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St. Emma Route, Slovenia

Pilgrimage Pilštajn to the village of St. Emma

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Stage: Pilštajn - Olimje

Time of the pilgrimage

Pilštajn - Olimje: 3,5 hours

Stage details:

The path from Pilštajn Square leads us past farms and meadows through the village of Klake, where we first admire the larger chapel of Mary, Help of Christians by the roadside and then, at the next crossroads, the chapel of Our Lady of the Scapular. We descend on the old forest road to the cluster village Ortnice.

Then the path leads us along the Buča stream through the rugged terrain of old orchards to Virštajn, where the famous Banovina guesthouse is located. Virštajn is a small settlement in the middle of the vineyards of the Virštajn wine region. The road then climbs along the southern slope between many vineyards and brick houses to the top of the ridge, from where we again have a magnificent view of the vineyards of Virštajn. As we descend, we can admire the geological composition of the soil along the road, which is first limestone and then changes to sandstone. We reach the Amon guesthouse and continue on the road next to the golf course. When we reach the main road after a few turns, we can already have a nice view of Olimje - a village with an old monastery, which we reach after a few minutes walk along the meadows.



Pilgrimage in wonderful Slovenian landscape

Natural sights along the way

- Village lime tree and fountain, Pilštajn
- stone hermitage Ajdovska žena, Pilštajn
- Old vine on the Banovina, Virštajn
- Garden of medicinal herbs, Olimje
- Linden and hornbeam forest reserve near the castle, Podčetrtek
- Thermal springs, Podčetrtek

Cultural and church sights along the way

- Outlines of the remains of the Hartenstein and Peilenstein castles, Pilštajn
- Glass statue of St. Eme, shelter in Pilštajn
- Statue of St. Eme, castle chapel in Pilštajn
- Church of St. Mihaela, Pilštajn
- Pilštajn square
- Pillory - pillar of shame, Pilštajn

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- Church of St. Trojice, Dobležiče
- Church of St. Filip and St. Jacob, Sela
- Banovina, Virštanj
- Church of St. Andrej, Olimje
- Cottage in the witch house, Olimje
- Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Olimje
- Minorite monastery and old pharmacy, Olimje
- Church of the Virgin Mary on Pesku, Slake
- Church of St. Urban, Cmereška Gorca
- Church of St. Emma, St. Emma village

Pilštanj

Pilštanj is one of the oldest and historically most significant settlements in the Kozjansko region. Today it is the cultural monument of the settlement. It was primarily designed as an exceptional strategic outpost, as it offers a wide view of the entire southern area.

In 1404 Pilštanj was mentioned for the first time as a market, and in 1432 it received the rights of trading and thus the right to hold a fair on the day of the patron of the parish, St. Michael.

St. Emma

According to legend, she was born around the year 973 as the daughter of Count Engelbert of Pilštanj and his wife Tuta at Pilštanj Castle, where her parents first owned a fief and later a hereditary estate. She is a Slovenian saint and founder of the monastery in Krka in Carinthia. Her fresco and statue are in Pilštanj in the church of St. Michael, a statue under the castle and a glass statue in the wall of the "Safe House".

Stage: Olimje - St. Emma

Time of the pilgrimage

Olimje - St. Emma: 1,5 hours

Stage details:

From the Olimje monastery, next to the beautiful herb garden and beehive, we descend on the footpath along the road planted with trees to the spa Podčetrtek. On the left side, on a nearby hill, we can admire the Church of the Holy Virgins on the sand. In Podčetrtek, the path leads us through the compact village center, past the parish church of St. Lovrenca to the ridge above the village, from where we can already see the old castle, which is being renovated. Passing the former outbuildings of the castle, we slowly descend to the neighboring valley. Further along the path, under a shady walnut tree, we find a drinking water spring that invites every hiker to quench his thirst and rest on hot summer days. Soon the view opens up to the valley ahead and the church of St. Emma on the neighboring hill. We descend into the valley, cross the main road and the railroad line and climb up a very steep path to the ridge until we reach the road that leads us to the church of St. Emma.



Impressive Monastery Olimje

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Olimje

Olimje is a small village in the shelter of Rudnica Mountains, in the area of Kozjanski Park. It owes its size to the castle that once belonged to the Counts of Atems and now houses a monastery where the Little Brothers of St. Francis - Minorites - live. Next to it stands the magnificent Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, one of the most beautiful Baroque works of art in Slovenia. In the shelter of the monastery, on the second floor of the south tower, hides a work of art of inestimable value: the old monastery apothecary with frescoes, a legacy of the Pauline monks who lived in the Olim monastery for 120 years (1663-1783). Blessed Bishop Slomšek celebrated a new mass in the church in Olimje.

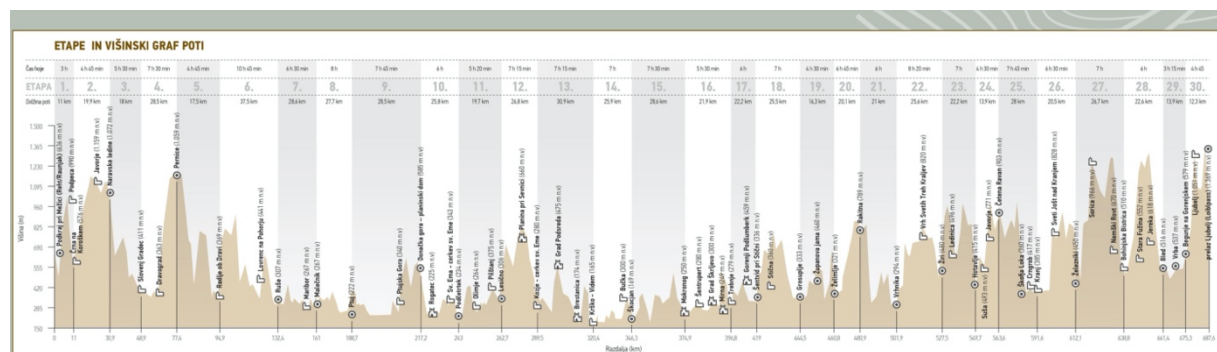
Blessed Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek

Anton Martin Slomšek was born on November 26, 1800 in Slom near Ponikva. Together with the parish priest, his parents sent him to school from the village Sunday school, first in Celje, then in Ljubljana, as well in Senj and Celovec. After his ordination, he celebrated the New Mass in Olimje in September 1824. Slomšek's most important contribution during his episcopal ministry was the transfer of the episcopal seat from Št. Andraž to Maribor and the reorganization of the diocesan boundaries. He united the Slovenes in Styria into a single diocese. The city of Maribor became the center of the diocese and experienced a cultural, educational, religious-spiritual and ethnic sense.

Village and parish of St. Emma

Village St. Emma is located on the hill of the same name. The first mention of this shrine dates back to the time of the first efforts to canonize Emma. The original Gothic church is said to have been made of wood. In 1717, the church was demolished and a new building was erected, which still stands today.

Total route of St. Emma Pilgrimage trail (Slovenia-Austria)



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- ODCEP EMINE ROMARSKE POTI
- KONTROLNA TOČKA
- DRŽAVNA MEJA