

VISIT KAKANJ

THE UNEXPLORED JEWEL IN
THE HEART OF BOSNIA



Brochure for tourists and guests

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IN THE HEART OF BOSNIA

WHERE IS KAKANJ?

Known as an industrial city, Kakanj is located in the heart of Bosnia and Herzegovina, along the Bosna riverside between Sarajevo and Zenica. It is an ideal starting point for touring the whole BiH. The municipality of Kakanj has a favorable geo-traffic position, because the Corridor Vc motorway passes through its territory. It is for this reason that residents and tourists have the advantage and possibility for a faster arrival at the desired location.

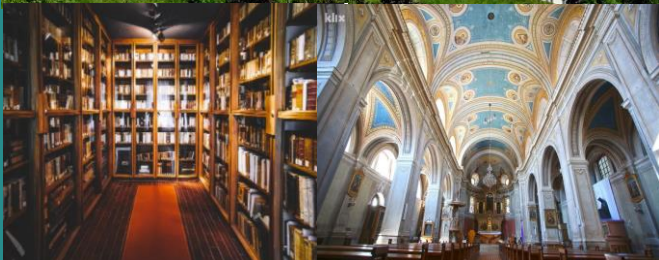


- Sarajevo (airport) 30 min
- Visoko 15 min
- Zenica 15 min
- Travnik 45 min
- Jajce 1h 45 min
- Tuzla 2h 30 min
- Mostar 2h 30 min
- Neum 3h 30 min
- Bihać 4h 10 min

WHAT TO VISIT IN KAKANJ?

Although not large in space, the municipality of Kakanj is characterized by exceptional natural beauty and cultural and historical heritage that attract many tourists from the surrounding municipalities as well the whole world. Snowy mountain peaks, rivers and lakes leave no one indifferent.

KRALJEVA SUTJESKA



Kraljeva Sutjeska is a place 12 km away from Kakanj and it is known for its rich cultural and historical monuments of medieval Bosnia. In Kraljeva Sutjeska you can find one of the oldest mosques in Bosnia and Herzegovina, built by Sultan El-Fatih during the conquest of Bosnia. According to tradition, after the conquest of Bobovac in 1463, Sultan Mehmed II El-Fatih stayed at the site of the mosque, saw an ant spiraling up a stick, which associated him with climbing a minaret, and ordered the construction of a mosque. An interesting fact is that this mosque was built in just three days. Since it has never been demolished or significantly damaged during history, it has retained its original shape. True, time brings its own, so that in the past there was a need for repairs, but the last reconstruction that was done in the period from 2004 to 2016 which restored the mosque to its original form and today it looks about the same as it did in the period when built.

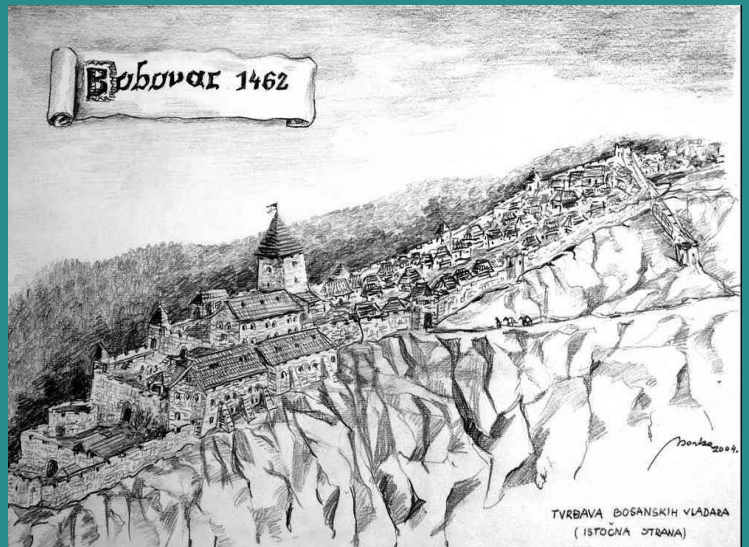
Near the mosque is the oldest Franciscan monastery known for its extremely rich book collection and church with an very old organ. The original monastery was probably built in the first half of the 14th century. The first mention of the monastery can be found in the list of the Franciscan writer Bartol Pisanski from 1385. Throughout history, and many wars, it has suffered a lot of demolition, destruction of property and books, but also rebuilding and reconstruction. To this day, it serves the faithful throughout Bosnia and the world for holding religious ceremonies, as well as for visitors and tourists as an unavoidable monument and gem in the heart of Bosnia. Near the monastery are the remains of the foundations of the old royal court from the time before the Turkish conquest of Bosnia. Numerous documents of Bosnian rulers were written at that royal court from the 14th and 15th centuries in Kraljeva Sutjeska. It was built during the reign of one of the most important Bosnian rulers, Ban Stjepan II Kotromanić.

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BOBOVAC



Bobovac was the most important and best fortified town in medieval Bosnia. It was built by Ban Stjepan II. Kotromanić just before the first half of the 14th century. Bobovac was the seat of the rulers of the Bosnian Banovina and the Kingdom of Bosnia from the reign of Ban Stjepan II Kotromanić (first half of the 14th century), through all bans and kings and until the disappearance of the Kingdom of Bosnia by Turkish conquest. Due to its geostrategic, military and political significance, Bobovac was the target of an attack by the Ottoman army. There was also the royal tomb chapel, renovated for this purpose by the old Bobovac church, probably by order of King Stjepan Ostoja. Three Bosnian kings were buried in it: Stjepan Ostoja, (1378 - 1418), Tvrtko II. Kotromanić (1380 - 1443) and Stjepan Tomaš Kotromanić. Even today, visitors can experience a part of the rich history of this city and medieval Bosnia, whose destiny was inextricably linked. Walking on the same paths walked by the famous Bosnian rulers, Bosnian nobles and watching the beautiful landscape that surrounds Bobovac provides an unforgettable experience for every visitor.



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TAJAN

Proclaimed the Monument of Nature "Tajan" in 2008, it is located between the municipalities of Kakanj, Zavidovići and Vareš. The highest peak is at 1297 m above sea level. The area of natural monuments is rich in clean watercourses, canyons, natural stone bridges, speleological objects and rare endemic plants and animals. The natural monument has everything you need for an interesting and pleasant stay.



BISTRIK

The Bistrik wetland is a protected area located a few kilometers away from Kakanj, more precisely, in the immediate vicinity of the Haljinići settlement. It was created artificially as a result of the exploitation of an underground mine, consisting of three water surfaces, of which only one, the largest, survives throughout the year. It is a habitat for over 122 species of plants, 212 species of birds, 30 species of dragonflies, eight species of amphibians, seven species of reptiles and 13 species of mammals. In addition, several species of fish and insects also live here. Migratory birds spend some time in this place during their migratory journey, which is a unique opportunity for their more detailed study and observation. According to official data, that fund represents two thirds of their total number in our country. The Bistrik wetland is an important ornithological reserve. The



peculiarity of the swamp is reflected in the fact that it is inhabited by rare endangered species such as: spoonbill, Ferruginous duck (which is on the red list of globally endangered species), white stork, black stork, corn crane (red list). Although it is relatively close to populated areas and the city itself, coming to this locality gives a feeling of complete isolation, peace and harmony, which is why during the warmer days, especially weekends, you can often meet many Kakanj people, lovers of nature and good rest.

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PONIJERI

Ponijeri is an ideal and popular place for rest and relaxation of both domestic and foreign tourists. It is located at an altitude of 1200 meters and only about twenty km away from the city center. In the winter season, Ponijeri is an ideal place for vacation because it has a well-maintained ski slope 1000m long, which is illuminated. This allows night skiing. Moreover, there is a possibility of renting ski equipment and ski instructor. Nowadays, it is an exceptionally popular and visited place, both by the citizens of the municipality of Kakanj as well as tourists from other municipalities. Due to the great forest resources and exceptional air quality, this area has been declared as an "air spa".



BOČICA

The Bočica mountain picnic area is located at 920 meters above sea level, and about 10 km from Kakanj. Sports fields and a playground for children have been built on the picnic area. The mountain lodge is managed by the Bobovac Mountaineering Association, which was founded in 1958. It was built in the eighties of the XX century and is open the whole year. The lodge is surrounded by deciduous and coniferous forests.



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KAKANJ MUSEUM



The Kakanj Museum was founded in 2015 with the aim of preserving cultural and historical artifacts, events and facts related to the Kakanj region, but also the wider region. The museum fund currently has about 2,500 exhibited and deposited exhibits, classified by the following collections: Historical Collection (630 exhibits), Collection of the War Years 1992–1995. (380 exhibits), Technical

collection (230 exhibits), Archaeological collection (160 exhibits), Ethnological Collection (230 exhibits), Numismatic Collection (840 exhibits) and Lapidary Collection (10 monuments). The period from prehistory to the end of the Middle Ages is authentically shown within the permanent museum exhibition, which abounds in many found objects and symbols that confirm the presence of ancient civilizations in this area. Remains of the former Illyrian and Roman culture found at several sites testify to the life back then, customs and geostrategic position of Kakanj as a place suitable for settlement. The period of medieval Bosnia, which brings the first mention of Kakanj in the charter of King Stjepan Dabiša from 1392 issued in Kraljeva Sutjeska to Duke Hrvoje Vukčić Hrvatinić, is treated chronologically and in detail. The existence of as many as 71 necropolises of stećak tombstones is a source of valuable knowledge and evidence about the medieval Bosnian state, and the Museum is in charge of their archaeological protection in the field. The famous and grandiose Zgošća stećak, found at the Crkvina site in the settlement of Zgošća, is an indicative picture of the strength of mind and the power of the crown of that time. As Kakanj is, among other things, known as an industrial city, part of the museum space is dedicated to the history of mines and thermal power plants, whose model in a small space vividly summarizes the second largest industrial complex of this type in the country. The museum also keeps an ethnographic collection in which there are exhibits reminiscent of life in this area, traditional clothing, handicrafts, a place for weaving carpets, as well as the carpets themselves woven by women from the area. The nurturing of the culture of remembrance was especially expressed through the permanent exhibition of Kakanj in the Second World War, within which the memory of Kakanj's resistance leaders, such as Rudi Čajavec, a pioneer of partisan aviation, is guarded.



WHAT DO WE OFFER?

HOTEL KAKANJ

In order for our guests to discover and enjoy the charms of the previously mentioned tourist destinations, with much love, and as a result of work and dedication we present Hotel Kakanj, a newly built modern hotel in the center of Kakanj. The accommodation

capacity of the Hotel consists of 18 modern rooms with all the amenities needed by a modern man. In addition to accommodation facilities, the Hotel also offers a café-restaurant "Naša Kuća" and a playroom for the youngest guests and visitors of the Hotel "Naša Kuća". The hotel is located in an ideal location for those who want to explore Kakanj or do their business faster and easier. Pleasant ambience and representatively furnished interior as an ideal combination of natural materials and modern colors allows you to organize business lunches, meetings, as well as pleasant and relaxing family and other gatherings.





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At the reception, as the first point of contact with our hotel, our lovely staff will provide you with all the necessary information about the city, the surrounding area and attractive tourist destinations near. We are here to make it easier for you to find your way around our city, to fall in love with it, and to come back again. Our goal is not only to provide you with an accommodation option, but to welcome you with a smile. to take care of you, and to see you off satisfied.



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Together with Hotel Kakanj, we provide the best accommodation option in the local area. We work together to bring more people from all around the world into our cozy town. Twelve modernly equipped apartments (with or without kitchen) in Kakanj are a great accommodation option for families with children, tourists who want to get to know Kakanj and its surroundings as well as for passengers just passing by Kakanj. We offer comfort and cleanliness, free parking and Wi-Fi as well as great prices with discounts.



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