



*In the heart of the Koroška region*



# EXPLORE

## Ravne na Koroškem

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## RAVNE CASTLE WITH LIBRARY AND CASTLE PARK

The more than half a millennium old castle, which the first owners named Streiteben, today bears witness to the past in its own way. It was built by the patriarchal feudal lords - the Hebenstreits - who moved to the Koroška region around 1530. The castle has undergone numerous reconstructions since the late Gothic, reflected in the variety of architectural styles. The castle was given its dominating Neo-Baroque appearance by the Counts of Thurn who planted exceptional tree species in the **castle park**, which is still ideal for walks and relaxation in nature. It is considered a monument of designed nature and is the only major architecturally designed park in the Meža Valley (Slovene: Mežiška dolina).

In the castle premises, you can find permanent collections from the history of the area and Mežiška dolina, a lapidary of Roman stone monuments and a large fund of the painting heritage of the art colonies.

Today, it houses the **Dr. Franc Sušnik Koroška Central Library in Ravne na Koroškem**. The castle and the park often host various cultural and social events.



Na gradu 1  
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## SPORTS PARK RAVNE

Are you eager to spend your free time actively or are you looking for a place for training? Ravne offers **modern sports infrastructure** for the various needs of sports enthusiasts. The Physical Culture Centre (Slovene: Dom telesne kulture - DTK) has a winter pool, a volleyball and basketball gym, a hall for table tennis, dance, martial arts, a bowling alley, a fitness center and various saunas. In the vicinity, there are also tennis and beach volleyball courts, a football field with artificial grass, etc. In the **Poseka Adventure Park** or the Bike Park, adrenaline enthusiasts will have a field day. The **Bike Park** has two tracks – Šnel Pepi flow and Enduro Bavči – with different elements for cyclists to enjoy down the hill. There is also an Easy Loop System lift to transport cyclists safely to the top of the hill, which makes the way up easier.



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# KOROŠKA REGIONAL MUSEUM OLD IRONWORKING MUSEUM

**Ravne's ironworks** and the closely related economy of Ravne and the surrounding region, were once the central driving force not only of the region's economic life but also of its social, cultural and sporting life. **The rich heritage of ironworking and steelmaking** remains firmly anchored in the town, gives it a unique identity, and remains a living industry both in the town and in the way of life of its residents.

The Old Ironworking Museum (Slovene: Stara železarna) is a permanent reminder of the 400-year-old steelmaking tradition that characterized the town and the lives of the people in it. It impresses visitors with the interpretation and revival of the industrial and technical heritage, which the locals call **"mother factory"**. There are three production areas: the so-called **"štauharija"** (former production facility where iron products were manufactured), **personnel** (a facility where iron workers lived) and **laboratory** (for chemical analyses of steel).

The exhibition Shine of steel is dedicated to the rich steelmaking tradition, and a machine and manual smithy is arranged: a blacksmith's studio, where you can spend the day with a blacksmith.

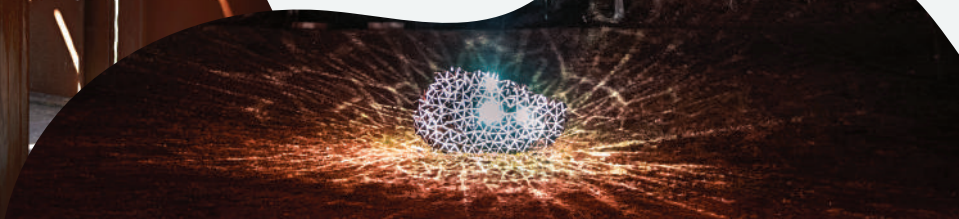
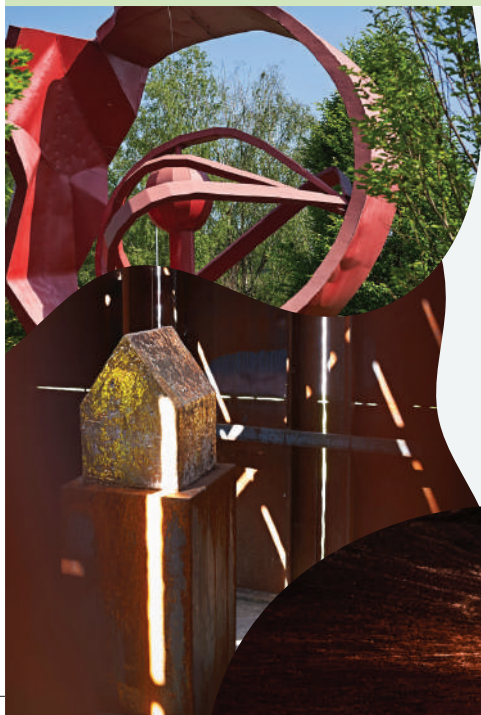


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## FORMA VIVA TOWN

A special feature of the town are the steel artistic **Forma viva sculptures**. These are the works of more than thirty artists from fifteen countries, created within international sculpture symposia from 1964 to 2014. Through their artistic presentation, the special steel compositions symbolize the centuries-old tradition of welding in these regions. They are located at different parts in the town and are just a walk or a bike ride away. You can find them via an online app, or you can take a guided tour or enjoy a "bundle picnic" along the Forma viva.









## MUSEUM PREŽIHOVA BAJTA

Kotnikova bajta House in Podgora is the birthplace of Slovene **writer Lovro Kuhar, known as Prežihov Voranc** (1893–1950). With his works depicting the life of a small farmer, a so-called “bajtler”, he marked the era of social realism in Slovenia. The renovated homestead still contains many objects from that time, each telling its own story about the difficult but joyful daily life in the Koroška region. From the front of the house, there is a beautiful view of Mount Uršlja gora and the Hotulja Valley. Just further on from the house, above the former buckwheat stubble field, a mighty bronze statue of Prežihov Voranc stands, made by academic sculptor Stojan Batič.



Preški Vrh 13  
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## MINERAL WATER AT THE ROMAN SPRING

Did you know that the Emperor of Austria Franc Jožef himself drank the special “**Kotlje mineral water**”? The natural minerals in the water, which is rich in iron and other substances, was reputed to have **healing powers**. In 1877, they even began exporting it. It was known as the best table water in all Klagenfurt, Graz and Vienna restaurants, and it also travelled across the ocean. After World War II, the mineral water was sold under the name **Kotuljska slatina**, mineral water from Kotlje. Since the water source is located in an area, which was considered a well-known post on the Roman road from Celeia to Virunum, the spring was given the name Roman spring.



Kotlje 28  
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## IVARČKO LAKE

In Ravne you can visit **Slovenia's lowest Alpine lake**. This pearl under the Mount Uršlja gora is of natural origin, but it has been artificially deepened in the past decades. It is located at an altitude of 654 meters and covers an area of 1.6 hectares and today represents a pleasant sports and recreation area for locals and visitors. If you are looking for an active holiday with swimming and sunbathing or for socializing while playing basketball, volleyball or other social sports, the lake is a great choice. In the warmer part of the year, the lake is also the venue of many social, musical and entertainment events.



Podgora 43  
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## MOUNT URŠLJA GORA

At 1,696 meters above sea level, Uršlja is a popular **excursion and hiking spot** today. Legend has it that **St. Ursula**, who was fleeing from the Far East, once came to a high mountain. Below the peak, her foot sank into a rock. "Good people live here, even the rocks are soft," she said and decided to stay there. Today you can still see the rock into which Uršula's foot sank.

In the top of the mountain you can find **the highest church in Slovenia**, the church of St. Ursula, and a mountain lodge to refresh yourself. The entire area of Uršlja is known for its natural heritage and exceptional fauna and flora.



## HILLTOP VILLAGE STROJNA

Visit Strojna for fresh air and scenic views! A church resides in this hilltop village, and several preserved wooden farmhouses and beautiful barns. **The Janež Homestead (Slovene: Domačija pri Janežu)** is one of the most important monuments of folk architecture in Slovenia. In the building next to the church you can see the memorial room of unschooled writers (Slovene: Spominska soba bukovnikov), with a special place dedicated to the local folk poet Blaž Mavrel. The Strojna area is an ideal place for anyone who wants to actively explore the uninhabited corners of Slovenia by bike or on foot.



## RAVNE NA KOROŠKEM

**The regional centre of the Meža Valley (Slovene: Mežiška dolina)** has played an important role since antiquity, as the Roman road passed through it. In previous centuries, it was especially marked by the iron industry, which stimulated greater immigration and the development of other industries.

Experts classify Ravne's market centre as one of Slovenia's most important settlement monuments. It extends to the area depicted in the second half of the 17th century by Janez Vajkard Valvasor himself. Old Street or Stara ulica, is one of the most beautiful parts of the old town, connecting the square to the parish church of St. Aegidius (Slovene: Cerkev Sv. Egidija). Today, the **town provides opportunities for active holidays in nature, enjoying authentic local cuisine or carefree gatherings in bars.**







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