• Zaovine Lake
• Tara National Park
• Zmajevac

• Zborište

Where Mokra Gora Children Learn to Ski

Iver may not be a large ski resort, but it has everything you need for a family break in the snow and your children's first turns on skis. Generations of Mokra Gora children have learned to ski right here. And in summer? Iver swaps skis for walks, greenery and fresh mountain evenings — you'll want a sweatshirt as soon as the sun goes down. Iver is also home to ***Hotel Iver*** and ***Čarobni Breg***, where you can stay overnight or stop for lunch.

The Film That Became a Place

While filming Life Is a Miracle on the Mokra Gora railway, Emir Kusturica would look across the valley towards ***Mećavnik***. Perhaps that was when the idea was born to build ***Drvengrad***, an unusual ethno village with a hotel and other facilities, today one of the most recognisable places in Mokra Gora and Serbia.

A Station Where No Ticket Was Ever Sold

Jatare is an unusual station on the old Ćira railway: there are no houses nearby, and not a single ticket was ever sold there. It once served as a passing station, where trains travelling in opposite directions could pass each other on the single-track railway. Today, the station is home to a restaurant, where you can enjoy a meal in a truly unique setting.

• Zlatibor / Užice

• Bosnia and Herzegovina
International border
• Višegrad

• Panjak

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The Railway That Outsmarted the Mountain

When the railway across ***Šargan*** was built more than a century ago, engineers faced a serious challenge: how could the Ćira train climb such a steep elevation over such a short distance? Their ingenious solution was a railway line that winds its way through the mountain, passes through no fewer than 22 tunnels and, seen from above, traces the shape of a figure eight. And so the ***Šargan Eight*** was born — part of the railway on which the Ćira train connected Belgrade, Sarajevo and Dubrovnik for fifty years. (The journey from Belgrade to Dubrovnik took a full 24 hours!) The railway closed in 1974, but its most remarkable section was given a new lease of life in 2003 as a heritage railway and tourist attraction.

There Is No Dawn Like the One Above Mokra Gora.

These are the words of ***Mihailo Ćupović***, a renowned poet and a native of Mokra Gora. You may think that everyone loves their birthplace best and believes their own village to be the most beautiful. So don't take our word for it. Leave the main road, stop by the water, look towards Šargan, meet the people and find your own place on this map. Much of this landscape is now protected by ***Šargan–Mokra Gora Nature Park***, but what keeps people coming back to Mokra Gora cannot quite fit within the boundaries of a nature park — or on a single map.
You'll have to discover that for yourself.

Step Off the Main Road

If you came to Mokra Gora for the ***Šargan Eight*** and ***Mećavnik*** don't stop there. Take the road towards Bela Voda, where you can cool off in a small natural swimming spot in summer, then follow the marked walking trail along the Kamišina stream, across Ravni Gaj and all the way to Jatarice, while the Šargan Eight winds through the forest above you. Along the way, you'll come across springs of drinking and mineral water — perhaps the best clue to how Mokra Gora got its name. At Jatarice, you'll find a small memorial chapel dedicated to the Russian and Italian prisoners of war who lost their lives while building the railway, as well as an idyllic picnic spot.

• Viogor
• Semegnjevo

Main Road
Local Road
Tunnel
Stream / River
Railway
Places of Interest
Private Accommodation
Direction to off-map location
Medical Centre
Monument
Hotel
Playground
Railway Station
School
River
Open-Air Cinema
Railway
Museum
Cycling
Hiking Trails
Viewpoint
Church
Mountain
Beach
ATM
Parking
Ski Slope
Shop
Post Office
Café
Restaurant
Swimming Pool
Football Pitch
Basketball
Volleyball Court
Souvenir Shop
Šargan–Mokra Gora Nature Park Headquarters
Spring

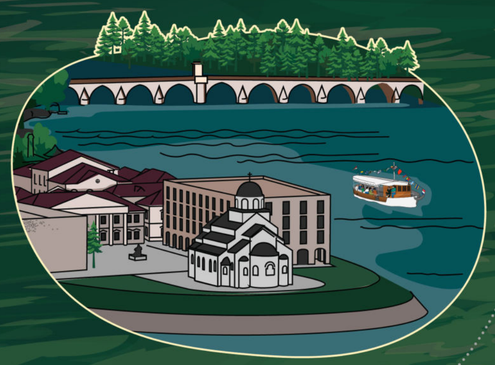
Explore the area

Mokra Gora is a great base for exploring western Serbia and eastern Bosnia. If you have a little more time, venture further afield — here are a few ideas for half-day and full-day trips.
Ideas for Another Day

Head towards Tara — combine Zaovine Lake and Banjska Stena, or extend your trip to Bajina Bašta and the famous Drina River House. If you'd rather take it slow, choose just part of the route and leave plenty of time for walks, viewpoints and a break by the lake. On Tara, the journey itself is part of the experience, even if you don't make it to every stop you had planned.

Head across the Drina — Višegrad is close enough for a day trip, where you can visit the Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge and Andrićgrad, or see the area from a different perspective on a boat trip.

You don't have to see everything at once. Simply choose whichever direction appeals to you that day — **and you'll have one more good reason to stay in Mokra Gora a little longer**.



Višegrad · 26 km

Banjska stena · 32 km





Zaovine Lake · 23 km

Drina River House · 38 km



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A Story Through the Centuries

Mokra Gora is not simply a tourist destination — it is home to people who live here all year round.

Welcome to Mokra Gora — **a village named one of the world's Best Tourism Villages by the World Tourism Organization in 2021**. Today it is best known for the ***Šargan Eight, Mećavnik and the natural beauty*** that keeps drawing people back, but the story of this village began much, much earlier.

Traces of life and travel through this valley reach all the way back to Roman times. Remains of a Roman cobbled road across Šargan, ancient coins and gravestones show that people were travelling through and living here almost two thousand years ago. In later centuries, routes through Mokra Gora led towards Višegrad, Priboj and Nova Varoš, travelled for generations by merchants and caravans. In the 19th century, this location took on a new significance: Mokra Gora found itself right on the border between the Principality of Serbia and the Ottoman Empire.

But Mokra Gora did not live on its location and passing travellers alone. It also lived from its forests. Local people made ***Iuč*** — resin-rich pine kindling — and tar from pine wood and resin, which was carried away by caravans and sold. After the Second World War, this tradition took on an industrial form: the Kotroman factory in Mokra Gora produced paints and varnishes and was one of the village's most important employers for decades. It remained in operation until the end of the 20th century.

Then came the railway. ***Ćira*** connected Mokra Gora with Belgrade, Sarajevo and Dubrovnik, and when the line closed in 1974, the village lost a connection that had been part of everyday life for almost half a century. Several decades later, it was the railway that returned in an entirely new role: with the restoration of the ***Šargan Eight*** in 2003, a new chapter began for Mokra Gora — this time as a place people came to stay, explore and return to.

The Mokra Gora of today has grown out of all these layers — roads and caravans, borders and railways, pine forests and industry, people who passed through and those who stayed. It remains a village scattered across the valley and surrounding slopes, made up of numerous hamlets, many of them bearing the names of families who have lived here for generations. Mokra Gora is not simply a tourist destination — it is home to people who live here all year round. ***Mokra Gora is not simply a tourist destination — it is home to people who live here all year round.***

So, as you explore the places marked on this map, pay attention to everything in between. There are homes and farms, a school, neighbourhood paths and the everyday life of a living mountain village.

Šargan–Mokra Gora Nature Park
Who lives in Mokra Gora?

People, of course, are not the only inhabitants of Mokra Gora. These forests are home to ***brown bears, wolves, wildcats, otters*** and ***chamois***, while ***golden eagles*** and ***peregrine falcons*** fly overhead.

But large animals are not the only reason this area is special. If you are here between spring and autumn, look out for ***butterflies***. You can spot them in meadows, along forest paths and among the flowers — there is a reason why Šargan–Mokra Gora has been recognised as one of Serbia's important areas for butterflies.

Nearly ***800 plant species*** have been recorded in the Nature Park, including around 60 endemic species. The natural value of this area is also recognised beyond Serbia — Šargan–Mokra Gora is part of the ***European Emerald Network***, a network of areas important for the conservation of species and their habitats.

So, next time you look at the forests and meadows around you, remember that you are looking at much more than a beautiful landscape.

Churches of Mokra Gora
A Church Built by the Village

Today, you will find five churches and chapels across Mokra Gora — from the old ***Church of the Ascension in Kršanje to the Church of the Holy Prophet Elijah*** in the village centre, as well as the ***churches at Bela Voda*** and ***Mećavnik*** and the ***memorial chapel at Jatarice***.

Each tells a part of Mokra Gora's history, but the story of the main village church perhaps says the most about the people who live here.

The church in Kršanje is so old that no one knows for certain when it was first built. But the people of Mokra Gora wanted a church closer to the centre of the village, and began working towards this as early as 1876. Several attempts followed over the decades, with the last one interrupted by the Second World War.

Perhaps surprisingly, given the historical context, in 1945 the villagers gathered and decided to build the church. The following year, they donated timber and money and helped the craftsmen with the construction. One of the two bells from the old church in Kršanje was moved to the new ***Church of the Holy Prophet Elijah***.

That is why the Church of the Holy Prophet Elijah is not simply part of Mokra Gora — ***it is the work of its people***.

The waters of Mokra Gora
A Valley of Springs and Streams

In Mokra Gora, water is everywhere. You will find it along roads and trails, at numerous springs and fountains, while streams flow down the mountain slopes and into the Kamišina. It is no surprise, then, that the name ***Mokra Gora — literally "Wet Mountain"*** — is often linked to the abundance of springs and streams in this valley.

Some of these springs are truly special. Highly alkaline water rises from the ground in several places, and ***Bela Voda, meaning "White Water"***, is the largest and best maintained of them. Its pH is around 11.7, and stories about its healing properties go back much further than modern analyses of its composition.

According to one legend, a merchant from Dubrovnik built a church here to give thanks after his wife gave birth to twins following the use of water from the spring.

Today, people come to Bela Voda from many different places, most often for its beneficial effects on the skin and eyes. However, because of its high alkalinity, the water is ***not suitable for everyday drinking and is recommended for external use.***

The flavours of Mokra Gora
What You Should Try

While you are in the Užice region, start with **komplet lepinja** — a local speciality that originated in this area and is still made here in its traditional form.

A flatbread is filled with kajmak and egg, baked, and then topped with pretop — the warm, flavourful juices left after roasting meat. And it is eaten with your hands — what other way is there? Be sure to try **kačamak**, a traditional cornmeal dish usually served with cheese and kajmak, as well as homemade **sukana pita**, a hand-stretched cheese pie made with wholemeal wheat flour. And if you are of legal drinking age, enjoy a small glass of homemade **šljivovica**, Serbia's traditional plum brandy.

You will find these flavours in restaurants, hotels and guesthouses, but be sure to ask your hosts as well. Staying in small, privately run accommodation is often a chance to meet the people of Mokra Gora, hear their stories and discover things about this place that you won't find in any tourist guide.

Many hosts also offer food and drinks they make themselves — from cheese, kajmak and pies to preserves, juices and rakija.

Ask your host what's homemade. You might just taste something you won't find on any menu.

About Us

The **Association of Mokra Gora Residents and Friends** (Udruženje Mokrogoraca i prijatelja Mokre Gore) brings together all of us who love Mokra Gora.
We want to preserve what makes our village special, while working together on new initiatives and projects that make Mokra Gora a better place — both for those who live here and those who come to visit.
We created this map to show you **the Mokra Gora we know and love.**
Welcome to Mokra Gora — and we hope you'll come back many times!

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