

CITY OF SLATINA



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HISTORY OF THE CITY

The town of Slatina is situated in the western part of the Slavonian Drava river basin, 127 meter above the sea-level, along the border area of the Drava plain, toward the hilly areas of Slatina and Vocin, only 10 km far from Hungarian border.

This position already stressed the central role of the settlement which already played a role as a mediator between the cattle-breeding and fruit-growing foothills and the field cultivation areas along the river Drava in the Middle Ages. So the town of Slatina had the role of a market town since ancient times. The transit significance of Slatina is one of an important longitudinal and local hub. Along the railroad and road artery from Zagreb to Osijek, local roads through the city of Slatina, link the city with the north-eastern part of Slavonian Drava River basin in Pozega valley.

According to the 2001. population census, the town of Slatina had 10.900 inhabitants, with suburb 16.000 inhabitants.



Centre of the City



Slatina by night

The surroundings of Slatina are relatively and inadequately known, although several extremely important archaeological sites have been discovered there so far, and they are unavoidable when interpreting the significance of Croatian archaeology. These are prehistoric sites situated in the nearest vicinity of Slatina- near Macute along the Vocinka –River as well cemeteries belonging to the so-called “urn culture” in the surroundings of Bukovica, near Slatina.

Near the village Sladojevcı, the existence of a skeletal cemetery belonging to the late classical period was determined. The finds of this cemetery are held in the Museum of Slavonia in Osijek.



Archaeological founding

According to the historical documents, the name Slatina, or Zalathnuk was not mentioned earlier than 1297, although there is no doubt that the settlement existed even before its first mention in a preserved historical document. The information on the Parish of All Saints in Slatina from a record dating back to 1305. A.D. indicate such a conclusion. Probably in the middle of the fifteenth century, if not earlier, a minor fortalice(Lat.castellum) was built in Slatina. Out of nobility that lived here or originated from in the Slatina area, only the name and surname of Juraj Hoberdinac (Georgius Hoberdancz de Zalathnuk), with the nickname Slatinski was clearly recorded.



Church of St. Joseph

Slatina is a town on the very edge of the Panonian plain where the Papuk mountain raises, formed from geological activity in the depths of earth which lasted for millions of years. On one side the town touches the gentle slopes of Papuk, while on the other it dissolves into the Drava River valley. Whoever decided to build a town on this site must have thought it out pretty well. The plain was there to provide food for the inhabitants, and it is true that farming has always been a basis of everything, together with trade, catering and Craftsmanship.



Zagreb philharmonic



Drava river

It is a town of farmers, vineyard cultivators, foresters and various crafts people, the most numerous among them being carpenters. Who else would the diligent people of this town have chosen as their patron saint than the craftsman among saints-the carpenter St. Joseph.

Slatina's timber tradition is based on the beech-tree forests of the plains. The tradition goes back to the production of wooden shovels used in bakeries, stables and for other purposes, the cutting of boards, including oak-tree boards used in making barrels; and has continued all the way up to the present-day production of modern and classical furniture, building parts and interiors.

Slatina and its surroundings – the rolling hills, green plains, forests, valleys, clear springs, creeks and unspoiled rivers, have always provided excellent shelter and breeding grounds for various wildlife. Slatina's game- deer and boar- are well known for the awards they have won. In addition, there are also rabbits, foxes, badgers, martins, pheasants, quails, wood pigeon, wild ducks and geese, to name but a few.



Waterfalls in the mountains



horses in city surrounding



Slatina vineyards- hills



Hunters with trophies



Graševina- vineyard



Sequoia gigantean tree-200 years old



Šlatina tamburica orchestra