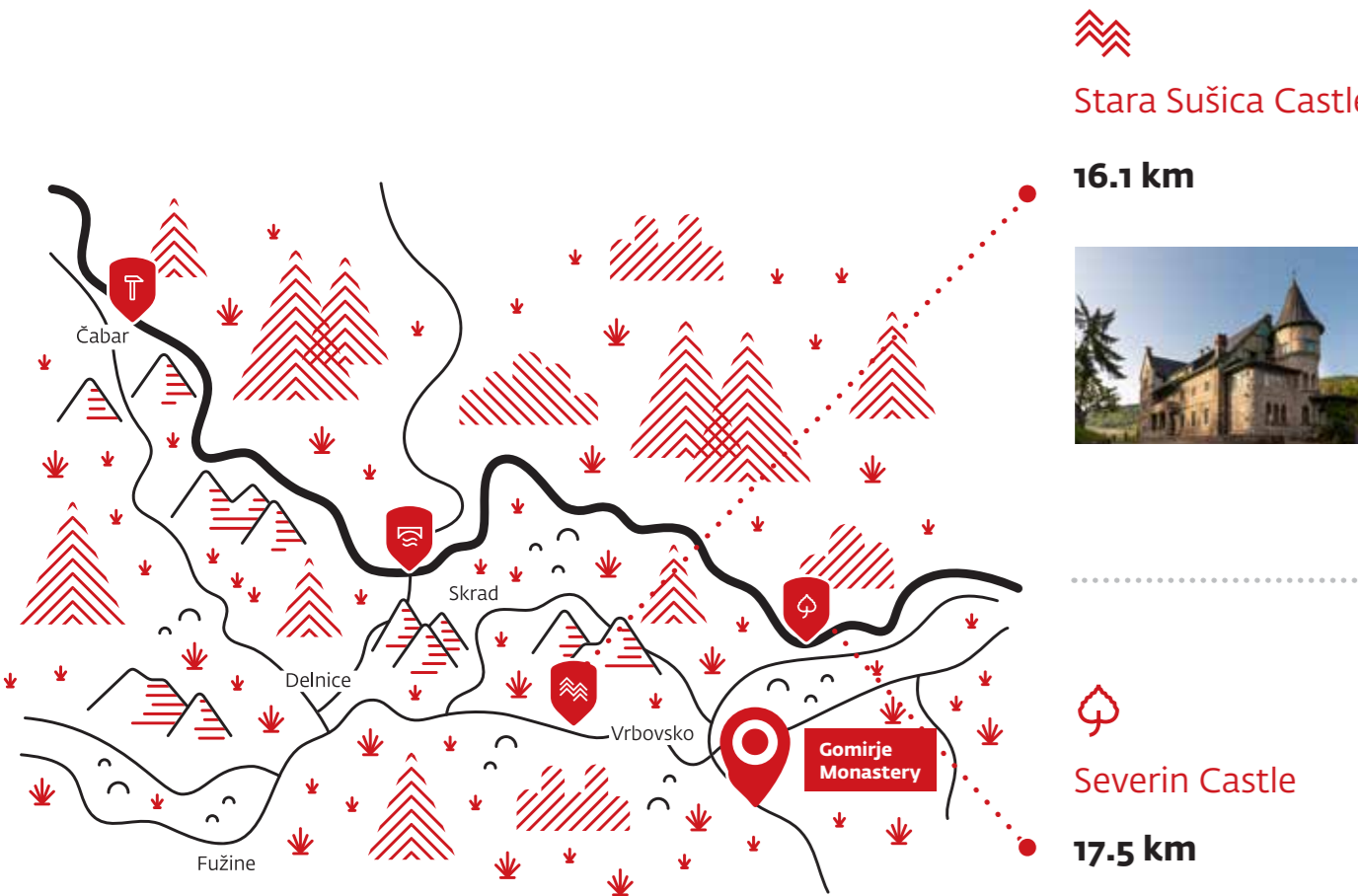
Romantic mountain atmosphere

In the vicinity, there is also Kamačnik protected landscape with its romantic small suspension bridges, and the wondrous Lake Čogrljevo with its walking path and view of Vede waterfall.



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 Stara Sušica Castle

16.1 km



 Severin Castle

17.5 km



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**Gornji Grad Monastery** 17<sup>th</sup> century



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but the stories  
about them don't!**



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