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## NATIONAL PARK KRKA

## ABOUT:

Krka National Park lies about 30 km inland from Vodice. Named after the Krka River, the Park covers an area of just over 142 square km and includes two thirds of the river itself. The top attraction of the Park are its magnificent waterfalls, including one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Europe, **Skradinski buk.** There's a wide variety of both flora and fauna in the Park. Over 800 species of plantlife have been identified as being present in the National Park.

Also there is a tiny island of Visovac in the Krka river settled by Franciscan monks in 1445, who originally built a monastery in that year (later demolished, then rebuilt in the 18th century) and a church in 1576. The monastery contains a number of well-preserved artefacts and a library.

The old mills, which have been transformed into small ethnographic museums where one can see how wheat was ground in the olden days, are a popular attraction for visitors. Heritage interpreters are dressed in traditional folk costumes, which is particularly interesting and entertaining for children, who are frequent visitors of the park.

## **PROGRAM:**

After the breakfast, departure from hotel. In about 30 minutes we arrive to **Krka National Park** from Vodice. Drive to **Lozovac**, the entrance to the National park. From Lozovac, the main land entrance to Krka National Park, a forest trail runs all the way to **Skradinski buk** waterfall, one of the most famous Croatian natural beauties and the largest travertine waterfall in Europe.

Skradinski buk is the last of seven waterfalls on the Krka River but sure not the least as it creates most travertine cascades, islands and lakes. In over **17 steps of Skradinski buk**, spread over 800 meters in length, lies one of the most unusual and beautiful landscape images of the National Park.

Our program includes a **fascinating tour of an authentically restored ensemble of stone small houses**, workshops, exhibits and watermills and a beautiful walk through forest pathways and wooden bridges designed to let you experience the rich diversity of flora and fauna there.

Enjoy the magnificent Skradinski buk, **free time for swimming and paddling**; the perfect way to cool off in the sweltering summer day! From Skradinski Buk we will take The excursion boats for Visovac and Roški slap (excursion takes 4 hours) leave from Skradinski buk.

**Visovac Island is situated in the middle of Visovac Lake.** The Franciscan Monastery of Our Lady of Mercy, and the Church of Our Lady of Visovac, have stood here since 1445. With their magnificent grounds, they form a unique entity.

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Visovac Island is among the most important natural and cultural values of the Republic of Croatia. Since 1445, this has been the site of the Franciscan monastery of Our Lady of Mercy, and the Church of Our Lady of Visovac. With their magnificent grounds and surrounded by Visovac Lake, this forms a unique entity. During its stormy history, Visovac was and has remained an island of peace and prayer, and the Franciscan monastery is a fortress of spirituality and faith, and one of the key foundation stones of the survival of the Croats and the preservation of the Croatian national identity. The monastery possesses a significant archaeological collection, a collection of historical church linens and dishes, and a rich library with many valuable books and incunabula. **Roški slap is also called the 'vast waterfall', and is made up of a 22.5 m high main waterfall and countless backwaters, cascades and travertine islands.** 

Roški slap is situated about 36 km downstream of the Krka River spring. The start of the barrier is made up of a series of small cascades (called the 'necklace' by the locals), followed by numerous backwaters and islets. Between Roški waterfall and Oziđana pećina cave there are 517 wooden steps.

Over the waterfall, there is a road that dates back to Roman times. Throughout most of Roški slap, the natural environment is pristine and of great interest to nature lovers. On the left bank are a series of attractive water mills, several of which have been restored and returned to their original function.

In "Oziđana pećina" cave there are traces of continuous human presence from 5000 BC, with archeological exhibition on display. 517 steps request some physical effort, which will be rewarded with beatifull views on Krka river. Back to the bus and return to the hotel. Dinner at hotel. Overnight.

## NOTE: Guests should have proper clothing for taking the tour: sportswear, bathing suite, comfortable shoes, additional clothes for change. Out of season warm sweater.

PRICE: 65€ per person

Price includes: -coach on whole tour -Full day National park Krka entry ticket and boat ride with local guide (English language) -lunch box from hotel -organization and realization of programs -VAT

Price doesn't include: -insurance policy -extra meal, and extra cost

We recommend insurance policy. Accepting this program you are accepting our Terms and conditions.

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