



Zelina

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# Zelina

**I**ntertwined with numerous hills, Zelina can be truly grasped only through senses and feelings. It cannot be perceived at a glance, taking just one road is not enough. The awakening of nature is just the beginning of opulent colours that nature uses to transform Zelina into an inexhaustible well of inspiration.

When you start your journey through the Zelina region, inspiration and passion for beauty lead you along winding local roads through vineyards from Donja Zelina to Nespeš and Gornje Psarjevo, and eventually to Sveti Ivan Zelina. Chapels, churches and museums along the way are posing for you to take the perfect photo. And you will be that special ornament in those photos. If you still have not discovered or been told why Zelina is so special, we invite you to explore this small town close to the capital of Zagreb and awaken your inspiration. As an encouragement along this journey, we will share with you Željko Pavičić's inspiring poetry. His verses shall certainly paint the picture if our words fail to do so.

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**Z**elina intertwines natural beauty with the legacy of human life, work, hopes... Zelina is a quiet and peaceful region, where life flows silently but with vigour. Echoes of history and the pulse of people resonate rhythmically and captivatingly around Zelina. The region has always inspired the pursuit of better, more advanced and more beautiful. It is corroborated by the contributions of many Zelina inhabitants who strive to build a more humane world uniting humans and nature in harmony.

## *Life as inspiration*

Sveti Ivan Zelina has a turbulent history worthy of a movie script, as this region's wheel of history has been turning since ancient times. Zelina was first mentioned in 1185 when Bella III confirmed to Zagreb's clergymen their ownership rights over Zelina. It is the year Sveti Ivan Zelina started diligently building its identity, marked by a series of historical events, both positive and negative ones. Over the centuries, Sveti Ivan Zelina was struck by various calamities – two great fires, earthquakes, and the destruction of the old town centre. Despite all that, the industrious and positive spirit of its

inhabitants rescued Sveti Ivan Zelina from all adversities. The town has preserved its resilient and defiant spirit, the spirit of creativity and progress, passed down by generations of both famous and less-known inhabitants of Zelina. The first among them was Gurk, the first governor of Zagreb County, with the village of Gurkovec, nowadays called Curkovec, named after him. It is also essential to recall the owners of the old town of Zelina, situated on the slopes of Mount Zelinska gora, who all belonged to old and distinguished noble families: Byczkele, Zapolja, Palfi, and Kerečenji. Let us also mention Zagreb's bishop and the founder of the Metropolitan Library in Zagreb, Aleksandar Ignacije Mikulić, who came from a famous noble family owning Brokunjevec Castle in the settlement of Blaškovec. Many inhabitants of Zelina have left their trace, not only in Sveti Ivan Zelina but also beyond: the politician Franjo Žigrović-Pretočki, the priest, educator and wine-grower Dragutin Stražimir, the chemist and naturalist Milutin Barač, the poet Dragutin Domjanić, painters Anka Krizmanić and Zdenka Sertić, the architect and painter Vjenceslav Richter. It is also worth mentioning numerous Zelina's inhabitants who represented their local region through their work and efforts, proudly emphasising their origin at major economic and agricultural exhibitions over the past 160 years.

Even today, more than 830 years after the first mention of the name Zelina, our town continues to face challenges and welcome all goodhearted visitors with arms wide open

*Beli zvonček  
Beli, so cvetki ošpirajni,  
Sami so v puščici zbirajni,  
Hel bi ih v nožna ti. Pti,  
oh to znam, da ni smeti.*

*Il ti na oblak nailagati,  
Da bi ih magla polzagati,  
Bri tak slatko lišajni.  
Lepoga puno veljajni.*

*Vse kaj bi v oči mičitata,  
Kaj bi v oči pogledom jistata,  
Vse kaj so tebi lepata,  
Et me jai imat kaj vala.*

*U Zagrebu dne 28. travnja 1931  
Branimir H. Domjanec*





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*One location will evoke another, one story will herald the next and each view will open into another one. Relax and treat yourself to Zelina, your genuine inspiration*

### *Museum of Sveti Ivan Zelina*

The Museum of Sveti Ivan Zelina, founded in 1988, is located in the town centre. What is particularly interesting about it is the fact that it is housed in a building built in 1951, designed by our famous architect Stjepan Planić. The museum's collections contain items dating from prehistory to present, with artefacts exhibited at numerous temporary exhibitions. There are 17 collections treasuring an impressive total of 15,000 items.



## Gallery of Sveti Ivan Zelina

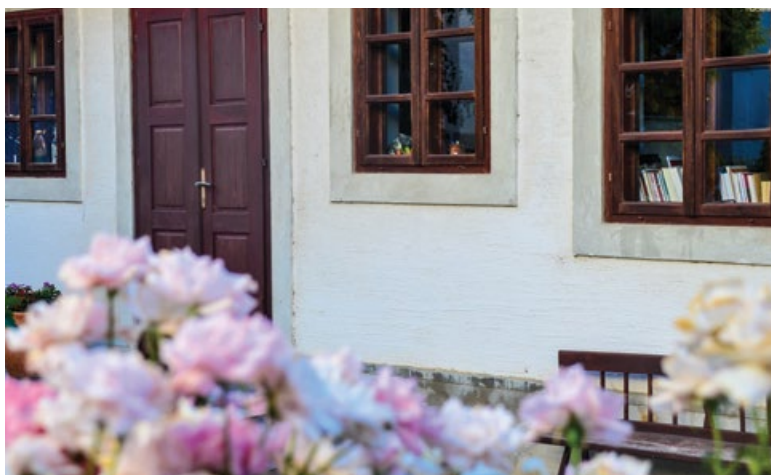
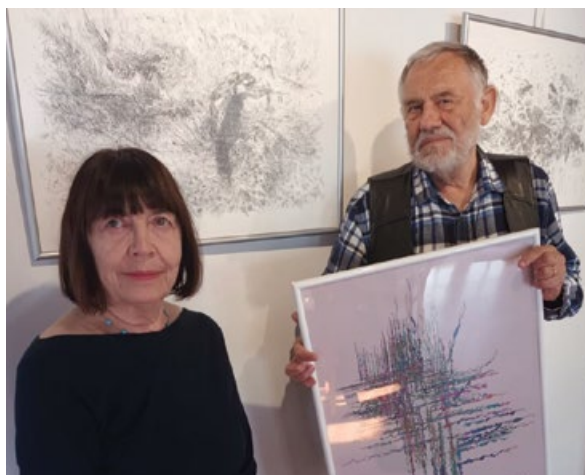
The Gallery of Sveti Ivan Zelina was opened on Saint Martin's Day, 11 November 1994, in the 400-year-old Vilko Žiljak's family house. Vilko Žiljak was a pioneer of computer graphics, the author of the first documents of the Republic of Croatia and the co-author of kuna banknotes. The gallery is well known to wider audiences for InfraredArt, which combines art and technology. This art technique is based on the infrared theory developed by Vilko Žiljak, PhD, and his team. It is an innovative method of creating unique paintings with ambiguous appearances – one visible to the naked eye in daylight, and the other visible only through an infrared camera.

This specific art form, which brings science and art together, has been particularly explored by the Croatian academy-trained painter and graphic artist Nada Žiljak from 2009 to the present. Nada's shift to infrared painting establishes her as a key figure in contemporary art, not only in Croatia but globally as well.



Inspired by heritage and innovation

*Throughout the year, the gallery organises a series of exhibitions by famous artists as well as a unique exhibition of wine goblets created by artists from around the world*



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## Inspired by spirituality

Churches and chapels in Zelina were built between the Romanesque and the Baroque period. Since ancient times, believers, pilgrims, seekers of peace and meaning have been visiting Zelina's churches, nestled among hills, mounds and vineyards. The power of human spirit in harmony with the forces of nature has been a source of survival and resilience both in times of struggle and in times of freedom.

Saint Peter's Chapel in Novo Mjesto is one of the most beautiful Romanesque chapels in north-western Croatia. The centre of Sveti Ivan Zelina is dominated by the Church of Saint John the Baptist. Driving along the roads of the Zelina region, make a break at Donja Zelina to look at Saint Nicholas' Church, and at Komin to admire one of the most beautiful Baroque churches – the Church of the Holy Three Kings. Enrich your spiritual and cultural journey by visiting Saint Nicholas' Church in Donja Zelina, as well as the chapels of Our Lady of Sorrows in Prepolno, Saint Helena in Sveta Helena, Saint George in Psarjevo Gornje, and Saint Anthony of Padua in Blaškovec.



Inspired by *heritage*



### *Sunday*

*Sunday is a holy day,  
I'll go with people to pray.  
And later  
I'll direct my glances  
At Tomaš' wine cellar  
With shadows over fences.  
I make the sign of cross for my sins.  
I listen...  
And hear a bird.  
It sings Domjanić:  
Chirp-chirp  
Chirp-chirp  
Oh, how grand  
My beloved  
Prigorje land!*

Željko Pavičić



*Charcoal kilns of the Zelina region, the so-called Vuglenice, have always been an integral part of the landscape of woodland stretching from Mount Zelinska gora, through the forests of Mokrice, to the villages beneath Mount Kalnik. Nowadays, they represent a remnant of a tradition, i.e. disappearing ethnographic heritage*



## Charcoal kilns (Vuglenice) - *Natural black*

The village of Zrinščina still preserves around twenty traditional kilns for producing charcoal. With their unusual appearance, they resemble giant bee hives. Their owners do not even remember when the tradition of using charcoal kilns started, but the tradition persists, reminding us of some other quite different times. Those charcoal kilns are built of brick and coated on the outside with mortar. There are larger and smaller ones, but they are all dome-shaped with an opening at the top. Wood is fed into the kiln through a door until it reaches approximately the middle of the kiln's height. The task is usually carried out by two workers, one handing logs from outside while the other stacks them inside. The kilns are filled to the top through the opening in the dome. A wooden platform is built next to a kiln to facilitate the delivery of wood logs. Beech wood is the most suitable for charcoal production, but oak, black locust as well as other varieties growing in nearby forests can also be used. After filling the kiln, its iron doors are tightly sealed and once the wood is ignited, the opening at the top of the dome is closed using a round lid. The burning process lasts ten days, and the kiln is then left to slowly cool for several days. Inheriting the craft from their fathers and grandfathers, the inhabitants of Zrinščina continue to preserve this tradition with great care. They have managed to preserve the custom despite industrial charcoal production, and their round kilns blend perfectly with the gentle landscapes of the Prigorje hills, thus enhancing the landscape's aesthetic appeal.



## Zelina's witches gathering

We advise avoiding crossroads in Sveti Ivan Zelina and the surrounding area at night. Old legends, substantiated by historical documents, say that witches meet there at night. Witches used to haunt this area, organised into a witches' guild, presided over by Satan himself. They harmed the locals' livestock and crops and still had time enough for their gatherings and various mischiefs.

Moreover, historical records show that the last three witches sentenced to death by the Zagreb County Court were, in fact, three witches from Zelina. In 1751, Marijana Vugrinec, Magda Brcković, Mara Brukec and Mara Fućkan from Zelina made history. Only the last of the named women was freed, while the others were burned at the stake. The women were denounced by Marijana Frajt. She accused them of inflicting bodily harm through witchcraft, as well as of coercing others to join the witches' guild. Frajt was a young daughter-in-law of one of the accused. She was mistreated by the entire household and consequently got sick. As a result of stress, the girl developed a mysterious disease, epilepsy, which was then believed to have a magical origin. The girl, her family and their cohabitants were soon gripped by fear and they lashed out at the witches.



*The witches have long gone, at least, history says so, but it is still wise to watch out for female broomstick drivers when traveling along Zelina's roads*



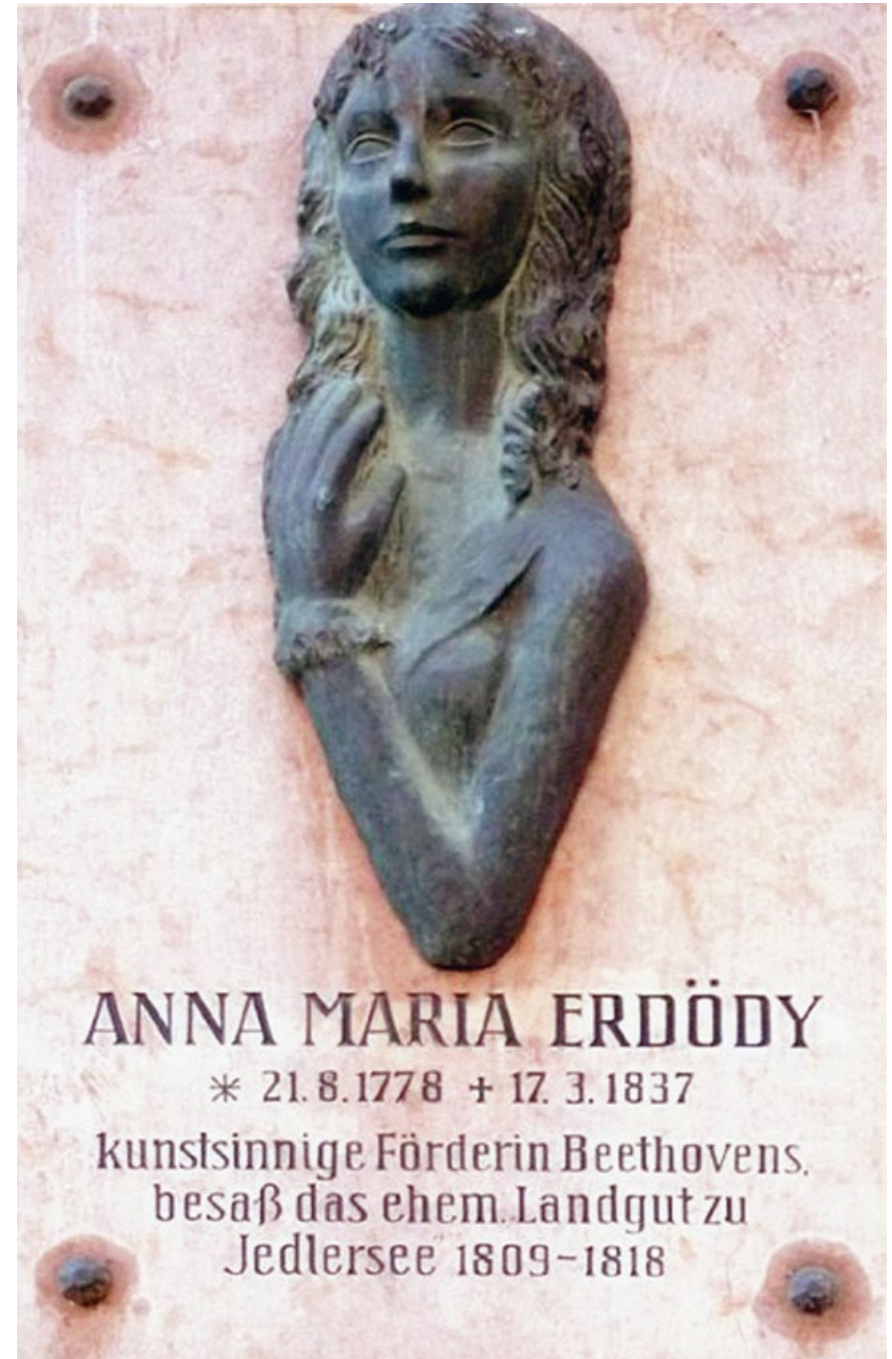


Inspired by *heritage* › Inspired by *love and wine*

## Beethoven's Sonata from Zelina

This is a story you will not come across in school textbooks or historical sources, which is a shame because it is a truly romantic one. Do you know that there is a secret connection between the genius Ludwig van Beethoven and Zelina? The story of this secret connection first perked many suspicious ears, then became a local legend, and was eventually featured in the documentary film **Beethoven's Sonata from Zelina**.

Countess Ana Marija Niczky, married Erdödy, was the owner of a grand and luxuriant castle in Paukovac close to Sveti Ivan Zelina. She used to spend a lot of time at her Jedlersee estate near Vienna as well as in her house in the city. The friendship between the countess and Beethoven began in 1803 and lasted for many years. The countess became Beethoven's muse and a close friend.





*Beethoven loved good wine, so the countess, acting as his muse, and her wine from Zelina evidently played an important role in the life of this music genius for a long time*



Watch the documentary *Beethoven's Sonata from Zelina*

He dedicated a few compositions to her and she thanked him by giving him bottles of wine from her vineyards in Zelina. His personal diary from 1811 meticulously records 34 bottles of Countess Erdödy's wine, and Beethoven's biographers assume that such wine shipments used to be common. Beethoven wrote three love letters to "Immortal Beloved", whose identity remained unknown for a long time. Nowadays, his biographers believe that he addressed these three beautiful love letters to Countess Erdödy.

A few of Beethoven's letters which remained preserved up to the present testify to their mutual respect, platonic bond and tight connection of two soulmates, a relationship that would be presented on the screen two centuries later. The film is dedicated not only to this gentle friendship, but also to the longstanding tradition of winemaking in Zelina. It premiered at the 50<sup>th</sup> Croatian Continental Wine Exhibition in Sveti Ivan Zelina. The filming took place in Sveti Ivan Zelina and Vienna.

# Green inspiration



*We long for the primeval. Authentic truth. Pure life. Great revelations and beauties are not found in imaginary places, or in distant and unreachable worlds. We are taking you to Mount Zelinska gora*



Are the amazing photographs of views and horizons we treasure in our gadgets and in frames on the walls enough to remind us of the world that surrounds us? Or is nature, in all its forms and changes, a remedy and a blessing leading us to a healthier and happier life? Nature is the best medicine. Breathe it in, nourish your mind and body with it, preserve it, admire it, converse with it... Our questions are only here to galvanise you into action and encourage you to set off into the amazingly beautiful world we are all part of. Make each morning an inspiring one and let your weekend mornings be inspired by greenery.

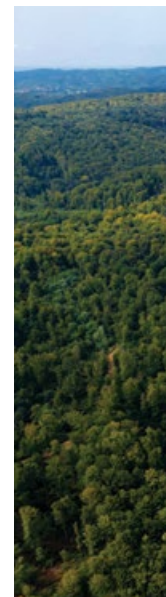
## Mount Zelinska gora - *Powerful greenery*

Being in nature has become the best medicine, as we spend most of our time in enclosed spaces, driving cars or running errands. Amidst it all, we should not forget to take care of our health. Spending time in nature is the best way to maintain it. It not only heals our bodies but also our minds. Nature makes us complete, by embracing and permeating us. There is so much you can hear in nature, because the silence leaves enough space for... you.



## Old Town *Zelingrad*

The slopes of Mount Medvednica are a key natural and historical feature of Zelina. Only three fortresses have been preserved across the entire Mount Medvednica and the Old Town Zelingrad is one of them. This medieval fortress has been attracting visitors with its beauty and grandeur since 1295, when it was mentioned for the first time. It had changed owners a number of times and eventually went out of use in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Zelingrad comes alive with every visit and its green belt is nowadays an inevitable destination for ramblers, hikers and picnickers. You should also experience it by walking through the beech forest along the Velika Reka Stream, for example.





### *Cyclamen at Zelingrada*

*As long as I breath  
I will cherish hope  
Once again to smell  
Cyclamen on Zelingrad's slope.*

*No other opinion shall overpower  
If you ask me:  
What is the most beautiful flower?  
Cyclamen at Zelingrad!*

Željko Pavičić

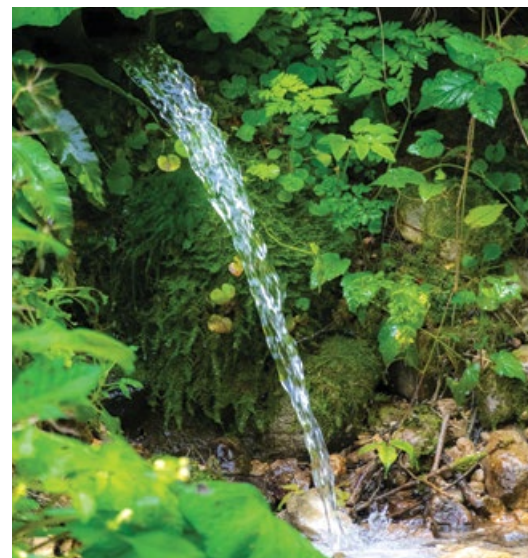
### *Thirsty*

*I am thirsty, my fellow man!  
My blood is burning in my vein.  
A glass of water hand to me,  
but cold let it be.*

*I am thirsty, my fellow man!  
Sweat down my face ran.  
Some water give me to taste,  
But only from Žlebica place.*

*I am thirsty, my fellow man!  
Let's spring to a water well.  
A glass of water hand to me  
It's time to say goodbye to thee.*

Željko Pavičić



## *Educational Eco Path "Through Mount Zelinska gora"*

Through intact nature and forest, the educational path takes you to the top of Mount Zelinska gora, known as Kladeščica. Kladeščica is located at the eastern part of Mount Medvednica, and it is reached from Sveti Ivan Zelina through the settlement of Biškupec Zelinski. The educational path aims to provide information and inspiration for the protection of nature and the environment, and there is no better way to protect it than by learning about it. Along the educational path on Mount Zelinska gora you will learn about the green side of Zelina's arcadia. Walking, cycling, picnicking, relaxing under a wooden gazebo or visiting a clear water spring are some of the activities on Mount Zelinska gora we suggest at any time of the year.



*Combined with visits to cultural and historical sights, and excellent food and wine, cycling can turn out to be an exquisite sporting and hedonistic experience*

### *Bikes come first*

The history of cycling began and the first bike routes were set up in Sveti Ivan Zelina as early as 1899. Similar to the history of cycling in Europe and Zagreb, Zelina's cycling history is also inextricably connected to competitions.

The first cycling competition in Sveti Ivan Zelina was held in 1934, followed by two more, and then the post-war period brought an even faster development of cycling. Cycling in Sveti Ivan Zelina is a truly marvellous experience. While cycling, you can stop wherever you like and enjoy a slow ride, soaking in the beautiful views of the diverse countryside. Cycling routes follow the existing roads, where the traffic is usually very light.

Ranging from macadam trails perfect for mountain biking to paved roads ideal for family outings, Sveti Ivan Zelina offers routes suited to all tastes, allowing cyclists to enjoy numerous beauties of Zelina's nature and vineyards. For more demanding travellers, we have set up cycling routes connecting Zelina with neighbouring towns and counties. Ready, set, go! Enjoy your adventure on two wheels!





## Enduro Trail - *For the experienced and brave*

This experience is intended for experienced and brave cyclists who enjoy adrenaline-packed rides they might not be accustomed to in their urban environments.

Life is only one, but the experiences at Kladeščica are countless, so feel free to enjoy them on two wheels during a wild ride. Let us quote cyclists who have tested this route: "From the perspective of someone who spends most of their time on an XC or a road bike, it is a rather long descent. The descent that will make you smile every time! The ascent and descent, along with boarding and disembarking, take just under 30 minutes! The team of the cycling club Bregdown has done an excellent job making and maintaining the trail. It is plain as day that they are passionate about their trail, van, trailer, ramp, embankments, jumps and bridge. There are few trails of this type in Croatia.

*The cycling club "Bregdown" maintains the downhill cycling tracks on Kladeščica. Adrenaline lovers can embark on an extreme ride along a landscaped forest path, full of exciting bends, narrow passages and high jumps*



Link available at:  
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## Quad-route – for the fast and furious

Bring along your family, friends, or better half, and explore the Zelina region. If you are interested in routes through forests, wine roads and visits to local wineries coupled with adrenaline-packed magic, book the increasingly popular quad tours. The local hilly countryside is practically made for riding small, robust quads.

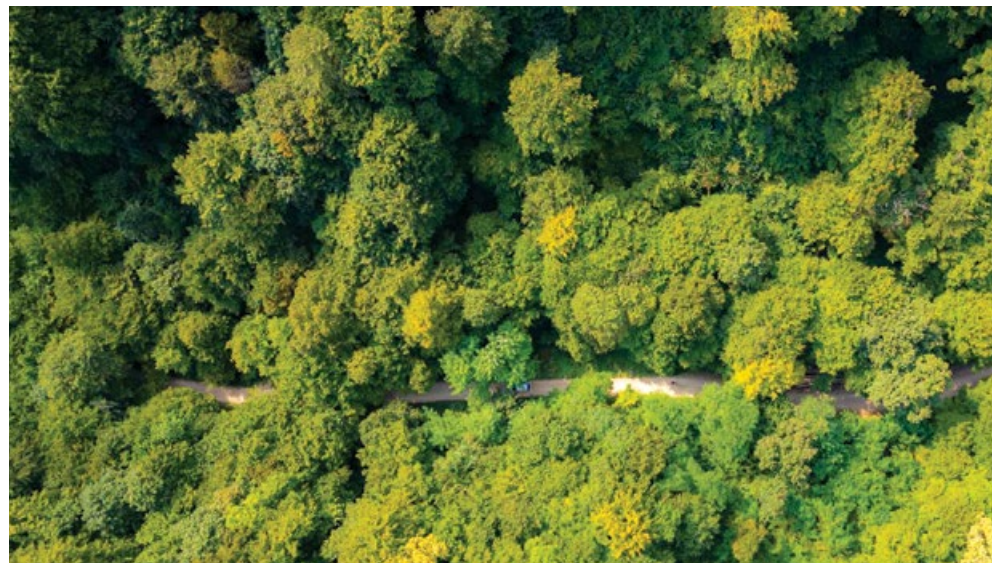
If you are interested, routes through forests, macadam paths as well as paved roads will be waiting for you. And, beautiful hilly landscape full of vistas remains the main motive for taking this ride.



More info: <https://visitzelina.hr/sport-i-rekreacija/quad-staze>



*After long months spent at home, it is time for adrenaline and adventure lovers to jump into action and take an off-road tour or rent an ATV/quad*





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## Airsoft – an outdoor "crossword"

Have you ever wanted to exchange your daily routine for an active stay in nature or turn an ordinary weekend into an adrenaline game? Now is the perfect opportunity to do so. Airsoft is a dynamic game similar to paintball, which turns the experience of playing videogames into a real-life experience packed with adrenaline and fun. It is a recreational sport in which teams aim to outsmart each other and win. The team with the best tactics wins. Learn new tactics, sharpen your senses, and try this popular type of recreation, ideal for individuals, groups of friends or team-building events.

Airsoft Club Zelina provides high-quality playing and safety equipment. Safety and protection of players are the most important aspects of the game. First, let us introduce you to the rules and equipment. And then, the game can begin! If you would like to treat yourself and your company with an adrenaline-packed adventure in nature, contact us to prepare an unforgettable weekend for you.

*What do you need to try airsoft?  
Just motivation!*



*Is there a better experience than to pick mushrooms in a forest, and afterwards serve them in an omelette, a stew or a sauce, or braise them gently with onions as a side-dish to meat?*

## Mushrooms, forests and good people

Do you know that mushroom lovers gather at unforgettable outings, searching together for the most delicious thing that a forest can offer? And after picking, mushrooms are used to prepare stews and omelettes at most beautiful natural locations where fitness and appetite grow simultaneously. Mushroom sauce is often paired with traditional game or meat dishes and mushroom experts know that it is the best ingredient if you want to enrich a meat dish or gnocchi. However, during the picking season, mushrooms are also commonly served as delicious main dishes. Mushroom pickers' gatherings have always been special. These gatherings have an educational purpose (knowing whether certain mushrooms are edible is crucial), and they are held in the most magical forest and meadow locations. So, it can rightly be said that mushroom lovers are real botanists. If you want to have a go at mushroom picking, we suggest visiting the educational path in the Mycological Educational Park and taking the opportunity to learn about the world of mushrooms. The mycological association Amanita organises mushroom picking, professional lectures, delicacies preparation, ecological and ethnological events as well as children's fairs. The highlight of the event is always the tasting of a mushroom or game stew.





## Lake Mokrica – *Fishing and more*

The picturesque Lake Mokrica dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when it was used as a fish pond by the noble family Drašković. The pond was renovated, expanded and enhanced in 1980. It is a gathering point for nature lovers seeking peace and relaxation. The eight-hectare pond provides an opportunity to, depending on your mood and interests, walk in intact nature, organise a barbecue or a picnic in designated areas, relax in gazebos or simply fish.

The fishing lodge is open to both present and future fishermen as well as other nature lovers all week (except for Mondays, when fish get a "day off"). Fish having their day off on Mondays include carp, grass carp, pike, zander, dwarf catfish, Prussina carp and tench. Lake Mokrica regularly hosts fishing competitions. It is a favourite outing site and an oasis for both ramblers and fisherman, and it is commonly visited by primary school children within biology classes to learn directly from the living ecosystem. So, galvanise into action, pack your rucksack, take a fishing rod, hit the road and head towards Sveti Ivan Zelina.



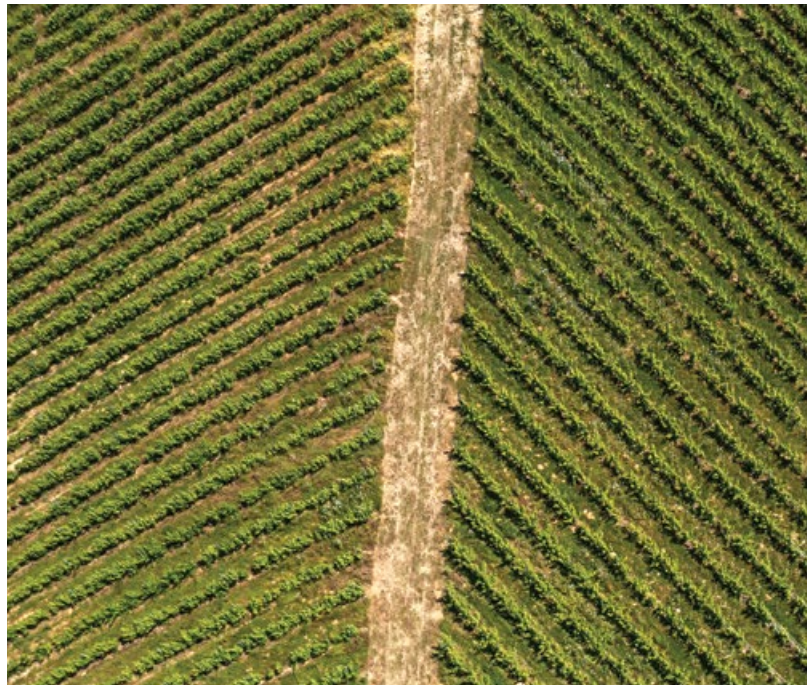
*Jokobanja thermal spring is located 350 m from the village of Krečaves in the vicinity of Sv. Ivan Zelina*

## Krečaves spring – *Jokobanja*

At the depth of 750 m, a reservoir of hypothermal water was found (water temperature 52.0° C, yield 8 l/sec, extremely soft water in terms of hardness) and a drainage channel was installed ejecting hot water under pressure to the surface. It is almost impossible to come and find no visitors under the shower. Jokobanja is a source of clean, mineral and hot water for people of different origins, who have a variety of reasons to come and use it. It is not merely a public spring, but also a meeting point for people who have been gathering here for many years.



Interactive wine map:  
<https://visitzelina.hr/vinska-cesta/interaktivna-vinska-karta>



*Travelling along a wine road implies encountering wine, vineyards and people. You can visit all our wineries along the wine road using the interactive map*

**A**dd colours of wine to your journey through Zelina. Wine is not just a drink to be savoured in a nice glass. It is a dialogue with the region it comes from and its people. It is a symphony of scents, colours and flavours... Wine is about exploring and learning, discovering and making friends. Wine inspires, and Zelina abounds in it.

## *Zelina's wine road - Waves of vineyards*

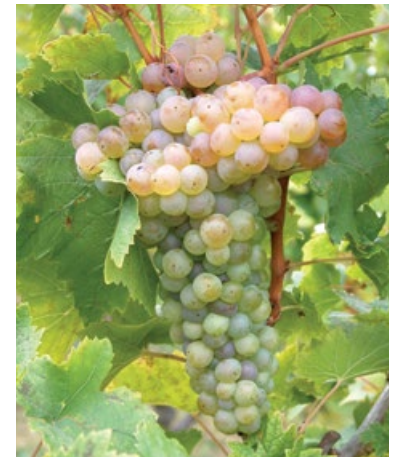
From traditional wine cellars to contemporary wineries, Zelina's wine road provides dynamic views and an array of wine flavours. Zelina's vineyards spread like waves across green hills, attracting visitors as a magnet. Before setting off to explore wineries, nourish your soul by relaxing and soaking in the view of local vineyards. Wineries provide a wine experience that is never repeated, but always creates a new one. Along the wine road, you will meet winegrowers who write poetry through their vineyards and wine cellars, winegrowers who restore old schools and turn them into educational centres on viniculture and those who modernise winegrowing heritage thus creating new, but still authentic wine experiences.



### *Zelina's Kraljevina*

*Lovesick frog said:  
Water shall not clear my head.  
I will look for solace in wine  
A glass of Zelina's Kraljevina is mine!*

Željko Pavičić





## The majestic – *Kraljevina Zelina*

Like all majesties, this particular wine owes its existence to its servants, Zelina's winegrowers, who created it through careful selection, and who want to preserve this particular variety, spread its popularity and secure its position on the throne forever. Owing to its quality, Kraljevina from Zelina stands out as the dominant indigenous variety of the Prigorje region.

*Since ancient times, the vineyards scattered across Zelina's hills have been adorned with fragrant, pink grapes of the indigenous variety Kraljevina, used to produce a light, smooth wine, ideal both for refreshment and sipping*





*The wine Kraljevina Zelina needs to meet strict criteria defined within a detailed study, setting out chemical and organoleptic parameters and requiring that 100 % of grapes used to produce the wine come from the Kraljevina cultivar*

It is a light, smooth and fresh wine which pairs perfectly with food. Its characteristic fruity aroma evokes summer days, making Kraljevina an ideal summer refreshing drink that complements various dishes well. Kraljevina has justified its title of the queen of the Prigorje region, being one of the rare Croatian varieties that has survived the invasion of large wine brands and defended its title. Famous figures such as King Bela IV and Beethoven, now enshrined in the Heavenly Pantheon, could not resist it either.





*The quality of Zelina's catering facilities is corroborated by their regular inclusion in the international guide Gault&Millau Croatia, as well as the "Tastes of Croatian Tradition" label they proudly bear*

## *Table set with home-made delicacies*

Are you daydreaming of a picnic in a vineyard with baskets of delicious homemade food and chilled wine, under a centuries-old canopy? Or cycling along interesting routes, stopping at a belvedere to catch a glimpse of an amber sunset, surrounded by vineyards and the greenery of old forests as well as comfortable facilities hidden in the woods? We know you are already daydreaming about it, or if you still haven't started, Zelina will be your inspiration.

All family farms and restaurants offer authentic and unique dishes, made using local ingredients coming from nearby gardens, creating a true feast in Zelina. The vividness of local cuisine is difficult to surpass and can serve as an exhaustible source of inspiration.

## Loparka pastry - Always good

A special gastronomic souvenir of the region is the pastry baked in a hearth oven known as loparka in Sveti Ivan Zelina, and called prigorska perica or tenka gibanica in other parts of the country. In the past, it used to be an indispensable wedding dessert in the region of Prigorje, and today it is still consumed at many festive occasions. It can be savoury or sweet, and it is delicious both hot and cold. A must-try traditional delicacy, it appeals to all generations due to its simplicity and delicious taste. The taste of loparka is just one of many traditional flavours found on the local tables. It owes its yellow-golden colour to local fresh eggs.



### Loparka from Prigorje

*Soufflé, bouillon, ragout,  
With that I am through,  
For those I don't give a dime  
Loparka from Prigorje is mine*

Željko Pavičić





## Nature as *home*

Unobtrusively, its holiday houses, winegrowers' lodges and family farms offer the very best from nature, along with warm hospitality. Comfort, variety, peace, beauty, kind words, honest similes, aromatic food and a glass of wine... The best from nature and the most genuine from people, that is Zelina.

*Zelina feels...like home.*

## Zelina's *magical fairy park*

There is a world... Zelina's magical, fairy-tale world. Zelina's holiday houses are a doorway into a magical world, abounding with good energy of visible and invisible natural beings. Living in harmony with nature, the owners of holiday houses cultivate the surroundings of their homes, which temporarily become your home as well, paying special attention to plants, trees and flowers being an integral part of our daily lives and every experience. Each holiday home is also a home to plants which carry their message, with each house having its signature plant.





Inspired by *cosiness*



*Nature is our home. Enjoy it through all your senses, and let your hosts and an occasional good fairy be your guides through Zelina's magical fairy park...*



# Inspired by events

## *Zelina's Days*

*Don't leave the area fast  
while Zelina's days last  
and you can listen daylong  
a bird singing Domjanić's song*

Željko Pavičić

## *Thank You*

*For every word of kindness,  
That you used to tell me,  
For every look you gave me,  
For all your smiles, thank you!*

*We find so little goodness,  
in living day to day,  
As soon as the sun appears,  
the clouds take it away.*

*And you have brought  
so much sunshine to my heart.  
What else can I say:  
Thank you from all my heart!*

Dragutin Domjanić

## Each month, from – to

From January to December, our neighbourhood is swarming with activity. Each month pays homage to a tradition, a custom, a local product, a craft or a festival, meaning that each month your visit might be inspired by a different event. So, there is no excuse, there is always something going on.

At the beginning of the year, on 22 January, we celebrate **Saint Vincent's Day** in our fragrant vineyards and wine cellars. In springtime, we regularly celebrate our rich wine tradition by turning Zelina into the host of the Croatian Continental Wine Exhibition, which each year attracts a significant number of guests, wine lovers, visitors and exhibitors. The exhibition has been organised for more than 55 years in continuity. There are also the festivities of **Midsummer Day**, **Zelina's Summer, Camping** (Šatorijada), **Saint Bartholomew's Day**, **Zelina's Chestnut Festival**, **Mushroom Festival**, **Saint Martin's Day**, **Advent**... the list is long and you should best come and check it for yourself when one of these cool events takes place.

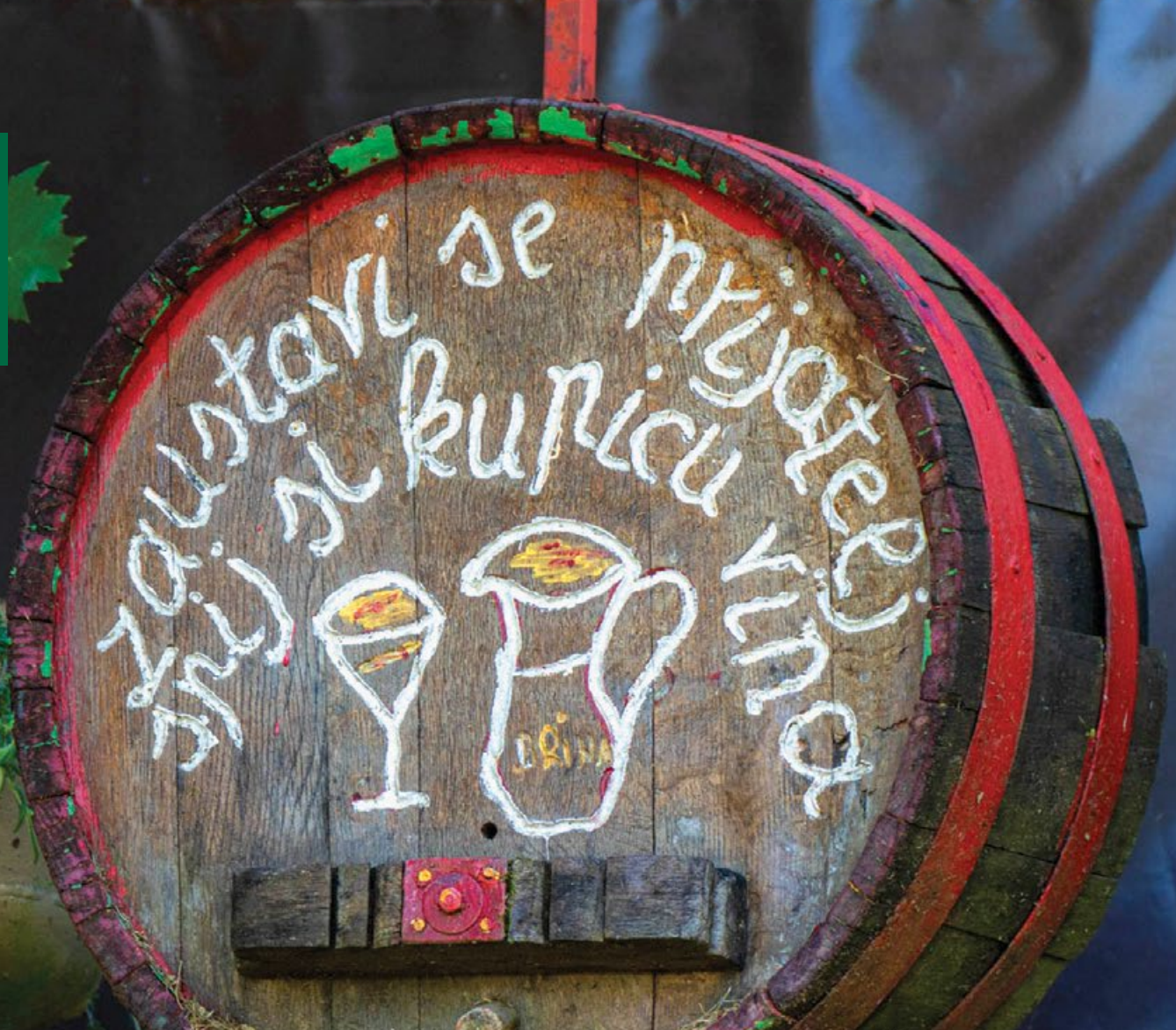
We will conclude this journey through the destination, in words and images, by evoking a pleasant feeling. Maybe the nicest of all. Gratitude. Dragutin Domjanić, a famous citizen of Zelina, captured in verses one of the most beautiful expressions of gratitude ever written. The poem carries an honest and simple title "Thank you" and it owes its greatness to this simplicity.

*Thank you and see you in Zelina!*









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