

Pictograms



symbol of the sea, the island of Krk, the cradle of the Frankopans



layout of Nova Kraljevica Castle, a symbol of the powerful Zrinski-Frankopan alliance



symbol of the power and influence that the Frankopans had – they were governors (bans), counts (knezovi), builders, diplomats, and artists



six-pointed star, a symbol on the first Frankopan coat of arms from the time of the Counts of Krk



Glagolitic letter (O) – a symbol of advocacy of Croatian literacy, language and literature



Venetian symbol on the second coat of arms of the family, created after changing the name to Frankopan



bread broken by two lions on the Frankopan coat of arms

F—N THE ROUTES OF THE FRANKOPANS Zrinski Old Town, Kraljevica

"The Routes of the Frankopans' cultural tourism project is inspired by the legacy of the Frankopans, a famous Croatian noble family who left numerous traces of their influence and power in the area of present-day Primorje-Gorski Kotar County in the period from the beginning of the 12th century until the second half of the 17th.

They wanted everything: personal power, reciprocated love, a blessing from heaven, and their own state. Borders did not exist for them. Space would just open up in front of them as they observed it from the walls of their castles.

And then a border appeared after all – at the least convenient moment.

Dear readers, doesn't this sound like an introduction to a dramatic story from national history? This is the story of the Frankopan noble family, whose origins were on the island of Krk. In fact, it's a number of stories about them that took place over centuries. To follow the routes of the Frankopans means to take a journey across a vivid, authentic landscape built by this family in the areas of Krk, Vinodol and Gorski Kotar.

Zrinski Old Town is like a stone-built time machine. It consists of the Lower and Upper Castle, which were built in different periods. The lower part, a small fortress with the Chapel of St. Nicholas, dates back to pre-Frankopan times, while the construction of the Upper Castle saw the medieval structure partly renovated in the Baroque style.



In the vicinity, there are also...



beaches



sports and recreational facilities

beach canoe, pedal boat, wind surfing board and boat rental



visitor centre

Nova Kraljevica Castle

Two Frankopan estates within 500 m of each other

Kraljevica is the only town that prides itself on having two Frankopan estates, as Zrinski Old Town is located just five minutes' walk from Nova Kraljevica Castle.



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 Nova Kraljevica Castle

550 m

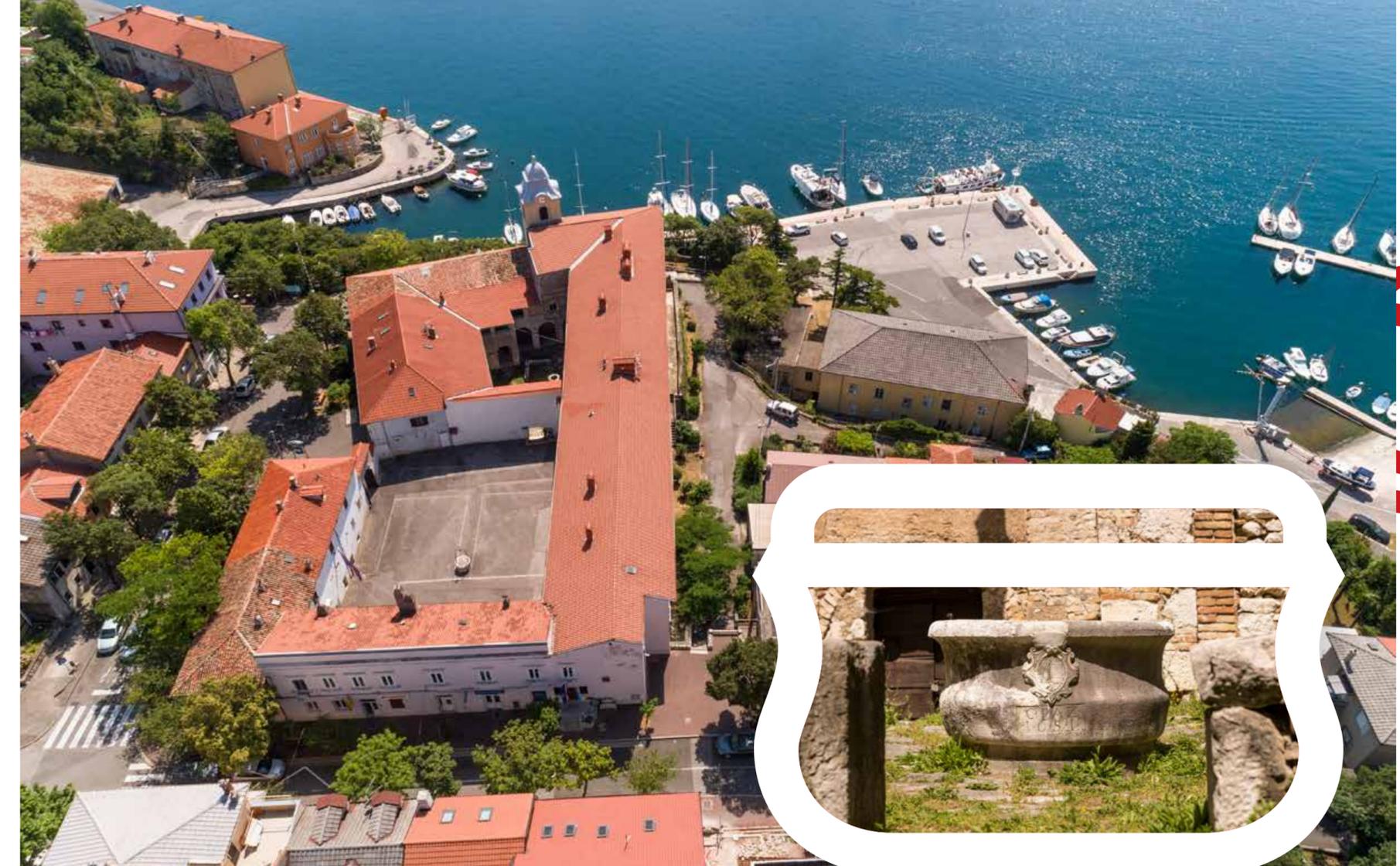


 Hreljin Old Town

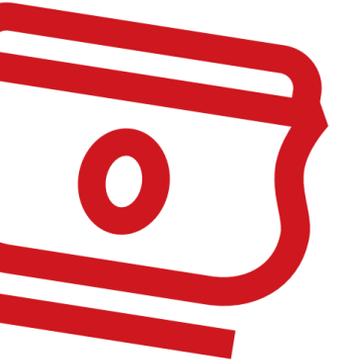
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Zrinski Old Town, Kraljevica 17th century



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but the stories
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