

## 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

## F—M—N THE ROUTES OF THE FRANKOPANS Hreljin Old Town

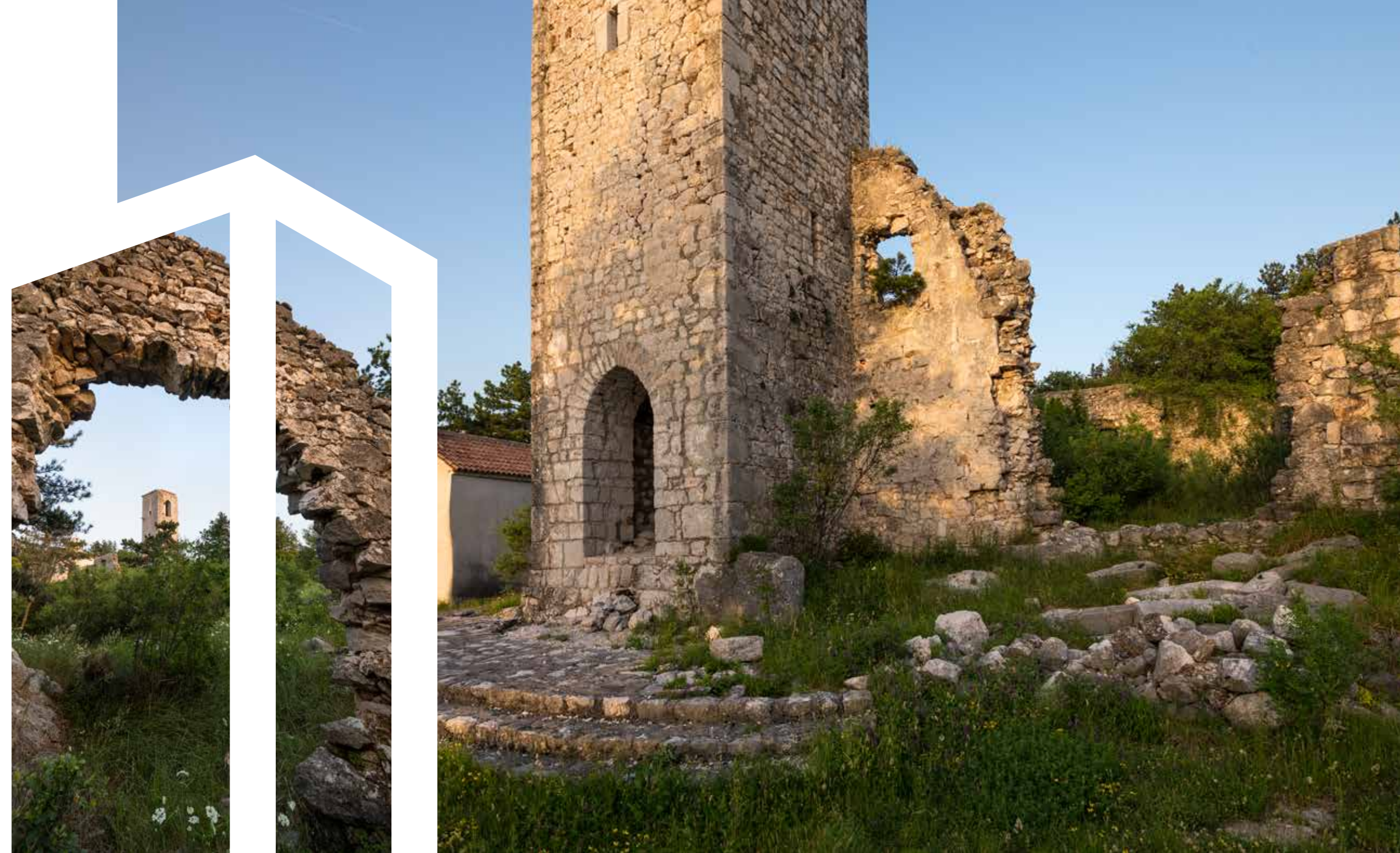
"The Routes of the Frankopans" cultural tourism project is inspired by the legacy of the Frankopans, a famous Croatian noble family who left numerous traces of their influence and power in the area of present-day Primorje-Gorski Kotar County in the period from the beginning of the 12<sup>th</sup> century 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.

Hreljin Old Town is located on a steep elevation 321 m above the sea. This was an important point along the route between the coast and the interior of Croatia. At the time of the Zrinski family, Hreljin was an important fortress in the defence against the Ottomans. Today, only the ruins of the town walls, the remnants of a church and a bell tower, and a restored chapel remain.



In the vicinity, there are also...



cycling trails



walking trails

'Put Gradine' and educational trail



cultural heritage

Bakarske prezidi dry stone walls

Ideal for recreational athletes

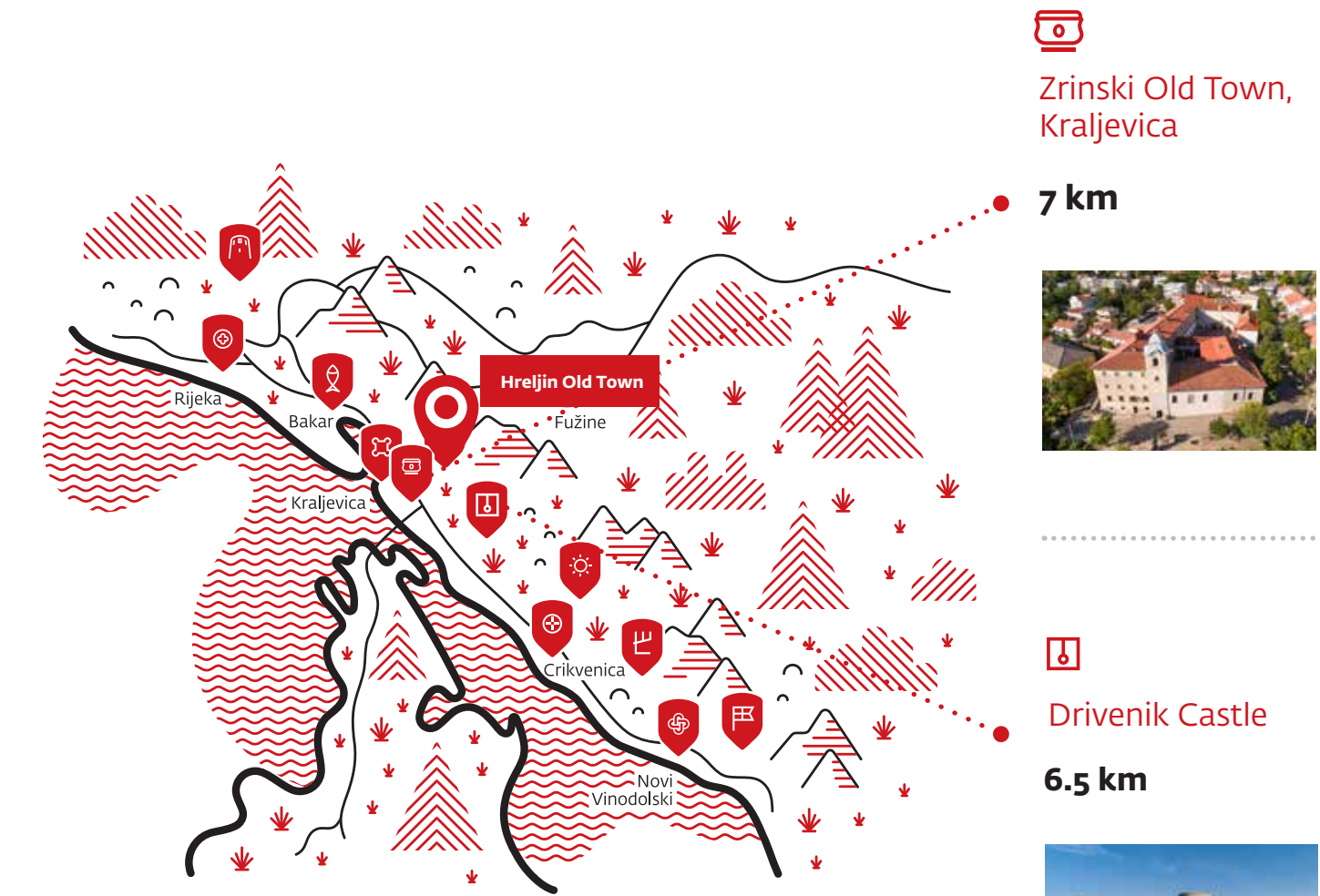
Walking through the diverse unspoiled nature, you can explore the natural phenomenon of Ponikve along an educational trail, enjoy the view of Bakar Bay and its exceptional dry stone walls along the 'Put Gradine' walking trail next to the Old Town, or go for a bike ride along one of the more demanding routes ideal for cycling enthusiasts.



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Zrinski Old Town,  
Kraljevica

7 km



  
Drivenik Castle

6.5 km



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Hreljin Old Town 13<sup>th</sup> century



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but the stories  
about them don't!**



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Game of Frankopans

