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Please count the number of steps leading from the ticket office to the observation hut by the Savica Waterfall to take part in our competition.

Put down the number of steps on the questionnaire that is available at the ticket office. The winners will be announced at the end of summer season.
More information at www.bohinj-info.com.

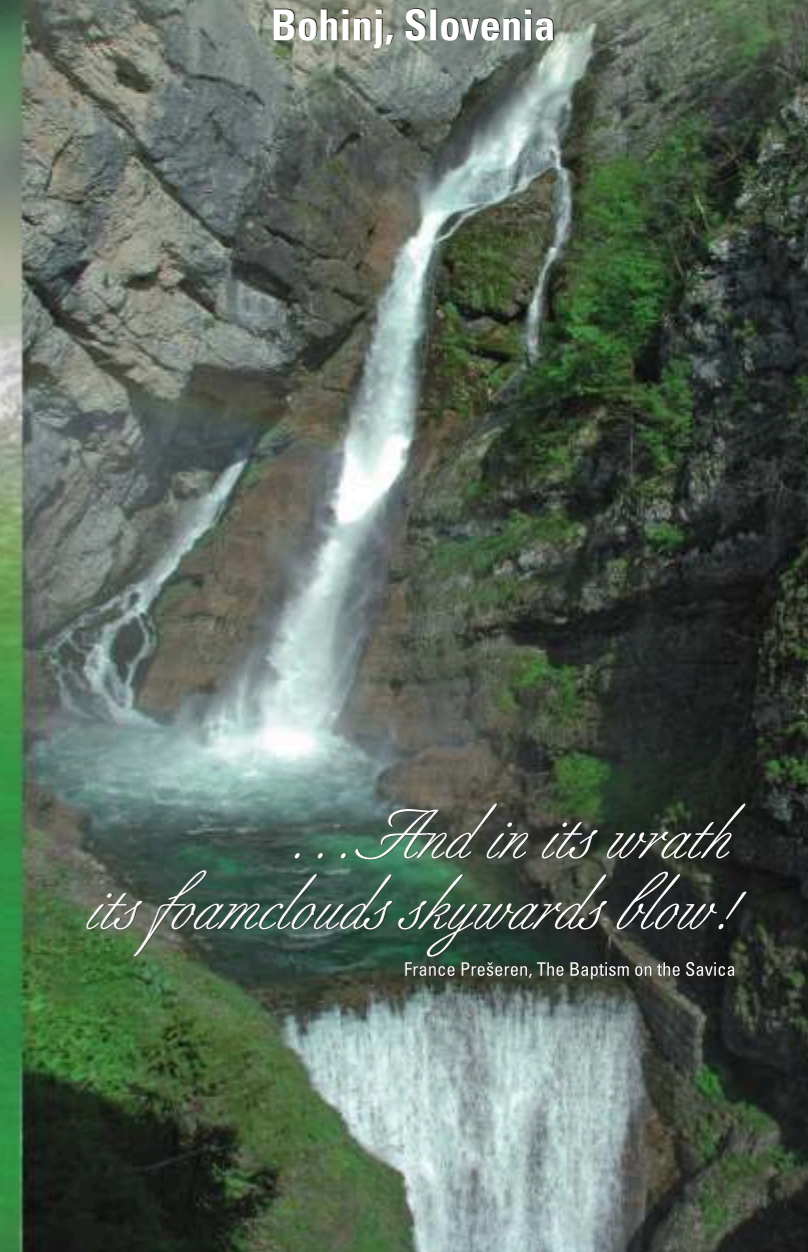


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SAVICA WATERFALL

Bohinj, Slovenia



*... And in its wrath
its foamclouds skywards blow!*

France Prešeren, The Baptism on the Savica



I FEEL
SLOVENIA

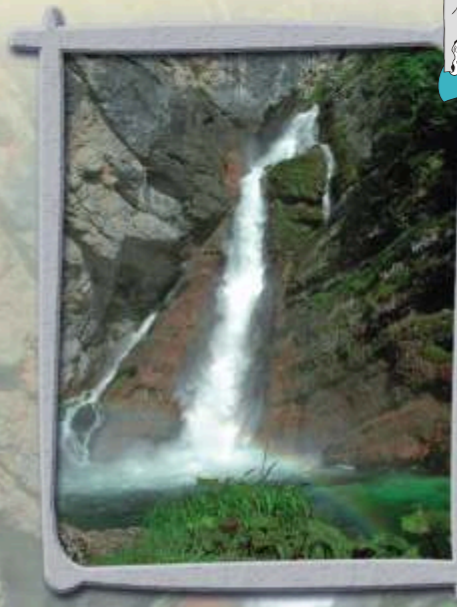
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SAVICA WATERFALL

the Source of Life

- ⊙ Altitude, bottom: 894 m
- ⊙ Double waterfall in the shape of the letter A
- ⊙ Height of the large waterfall: 78 m
- ⊙ Height of the little waterfall: 25 m



The visible part of the Savica gets its water from the wider karst region of Črno Jezero (Black Lake) located 500 metres higher. The water that is flowing through hidden underground with tunnels and lakes runs in two separate streams.

During heavy rainfall, the karst region of Črno Jezero cannot absorb all the water and thus a 600-metre high multi-level waterfall forms by the Savica.

The Savica Waterfall is located in the Triglav National Park (TNP) that spreads across northwestern Slovenia. The park covers an area of 880 square kilometres, i.e. three percent of Slovenia's surface.



MILESTONES

- 1689 - publication of the book *The Glory of the Duchy of Carniola* with copper engraving and description of the Savica Waterfall
- 1807 - visit of the Archduke John of Austria
- 1916 - Austro-Hungarian army builds the Savica military power station for the needs of supplying the rear area of Isonzo Front
- 1947 - Gorenjske elektrarne electric company builds the first hydroelectric power station in the former Yugoslavia
- 1949 - cavers explore the hidden karst underground behind the waterfall
- 1956 - TD Bohinj builds a bridge across the Mala Savica (Little Savica)
- 1971 - TD Bohinj constructs a stone path leading to the waterfall
- 1987 - strong wind destroys the trees on the slopes of Komarča
- 1988-2007 - renovation of the hydroelectric power station at the Savica
- 1998 - earthquake in Bohinj, restoration of the dam by the waterfall
- 2004 - great fire on the slopes of Komarča destroys the observation hut
- 2007 - restoration of the path to the waterfall by TD Bohinj

MOUMENT TO THE ARCHDUKE JOHN OF AUSTRIA

The grandson of Empress Maria Theresa of Austria visited Savica in 1807. The archduke was a keen admirer and researcher of the Alps. He was also the initiator of the construction of the Southern railway (*Južna železnica*) from Vienna to Trieste, and he took part in the wars against Napoleon. Therefore, on the occasion of his visit, the Zois's ironworks in Bohinj put up a monument build by L. Kelbl that is now standing by the rock in the observation hut.

THE BAPTISM ON THE SAVICA

The epic of the greatest Slovene poet France Prešeren describes the Christianization of Karantanians in the 10th century. The heroic fight for freedom and ideals between the pagan Črtomir and the Christian Valjahun ends with Črtomir's christening at the Savica Waterfall where he converts to Christianity at the wish of his beloved Bogomila.



*Our hero listens to the thund'ring falls
Next morning, thinking as the banks below
Are shaken by the water as it brawls
And roars, while undermining in its flow
The trees and cliffs and tow'ring mountain walls
And in its wrath its foamclouds skywards blow!
Thus hast 'ning youth its pace but first corrects
In later life - so Črtomir reflects.*

France Prešeren, *The Baptism on the Savica*
(Translated by Tom M.S. Priestly in Henry R. Cooper, Jr.)

BARON ŽIGA ZOIS

The friend of Valentin Vodnik and one of the leading Slovene economists and patrons of that time put up a monument to the Archduke of Austria as a part of his iron works company in Bohinj (*Bohinjske železarne*). With the development of iron-working and iron foundry, Zois connected Bohinj with the land of Carniola. The baron was also a good friend of Balthasar Hacquet, a reputable Austrian botanist and doctor in the Idrija Mine, who named the Alpine forget-me-not (*Myosotis terglouensis*), the Triglav rose (*Potentilla terglouensis*), the Triglav hawkbeard (*Leontodon terglouensis*), and the Triglav gentian (*Gentiana terglouensis*) after Mount Triglav the last two are known by the Latin name of Triglav (*terglouensis*) to this day.

SAVICA HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION

Nowadays, the power station has considerable importance mainly because it provides the cleanest eco energy, i.e. green electricity. In its history, the power station at the Savica has produced one terawatt hour of electric power that represents a saving of 1.2 million tons, i.e. 600 000 coal wagons. Lining up these wagons one behind the other, we would get a train consisting of as much as 900 km, that is from Bohinj to Stockholm.



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