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## The Royal Seven - full day 5 star Experience

## Day 1



## The Royal Seven - Majestic Castle Experience in Posavje

A bespoke experience of »The royal seven« that appeals to all your senses adds a new dimension to the day trip. At every moment of the day, you will experience the Posavje region and its exceptionally rich heritage of castles, its wonderful pristine nature and superb cuisine in an authentic and custom crafted way.

You will get to hear some of the most exciting castle stories and legends of the past, which will take you back to the times of powerful aristocratic families and their fortunes. Learning about the regional cultural heritage and authentic local features will make for an unforgettable day. You will get to taste the finest »castle« cuisine prepared by the Posavje region's top chefs, who swear by locally-sourced ingredients and authentic dishes paired with the best local wines. Your castle day will be full of moments that you will remember for years to come and full of unforgettable, bonding memories – you will see how chocolate is made, visit a traditional blacksmith's workshop and experience a number of other castle surprises.

1 day experience, 7 castles, unique and exclusive experiences in Posavje region.



## Meet Your Guide in the Hotel Lobby



9:00 - Central European Time

### (DIGITALNA) GRAJSKA SOBANA - Entry point to castle experience

You begin to discover the stories of the seven castles and their surroundings in the digital castle room. It is located in Terme Čatež. With the help of modern technology we have digitized and combined the most interesting stories of castles included in Royal Seven Experience. With a short interactive test, you can check which castle is best fit for you.



#### Terme Čatež

Topliška 35, Čatež ob Savi, Štajerska, Slovenija, 8251  
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10:30 - Central European Time - 1 hr 30 min

### Visit Kostanjevica na Krki

Your next stop will be in the charming Kostanjevica na Krki, Slovenia's only town on a river island. In »Dolenjska region's Venice«, in the temple of Slovenian expressionism housed in a former Cistercian monastery, you will get to explore your artistic side (time to get in touch with your inner artists!)



#### Kostanjevica na Krki

Kostanjevica na Krki, Krško, SI, 8311



12:00 - Central European Time - 30 min

### Visit Castle Mokrice

Next to the castle is a majestic, more than two hundred years old English park with the castle chapel of St. Anne, beautiful copies of baroque figures of the Four Seasons, which otherwise adorn the castle courtyard, and ponds sheltered by mighty and exotic plants. The park began to take shape at a time when the castle was owned by the famous Auersperg family, and the strongest stamp was left on it by Nikolai Tolentin Auersperg. He traveled a lot around the world and brought foreign, even exotic species of plants from everywhere, planted them in his home park and took care of them. And another suggestion: take a closer look at the statues and find out which one represents which time of year - and how!



#### Grad Mokrice

Brežice, SI, 8261



13:00 - Central European Time - 1 hr 30 min

### Private visit of Brežice castle

The next castle on your itinerary will be the **Brežice Castle**, an imposing Renaissance building, where you will go on a private tour to learn about the rich history of the Posavje region from prehistoric times to the present day and see the Knight's Hall with its awe-inspiring frescoes.



## Brežice Castle

1 Cesta prvih borcev, Brežice, SI, 8250



**14:30** - Central European Time - 1 hr 30 min

### Lunch at Gostilna Šempeter

Šempeter restaurant has been serving Slovene and local foods and spreading the visibility of Slovenian cuisine for many years. In the sign of quality and hospitality, they have acquired the right to use the brand name Gostilna Slovenija, which marks authentic Slovenian inns. This name gives them pride, and at the same time commits them to offer their guests really quality food with excellent service.

When preparing the offer, their chefs take into account seasonal dishes prepared in the original manner. The waiters help you with the carefully selected wines of local wine-growers to experience the harmony of goat's flavours. Kozjanska culinary specialty is the capon. Šempeter Inn is one of the few inns where they raise capons themselves. They also satisfy the tastes of even the most demanding guests.



### Gostilna Šempeter

Bistrica Ob Sotli, Slovenija



**16:00** - Central European Time - 30 min

### Visit a local smithy Mr. Bojan

The meal will be followed by a visit to a smithy, where you will have the opportunity to forge your own horseshoe (there's no such things as too much good luck, after all!)



### Kovaštvo Bojan Kunej s.p.

24a Bistrica ob Sotli, Šmarje pri Jelšah, SI, 3256



**17:00** - Central European Time

### Visit Rajhenburg Castle & Chocolate Experience

Perched on a rocky prominence sixty metres above the confluence of the Brestanica stream and river Sava, Rajhenburg Castle has dominated the surrounding countryside for centuries. It was built between 1131 and 1147 by Archbishop Konrad of Salzburg, a powerful landowner. The oldest, Romanesque part of the building dates to this period. For centuries, the castle and its surrounding estate were managed by agents or *ministeriales*, who took the castle's name 'Reichenburg'. The Reichenburgs were an influential family and received knighthood in the fifteenth century.

In 1881, Rajhenburg Castle was bought by Trappist monks and converted into a monastery. It remained active until April 1941, when the German authorities transformed the castle and its outbuildings into a deportation camp for Slovenes. In 1947, the Trappist order was dissolved and the castle nationalised.

**Today, the fully restored structure** is managed by Kulturni Dom Krško, a local cultural institution. The castle's visitors can attend various events (concerts, plays, lectures, etc.), and learn about the history of the castle, town, and its wider area at permanent and temporary exhibitions. As they stroll through the building, they gain insight into the castle's architectural development in the Romanesque, Gothic, and Renaissance periods up until present day.

In 2014, a herb garden was established on the carefully laid-out castle grounds. This element of **Trappist heritage** is further revived through cultural and tourism events such as the Rajhenburg Chocolate and Liqueurs Day and the Rajhenburg Sparkling Wine and Cheese Day.

### The Chocolaterie

The Rajhenburg Castle history boasts the legacy of the Trappist monks, who were the first to carry out industrial chocolate production in Slovenia.

Today chocolate is produced at the House of Mozer near Rajhenburg Castle in collaboration with the Kunej House of Vines, Wine, and Chocolate. This is a lasting effect of the 'The influence of the Trappist order on the Posavje countryside' project, acronym Trapistin.

### Optional: Chocolate workshop



### Grad Rajhenburg

3 Cesta izgnancev, Krško, SI, 8280



**19:00** - Central European Time - 1 hr 30 min

### Noble dinner at Gostilna Jež

Before your dinner we will take some nice time for a stroll along Sava river in Radeče.

Your superb culinary experience at the Gostilna Jež inn, where a young chef has raised the family's innkeeping tradition to the highest standard.



### Gostilna Jež

Jagnjenica 12, Občina Radeče, Občina Radeče, Slovenija, 1433  
+386 3 568 52 40



**21:00** - Central European Time - 2 hr

### Evening visit to Countess Mathilde - Sevnica Castle

Visit Sevnica Castle at night when the castle is light up with candles. Yes, it is romantic.

You will pay a visit to the Countess herself, who will host you at the picturesque Sevnica Castle just as darkness falls and the castle's other ghosts come to life too (only the friendly ones, don't worry!).



### Sevnica Castle

17 Cesta na Grad, Sevnica, SI, 8290