

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
Trsat Castle

'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.

Trsat Castle overlooks Rijeka Bay from a hill 138 m above the sea. This was one of the strongest Frankopan fortresses in the littoral region, and over time acquired a cultural and spiritual importance. The castle today hosts 'The Routes of the Frankopans' interpretation centre.



In the vicinity of the castle, there are also...



beaches



local wines
and cuisine



cultural heritage

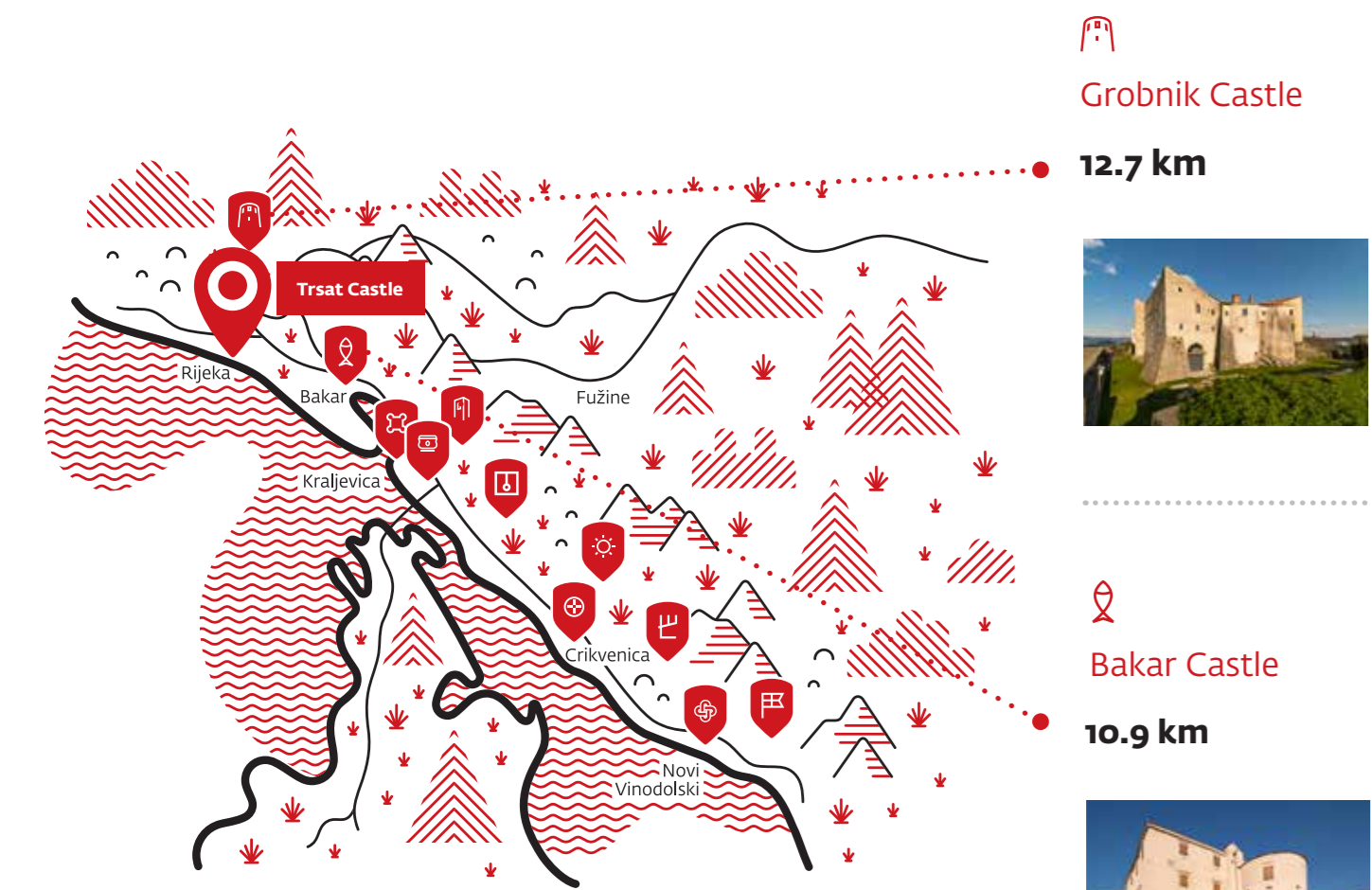
Return of the Frankopans

This all-day event in April offers a walk through an old crafts fair with medieval garments, dancing by court ladies, and knights' games. This is when Trsat Castle travels back in time to the Middle Ages as if it had never left this period of history.



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 **Grobnik Castle**

12.7 km



 **Bakar Castle**

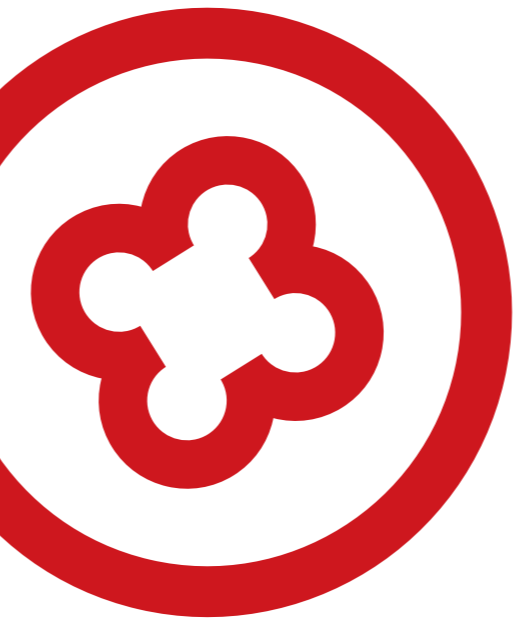
10.9 km



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Trsat Castle 13th century



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From 1 October to 31 May
09:00-17:00
1 January, 1 November, 25 December
Closed



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The Routes of the Frankopans



Game of Frankopans



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