

# ROUTE OF ROMAN EMPERORS

Viminacium-Kladovo-Zaječar-  
Sokobanja-Knjaževac-Niš- tree days



## DAY 1:

### Viminacium

Archaeological site near Stari Kostolac, 12 km from the town of Požarevac. Roman military camp and a town settlement founded in 1st century AD and lasted until 7th century AD. It had a very important military and strategic role and it also was an important commercial and industrial seat, with very developed traffic. It was visited by many Roman emperors: Trajan, Hadrian, Diocletian, Constantine the Great, Constantius I (Chlorus), Julian and many others.

### The Djerdap gorge

The road to Kladovo runs by the Danube, through a beautiful gorge. Ideal for photographing.

### Kladovo

**Diana Fortress** – defensive fortress of Roman Emperor Trajan, built in the time of his march into Dacia. The fortress was built on Karataš and it was the biggest and the most important fortress on the Upper Moesia limes. Other important sites from the ancient Roman period – **Trajan's memorial plaque (Tabula Traiana)** and **Trajan's bridge** are to be best seen within a boat tour – on the Danube trail.

## DAY 2:

### Zaječar

#### Archaeological site Felix Romuliana

Late antiquity palace of Roman Emperor Gaius Galerius Valerius Maximianus, co-ruler and son-in-law of Emperor Diocletian, founder of a system of government known as the Tetrarchy. Grandiose palace complex, walled with a defensive system consisting of twenty towers, which the Emperor named Felix Romuliana, after his mother Romula. The palace is well known for its mosaics of exquisite beauty and artistic value, of which the most valuable is the mosaic with a representation of God Dionysus, together with the mosaic with representation of Venatores (bestiaries) and of a Labyrinth. As of June 2007, Romuliana has been inscribed into UNESCO's World Heritage List.

In the town itself, the following should also be visited: **National Museum**, **Radul-bey's konak** (residence), **Museum of Nikola Pašić**

### Knjaževac

**Archaeological-ethno park Ravna**. Numerous monuments from the ancient Roman period can be found within the park, as well as exhibits from the archaeological site **Timacum Minus** (the oldest military fortress in the Timočka krajina region). Reconstructed 19th century Serbian houses can also be seen within the ethno-park. Also, it is possible to visit the **Museum of viticulture and viniculture**. In the town itself, one can visit **Info-centre**, **Local Heritage Museum**, **House of Aca Stanojević**.

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## Sokobanja

**Sokograd** – ancient Roman fortress, which represents a true tourist jewel and which was probably built in the time of Roman Emperor Justinian, or sometime between 4th and 6th century AD. It was used for defence from Ancient Avars and Slavs.

## DAY 3:

### Niš

#### National Museum

The Museum is in possession of a collection of over 40,000 exhibits from the fields of archaeology, history, ethnology and art. The most valuable is the collection of items from the antiquity period of imperial city of Naisus.

#### Naisus – Mediana

**Heritage of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great**, best known for his unification of the Roman Empire and adopting Christianity as one of the official religions of the Roman Empire. Remains of preserved imperial palace, a villa with floor mosaics, sacral buildings and fortification were found on the Mediana site.

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### ACTIVE HOLIDAY AND RELAXATION:

- Sailing and nautical navigation on the Danube
- ▶ Cycling the EuroVelo 6 route
- ▶ Picnic areas in Sokobanja
- ▶ Tour around Gamzigrad Spa and Felix Romuliana
- ▶ Wellness weekend at the Stara Planina Hotel
- ▶ Skiing at Babin zub ski center
- ▶ Hiking on the Stara Planina Trails

### SPECIALTIES OF THE AREA:

- ▶ Poreč's fish kettle and fried catfish
- ▶ A glass of Kladovo white wine
- ▶ Kladovo honey and honey liqueur called "medovača"
- ▶ Krajina fish soup
- ▶ Lamb and cheese from the Stara Planina Mountain
- ▶ Glass of Vranac red wine or rose wine
- ▶ Belmuž

### EVENTS:

- ▶ Etno Fest, u julu, Kladovo
- ▶ "Zlatna bučka Đerdapa", August, Tekija
- ▶ Theater festival: Zoran Radmilovic days, October, Zaječar
- ▶ Rock festival „Gitarijada“, July-August, Zaječar
- ▶ Youth Culture Festival of Serbia, July, Knjazevac
- ▶ Prayer under Midžor, Sent George, May, Vrtovac and Balta Berilovac villages
- ▶ First Accordion of Sokobanja, July and August, Sokobanja
- ▶ "St. John's festivities", August, Sokobanja
- ▶ Green Heart Fest (Rok festival), July, Sokobanja

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## WE RECOMMEND:

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