



Grgos cave

Otruševac
Samobor

An aerial photograph of a village nestled in a lush, green valley. In the foreground, a large, light-colored building with a complex, multi-gabled red-tiled roof sits next to a paved parking lot. To the right of the building, a road curves through the landscape. Further back, another building with a red-tiled roof is visible. The background is dominated by dense, green forests covering rolling hills, with a distant town and mountains visible on the horizon under a clear sky.

**Our Maker has
truly endowed
the countryside
around Samobor
with a range
of natural
attractions.**

The quiet village of Otruševac in its picturesque scenery hides a magnificent cave deep underground.

This wonder is rich
in stone formations
created silently, drop
by drop, over thou-
sands of years.





Grgos Cave is the most beautiful cave in this part of Croatia. It was declared a protected geomorphological monument in 1974. It had remained hidden until 1973 when, just as in a fairy tale, it was discovered by Josip Grgos.

A special story about a special discovery

For years, the diligent Josip used to dig mines in the hill to gather rocks to obtain lime, the painstaking work by which he supported his family. He encountered piles of limestone on a daily basis. However, one day, after the cloud of dust has settled, there appeared to be a bigger hole than usual.





According to Grgos,
this is what happened:



*„When we had dug deeper,
my friends and I noticed that
we were on the threshold of
discovering something very
important, thinking it was a
small cave. We dug deeper
and deeper for three weeks
as a bigger and bigger cave
was unveiled before us.*





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We worked from dawn to dusk digging 120 metres into the ground. We would only leave the digging site to retire just before dark. The women would bring us refreshments ... I am not quite certain how many cubic metres of soil, clay and rocks we extracted from a narrow damp corridor where it was only 10°C ..."



A small cave for great stories

Grgos Cave has two spacious halls which abound in stalactites and stalagmites of various sizes and breathtaking shapes. In 2007, three additional halls, 130 m in length, were discovered as an extension of the cave.



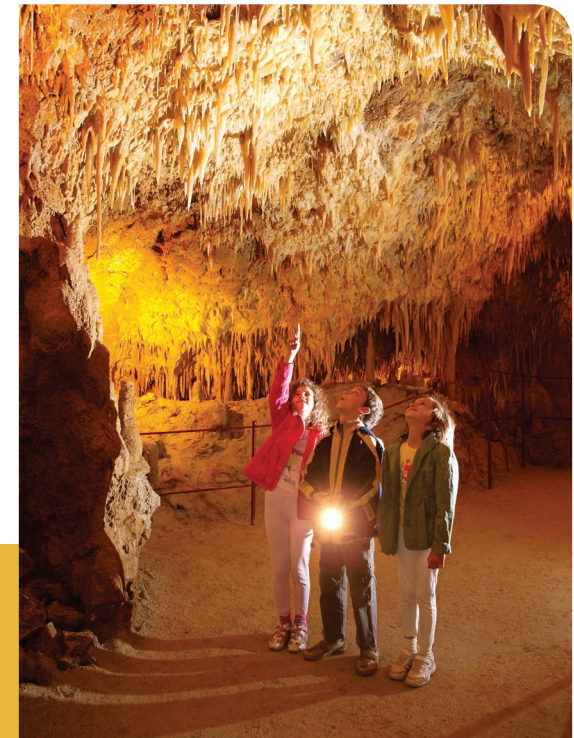


At present, 46 metres of hallways and paths are accessible. Electric lighting has also recently been installed.





The cave is open for visitors to enjoy its beauties during the week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m except on Mondays.



What else is there to visit nearby?

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Otruševac eco-educational trail

In the vicinity of the cave, visitors can walk along the Otruševac eco-educational trail, which starts and ends at Grgos Cave and lasts 90 minutes. The trail has signs and 9 information boards.



Monument to St. Bernard

It is said that this saint, the patron saint of mountaineers, spent his life assisting others in need. Thus, the Grgos family erected a monument to him near the cave in order to pay respect to him and to all mountaineers and hikers.



“Kod špilje” Inn

In front of this gorgeous cave, you can enjoy wonderful home cooking at the “Kod špilje” inn.

All the produce is local, from the fresh green garden vegetables for the aromatic soups and healthy side salads, to the local braised or roasted meat cooked in various ways with the right amount of seasoning.

From the aperitifs and variety of tasty appetisers, to dishes cooked following traditional recipes, everything is a feast for your taste buds.



To accompany your meal, you can order from an excellent choice of wines and beers (maybe even chilled in the cave).



How and when can you visit?

You can visit during winter and appreciate the quiet landscape covered in snow, in spring to experience the freshness of the surrounding woods, in summer to enjoy the scents of the flower gardens, meadows and fragrant hayfields, or in autumn to be enchanted by the delightful array of colours of the Samobor landscape. The beauty is always here and it's within easy reach. You just need to come and visit.



GRGOSOVA GLASOVITA

(Joža Prudeus)

V belem svetu i pri nami
Si se klinče zi špiljama.
Gde god kakšna jama pukne
svet mam beži pak polukne.

I kaj? Nikaj? Se te lukne
tak, tak. Šuple, a ni jena
niti blizu, niti sena...
Špilji Grgos spod kolena.

V Sanobor su badaf išli
če su špilju zaobišli.
Planinarsku sledi ovu
pela v špilju Grgosovu.

Pravično se z njome spinči
Mlajša vre i sestru ima
ampak zutra, a pozutra
Kaj lepote bu još nutra.

Dojti sim ne treba znaka,
Otpri avto, dihni zraka,
samo okol pomiriši:
košta mami, vino diši.

Kaj Postojna? Kaj to znači?
Kaj je veća i starejša?
Grgos špilja kakti puca
je i malejša, je i lepša.



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