# PANNONIAN CHALLENGE the greatest extreme sports and entertainment festival in **Southeast Europe!**

Since 1999, the sandy beach along the left Drava riverbank and the "Copacabana" swimming pools (popularly called "Kopika") in the middle of summer are the venue of an extreme sports competition including various categories such as skateboard, BMX, inline and b-boying. The music programme accompanying the event is a combination of the rock and electro sound. Kiril Djaikovski, Edo Majka, S.A.R.S. and Hladno pivo are only some of the musicians performing in previous festivals. Pannonian attracts a large number of tourists from the Pannonian plain,

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Central and Southeast Europe.

particularly young ones and

those who feel that way.

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### **OSIJEK EVENTS**

SPRING First Saturday of each month: Antiques fair

www.glas-slavonije.hr

04./2017. Easter in Osijek, www.tzosijek.hr 04./2017. ReArt, festival of creativity and arts,

reartfestival.blogspot.hr

05./2017. Grand prix Osijek – Žito Challenge, world cup in gymnastics, www.osijekgym.com

05./2017. Wine and tourism days, fair, www.tzosbarzup.hr

**SUMMER** 

First Saturday of each month: Antiques fair www.glas-slavonije.hr Last Friday of each month: Osijek summer nights, street festival www.osijek.hr



06./2017. UFO - Urban fest Osijek, music festival, www.ufo.com.hr

07./2017. Osijek summer of culture, theatre festival, www.osijek.hr

07./2017. Pannonian Challenge, music and BMX, skate board and inline competitions

www.pannonian.hr

**AUTUMN** First Saturday of each month: Antiques fair

www.glas-slavonije.hr

09./2017. Days of the First Croatian Beer, music and gastronomy festival, www.pivovara.hr

10./2017. Osijek Craft Beer Festival

11./2017. Novembeer Fest, craft beer festival

WINTER First Saturday of each month: Antiques fair www.glas-slavonije.hr

11.-12./2017. Advent u Osijeku, Christmas markets and festivalswww.tzosijek.hr











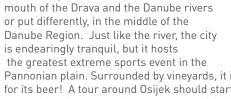




# Visit Osijek

### **CITY ON THE DRAVA RIVER**

is situated just about 20 km from the mouth of the Drava and the Danube rivers



Pannonian plain. Surrounded by vineyards, it is most famous for its beer! A tour around Osijek should start in Tvrđa, the old town with a Baroque votive monument of the Holv Trinity and the Army Generals Headquarters, prominent motifs on 200 HRK banknotes. What perks in Uptown is the Osijek Cathedral and its 90-metre-high bell tower, built in the neo-Gothic style. The tower is the second tallest steeple in Southeast Europe. "Kompa" (river ferry) can take you to the left riverbank near the ZOO. Nearby there is a magnificent old watermill. From the wire bridge, you can enjoy a terrific view of the city while fishing boats sail into the Winter Harbour...



### LOCAL FOOD, WINE AND BEER

Along with traditional dishes, such as paprikaflavoured fish stew, shepherd's stew, dense paprika-flavoured fish stew 'perkelt' and roasted venison, try the wines of Danube region vineyards (the biggest wine cellar in Croatia is located in Baranya and do not miss the supersize 75,000 litre barrel kept in the village of Erdut). The local wine varieties include Pinot, Chardonnay, Merlot, Blaufränkisch, Zweigelt delicious as the Marasca cherry and the pride of local winemakers – Golden Welschriesling (Graševina). Do not forget to taste the "Osijek beer" which has been brewed since 1664 or refresh yourself with Black Radler (shandy).



### THE KNOEDL TIME IN OSIJEK

Swept up into the turmoil of war, Osijek became part of the Ottoman Empire in 1526. Fortunately, the town was liberated on Friday, 29 November 1687, at 11 a.m.! At the beginning of the 18th century, the first churches were built and in memory of the above happy moment and in order not to forget it, all the church bells in Osijek ring at 11 a.m. as if it was noon. In the early 20th century, Osijek housewives got it: the churches warn them about "Mehlspeisen Glock" (the time to cook pasta or prepare dough), so that the lunch could be finished at noon! This Esseker expression has by the time changed into "Knedl sat (Knoedl time)", after a popular dish made of dough with addition of plums, poppy and walnuts. When you put all those ingredients together in the right proportions, you get "Osječka knedla (Osijek dumpling)". It is a must try!

### **EXPLORE THE COUNTRYSIDE ALONG THE DRAVA AND DANUBE**

Get a bike and set off for the Nature Park "Kopački rit", the biggest wetlands in the Danube Region, which is the home and nesting place of 300 bird species! While enjoying the view to Osijek from a sandy beach popularly called "Copacabana", keep track of river cruisers sliding down the Drava River and bringing tourists from all around the world. That is the best time to plan your next visit to Osijek...



## **OSIJEK PACKEGES -ACCOMODATION FOR EVERYONE!**

When planning your weekend trip, choose Osijek for your starting point. Find accommodation in one of the city hotels, boarding houses, hostels or simply book a room somewhere. Before the arrival, check special packages and get some bonuses.

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