Spring Camp 2019

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 2019 this event will take place in the Mediterranian part of Montengero in order to improve the conditions on the Costal 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 overgtown trails, refresh the signange and collect plastic rubbish
- * Spring Camp film makers will record 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 2019" will last 10 days, from 3th to 12th of May and will be based in three different campsites.

One of the three campsites is owed by a local family interested in hosting outdoor tourists. Our activities will connect this campsite with the Coastal Mountaineering Transversal site and improve the hiking network in Rumija and Lisinj mountains.

Program:

Day 1 (03th of May)

- * Arrival of volunteers in Perast, Boka Kotorska Bay
- * Meeting and socializing in Perast
- * At 15h transfer from Perast to Crkvice, the mountainous area above the Bay of Kotor
- * Setting up the campsite at 1100m altitude
- * Acquainting the hosts of the Spring Camp and presenting the working plan
- * Dinner by the campfire and overnight in tents in Crkvice



Day 2 (04th of May)

- * Breakfast
- * Clearance of the hiking trail: Crkvice Grkavac
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Continuation of the trail's maintenance
- * Arrival in Grkavac
- * Transfer back to the campsite in Crkvice
- * Dinner by the campfire and overnight in tents in Crkvice

Day 3 (05th of May)

- * Tents packing and preparing the camp for moving
- * Clearance of the hiking trail: Crkvice Grkavac
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Continuation of the trail's maintenance
- * Arrival in Grkavac
- * Transfer to the Ubalac village
- * Hiking to the campsite at ridges of Vranovo brdo mount
- * Setting up the camp
- * Dinner by the campfire and overnight in tents at Vrnovo Brdo ridge

Day 4 (06^{th} 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 breakfast, works on the trail: Vranovo Brdo Perast
- * Hiking down from Vranovo brdo campsite to Perast (2h)
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Finish of today's work and hiking down to Perast to celebrate the "Djurdjevdan"

- * Optional swim in the sea
- * Boat trip to the "Our Lady of the Rocks" isle/church in front of Perast
- * Guided visit of the church and its museum
- * Dinner in exclusive "Conte" restaurant in Perast
- * Transfer by our vans back to Ubalac village
- * Hiking 20min to the campsite at Vranovo brdo
- * Overnight in the camp

Day 5 (07th of May)

- * Breakfast and then packing of our tents & camping stuff
- * Clearance of the trail: Vranovo brdo Perast
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Hiking down to Perast and getting in to our transportation
- * Stop to see the Old town of Kotor
- * Transfer to the Stari Bar area, along the Montenegro coast
- * Dinner and overnight in the "Bartula" campsite www.olivegardencamp.com/index.php/en/

Day 6 (08th of May)

- * Breakfast
- * Transfer to Velji Mikulici village, at the foot of Rumija and Lisinj mountains (1:30h)
- * Clearance the trail between Dobri Do Velji Mikulici Pajka pass
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Hiking to Gornje Pode village
- * Pickup and transfer from Gornje Pode to Bartula campsite
- * Dinner and overnight in Bartula campsite

Day 7 (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
- * Getting back to our campsite in Bartula
- * Dinner and overnight in Bartula campsite

Day 8 (10th of May)

- * Breakfast
- * Maintenance and clearance of Šarena stijena trail
- * Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h
- * Afternoon works
- * Back to the campsite
- * Dinner and overnight in Bartula campsite

Day 9 (11th 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 (12th of May)

* Goodbyes and thanks to the volunteers!

The Spring Camp Team