

NA POTI Z GUZAJEM

Na poti z Guzajem se boste srečali s pestro kozjansko krajino, lepo ohranjeno naravo ter s pogumnim kozjanskim rokovnjacem Francem Guzajem. Franc Guzaj, zloglasni razbojnik, se je rodil leta 1839 v Primožu blizu Šentjurja. Izučil se je za orožnika in nekaj časa je služboval v Bosni in Hercegovini. Zaradi domotožja se je kmalu vrnil domov in se zaposlil na večji kmetiji v Dobrni. Tamkajšnja gospodarica Klančarica mu je podtaknila tatvino, ker ni želel uslišati njene zaljubljenosti. Obsojen je bil na sedemletno zaporno kazen. Po hitrem pobegu iz zapora je Guzaj svoje življenje posvetil maščevanju Klančarici in pustolovskemu življenju. S svojimi sodelavci je začel jemati pravico v svoje roke. Tatvine in ropi so se celih 7 let vrstili po vsej Štajerski in tudi na Hrvaškem. Guzajeve tarče so bili gradovi, sejmi in župnišča. S prebrisanimi ukanami je "olajšal" marsikaterega graščaka, župnika ali tudi trgovca. Orožniki so ga lovili od Krškega pa vse do Dunaja, vendar se jim je spetno izmikal vse do leta 1880, ko so ga ustrelili v Košnici pri Prevorju. O Guzaju so še danes poznane številne zgodbe, ki jih boste lahko obujali na označeni poti. Spoznali boste, da je bil Guzaj med navadnimi ljudmi priljubljen predvsem, ker je jemal bogatim in pomagal revnim.

On the Guzaj Path, you will meet with the picturesque landscape of Kozjansko, well-preserved nature and a brave outlaw of Kozjansko, Franc Guzaj. Guzaj, an infamous thief, was born in 1839 in Primož, near Šentjur. He finished school as a gendarme and worked in Bosnia and Herzegovina for a while. Due to homesickness, he soon returned home and began working at a larger farm in Dobrna. The mistress there, named Klančarica, arranged a theft to be planted on him because he did not fulfil her love wishes. He was charged with seven years in prison. Soon after, Guzaj escaped and dedicated his life to revenging Klančarica and to a life of an adventurer. With a help of his collaborators, he started taking justice into his own hands. Thefts and robberies took place throughout all of Styria and Croatia for seven years. He targeted castles, fairs and presbyteries. He used cunning tricks on many lords of castles, priests and merchants and thus stole from them. The police were looking for him from Krško all the way to Vienna, while he managed to avoid them skilfully until 1880, when he was shot in Košnica at Prevorje. There are still many stories known about Guzaj and you can reminisce about these along the marked path. You will realize that Guzaj's popularity among common people was mostly due to his taking from the rich and giving to the poor.

