

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
Ledenice 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 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.



The ruins close to Ledenice in Vinodol today still remind us of the glory days of this town. The local history stretches back to a Roman settlement and the fort that defended Kvarner from the Ottomans. The square tower in the centre of the castle is locally known as the *donžon* (derived from the French word *donjon*), which means ‘dungeon’.



In the vicinity, there are also...



view point

„Gradina“



cultural heritage

old circular cemetery



walking trail

Idyllic landscape

The best view of the old town is from the Gradina vantage point. From here, you can go down to the remnants of an old cemetery with an unusual circular shape, and visit the Dobra drinking water source.



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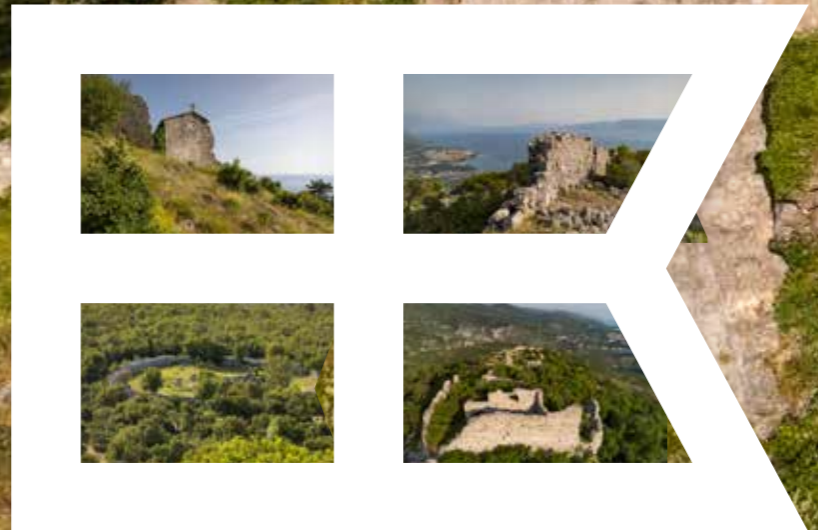
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Castle with Kvadrac Tower, Novi Vinodolski
 9.7 km

Bribir Tower
 8.9 km

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Ledenice Old Town 13th century

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Game of Frankopans