

THE EVENTS  
CALENDAR

2023

*July – December*



SLUNJ  
RASTOKE



In destination Slunj Rastoke you may choose from a handful of cultural, sports and educational events throughout the year.

This Calendar for 2023. brings together the major festivals, events, holidays and celebrations slated for this year in destination Slunj Rastoke. In Tourist Board Slunj we hope it comes in handy for planning your Croatian travel itinerary.



# July

## **BEARSTONE FESTIVAL**

**07.07. - 09.07.2023.**

### **Primišlje**

A gathering of the rock music, nature and arts enthusiasts. Psychedelic art installations and superb video projections further enrich the festival program, but unique location is what truly distinguishes Bear Stone festival from other festivals.

## **BACK TO ROOTS**

**07.07.2023.**

### **Zrinski and Frankopan Square**

A walk along the paths that today's ancestors of the people of Gradišće moved on 5 centuries ago. The guests will perform a folklore program and an additional attraction will be their mobile exhibition which will be set up outdoors on Friday.

After their performance, the Evening of Patriotic Songs will take place. This is a free of charge, superb concert of traditional Dalmatian klapa, patriotic and modern songs, as well as songs of a secular and spiritual character.

## **FISHERMEN'S NIGH**

**08.07.2023.**

### **Main town swimming area on Korana River**

Entertaining summer gathering organized by Sportfishing Association "Slunjčica" Slunj, with lots of good music, drinks and delicious river fish specialties.

## **KORANSKI SUSRETI**

**14.07. - 16.07.2023.**

### **Main town swimming area on Korana**

This year, the traditional manifestation Koranski susreti will consist of two events: Beer festival and Igre na vodi.

### **Beer Fest**

**14.07. - 16.07.2023.**

An event with food, drinks and outdoor concerts on the Korana river bank.

### **Igre na vodi**

**15.07.2023**

Recreational sports and entertaining competition of teams in games on water and around.

## **NIGHT FUTSAL TOURNAMENT**

**End of July**

### **Artificial grass futsal field next to OŠ Slunj**

Entertaining night of futsal in Slunj. Tournament is held on two days – matches between groups is played on Friday night, while the final events is on Saturday night.

## **BIKE NIGHTS**

**28.07. - 29.07.2023.**

### **Area previously known as military barracks Kneja Slunj**

Gathering of moto enthusiasts organized by MK Poskok Slunj. Motorcycle rally has nightly concerts and serves food from local food trucks.





**DAYS OF THE TOWN OF SLUNJ**  
**02.08. - 06.08.2023.**

**United in health by sport**  
**02.08.2023**  
**Town football field**

Event organized by Red Cross Slunj, where children participate in various activities and sports games.

**Become a firefighter for one day**  
**03.08.2023.**

**Town football field**

Entertaining manifestation organized by Voluntary Firefighting Brigade Slunj. The visitors can learn how to prevent a fire, but also how to use firefighting equipment and feel the adrenalin rush well known to firefighters while putting out the fire.

**Brđanijada**  
**04.08.2023.**

**Zrinski and Frankopan Square**

Entertaining competition in traditional old sports – throwing stones, long jumps, carrying water followed by **concert of the local band, Krivi Dur**, in the evening.

**Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving Day and the Day of Croatian Defenders**  
**05.08.2023.**

**Kamenica-Slunj, Zrinski and Frankopan Square**

In memory of the Operation Storm, in which the largest part of the occupied Croatian territory was liberated in the 90s of the last century, Croatia celebrates the Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving Day and the Day of Croatian Defenders on August 5th. As a sign of honoring all Croatian veterans and their families, especially those who lost their lives for the Croatian people and the Motherland, Slunj veterans organize a walk from Kamenica, near Tounj, to Slunj and lay wreaths in the city park.

In the evening, a **concert by the group Oaza** takes place on Zrinski and Frankopan Square.

**Opening of the Exhibition by Franjo Belković**  
**06.08.2023.**

**Gallery of POU Slunj**

Exhibits from a private collection.

**Izložbeni korzo**  
**06.08.2023.**  
**Rastoke**

Izložbeni korzo celebrates local heritage of Slunj area. Program takes place on the promenades in Rastoke, with the view of waterfalls where rivers Slunjčica and Korana meet. Local producers are presenting different local products, food and beverages. Costumes and customs of Slunj area are also displayed. In addition to performing folk songs, the program includes performances of various artists as well as historical presentation of heritage from medieval times and times of Frankopan, through the Military Frontier and the French administration to the present day.



### **Concert of band Gea**

**06.08.2023.**

#### **Zrinski and Frankopan Square**

One of favorite local bands, band Gea, will perform on an open-air summer evening concert on the Day of the Town of Slunj.

### **MODEM**

**07.08. - 13.08.2023.**

#### **Primišlje**

Festival of psychedelic music and culture, focused not only on good music, but also on ecology, love and respect towards nature.

### **STARS UNDER THE STARS**

**12.08.2023.**

#### **Tourist Informative Center Rastoke**

A poetry night Stars under the stars takes place in Rastoke, under the open sky, surrounded by relaxing sound of waterfalls and murmur of water.

### **FEAST OF ST. ROK**

**13.08.2023.**

#### **Cvitović**

One of the biggest folk festivals in Slunj region, Feast of St. Rok takes place on August 13th, the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Rok. Celebration takes place at the local church in the village of Cvitović and include liturgies and folk performances.

### **SLUNJ EVENING OF "BEČARAC"**

**19.08. - 20.08.2023.**

#### **Zrinski and Frankopan Square**

Everyone who enjoys listening to Bečarac, the most popular song of this area and a protected world cultural asset of intangible heritage, will be able to attend the jubilee 10th edition of the Slunj's Evening of Bečarac organized by the Folklore Association Korana Slunj.



## THE HIKE ALONG THE PATH OF FOREST AND WATER

02.09.2023.

Rastoke

PD "Melnica" Slunj organizes the hike every first Saturday in September. This is a unique hiking trip because you walk from Rastoke, where the river Slunjšica flows into the river Korana, and 6 km to the spring of river Slunjšica. Above the spring is the Hunter's Hut, where the hosts welcome hikers with a rich music program, that invites them for a dance.

## JAZZ ON THE WATER

02.09.2023.

Rastoke

Opening of the photo exhibition and presentation of the book with a jazz concert.

## RASTOKE TRAIL

02.09. - 03.09.2023.

Rastoke Trail is a sports event that brings together sports and nature lovers in a unique location. Start of the race is in Rastoke. You can choose from a long, short, recreational or family trail, paths following the flow of rivers Slunjšica or Korana or path through the forests Melnica or Glavica.

## FOLKLORE GATHERING "RADUJ NAM SE, SLOVIN GRADE"

08.09.2023.

Zrinski and Frankopan Square

The public festival of the Slunj region, Raduj nam se, Slovin grade, is held on September 8th on the feast day of Nativity of Mary. This event brings together many folklore associations that present songs, dances, costumes and customs of Slunj area.

## MILL DAY AND RESTAURANT WEEK

23.09.2023.

Rastoke

Mill day is an autumn event that celebrates the arrival of autumn and the local heritage of milling. The manifestation starts by bike ride to explore the area surrounding Rastoke. Upon return, the visitors can listen to the stories about mills, local legends and learn about the history of milling. Program includes also demonstration of how the water wheels and millstones are turned by the power of water and live performance of the milling activities. For the full experience of the milling, the workshops and free of charge guided tours are available. Throughout the day, the visitors can enjoy the music and authentic local cuisine.

Connected to the Milling Day, the Restaurant week will take place in the period of September 18th – 24th in various local restaurants that will serve dishes containing some of the milling products from Rastoke.

## MIHOLJE IN NIKŠIĆ

29.09.2023.

Church of St. sv. Mihovil in Šušnjara, Nikšić, Slunj

The feast of St. Mihovil, the patron saint of the church in Šušnjara. The celebration takes place in the local church and includes liturgies. After the mass, the gathered believers stay in front of the church for conversation and entertainment. Folklore associations also perform in the folk costumes of their region.

# September



# October November December

## THE AUTUMN HIKE

07.10.2023.

### Start in front of the Tourist Informative Center Rastoke

Explore and experience Slunj region through thematic tours organized by Tourist Board of the town of Slunj. On the weekend of October 7th, enjoy the most beautiful hikes in the Slunj area free of charge. Explore Slunj in several ways: a historical themed walk at 11 a.m. and a night tourist walk in Rastoke at 5 p.m.

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## SLUNJU GRADE, DOK TI IME TRAJE

05.11.2023.

A concert to celebrate 30 years of performance of the Folklore Association Korana Slunj.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

16.11.2023.

The Remembrance day of the exile and occupation of Slunj area is marked with an appropriate program on Nov 16th every year.

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## BOŽIČEVANJE NA MOSTOVIMA

02.12. - 31.12.2023.

### Rastoke, Zrinski and Frankopan Square, Tourist Informative Center Rastoke

Wonderful walk in the nature, crossing the bridges in Rastoke and culinary delicacies to enjoy! Along to events in Rastoke, Slunj offers many activities throughout the town like Santa's bus ride, concerts on the Town Square and making of traditional Christmas ornaments. The program will be held from the first to the last Advent weekend, but also for Dec 26th and New Year's Eve.



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