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PROGRAM



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MAY 9, 2024, THURSDAY

5:00 PM - Expected arrival of participants and registration (distribution of accreditation and materials) at Hotel Naron

7:30 PM - Dinner at the hotel with socializing, overnight stay

MAY 10, 2024, FRIDAY

6:30 AM - 6:40 AM - Grab-and-go breakfast and departure by bus to Hutovo Blato for bird ringing

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM - Free time for coffee, walking and enjoying nature, followed by a boat ride for bird watching

12:00 PM - Lunch, visit to the Interpretation Center

1:30 PM - Departure to Vid, visit to the Naron Archaeological Museum

3:15 PM - Departure to Metković, free time before the start of lectures

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Lectures at the City Cultural Center of Metković

7:30 PM - Dinner at Hotel Naron, overnight stay

LECTURES

4:30 PM - Welcome speech by the organizer

4:35 PM - ANA TUTAVAC, expert advisor for protection and conservation (Public Institution for Protected Nature Areas of Dubrovnik-Neretva County): **"PROTECTED NATURAL VALUES OF THE NERETVA VALLEY"**

4:50 PM - BOLESŁAW SŁOCINSKI (BIOM Association): **"NERETVA DELTA AND BOKOVO - A BIRDWATCHING PARADISE WITHIN REACH"**

5:05 PM - JOSIP VEKIĆ, head of the Protection Service of Hutovo Blato Nature Park: **"BIRDWATCHING IN HUTOVO BLATO"**

5:20 PM - Coffee break (20 minutes)

5:40 PM - JELENA GUDURAŠ, book translator (Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia): **"PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK BIRDS OF SERBIA AND EUROPE"**

6:00 PM - ROBERT CRNKOVIĆ, ornithologist and birdwatching guide: **"QUALITY OF BIRDWATCHING SERVICE OFFERING"**

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MAY 11, 2024, SATURDAY

6:00 AM - 6:15 AM - Early wake-up (grab-and-go breakfast) and trip to Smrdan Grad - a fortress above Klek village along the old road connecting the Neretva Valley with the Dubrovnik littoral, offering a leisurely 30-40 minutes walk for birdwatching and enjoying nature

10:30 AM - Visit to an observation deck along the highway, stop at Wine Stop for wine tasting

11:45 AM - Return to Metković, lunch at Hotel Narona, free time

3:30 PM - Visit to the Natural History Museum Metković and continuation of expert lectures

4:30 PM - 6:15 PM - Lectures at the City Cultural Center of Metković

6:30 PM - Departure to Agro Etno Park for a sunset photo safari boat ride through marsh canals to Lake Kutu

8:30 PM - Traditional homemade dinner, folklore night

11:00 PM - Return to the hotel, overnight stay

LECTURES

4:30 PM - LEANDER KHIL, ornithologist, conservation biologist, photographer, author: **"ST. MARTINS LODGE - BIRDWATCHING TOURISM"**

5:00 PM - INTERVIEW WITH GORAN RIHELJ, founder and editor-in-chief of the tourism news portal HrTurizam.hr

5:30 PM - NIKOLA MENALO, ornithologist: **"COEXISTENCE OF HUMANS AND BIRDS IN THE NERETVA VALLEY - YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW"**

5:50 PM - PANEL DISCUSSION: Tourist outdoor activities in protected areas

- **ANTONIA VILJAC**, owner of the active tourism agency, Šibenik Outdoor Adventure
- **KRISTINA PONGRAC**, Outward Bound Croatia
- **DORIS BANIĆ**, Public Institution "National Park Krka"
- **DALIA MATIJEVIĆ**, expert leader of the Public Institution "Nature Park Žumberak - Samoborsko gorje"

6:15 PM - Closing speech

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MAY 12, 2024, SUNDAY

6:30 AM - 7:00 AM - Early buffet breakfast and check-out from the hotel

7:15 AM - Departure to the Mouth of Neretva River on individual arrangements (transportation will be provided if needed)

...participants return home

Project leader



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