

Savica Waterfall

– The Source of Life

The most visited waterfall in Slovenia

FACTS:

- × HEIGHT ABOVE SEA LEVEL AT BASE 894 M
- × TWO-PART WATERFALL IN THE FORM OF THE LETTER A
- × HEIGHT OF THE LARGE WATERFALL: 78 M
- × HEIGHT OF THE SMALL WATERFALL: 25 M
- × LOCATION: 46°17'23", 13°48'08"
- × CAPACITY: **PERMANENT / RARELY RUNS DRY**

The visible part of the **Savica** is fed by the wider karst area of **Črno Jezero**, lying 500 m above the waterfall. The water flows through a hidden underground of passages and lakes in two separate streams. ×

During heavy rainfall the karst area around Črno Jezero can no longer absorb all the water and a chain of waterfalls up to 600 m high is formed. ×

The Savica Waterfall lies at the heart of the **Triglav National Park (TNP)**, where the protection regime is strictest. Please do not forget that you are visiting a wonderful yet sensitive natural environment, that should remain the same after your visit. ×



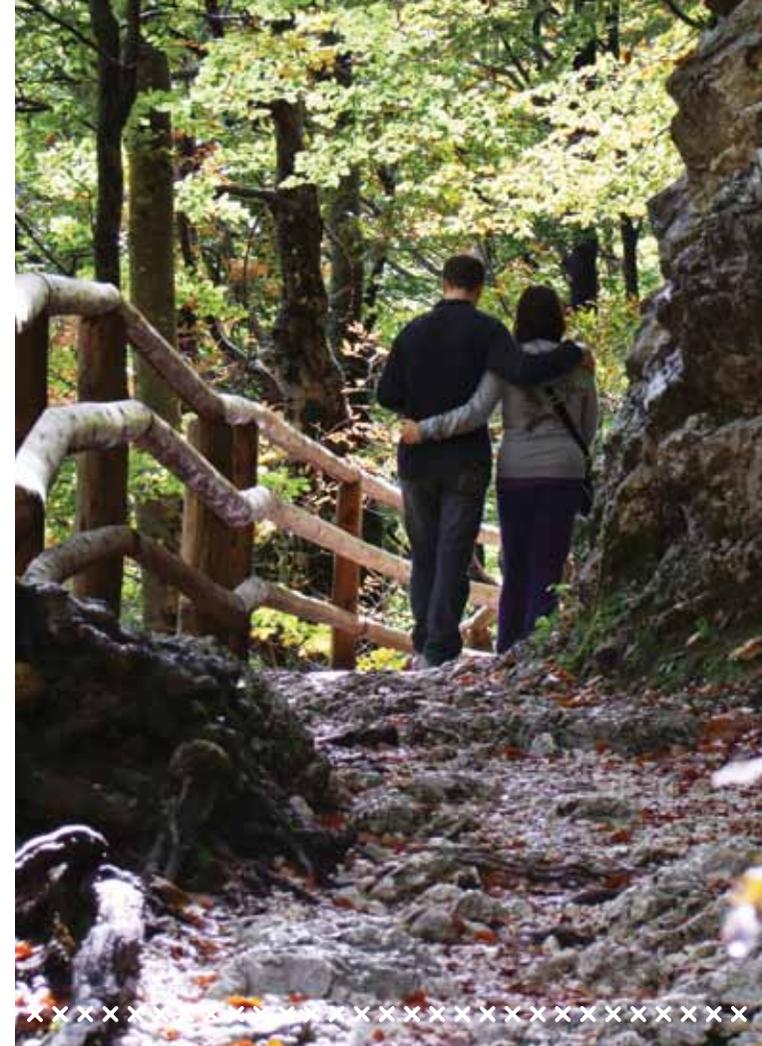
Savica Waterfall – The Source of Inspiration

*The falls next morning thunder in his ears.
Our hero ponders as the lazy waters
Below him roar and shake the river banks.
Above him towering cliffs and mountain heights,
These with their trees the river undermines,
As in its wrath its foam flies to the skies!
So hastens youth and then it spends itself,
Thus Črtomir reflects upon this scene.*

France Prešeren, excerpt from Baptism on the Savica

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This epic by Slovenia's greatest poet France Prešeren tells of the Christianisation of the people of Carantania in the 10th century. The heroic struggle for freedom and ideals between the pagan Črtomir and the Christian Valjahun ends with Črtomir's baptism below the Savica Waterfall, after his beloved Bogomila persuades him to adopt the Christian faith.



*I march to drink the Savica
The cold source of enchanting songs;
To toast the master of songsters
May I enjoy in this drink!*

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One of the most nationally conscious Slovenes, Valentin Vodnik – poet, journalist, teacher, translator and priest – dedicated many of his thoughts and poems to the Savica Waterfall while serving as priest in the nearby hamlet of Koprivnik (from 1793).

