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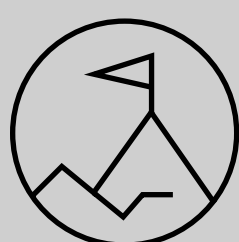
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## THE CHRONOLOGY OF ŠUMADIJA



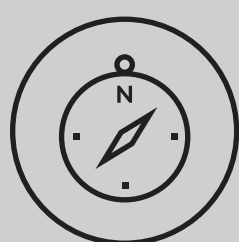
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Do you know that the first silver coin in Cyrillic comes from Rudnik?



Hiking on Rudnik mountain is a real pleasure, it is ideal for families with children



Do you know what is orienteering? You should try it on mountain Rajac!



Oplenac – Royal Provence in Šumadija

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## Mysterious Rudnik and the volcanic rock

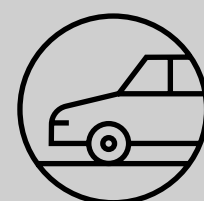
If the sharp-headed volcanic high hill Ostrvica could speak, a long story on stormy times and political overflows, different cultures, epoques and peoples would come out of her mouth. Ostrvica has been the witness of numerous spectacles in her 20 million long life. Rudnik is one thing in that story that is constant. She would have probably told us the story on the Illyrians, Celts, Romans, Hungarians and the mountain rich in mineral resources. The first silver coin in Cyrillic was made there from the local mineral. She would describe the times when mining had to be done in secret in this mountain. Misteries, silver and politics! What a novel would it be, made from the stormy heart of Šumadija.



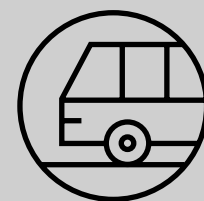
Visiting all the destinations in this area:

- **207 km** from [Belgrade](#), in 4 h 5 min
- **298 km** from [Novi Sad](#), in 5 h 4 min
- **306 km** from [Niš](#), in 5 h i 48 min

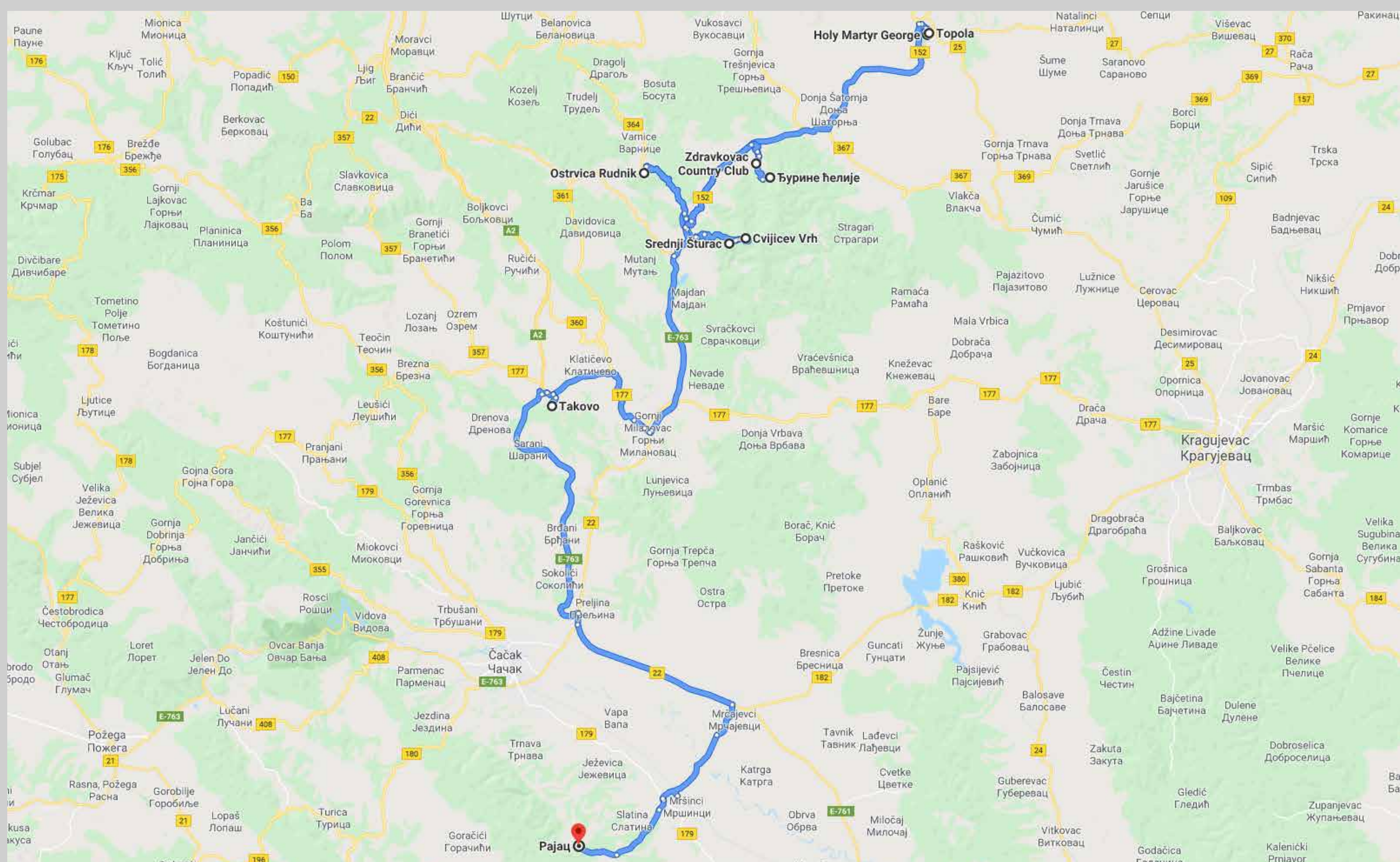
## How to get there?



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Bus



# 1. Rudnik

This mountain is the real beauty of Šumadija, rich in various cultures, history and especially breath-taking nature. This mountain beauty brings inner peace and spirituality. There are less than 2,000 inhabitants here, mostly monastics. An open call for peace and introspection.



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## Where to stay?

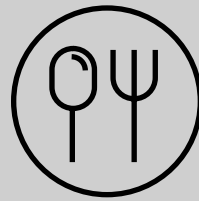
Recommended accommodation



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- 1** [Šumski kutak](#) – prices start from 3,000 RSD, call +381 63 77 17 319
- 2** [Zdravkovac country club](#) – prices start from 4,500 RSD, call +381 69 33 96 996
- 3** [Motel Šumska kuća](#) – prices start from 1,500 RSD, call +381 64 85 63 649
- 4** [Villa Etna](#) – prices start from 2,400 RSD RSD
- 5** [Rajski konaci Leušić](#) – prices start from 3,500 RSD, call +381 63 71 28 325
- 6** [Kuća Tri hrasta](#) – prices start from 1,600 RSD, call +381 61 24 99 536
- 7** [Ethno village Trbović](#) – prices start from 2,000 RSD, call +381 64 14 51 355

# What to eat?



Gastronomy in these parts is famous for gibanica (cheese and eggs pie). It is made almost everywhere in Serbia, however, gibanica has a special taste here in Šumadija.



The nearest shops are in the centre of town Rudnik.

- 1 [Rudnički Breg](#)
- 2 [Beli M&M](#)
- 3 [Kota 555](#)

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# What to do?



## CVIJIĆ PEAK (CVIJIĆEV VRH)

Climbing to the highest peak of Šumadija starts from the [monastery Blagoveštenje](#) on a marked trail. You go along the peaks Mali and Srednji Šturac and finally you will get to Veliki Šturac, which is actually Cvijić peak. It will take you 3 h 30 mins for this adventure.

## OSTRVICA

The path is only 2 km (one hour walk) long but it is rather demanding because of the rise. The trail is well marked, see the best start point [here](#). You can visit the small Medieval town on the volcanic rock Ostrvica as well.

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### WALK TO THE JARMENOVAČKA REKA (Jarmenovac river)

The trail starts from [Zdravkovac](#), goes through the umbrageous parts of the forest, down the stream and then back through the village on the asphalt road. It is an easy trail, suitable for children. It will take you 2 hours to take the entire circle.

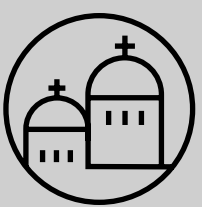
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### BICIKLIZAM

There are several cycling tracks ideal for experiencing this mountain, as well: [Rudnik, 20 km](#); [Gornja Šatornja – Cvijićev vrh – Donja Šatornja, 35 km](#); [Stragari, 40 km](#).

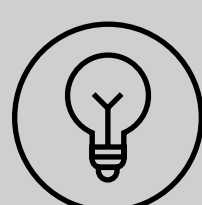
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### ĐURA'S CELLS (ĐURINE ĆELIJE)

The walk to this Archeological locality with a Medieval monastery, which starts at [Zdravkovac](#) is suitable for the whole family.

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## A FEW TIPS

- The road to Ostrvica partially goes through rocky path which can be very slippery after rain. Be really careful!
- Bring enough food and water, waterproof jacket (sudden changes in weather) and strong /stable shoes or mountain walking boots.

## 2. Rajac

Many people would say that Rajac is a mountain. No one said it wasn't. It has almost all the mountain characteristics. It is quite enough for us. Let's not hesitate and jump! Paraglidiiiiiiiiing!!!



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Photo: Mirko Petković

• **40 km** from Rudnik, in 45 min

# Where to stay?



Recommended accommodation

1

Rajski konaci - prices start from 3,500 RSD, call +381 63 71 28 325

2

Eko selo Koštunići - prices start from 2,500 RSD, call +381 63 574 664

3

Ložanjska terasa – prices start from 3,100 RSD, call +381 64 63 55 003

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Zoranov vajat – prices start from 2,200 RSD, call +381 63 72 22 770

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Private accommodation Kod Gorana – prices start from 1,300 RSD, call +381 14 34 45 242

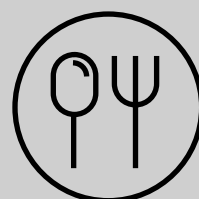


Planinarski dom Čika Duško Jovanović  
– price 600 RSD per person



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# Where to eat?



1

Restaurant Livada Jovanovac  
– call +381 60 34 50 028

2

Kolubara restaurant – near Kod Gorana accomodation



The nearest shop is in Slavkovica village.

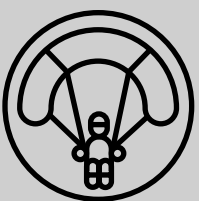


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# What to do?



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## PARAGLIDING

The wind current is suitable for paragliding lovers and there is a well equipped area for taking off. Five persons minimum, price per person is 7,000 RSD and per flight. More information on [Explore Serbia](#), or call +381 69 655 777.

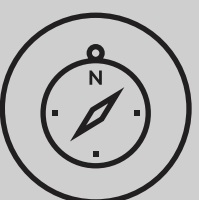
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## RAJAC CAVE

This cave is not the biggest speleological object on Rajac, but it is worth seeing since it has marvelous decoration and it is near the local road. The entrance canal is 30 m long with the average lean angle of 30 degrees. It is located 500 m from mountain lodge.

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## ORIENTEERING

Contestants try to find control points as soon as possible, only by map and compass, all actions are in already given order. More information on [PKS Pobeda](#); minimum is 15 persons, price with the guide is 12,000 RSD.

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### RAVNA GORA

This wold/plateau lies on the slopes of Suvobor, covered in rich pastures and meadows. The cave Mokra is a unique witness of this wild nature's splendor. The cave is in the limestone rock, the entrance is 15 m wide and the ceiling is 4,5 m high, with the strong brook, one of the Grab sources which then creates river Čemernica.



### TRIP TO TAKOVO

Village Takovo, well-known for amazing nature, delicious food and numerous cultural and historical monuments, is near village Leušić (18 km). In 1815, the Second Serbian Uprising-ustanak (against the Ottoman empire), led by Miloš Obrenović, put Takovo among one of the most famous places in Serbia. You can see the acclaimed painting "Takovski ustanak" by Paja Jovanović in the museum of Rudnik and Takovo.



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### CYCLING

There are several marked cycling trails on Rajac. We recommend: [Rajac - Suvobor \(45 km\)](#) and [Rajac - Ravna Gora \(12 km\)](#).

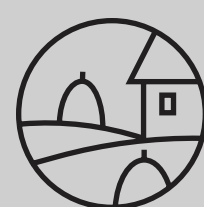
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### MOUNTAINEERING

There are several marked trails: [Rajac - Suvobor – Dobra voda \(19 km\)](#) and [Planinarski dom – Danilov vrh \(8 km\)](#). If you want to hike with a guide ask on [PKS Pobeda](#) to join the free organized hiking in groups.

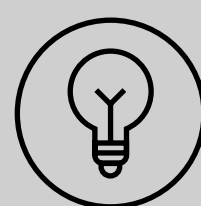
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### VISIT TO SAVINAC

The legend says that Saint Sava went once through this small village (4 km from Takovo village) and you can still see his horse's hoof mark in the stone. There are two wells of termomineral water here in Savinac in the tub of river Dičine – Svetinja and Mlačac. Naturally, there are many legends on these wells, too.

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## A FEW TIPS

- In Rajac summer period lasts more than 4 months and the climate is good for leukemia treatments.
- This destination is great for people who prefer slow and moderate walks/hiking in the mountain, without steep ascents.

# 3. Topola and Oplenac

Everything is royal in Oplenac, in the most positive way: the air, warm sun, grapes, great wine, Indian summer... What else does one need for the inspiration?



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• **25 km** from Rudnik, in 27 min

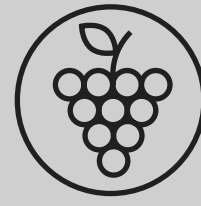
# What to do?



## ROYAL HOUSE AND MAUSOLEUM

Visiting the Monument of exceptional importance, the complex of King Peter I, the Mausoleum of Karđorđević family, Karđorđe town with the historical exhibition, the gallery in Vineyard house, King Peter I house with his personal belongings and Royal winery. Ticket costs 500 RSD, guided tour is 4,000 RSD. More information on [TO Oplenac, Topola](#).

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## VISITING THE WINERIES

Oplenac is famous for the Royal wine and many wineries. You can find out more about Oplenac wine road [here](#), and our recommendations are:

- [Aleksandrović](#) – tasting from 300 RSD per person;
- [Arsenijević](#) – free tasting;
- [PIK Oplenac](#) – group tasting 750 RSD;
- [Kraljeva vinarija](#) – Price per bottle 660 to 1,200 RSD;
- [Rogan](#) – wine tasting/prices start at 300 RSD per person.



## RAKIA TASTING

In these parts, you can also enjoy in famous rakia/brandy. Visit [podrum Skerlić](#) in Lipovac, or try memorable [Junkovčanka](#) from the village Junkovac.

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# Where to stay?



Recommended accommodation

1

[Bungalows Kapetanovi vinogradi](#)  
– prices start from 2,200 RSD

2

[Village household Radmila Đorđević](#) – prices start from 700 RSD, per person

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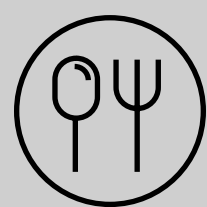
[Tri O apartments](#) - prices start from 2,300 RSD

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[Visitor center Topola](#) - prices start from 2,500 RSD

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# What to eat?



Good wine and rakia need good food. Good food is all around you here, the portions are exceptionally large. Traditional Serbian cuisine: grilled meat, cooked meals, roast meat, salads...

1

[Knežev han](#)

2

[Stara varoš](#)

3

[Ethno restaurant Vožd](#)

4

[Restaurant Jezero](#)

5

[Hotel Oplenac](#) – prelepa bašta pod lipama



You can find many well supplied shops in the centre of Topola.



## SAVET VIŠE

- If you make a slight turn off Topola road from Belgrade and Novi Sad, you can visit brewery [Kabinet](#), one of the first Serbian craft breweries. Make a reservation on this [tour](#) or just enjoy the sunset on the slopes of Kosmaj mountain with a pint of beer.