***Spring Camp 2020***

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 2020 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 enviromental 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 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 will be conducted.

The volunteering “Spring Camp 2020” will last 10 days, from 1st to 10th 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 improve the connection of this campsite with the Coastal Mountaineering Transversal and refresh the hiking network in Rumija and Lisinj mountains.

**Program:**

***Day 1 (01st of May)***

\* Arrival of volunteers in Perast, Boka Kotorska Bay

\* Meeting and socializing in Perast

\* At 15h transfer from Perast to Grkavac, positioned at the foot of Velji Vrh mountain, above

 the Bay of Kotor

\* Setting up the campsite in Grkavac

\* Presentation of the working plan

\* Dinner by the campfire and overnight in tents

***Day 2 (02nd of May)***

\* Breakfast

\* Clearance of the hiking trail: Grkavac - Crkvice

\* Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of the trail’s maintenance

\* After the work is finished, hiking back to the campsite in Grkavac

\* Dinner by the campfire and overnight in Grkavac campsite

***Day 3 (03th of May)***

\* Breakfast

\* Clearance continuation of the hiking trail: Grkavac - Crkvice

\* Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of the trail’s maintenance

\* After the work is finished, hiking back to the campsite in Grkavac

\* Dinner by the campfire and overnight in Grkavac campsite

***Day 4 (04th of May)***

\* Breakfast, than tents packing and preparing the camp for moving

\* Transfer to the trailhead at the opposite - Crkvice side. Volunteers are going to hike,

 testing the thrill and beauty of the complete trail we were working on. On the way we will

 do the checking and lighter clearance of last overgrown remains

\* Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h

\* Arrival in Grkavac

\* Transfer down to the coast, shorter transfer to Morinj, the closest settlement to Grkavac.

 A local friend from Morinj will provide hot showers for tired volunteers

\* After shower in Morinj, we will be transfered to the village of Ubalac from where we will

 hike and carry camping equipment to the next campsite, positioned at ridges of Vranovo

 brdo mountain, on fantastic position direct above the Bay

\* Setting up the camp

\* Dinner by the campfire and overnight in tents at Vranovo Brdo ridge

***Day 5 (05th of May)***

\* After breakfast by sharing the exciting views at Boka Kotorska bay, volunteers will start

 overgrowns’ clearance work on the trail: Vranovo Brdo - Perast

\* Hiking down from Vranovo brdo campsite to Perast (2h)

\* Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of the trail’s maintenance

\* After the work is finished, hiking back to the campsite at Vranovo Brdo

\* Hiking 20min to the campsite at Vranovo brdo

\* Dinner by the campfire and overnight in tents

***Day 6 (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.

 On this day, the Spring Camp has special program: hiking and excursions.

\* Hiking down to Perast and having a shorter drink break or swimming in the sea

\* Boat reserved for Spring Camp volunteers will bring us to the “Our Lady of the Rocks”,

 the charming church made on an artificial islet across Perast, where we will get a guided

 visit of the church and its museum

\* After the “Our Lady of the Rocks”, group will go on a boat trip across the Kotor bay

\* Arrival in Kotor and free time for getting introduced with the Old town of Kotor

\* Transfer back from Kotor to Perast by a local shuttle/bus

\* Dinner in exclusive “Conte” restaurant in Perast

\* Transfer back to Ubalac village from where we will hike (20min) back to our campsite

\* Overnight in campsite at Vranovo Brdo ridge

***Day 7 (07th of May)***

\* Breakfast, than tents packing and preparing the camp for moving to the new campsite

\* Hiking with the camping equipment to our van/s and transfer to Perast

\* Maintenance of the Vranovo Brdo – Perast trail

\* Lunch break on the trail between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of the trail’s maintenance

\* After the work is over, hiking back to our van/s

\* Transfer across the Montenegro coast, to the Bartula village, Stari Bar area

\* Shower, dinner and overnight in the “Bartula” campsite, hidden in olives forest

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***Day 8 (08th of May)***

\* Breakfast

\* Transfer to Velji Mikulici village, at the foot of Rumija and Lisinj mountains (1:30h)

\* Clearance of 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

\* Continuation of the trail’s maintenance

\* Dinner and overnight in Bartula campsite

***Day 9 (09th of May)***

\* Today, it is the last day of our gathering so volunteers are going to spend it relaxed,

 and get introduced with the local area

\* After the breakfast, volunteers will hike to Stari Bar through old olives forest (1h)

\* Sightseeing of the “Kaldrma” street with stop for a refreshment in some of bars

\* Optional tour of ruins of the old town of Stari Bar

\* Transfer to the town of Bar and having a lunch break there

\* Walking/swimming at Bar beach

\* Return back to Bartula camp

\* Farewell barbeque and party in Bartula campsite

\* Overnight in tents

***Day 10 (10th of May)***

\* Goodbyes and thanks to the volunteers !

*The Spring Camp Team*