



A Three-Day Programme – Cycling, Nature and Gastronomy in Europe's Hidden Green Heart

There are places that are not simply visited — they are experienced.

Podravina and Slavonia remain among the rare European regions untouched by mass tourism. Here, landscapes still offer space, silence holds value, and time flows more slowly. Vast plains, the ancient forests of Papuk, quiet villages and the Drava River create an experience that is not sought — but discovered. This programme is designed as a refined slow cycling journey, combining gentle and scenic cycling, unspoilt nature, authentic gastronomy, and a culture that is still genuinely lived. No rush. No crowds. Just the rhythm of the landscape.

Day 1 – Castles, Culture and the Flavours of Slavonia

There are days that do not begin with a plan — but with the feeling that you have arrived in the right place.

Arrival in Virovitica, an elegant Slavonian town rich in history, introduces you to the atmosphere of continental Croatia as it is rarely experienced today.

Accommodation is provided in the heritage hotel Janković Castle in Suhopolje, offering a first encounter with the region's aristocratic heritage — a setting where history and contemporary comfort meet naturally and without pretence.



After a short rest, a gentle introductory cycling ride begins through a landscape defined by its simplicity. The route leads through golden fields, orchards and villages where life still follows the rhythm of nature.

Upon returning to Virovitica, you visit its most prominent landmark — Pejačević Castle, now home to the award-winning City Museum, recognised as the best museum in Slavonia. Its modern and elegant exhibition reveals the world of nobility, culture and regional identity.

The journey continues to a nearby village, where you encounter authentic Slavonia. In the intimate setting of a local oil mill, you are introduced to the traditional production of pumpkin seed oil — a slow, natural and almost ritual process.

A tasting of different oils accompanied by local delicacies transforms this moment into a genuine gastronomic experience, with the opportunity to purchase products directly from the producer. The evening concludes with a traditional Slavonian dinner and carefully selected local wines. Overnight stay.

Day 2 – Papuk: Forests, Water and Hidden Stories

Here, cycling is not merely movement — it is immersion in the landscape.

The day begins with a visit to the Geo Info Centre in Voćin, a modern interpretation space presenting the geological and natural story of Papuk, part of the UNESCO Global Geopark network.

The ride continues through dense beech forests and quiet mountain roads, where each kilometre brings a sense of complete detachment from everyday life. Light filtering through the canopy, forest scents and the sounds of nature create an almost meditative experience.



Arrival at Jankovac reveals one of Slavonia’s most beautiful landscapes — a green valley centred around an impressive waterfall, a place where nature slows time.

Lunch is served at the mountain lodge — simple yet rich, authentic Slavonian cuisine perfectly suited to its surroundings.

In the afternoon, the experience takes on a new dimension. For those seeking more, a zip line above the lake in Radlovac Adventure Park offers a completely new perspective of the forest.

Nearby lies Ružica Grad, a mystical medieval fortress hidden within the forest — a place of silence, history and legend.

For more active guests, an exclusive downhill forest ride can be organised — a unique cycling experience through Papuk’s untouched terrain.



Return to the hotel provides what every active day calls for — rest and regeneration.

The wellness experience (pool, sauna and optional massage) restores energy and creates a sense of complete relaxation. Overnight stay.

Day 3 – The Drava River: Europe’s Last Wild River

There are rivers that shape landscapes — and those that shape a sense of freedom.

The third day leads you to the Drava River, one of Europe’s last preserved river systems and part of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

The route passes through the wide Podravina plains — quiet roads, orchards and villages where visitors are still welcomed as guests rather than tourists.

The first stop offers a moment of calm — the Tea House in Špišić Bukovica, where the aromas of medicinal herbs create a peaceful pause.

The journey continues towards the vineyards and the village of Vukosavljeva, where a local winery welcomes you for a wine tasting accompanied by traditional delicacies.

Arrival at the Drava reveals a landscape of almost untouched nature. At the Drava Story Interpretation Centre, you discover the richness of the river ecosystem — floodplain forests, birdlife and hidden channels.

The final experience is a traditional Slavonian lunch at a local riverside estate — simple, authentic and prepared from fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Return and end of the programme.





Technical Information

- Duration: 3 days / 2 nights
- Total distance: approx. 170 km
- Level: recreational to moderately active cyclists
- Bicycle type: trekking / gravel / e-bike

Price from €800 per person (minimum 5 participants)

The price includes:

- 2 nights' accommodation with breakfast
- 1 traditional dinner
- 2 authentic lunches
- Licensed cycling guide
- Transfers according to the programme
- Entrance fees (Geo Info Centre, Drava Story, zip line)
- Wine and local product tastings
- Full technical and logistical cycling support (vehicle, service, assistance)
- Transport of luggage and bicycles
- Route planning and organisation
- Coordination with local partners