



Spring Camp 2018

The „Spring Camp“ is a ten day event dedicated to the maintenance of hiking trails. It intends to promote eco-tourism and sustainable visions in Montenegro.

In the spring of 2018 this event will take place in the Mediterranean part of Montenegro in order to improve the conditions on the Coastal Mountaineering Transversal and to point out the beauty of this region to the volunteers. It aims to improve environmental awareness among the local inhabitants and to serve as an example for future activities of this kind. International volunteers testimonies the natural beauty, spontaneously spreading the word about their experience in Montenegro.

„Spring Camp“ will conduct two parallel activities:

- * Volunteers will clear the overgrown trails, refresh the signage and collect plastic rubbish
- * A team of film makers will record the events in the camp thus making an easily accessible story about the event and the area where it would be conducted.

The volunteering “Spring Camp 2018” will last 10 days, from the 4th to the 13th of May and will be based in three different campsites.

One of the three campsites is owned by a local family interested in hosting outdoor tourists. Our activities will open trails that will connect this camp site with the Coastal Mountaineering Transversal and directly support the local economy by improving the Transversal’s infrastructure.

Program:

Day 1 (04th of May)

- * Arrival of volunteers in Perast, Boka Kotorska Bay
- * Meeting and socializing in Perast
- * At 15h transfer from Perast to Ubalac, the village above Bay of Kotor
- * Hiking to the camp at ridges of Vranovo brdo mount
- * Acquainting the hosts of the Spring Camp and presenting the working plan
- * Dinner by the campfire and overnight in tents at Vranovo brdo ridge





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Day 2 (05th of May)

- * Breakfast
- * Clearance of the hiking trail: Vranovo Brdo – Perast
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Continuation of the trail's maintenance
- * Arrival in Perast
- * Rest and chilling in Perast
- * Transfer back to the campsite at Vranovo brdo
- * 20min hiking to the camp (from Ubalac village)
- * Dinner by the campfire and overnight in tents, Vranovo brdo ridge

Day 3 (06th of May)

- * The 6th of May, also known as Djurdjevdan is a spring welcoming holiday celebrated throughout the Balkans. Dating from ancient times, it represents the first day of spring when people should go outdoors, swim in the water or walk barefoot and reconnect with the mother Earth. For this day, we will have a special program, hiking and excursions.
- * After the breakfast, hiking down from Vranovo brdo campsite to Perast (2h)
- * Boat trip to the “Our Lady of the Rocks” isle/church in front of Perast
- * Guided visit of the church and its museum
- * Lunch in the exclusive restaurant Conte in Perast
- * Boat trip across the Kotor bay with arrival in the old town of Kotor
- * Guided tour of Kotor
- * Visit to a local pub
- * Transfer back to Perast by a local bus (25min)
- * Transfer by our vans to Ubalac
- * Hiking 20min to the campsite at Vranovo brdo
- * Dinner and overnight in the camp

Day 4 (07th of May)

- * Breakfast above the bay, before packing and leaving the Vranovo brdo campsite
- * Some volunteers will help packing and transporting the camp (tents/kitchen stuff)
- * Some volunteers go for hiking and light trail clearance to Gornji and Donji Orahovac
- * Meeting at a beach in Donji Orahovac
- * Lunch in Kotor bay
- * Transfer to Stari Bar, at the southern coastal part of Montenegro (1:30h)
- * Setting our tents in olive trees, Bartula village
- * Welcome barbeque and overnight in Bartula camp

Day 5 (08th of May)

- * Breakfast
- * Clearance of the foot path to the Šarena stijena (rock)
- * Continuation and maintenance of a footpath from Šarena stijena to Gornja Poda village
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Return to the campsite
- * Dinner and overnight in Bartula

Day 6 (09th of May)

- * Breakfast
- * Maintenance and clearance of trail from Šarena stijena to Vruća river
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Hiking to Stari Bar through old olives forest (1h)
- * Guided tour of Stari Bar
- * Sightseeing of the “Kaldrma” street with stop for a refreshment in some of bars
- * Visit/dinner to a cozy hostel at the foot of Stari Bar ramparts



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* Hike back to our campsite in Bartula (40min)

Day 7 (10th of May)

- * Breakfast
- * Transfer to Velji Mikulici village, at the foot of Rumija and Lisinj mountains (1:30h)
- * Setting a camp and works on the trail between Velji Mikulici and Gornja Poda
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Return back to the camp in Velji Mikulici
- * Dinner and overnight in Velji Mikulici, at the foot of Rumija and Lisinj mountains

Day 8 (11th of May)

- * Breakfast
- * Maintenance and clearance of trail: Velji Mikulici and Gornja Poda
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Return back to the campsite and camp packing before leaving
- * Drive back to the Bartula campsite (1:30h)
- * Dinner and overnight in Bartula

Day 9 (12th of May)

- * Breakfast
- * Excursion to Velika Plaza beach at the mouth of Bojana river with Adriatic (1h of driving)
- * Walk and exploring the beach and Bojana river banks
- * Lunchtime
- * Return back to Bartula camp
- * Farewell barbeque and party in Bartula campsite
- * Overnight in Bartula

Day 10 (13th of May)

- * Goodbyes and thanks to the volunteers !



The Spring Camp Team

