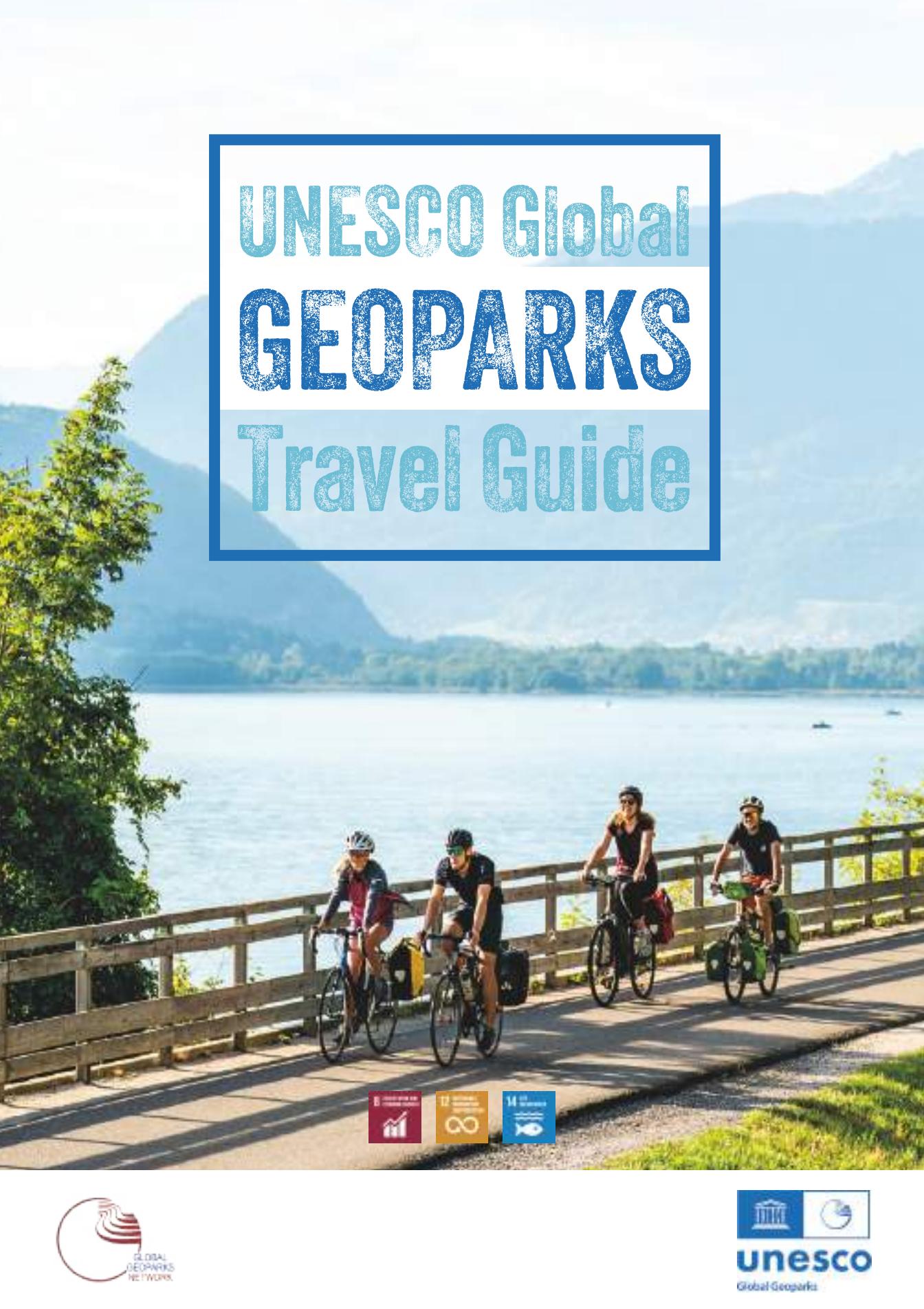


UNESCO Global GEO PARKS Travel Guide





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Non European Geoparks

- **CHINA**
HongKong



GEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

UNESCO Geoparks are territories presenting a unique geological heritage of international value. They are places where thoughtful visitor can meet, experience and touch the “Memory of the Earth”. The 4,5 billion years of history of our living planet.



WHAT ARE GEOPARKS?

A UNESCO Global Geopark is like nowhere else on Earth. It is somewhere to touch, explore and connect with part of the Earth’s story. As an area of unique geological interest, a Geopark is a place where you can discover extraordinary landscapes, places and people.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Geoparks are the result of a bottom-up process in which all of its population must participate in building a shared project for the future that can only go through suitable, integrated and sustainable economic development.

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Welcome to the “Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark”. Where today guests enjoy winter sports or seek relaxation in untouched nature, people were once searching for mineral resources deep in the mountains. Traces of prehistoric miners can still be found today. The “Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark” conveys a variety of geology, nature, culture, relaxation, cuisine, and beautiful experiences. Immerse yourself in the fascinating “World of Colorful Ores” in a unique Geopark in the heart of the Alps, in Salzburg’s Pongau. It extends over four municipalities (Hüttau, Bischofshofen, Mühlbach am Hochkönig, St. Veit im Pongau).

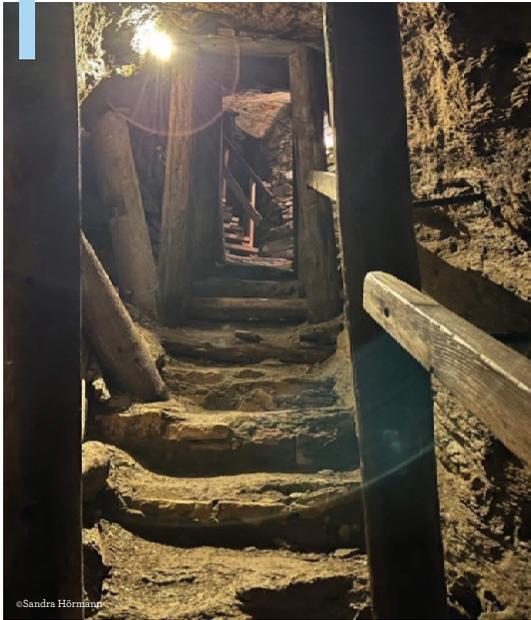


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Ore of the Alps

Feel the
HISTORY



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So Accessible

Salzburg Airport: By car via A10 Tauernautobahn direction south to Bischofshofen (50 km). By train from Salzburg Main Station to Bischofshofen train station.



So Comfortable

•Gasthof Schützenhof (Bischofshofen): <https://www.schuetzen-hof.com/en/restaurant/>
 •Hotel Silberfux (St.Veit im Pongau): <https://hotelsilberfux.at/en/>



So Unique

Walk across the 54 km long Copper Ore Trail, experience untouched nature, and learn from the Geosites along the way. You must also visit the show mines in Hüttau, Mühlbach and St. Veit and experience the mining history up close.



So Delicious

Wirtshaus Bürglhöh (Bischofshofen) Authentic seasonal Austrian cuisine (e.g. game and fish dishes)
 Sonnhof by Vitus Winkler (St. Veit im Pongau) Fine cuisine "Kräuterreich", four stars by the Guide A la Carte.



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So Sustainable

The Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark offers free presentations from experts about topics which concern climate change. For example, scientists provide insights in their research about glaciers.



So Welcome

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On the Traces of Copper Mining Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

For families with kids, we recommend a walk around the Arthurhaus in Mühlbach where you can experience marmots in their natural habitat along the "Murmeltierweg". For experienced hikers (hiking boots and poles necessary) we suggest a hike along the Copper Ore Trail to the Hochgründeck, with a stunning view over the valley and the Geosites (unique information sources) along the path.

DAY 2

Furthermore, we recommend everyone to visit one of our fascinating show mines and mineral, mining, and folklore museums in Hüttau, Mühlbach am Hochkönig or St. Veit im Pongau. When you are in St.Veit im Pongau, you can also follow a famous Austrian author's footsteps and take a walk on the "Thomas-Bernhard-Weg".

DAY 3

Moreover, you should come to the Visitor Center in Bischofshofen and see unique exhibits from the whole Geopark and learn about earth sciences. The Visitor Center is located next to the famous Paul-Außerleitner Ski Jump. A guided tour of the Ski Jump is offered (reservation in advance necessary). A short hike to the Gainfeldwaterfall makes the experience of the Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark perfect.

Ore of the Alps

Feel the HISTORY

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When you visit the cross-border Karawanken-Karavanke UNESCO Global Geopark it seems as if you are travelling through time. You will see traces of glaciers and transformations that have taken place over millions of years. Local legends and fairy tales entwine around mysterious places that still give one the impression that time has stood still. You are always travelling along borders – on the former border of tectonic plates between Africa and Europe – on paths between Austria and Slovenia. A particularly special and beautiful aspect of the Geopark Karawanken-Karavanke is the fact that it unites what has long been separated – two countries, one region. A treasure in the heart of Europe.



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Karawanken Karavanke

Secrets written
in STONES





So Accessible

From the Klagenfurt Airport (an international airport in Carinthia), via Grafenstein and Gallizien to Sittersdorf and on (approx. 35 minutes by car). From Ljubljana Airport (an international airport in Slovenia), via Jezerško and Bad Eisenkappel to Sittersdorf and on (about 1 hour and 15 minutes by car).



So Comfortable

The Lakeside Petzen Glamping Resort is located in the beautiful south of Carinthia, nestled in a wonderful idyllic mountain and lake landscape.



So Unique

Discover the mysterious paths of former lead and zinc mines in the heart of the Mountain Peca/Petzen and get to know the life of the miners – by train, bike or even kayak.



So Delicious

Enjoy in traditional culinary delights, made mainly of buckwheat.



So Sustainable

Our Karawanken-Karavanke Trail, a long-distance geohiking trail with its 13 stages and 265 km always reveals new faces of the magnificent landscapes.



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Karawanken Karawanke

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Embrace yourself with beauty, taste, adrenaline and sights

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Embark on a historical journey through time that takes you millions of years back in time. Visit the Obir dripstone cave, the most beautiful karst caves in Austria. The incomparable mixture of nature and man, the symbiosis of 200 million years of history and modern technology, will certainly not leave you indifferent. Take a walk through the Trögern Klamm gorge, a 3 km long picturesque, botanically rich and geological significant gorge. Discover the wide variety of local cuisine on your way through the Geopark.

DAY 2

Take a look at the mining underworld of Podzemlje Pece. Travel into the heart of the mine, equipped like a real miner – with helmet, and headlamp. Explore the tunnels, view the exhibited and preserved equipment and learn about the miners' everyday working life. Adrenaline junkies can cycle from one valley to another on the 5 km-long path under Mount Peca or explore the flooded tunnels in a kayak. Cross continental borders – fly from Europe to ancient Africa at 120 km/h on the Olimpline Zipline – one of the longest ziplines in Europe!

DAY 3

With a cable car 1,000 metres higher in just 10 minutes. Hiking, biking or simply enjoying the view from the summit of the Petzen/Peca Mountain – with culinary delights in the mountain huts. Visiting the Geo.Dom – Geopark Karawanken-Karavanke interactive visitor centre.

Reservation required. Some activities may change depending on the season or the conditions of the sites. We recommend comfortable clothing and shoes for walking.

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Located in the south of Belgium, the Famenne-Ardenne Geopark is a magical and unique place to visit in Belgium. The area has been shaped by the Caledonian limestone belt, offering visitors magnificent thousand-year-old caves, sumptuous landscapes and a heritage not to be missed. The Ourthe and the Lesse are the emblematic rivers to be discovered on bike rides or on foot, at the bend in the forest and on the edge of a terrace to taste quality local products. Would you like to discover the soul of the inhabitants and the history of the land in a friendly atmosphere that has made our reputation?

Welcome to the Famenne-Ardenne UNESCO Global Geopark!

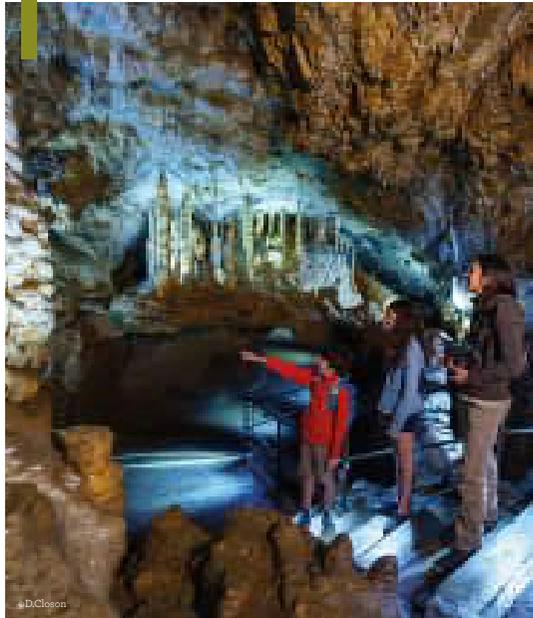


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FAMENNE-ARDENNE

Feel the heartbeat
of the **EARTH**



So Accessible

From Brussels national airport, 1h30 by car to reach the Geopark (following the E411 highway in the direction Namur-Luxembourg).



So Comfortable

Cochlea (Bed and Breakfast)



So Unique

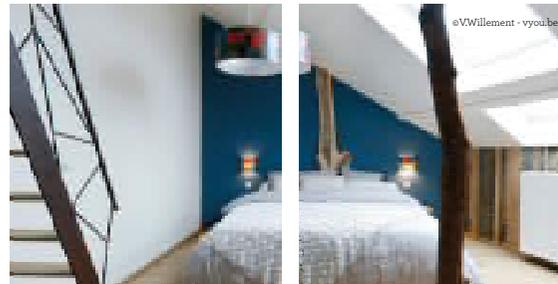
The Cave of Han takes you on a journey to the centre of the Earth, exploring unforgettable jewels of nature... A unique visit, experienced by over 23 million visitors!

The Cave has fascinated people since times immemorial, and was visited time and again, generation after generation...



So Delicious

The Lesse Brewery (Eprave)



So Sustainable

Slow tourism is at the heart of our activities. Family geotrails allow you to discover remarkable sites. Don't miss our network of partners, strongly committed to sustainable development.



So Welcome

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FAMENNE - ARDENNE

Feel the heartbeat of the EARTH



Famenne-Ardenne - Best of discovery Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Passing through the typical villages of Resteigne, Sohier and Revogne.

Visit of the castle of Lavaux-Sainte-Anne

Guided tour of the Han-sur-Lesse cave

Relax walking in the center of Rochefort

DAY 2

Discover of the wildlife park of Han-sur-Lesse

Visit of Malagne, the Rochefort Archaeopark

Visit of the Famenne Art Museum of Marche-en-Famenne

Relax walking in the Fond des Vaulx and the center of Marche-en-Famenne

DAY 3

Hotton : visit of the caves and of Riveo, the river center

The house of megaliths and walking in Wéris

The topiary park (Durbuy)

Relax walking in Durbuy

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Amidst the vast Slavonian plains, Papuk emerges, once island in the ancient Pannonian Sea, stand as guardian of a forgotten past. Its peaks and valleys whisper tales of ancient seas and vanished worlds, inviting explorers to witness the enduring spirit of nature, embracing both history and the serene allure of the present. Papuk isn't just a geological wonder; it's an emotional sanctuary, where every rise and fall echoes the unwavering spirit of a place that nurtures both land and soul.



■ Rupaica - Geological Monument of Nature
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PAPUK

Green Island of
Pannonian SEA



So Accessible

From Zagreb Airport, take A3 towards Slavonki Brod, pass Požega; reach Papuk Geopark in about 3 hours.



So Comfortable

Discover unexpected tranquility in Slavonia. Montis Aurea villas, nestled in Papuk Geopark, offer serene escapes.



So Unique

Experience Papuk Geopark's immersive Geo-info Centre with state-of-the-art facilities. Nearby, at Rupnica, marvel at volcanic rock formations, notably columnar jointing, offering an impressive and captivating geo-exploration.



So Delicious

Savor Slavonian heritage: innovative dishes, old recipes, paired with impressive wines.



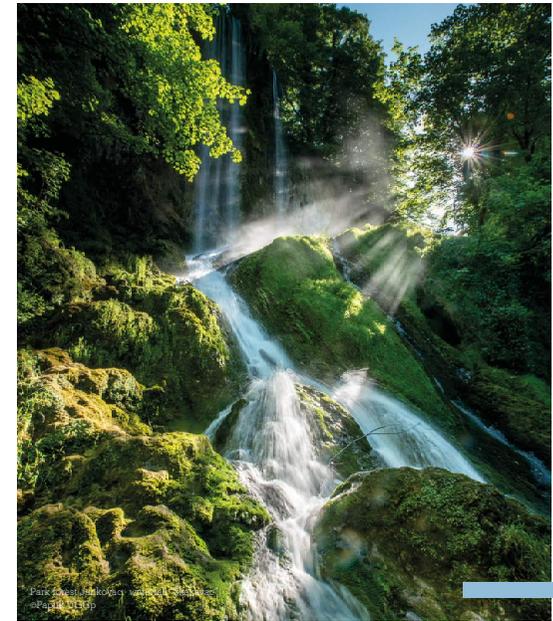
So Sustainable

Explore Duboka campsite, a sustainable oasis emphasizing eco-friendly practices: alternative energy, waste management, and natural materials. It's an ideal base for Papuk Geopark exploration, while nearby villages offer authentic Slavonian gastronomy.



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Papuk by adventurer eye Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Embark on a hiking adventure exploring the medieval fortress dating back to the 13th century, picturesque viewpoints, natural springs, and savoring homemade local cuisine. The highlight awaits: a captivating hike featuring a 33-meter waterfall, two serene lakes, and enchanting forest caves. Conclude with a delightful dinner and a briefing for tomorrow's escapade.

DAY 2

Post breakfast, venture to the natural climbing rock. Our expert guides will provide an introduction to climbing techniques. Experience the thrill firsthand, marking a check off your bucket list! Following an exciting day of climbing, relish "Hajdučki čevap," a traditional dish rich in history, revealed during dinner. A briefing awaits for tomorrow's plans.

DAY 3

Gear up for a Geopark biking expedition, an ideal way to uncover hidden treasures within Papuk Geopark. In the afternoon, visit three distinct wine cellars. Explore the oldest cellar in this European region, witness cutting-edge technology in the newest one, and anticipate a surprise at the third stop.

PAPUK

Green Island of Pannonian SEA

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Experience the serenity and mystique of the wild mires and discover the traces of the past geological drama. Two National Parks and other magnificent sites present Geopark's unique nature and geological story. Over two billion years, the ancient mountains have turned into a rhyming landscape of mires, forests, river valleys and ridges, with picturesque country villages, churches, stone bridges, and old buildings representing special local history and culture. Explore versatile routes from pine forests to mystical bog wilderness and dip in clear lakes and exotic ponds. Enjoy memorable delicacies made from pure ingredients in the area's restaurants and cafés.

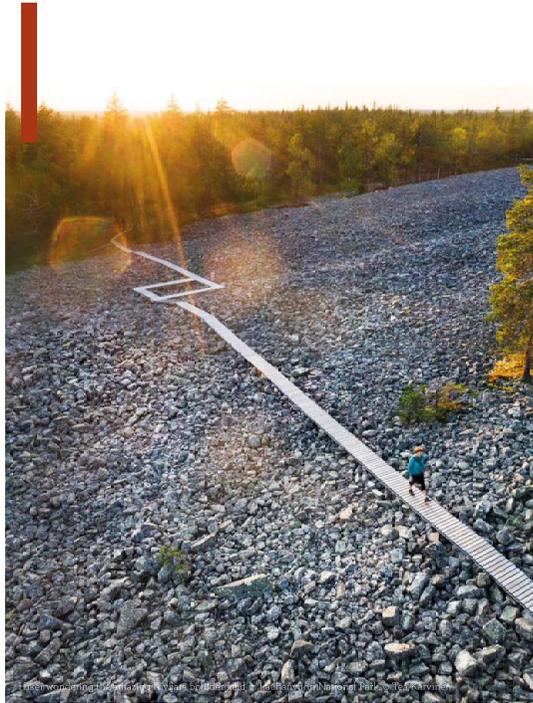


Kauhaneva in the morning mist. ©Kari Leo

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Lauhanvuori Hämeenkanngas

From mountains to mires
Experience the mystery
of two billion YEARS



So Accessible

2,5 hours by train to Parkano from Helsinki Airport, there you can rent a car. One hour from Tampere Airport.



So Comfortable

An inviting room of the Secret Garden Guesthouse, Kauhajoki



So Unique

Take over two billion years of the Geopark's history by cycling and hiking through it. Smell blooming of a wild rosemary on a bog, hear the whirring of a nightjar in the pine forest and swim in a pond.



So Delicious

Local delicacies in Korsuretket, Jämijärvi.



Local delicacies in Korsuretket, Jämijärvi. @Visit Hämeenlinna



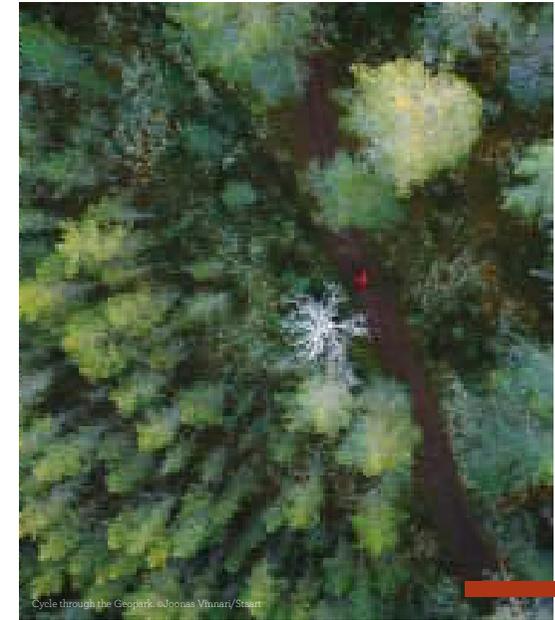
Korsuretket



An inviting room of the Secret Garden Guesthouse, Kauhajoki



Kauhajoki, Welhoidea P.I.



Cycle through the Geopark. @Joonas Vinnari/Start

So Sustainable

1000 km of cycling routes and cyclist friendly services around the Geopark invite you to rent a bike and explore the natural wonders of the Geopark up close.



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<https://lhgeopark.fi/en/tourism-services/>



Two billion years in a blink of an eye Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

Arrive at Hämeen kangas in Lauhanvuori - Hämeen kangas UNESCO Global Geopark and get rid of stress in the middle of beautiful eskers and pine forests. Lodge in an upscale villa.

DAY 1

Uhrilähde and Kylmänmyllynlähde bubbling springs in Hämeen kangas are among the most amazing springs in Finland. On a guided trip to the ancient seashore at Alkkianvuori hill you admire the dramatic and rugged landscape from the rocky cliffs and experience the effects of a Health forest. By the Kaidatvedet lake, you jump 1,9 billion years back in Geopark's history, and learn about the Parkano's Forest Museum. Enjoy rural landscapes on a bike and go swimming in Pyhäniemi, Kihniö, a beautiful cape by the lake Kankarinjärvi. Relax in the sauna and slumber in a stunning log cabin.

DAY 2

In Kauhaneva-Pohjankangas National Park you enjoy the tranquility of the wilderness in the most breathtaking wetland sceneries. Hike on the steep slopes of the stream and the verdant spruces in a fairy-tale forest of Katikankanjoni. Have a delicious dinner and hospitable accommodation in Kauhajoki.

DAY 3

In Lauhanvuori National Park the geological history is written on the extensive boulder fields, slopes, and bogs. Enjoy the peaceful hillside forests and ponds - might even meet a Finnish Forest Reindeer. Lodge in a cozy cottage in the middle of nature.

Lauhanvuori Hämeen kangas

From mountains to mires
Experience the mystery
of two billion YEARS

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Come discover the landscape shaped by the ice age in Rokua Geopark in northern Finland. Varying nature formations, diverse flora and fauna and rich cultural history form a fascinating entity that we call The Heritage of the Ice Age. River Oulujoki valley, Rokua esker and dune area and Lake Oulujärvi comprise the beautiful landscape areas of Rokua Geopark. Countless lakes, deep river valleys, large mires and forests carpeted with white lichen offer multiple ways to enjoy the nature. Old farms and wooden churches, the Deer Trail and hydroelectric power plants with their settlements give glimpses of the colorful history of the Geopark.



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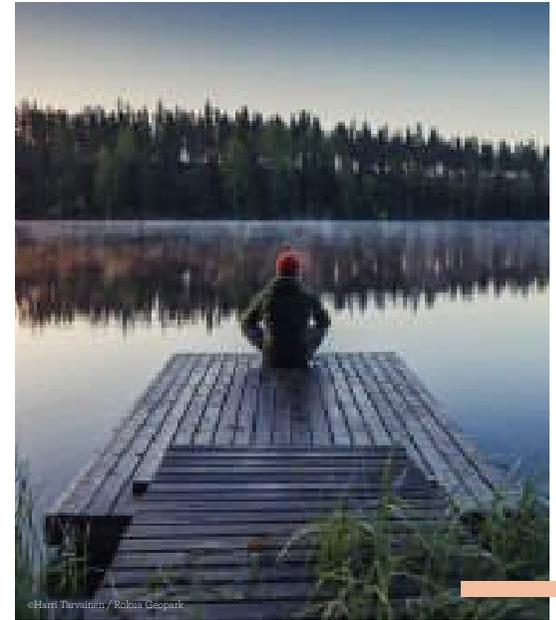
Discover the Heritage
of the ICE AGE



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So Accessible

Take a car or arrive by train or bus in any of the three municipalities in our Geopark area.



So Unique

Marvel at the oldest gneiss in the EU region at Kilonniemi Gneiss Rock site, or hop on a kayak or a boat and enjoy views of the vast Lake Oulujärvi or the steep cliffs of River Oulujoki.



So Sustainable

Rokua Geopark and many tourism companies in the area are going through Sustainable Travel Finland program to increase sustainability actions of their businesses.



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On the Traces of the Ice Age Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Discover River Oulujoki! Enjoy river views and get to know the history of the Oulujoki River and former livelihoods at Lemmenpolku Nature Trail. Visit our Time Travel exhibition and learn how the Rokua Geopark area looked like 2,6 billion years ago. Sleep well at a traditional Finnish "mökki".

DAY 2

Rokua National Park. Wander in the endless lichen forests and climb the Pookivaara observation tower to see the best views. Relax in a spa hotel next to the national park, and enjoy local delicacies in the restaurant.

DAY 3

Island hopping on Lake Oulujärvi. Visit a local history museum and art galleries by the lake. Take a ferry to Manamansalo island and take a walk on the Deer Trail, where deer and their hunters used to wander 8000 years ago. Try fishing with a local guide under the sunset. Stay the night in a villa by the lake.

So Comfortable

Comfy hotel sheets, traditional Finnish cottage, or a memorable night in a tent? Choose your favorite.



So Delicious

Enjoy freshly picked berries and mushrooms in the wilderness.



ROKUA

Discover the Heritage
of the ICE AGE

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Saimaa is a treasure of Eastern Finland known for its beautiful landscapes, lively towns, and idyllic villages. Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark brings together Saimaa's stunning nature sites, charming hiking trails and historic cultural sites, all of which are well worth experiencing when visiting Saimaa. Through breathtaking sites and unique landscapes, Saimaa Geopark tells the story of the birth of Saimaa in a whole new way.

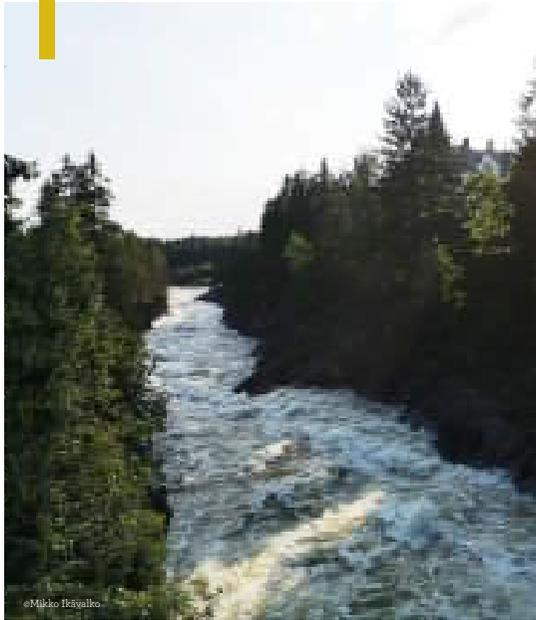


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Saimaa

Discover the hidden
treasures of lake
SAIMAA



So Accessible

2,5 hours by train to Imatra from Helsinki Airport, there you can rent a car or use public transport.



So Comfortable

Cozy and affordable accommodation surrounded by nature and history in Lappeenranta.



So Unique

The Saimaa ringed seal, a subspecies of the ringed seal, is a unique species found only in Finland, surrounded by the Saimaa region due to post-glacial rebound around 8,000 years ago, making it the only native mammal in Finland.



So Delicious

Local food from Discover Saimaa, Imatra.



So Sustainable

Saimaa Geopark offers eco-friendly outdoor activities, rental services, and low-carbon transportation, promoting litter-free environments and responsible outdoor activities through active NGOs and clean nature.



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Saimaa
 Discover the hidden treasures of Lake SAIMAA

Have Unique experiences in the Lake Saimaa region.

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

- DAY 1** Start by visiting Imatrankoski and hike geological trail of Imatra Kruunupuisto park. Next spend time in Vuoksen Kalastuspuisto. Scenic cruise to Vuoksi-river and local salmon soup or smoked salmon for lunch. Hammock relaxation and sauna experience in the evening. Overnight at the Neitsytniemi manor, which is located in Imatra along the Vuoksi River in a historical landscape. The idyllic surroundings are full of atmosphere and stories about the elegant life lived along the Vuoksi River.
- DAY 2** Canoe trip to Karhusaari with local guide. (Island located 1km from the city harbour of Lappeenranta) There you can make a campfire or take a walk at the nature trail. Explore the historical Lappeenranta fortress. The Fortress area is a popular tourist attraction, offering delicious desserts at the charming café Majurska, handicraft shops, and souvenir shops for locals.
- DAY 3** Passing through the Astuvansalmi Rock Paintings. The Astuvansalmi rock paintings are timed with the help of the Saimaa's shoreline displacement history. Visiting one of the Saimaa Geopark visitor centers, Urpola nature center. Take a guided seal watching tour in Puumala and dinner at the local restaurant.

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Fall in love with the landscape created by water in southern Finland! The forest-covered Salpausselkä ridges and the narrow eskers form an outstanding entity of landforms deposited by ancient glacial meltwater streams, representing Finland's best-known geological heritage. Together with the magnificent rocky hills and hundreds of lakes they make up a scenic landscape offering excellent opportunities for recreation. Not everything is visible on the surface: the thick gravels and sands of Salpausselkä hide within enormous reserves of pure groundwater. Taste some of the world's finest water, find wild berries everywhere, smell the lily of the valley, feel the magic of the peace and quiet. Enjoy!

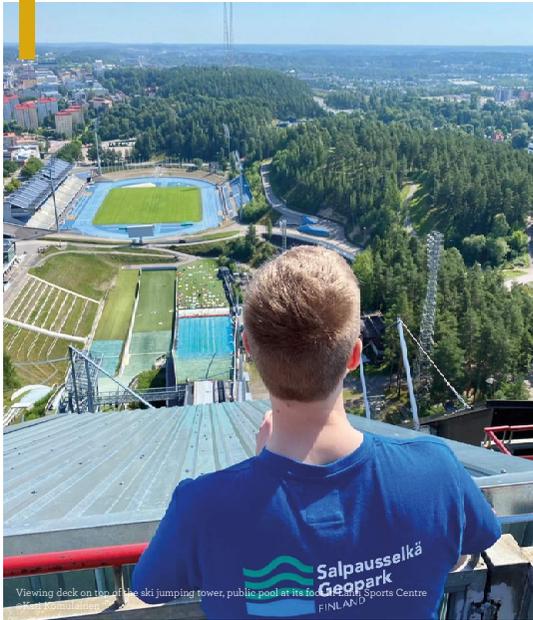


Pölkkiönharju Esker runs across Lake Piijärvi in Asikkala ©Johannes Sipponen

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Salpausselkä

A Landscape Created
by WATER



So Accessible

Less than one hour by train from the Helsinki international airport to Lahti, the main city of the Geopark.



So Comfortable

Accommodation options from city centre hotels to guesthouses, sports resorts, lakeside villas and camping sites.



So Unique

Cycle along village roads through picturesque cultural landscapes. Hike, bike or in the winter ski along enchanting forest trails, climb viewing towers to admire the breathtaking lake sceneries. Paddle, row, fish or skate on the lakes. All this close to the comfort of city services.



So Delicious

Sahti is a unique beverage representing ancient homebrewing tradition.



So Sustainable

Salpausselkä Geopark organization has the prestigious Sustainable Travel Finland label awarded by Visit Finland. The Geopark business partners are committed to sustainability and offer high-quality services to visitors.



So Welcome

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Scenic Lakeland tour in the landscape created by water

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Visit Lahti Sports Centre with its iconic skijumping towers at the magnificent Salpausselkä ridge. Adore stunning views over the lakeside city from the highest tower. Walk or bike along forest routes, experience the beauty of the Lake Vesijärvi on a guided paddling tour or visit the grand medieval stone church of Hollola. Stay the night in the city centre, savouring local delicacies at one of the restaurants.

DAY 2

Explore the charming Old Vääkysy village between the lakes Vesijärvi and Päijänne or Heinola by the mighty river Kymijoki. Watch the boats passing through the Vääkysy canal or stroll in the Heinola National Urban Park and visit one of the lovely cafes. Bike or drive through the tranquil village landscapes and along Finland's most scenic route on the unique Pulkkilanharju esker. Relax in a lakeside villa, experience the sauna and a swim in the peace and quiet.

DAY 3

Enjoy breathtaking views over the vast Lake Päijänne from the viewing tower nearby Padasjoki harbour. Take part in a boat cruise or a guided fishing tour on the clearwater lake and step ashore in the wonderful Kelvenen island, heart of the Päijänne National Park. The uninhabited island offers pine-scented sandy beaches, berry-rich forests and a kettle pond along a hiking trail.

Salpausselkä

A Landscape Created
by WATER

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Famous throughout the world for its wines and vineyards, the Beaujolais is also a region shaped by man, who has reaped the benefits of the soil's diversity. Its past is literally written in stone: in the golden, red, white, grey or black rocks and stones that have visibly been put to good use in local construction. This remarkable geology has given rise to great diversity, not only in the landscapes and heritage, but also in terms of human activity, in the culture and traditions that form the identity of the Beaujolais region.



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Beaujolais

A colourful geological
DIVERSITY



So Accessible

From Lyon Saint-Exupéry Airport take highway A432 and A46 to Villefranche-sur-Saône, or take Rhone-Express tram to Lyon Part-Dieu station, then train to Villefranche-sur-Saône.



So Comfortable

Ferme du Chapi, bed & breakfast and farmhouse with local products in the south of Beaujolais "Pierres Dorées".



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So Sustainable

The Beaujolais UGGp is a nature destination par excellence, with Douglas forests, vine hills as far as the eye can see, meadows, banks of the Saône and several rivers. You can reach the summit of Mont Brouilly or Mont St-Rigaud on foot, by bike and admire the magnificent panorama overlooking the Saône valley.



So Welcome

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A first step into Beaujolais geology

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

The Chessy Mining Trail invites you to discover the particularly turbulent geological context in this area which favoured the development of major mineralogical deposits, notably of Chessylite (an azurite), which were mined for several centuries. Discover the Glay quarries, whose golden stone, a typical yellow limestone of southern Beaujolais, has been used in many buildings in the Lyon region. A tasting at Domaine des Pampres d'Or will introduce you to Beaujolais wines.

DAY 2

Enjoy an exceptional view from the Terrasse de Chiroubles: the Beaujolais hillsides, the Saône valley and, on a clear day, the Alps dominated by Mont Blanc. The 10 crus trail will take you to Gargantua's tomb... Discover the Tour Bourdon and find out what these huge stone blocks are doing on the Beaujolais heights. Extend your visit to Mont Brouilly. The summit of this mountain offers a wide, magnificent panorama over the four main landscapes of the region. A geoscope gives a good idea of the geological diversity of the Beaujolais region.

DAY 3

Discover L'Arbresle, stroll through the old town and learn about its history, highlighting the uses of the local geological heritage in buildings. Let yourself be amazed by the village of Oingt, its craftsmen and its tower.

Beaujolais

A colourful geological
DIVERSITY

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Here, time has done its work and left its mark all over the territory, shaping the identity of the Causses du Quercy UGG and hiding real treasures.

There are two ways of conquering the Geopark in search of new geological adventures: one is to put on your best trainers and walk through unique landscapes and authentic villages marked by the presence of stone. The other is to awaken all your senses and enjoy the many sites that place geological wealth at the heart of their tour.



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Causses du Quercy

Here we grow
ROCKS!



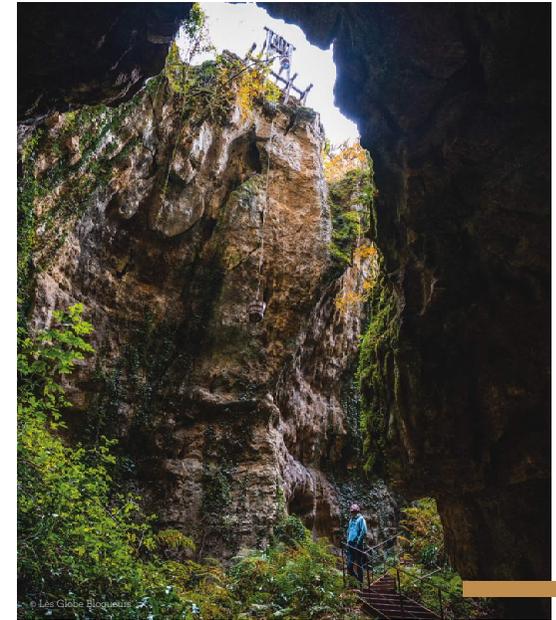
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So Accessible

Causses du Quercy UNESCO Global Geopark is located 140 km from Toulouse-Blagnac airport. The main access to the territory is through the A20.



So Unique

The phosphate caves of the Cloup d'Aural contain a unique historic, natural and palaeontological heritage. Plunge into the heart of a chasm open to the sky and walk through former 19th C. phosphate workings. This Geosite has revealed fossils more than 30 million years old!



So Sustainable

The Célé Valley is a concentrate of the enchanting landscapes of the Geopark. A dose of curiosity, a desire for intimacy and you are off to discover it with the multi-activity stays made to measure: no car but a discovery by canoe, on foot and by bike in 2 or 3 days!



So Welcome

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Itinerary between limestone plateau and secret valleys Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Discover the medieval town of Rocamadour, a village built into the side of a cliff.

Start your walking tour through the secret valley of the Alzou

DAY 2

Cross the limestone plateau (Causse) and ride through the typical landscapes and geology of the Geopark on an electrically assisted bicycle.

Swim in the river Célé
 Visit the village of Marcihaac sur Célé and its Abbey.

DAY 3

Canoe between the cliffs of the Célé valley.

Walk along the towpath and lose yourself in the narrow streets of the village of Saint-Cirq Lapopie which overlooks the Lot valley.

So Comfortable

For your stay in the Causses du Quercy Geopark, choose professionals who are our partners:
<https://uk.parc-causses-du-quercy.fr/explore/your-stay-marque-valeurs-parc>



So Delicious

The «GeoDelices», come and taste our Geopark! 4 pastry chefs and chocolate makers offer you to taste their «geological delights».



Causses du Quercy

Here we grow
ROCKS!

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The Bauges massif is a secret, unspoiled area. A mid-range mountain range, it is accessible and welcoming. Surrounded by wide valleys. It is bordered by limestone reliefs that shelter peaceful valleys that converge towards an open, sheltered heart. A paradise for all outdoor sports, this is an area where we do our utmost to ensure that nature, farming, forestry and leisure activities coexist in a living, authentic space. It's a harmonious, gentle landscape, where the limestone cliffs can be a real thrill!



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Massif des Bauges

Experiencing
HARMONY!



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So Accessible

From Geneva or Lyon St Exupéry airport and/or train, then bus by Aix-les-Bains-le-Revard or Chambéry-Challes-les-Eaux or Annecy.



So Comfortable



So Unique

Discover the bowels of the Earth with an introduction to caving: guided tour, self-guided or accompanied adventure.



So Delicious

A fine blend of cheeses and wines from our own terroirs



So Sustainable

Enjoy a car-free holiday by taking advantage of the network of greenways and shuttles to the summits in winter and summer.



So Welcome

<https://geoparc.parcesbauges.com/>



Massif des Bauges

Experiencing HARMONY!

Cycling around the Bauges Massif Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

You'll set off from Aix-les-Bains along the shores of Lac du Bourget to reach : Chambéry and then the Combe de Savoie, stopping off at Montmélian or Saint Pierre d'Albigny. Discover one of France's most beautiful natural lakes and lose yourself in the streets and alleys of a beautiful medieval town, Chambéry, crossroads of the Alps, before entering the Savoie vineyards.

DAY 2

Reach Albertville via the Isère valley, a wide, flat valley dominated by imposing hills: following the Isère or canals, you'll discover vineyard landscapes and unforgettable views of the Mont Blanc massif. Discover the wine-growing villages that dot the piedmont, the Château de Miolans or the Combe de Savoie village museum.

DAY 3

On the way to Annecy and its sublime lake, slip between the Bauges massif and the Aravis range via the Lake Annecy cluse, to reach the town of Faverges and its treasures. A little more peace and quiet and you'll be on the shores of Lake Annecy. You can then linger on a beach, a terrace or stroll through the old town of Annecy to discover its canals?

<https://www.savoie-mont-blanc.com/velo/tour-des-bauges/>

Keep in mind

This journey is designed for 3 or four days. You can take the train back to Aix-les-Bains, or choose the small roads that take you through the rolling countryside of the Albanais region for one additional day. The route has few changes in altitude, and a wide range of services (accommodation of all types) are available.

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Mountains, wild rivers, chestnut groves, volcanoes, overy meadows and welcoming villages... discover the biodiversity and landscapes of the Monts d'Ardèche and preserve them with us! The quality and great diversity of the landscape of the Monts d'Ardèche have been recognised by UNESCO with the Global Geopark label since 2014 and more than 60 Geosites to explore testify to the geological history of this exceptional area.

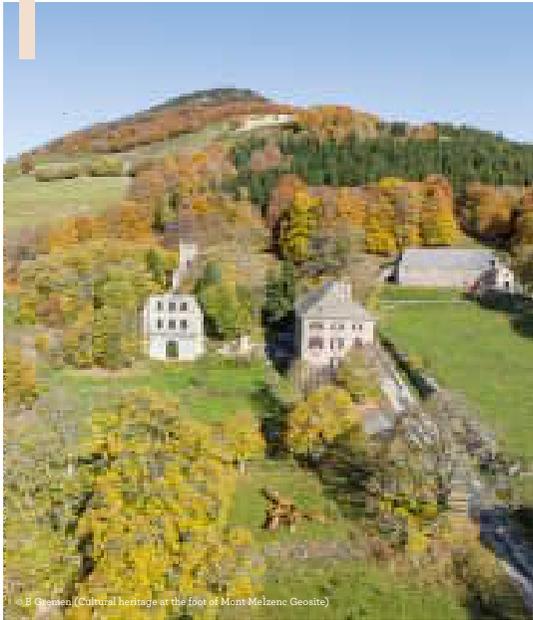


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Monts d'Ardèche

Extraordinary for 550
millions YEARS!



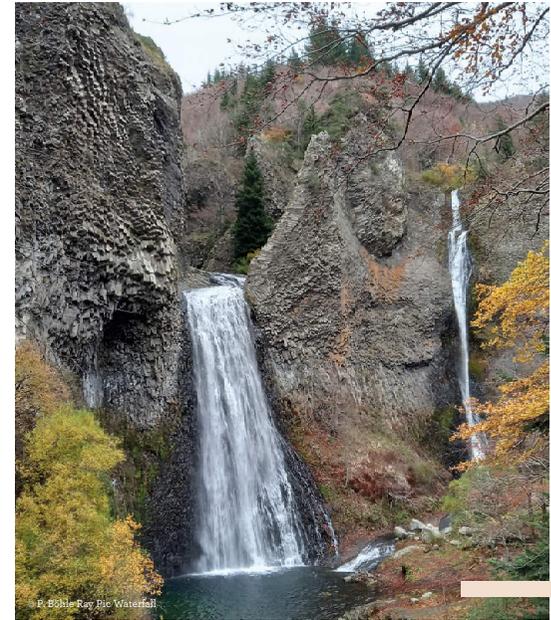
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So Accessible

The Monts d'Ardèche Geopark is easily accessible from Lyon and Marseille airports. From there, you can take the TGV to Valence and Montélimar stations, then hire a shuttle or take a bus to the Geopark.



So Unique

The Monts d'Ardèche Geopark is the only Geopark in France where you can discover volcanoes! Climb the craters, follow the basalt flows and marvel at the power of nature.



So Sustainable

The Monts d'Ardèche, a land of mountain biking! An electric mountain bike is the best way to enjoy a volcanic tour of the Geopark, covering 5 stages and 100km of incredible scenery.



So Welcome

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Volcanoes and rivers of the Monts d'Ardèche with a donkey

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Meet up on the 1st day at the Pré du Bois farm for the departure briefing (instructions on guiding, care, packsaddling, etc.). You will take your first steps with the donkey on our fun donkey guiding trail. Departure late morning or early afternoon. Departure for the hike to the Bauzon forest, where you will discover the Verrerie peat bog and its carnivorous plants, then the Vestide du Pal, an ancient volcano crater. Beautiful forest tracks lead you to the Rousset du Lac gîte.

DAY 2

Rousset du Lac - Usclades walk
Sail to the foot of the Suc de Bauzon, another volcano then descend to the village of Rieurtord where you will find the Loire has made a beautiful 90° turn to head towards the Atlantic. Enjoy a swim at the campsite before a short climb up to the village of Usclades.

DAY 3

Usclades - Pré du Bois walk. After the descent, you return to the Loire and follow one of its tributaries, the Padelle. You can go for a swim and discover the aquatic environment of a wild river and its resurgences. The path through the Goudoulet forest is pleasant and shady before returning to the pastures and the Pré du Bois farm.

This donkey trekking itinerary lets you and your youngest children explore the paths and tracks of the Monts d'Ardèche, discovering the Loire, the beautiful forest and the surrounding volcanoes.
No guiding walking route suitable for very young children.

So Comfortable

The Geopark offers you a selection of 175 partner accommodations, each more comfortable than the last and, above all, managed by real experts in the area.



So Delicious

The Chestnut Geopark! The Ardèche is France's leading chestnut-producing department, and chestnuts are the region's signature fruit. It's best discovered in autumn, during the famous chestnut festivals.



Monts d'Ardèche

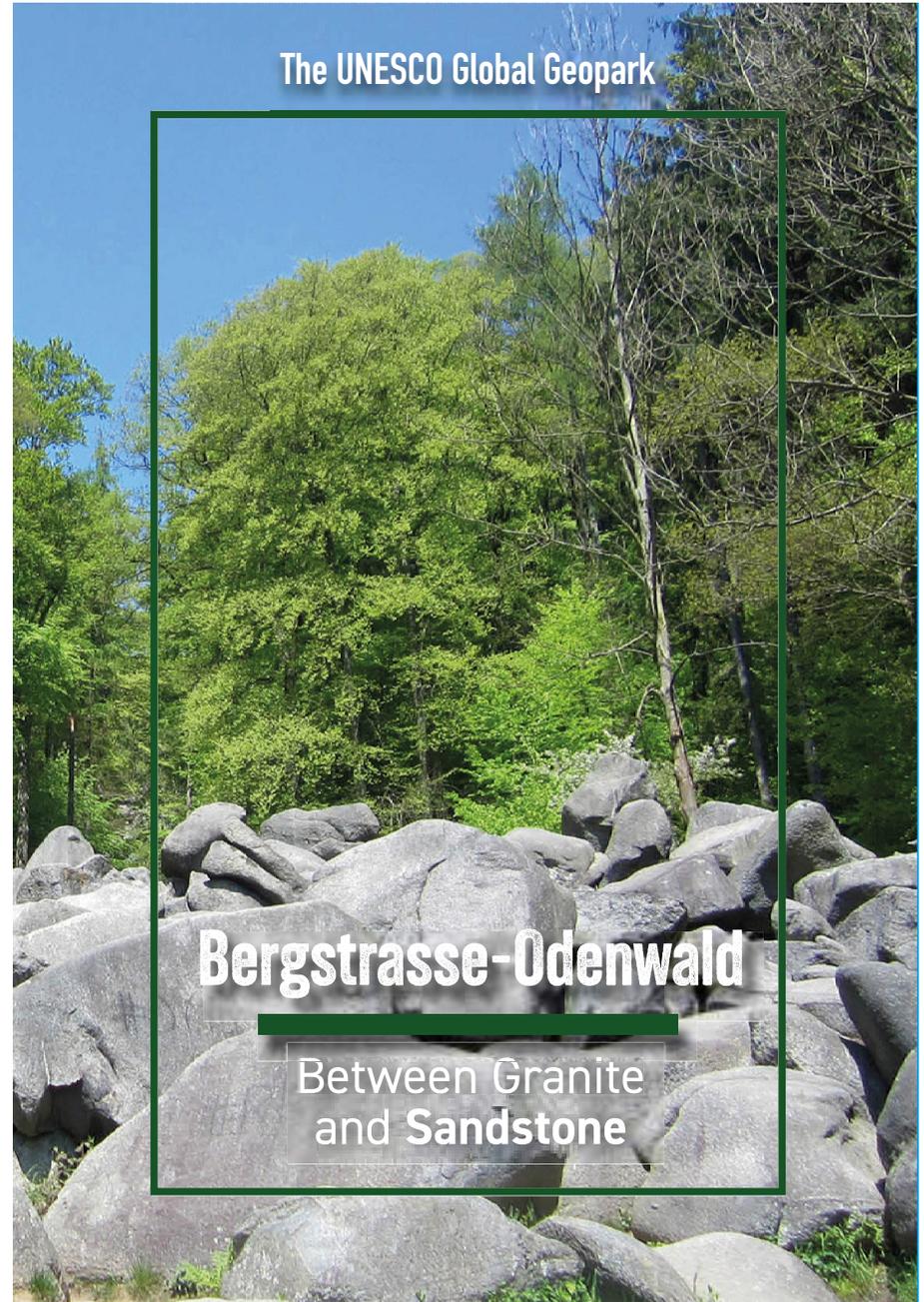
Extraordinary for 550
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Whether it's "seas of rocks", quarries, ancient volcanoes, fossil sites, or imposing castles: in the Bergstrasse-Odenwald UNESCO Global Geopark, you can experience 500 million years of Earth's history up close. A diverse landscape invites you to explore its origins. Experience the Rhine Valley with its typical floodplain and agricultural landscape and the lovely Bergstrasse region, which is characterized by wine growing. Discover the hilly landscape of the Odenwald, with its sandstone and granite formations, deep forests, wide colourful meadows, and idyllic valleys on extensive hikes.



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Bergstrasse-Odenwald

Between Granite
and Sandstone



So Accessible

From Frankfurt Main International Airport, you can reach the Geopark in about 45 minutes by train or car.



So Comfortable

Spend your vacation in regional hotels, vacation apartments, holiday farmhouses and campsites.



So Unique

Discover an enchanting and historic landscape with a rich variety of ancient rocks, flora and fauna.



So Delicious

Our partners, the Odenwald restaurants, invite you to enjoy the delicacies of the region. Our common culinary association "Genius Regional" offers a range of locally and seasonally produced food.



So Sustainable

You can explore the UNESCO Global Geopark ecofriendly by hiking or cycling. A well-developed rail and bus network will take you to the most important sights.



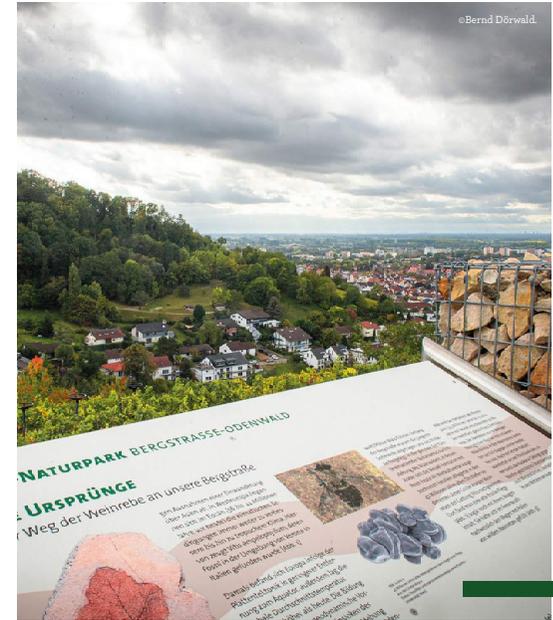
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www.bergstrasse-odenwald.de



Bergstrasse-Odenwald

Between Granite and Sandstone



From little horses and big rocks

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

You start your journey at the Messel Pit World Heritage Site and learn more about the life on earth 47 million years ago and the evolution of early mammals, especially the primitive horse. You continue your trip to the ancient riverside and floodplain forests at Kühkopf.

The university town of Darmstadt is a great place to stay overnight.

DAY 2

From Darmstadt, you will travel to the sea of rocks in the Lautertal. There, you will learn more about the rock formation millions of years ago in connection with relicts of the Roman emperors during a guided hike. Afterwards, picturesque Heppenheim invites you to take a walk along the Wine & Rocks trail including wine tasting. The historical centre of Heppenheim is the ideal stay for the night.

DAY 3

In the morning, you will explore the quarry world around the Tromm Geocenter with a hike and a wonderful view from the Tromm Tower. In the afternoon and evening, you will visit the university town of Heidelberg and spend the night there.

<Back

Germany's largest Geopark has a lot to offer! It contains an extraordinary geological variety, which is easy to access. Ancient volcanoes, traces of former seas and glaciers, fossils of many eras and karst phenomena are just a handful of geological treasures in the area. The occurrence of precious ores, coal and salt ensured that mining flourished since early days, which is why the area and its natural resources ever since were important for the people living there. The beautiful nature, rich cultural history and charming old towns inspire visitors to explore the geopark area today.



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Harz
Braunschweiger Land
Ostfalen

The Classic Square
Mile of GEOLOGY



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So Accessible

Nearest International Airports are Hanover and Halle/Leipzig. Within 1-2 hours by train or car you reach the Geopark-area.



So Comfortable

Rustic guesthouses to star hotels – choose the accommodation you prefer! Look out for our partners, who provide information about the Geopark.



So Unique

The Brocken is not only the highest mountain in the Geopark but in the whole of Northern Germany – and accessible for everyone! Chose to hike or take a ride with the narrow-gauge railway. Enjoy the breathtaking view over the Geopark.



So Delicious

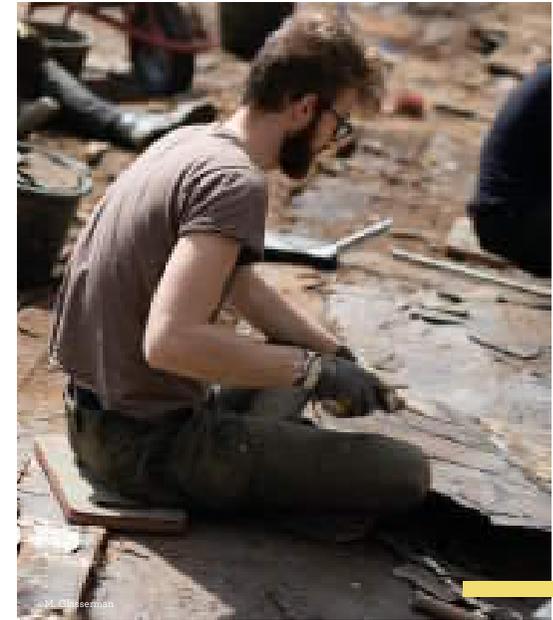
Excellent regional products are honoured by the "Typisch Harz" label. www.typisch-harz.de



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Gildschütt e.A. Fleischmann



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So Sustainable

Many well-established hiking routes allow long tours, even for several days. Take the train or bus to reach your starting point. Long-distance cycle paths also cross the Geopark.



So Welcome

You will find Geoparkinformation centres throughout the area, which provide free information for your visit. You can find out more on our **website**: www.geopark-hbbo.de

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Braunschweiger Land
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The Classic Square
Mile of GEOLOGY

Once across the Geopark Nature and timberwork cities

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Start by visiting the Geopark Information Centre in Königslutter and get an overview of the Geopark's exciting geology. Afterwards a short ride takes you to an active excavation site near Schandelah, where many fossils of the Jurassic Sea were found. Continue to Braunschweig, where you can enjoy a stroll through the old town, the castle and the cathedral.

DAY 2

The exhibition in the mining museum Clausthal-Zellerfeld gives an overview of the importance of mining in the Harz mountains. Learn about a miner's life and impressive techniques that were used to extract ores. Explore the pond cascades, which are part of the oldest energy supply system, on a hike in the surrounding area. If you are travelling with children, you should end the day with a visit to the mining themed Robinson playground.

DAY 3

Between Treseburg and Thale lies the beautiful Bode Gorge. You can combine a ride on the chairlift or cable car with a hike through the valley. Later on, stop by the Devil's Wall and marvel at the bizarre Cretaceous sandstone formations. End your short Geopark experience with a walk through the old town of the World Heritage town of Quedlinburg.

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Located in southern Germany, the Geopark Ries is a globally unique landscape shaped by a meteorite impact. In a striking manner, the consequences of the 15 million-year-old meteorite impact become visible. The approximately 25 km-wide crater basin with its forested crater rim not only invites nature enthusiasts to linger but also offers a rich cultural experience due to the long settlement history of the Ries Crater. Discover scenic paths with panoramic views of the crater, explore archaeological sites from the Stone Age and Roman era. Numerous castles and monasteries await your visit. Explore small historic towns and immerse yourself in regional cuisine and culture.



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RIES

Europe's Giant
Meteorite **CRATER**



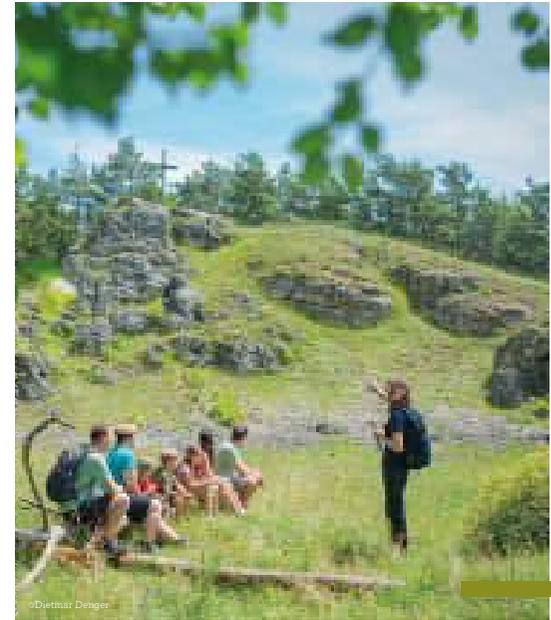
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So Accessible

1.5 hours by highway from Munich Airport or Nürnberg Airport to Donauwörth and Nördlingen; Nördlingen, Donauwörth and Bopfingen are directly reachable by train.



So Comfortable

The region offers a wide range of accommodations, for more information please contact local tourist information centers.



So Unique

Explore the unique landscape of a meteorite crater, where NASA and ESA astronauts have been training for their missions to the Moon since the 1960s. Discover the distinctive natural landscape of Nördlinger Ries, which boasts a millennia-old settlement history.



So Delicious

The partners of 'Geopark Ries Culinary' offer a variety of regional products and dishes.



So Sustainable

Geopark Ries prioritizes sustainable tourism and regional development. By promoting eco-friendly exploration on foot and by bicycle, along with comprehensive environmental education, it aims to shape a sustainable future.



So Welcome

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Tourism partner:

www.ferienland-donau-ries.de



Tracing the path of a meteorite impact Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Explore the historic old town of Nördlingen with its fully walkable city wall, the Daniel church tower (completely built of Suevite) and medieval buildings. Have lunch in one of the traditional restaurants in the heart of the old town. Visit the Ries Crater Museum.

DAY 2

Hike the 19 km long Shepherd's Trail. Start in Nördlingen, passing historic buildings, geological landmarks, and archaeological sites from the Stone and Roman ages. Picturesque heath landscapes, breathtaking panoramic views of the Ries Crater, and enchanting forests complete the hike.

DAY 3

Visit Harburg Castle, explore the Adventure-Geotope Lindle with a subsequent snack in the nearby cafe, then participate in a 2-hour guided tour at a Celtic princely residence.

RIES

Europe's Giant Meteorite CRATER



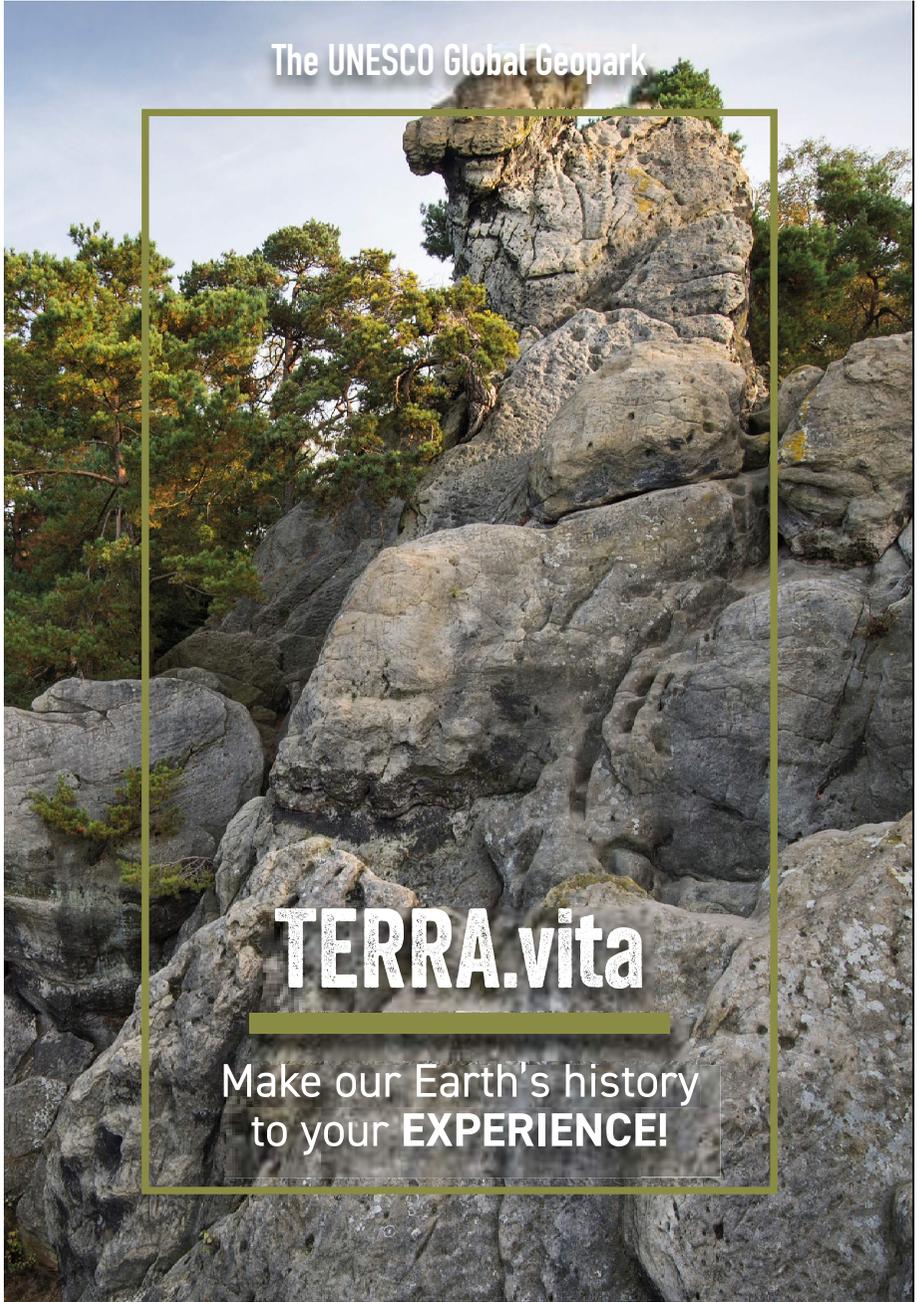
Experience the past 300 million years of extremely dynamic Earth's in the hilly landscape of northwestern Germany. TERRA.vita! The name of the Nature and Geopark can be translated as the 'Life Story of the Earth.' And that story was not always smooth. Seafloors – folded into steep ridges, tropical forests – compressed into anthracite coal, entire mountain ranges – pushed by massive glaciers, and even humans left their traces early on with the megalithic tombs. Discover giant insects living in the Carboniferous swamp forests, track the dinosaurs walking here in the Jurassic, explore the sharks of the Palaeogene North Sea, and converse with the ancient Romans and Germanic tribes.



TERRA.vita
NATUR- UND GEOPARK
NORDLICHER TEUTONISCHER WALD
HEINRICHSBURG, OBERMÖCKMUNZEL, N.

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Make our Earth's history
to your **EXPERIENCE!**



So Accessible

By train (Deutsche Bahn, NordWestBahn & Westfalen-Bahn) or coach, via the A1, A30, and A33 highways, or from Münster-Osnabrück Airport.



So Comfortable

Rustic guesthouses to star hotels – choose the accommodation you prefer! Look out for our partners, who provide information about the Geopark.



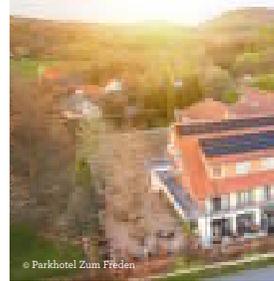
So Unique

Explore TERRA.vita's geodiversity on 84 TERRA-track short-distance and on four long-distance hiking trails, expand your knowledge on the Nature and Geopaths, cycle on 18 TERRA-trails, take guided tours into the subsurface, rest at the TERRA.vista stations, and catch prehistoric life with the Lost Collection geogame app.



So Delicious

Try ancient sea salt from Bad Essen.



So Sustainable

Enjoy sustainable products of about 220 local green producers registered in our digital TERRA.season finder. If you must fly, compensate with our CO2 climate adaption project in the Dieven peat bog in cooperation with the Münster-Osnabrück airport.



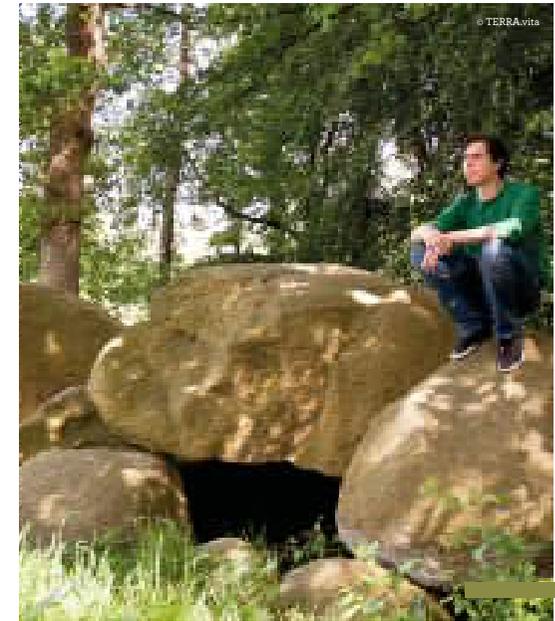
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Make our Earth's history to your **EXPERIENCE!**



“Hiking break on the Hunen Trail” by Hasetal Tourism

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

A comfortable hike along the Hunen Trail, passing by 5,000-year-old megalithic tombs. Were they truly built by giants, the Hunen? Your hike begins right at the historic town hall in Osnabrück, where the end of the 30 Years' War was once announced. The babbling banks of the Hase and Nette rivers and historical water mills invite you to linger. The first megalithic site, the Oestringer Steine, is also waiting to be discovered. The destination is the pilgrimage site Rulle.

DAY 2

The journey continues through the eastern foothills of the Wiehen Hills. Jurassic rocks bear witness to deep sea basins where marine reptiles and ammonites once lived. From the Mittelland Canal you will reach the highest point at 148 meters, the Schleptruper Egge. In Bramsche, stops at the Clothmaker Museum and the Varus Battle Museum are worth considering. If you are travelling with children, you should end the day with a visit to the mining themed Robinson playground.

DAY 3

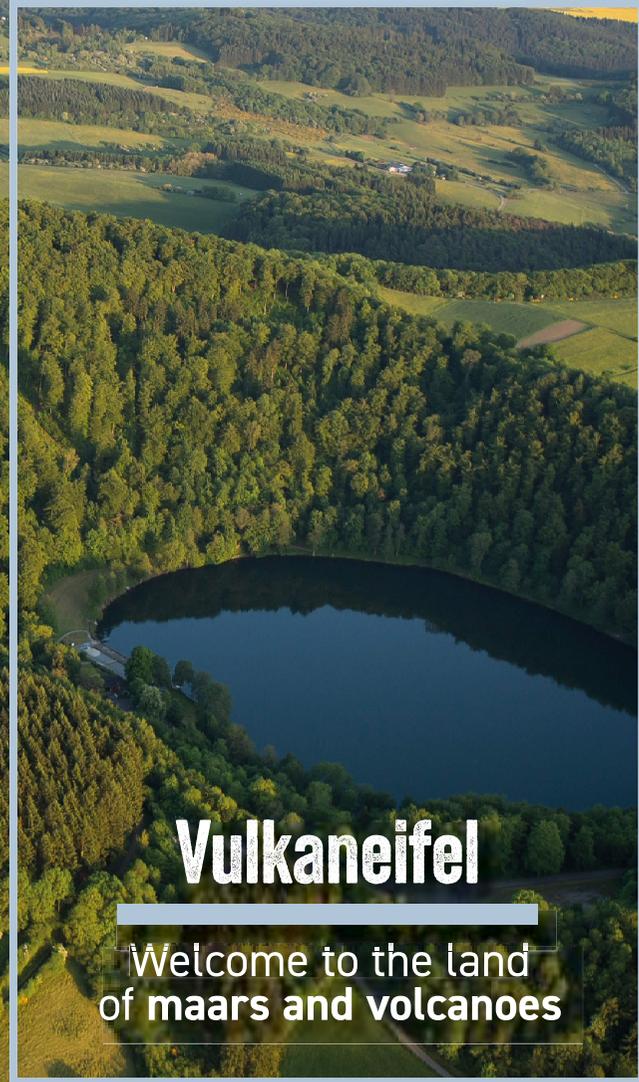
From Bramsche, the journey continues through the Gehn ridge, an inlier hill. The 160 million years old sandstone, extracted from the quarry you are walking through, can be found in many idyllic buildings along the way. In the final kilometers, you can explore numerous megalithic tombs and learn about the funnelbeaker culture from the Stone Age. The hiking taxi will take you from the Grumfeld Golf Course back to Bramsche, from where you individually departure.

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The Vulkaneifel is a unique volcanic landscape in the heart of Europe. Volcanic cones, mineral springs, bubbling carbon dioxide and, above all, the maars – deep volcanic craters, some of them water-filled – shape this extraordinary region. Three sites, the Daun Maars, the Mosenberg–Meerfelder Maar volcanic complex and Dreimühlen Waterfall, are officially recognized as Germany’s most important geosites. The Ulmener Maar, the youngest volcano in Central Europe, is even considered a geoheritage site of global significance. Numerous hiking and cycling routes allow visitors to experience volcanism, nature and landscape in an authentic and sustainable way.

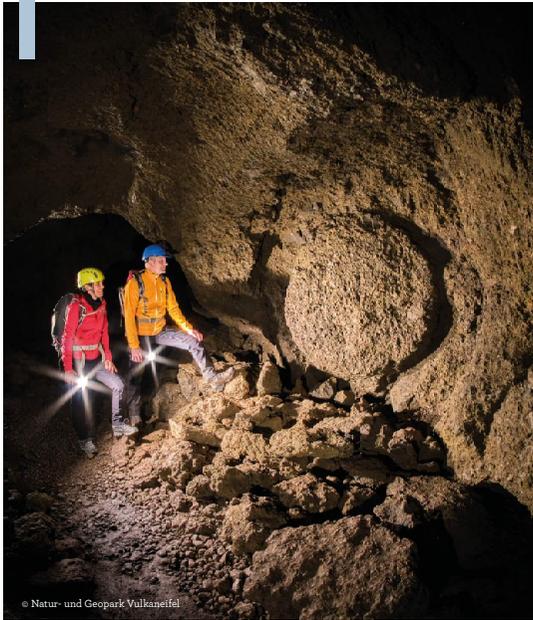


The UNESCO Global Geopark



Vulkaneifel

Welcome to the land
of maars and volcanoes



So Accessible

From Cologne-Bonn or Frankfurt Airport by train to Gerolstein or Wittlich; a car is strongly recommended for exploring the Geopark.



So Comfortable

Geopark Gastgeber – Certified Geopark Hosts



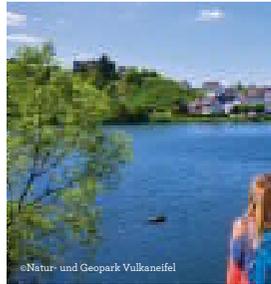
So Unique

The guided Sunday series “12 Maars and One Crater Lake” combines geo-education and outdoor experience, showcasing the exceptional density and diversity of maar volcanoes in the Vulkaneifel.



So Delicious

“Vulkaneifel regional cuisine Von Hier Vulkaneifel!”



So Sustainable

Regional value chains are promoted through the “Von Hier Vulkaneifel” label, encouraging local food, short transport routes and sustainable tourism experiences.



So Welcome

Tourist Information Vulkaneifel
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Volcanoes, Maars and Mineral Water Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Arrival in the Vulkaneifel and visit to the Daun Maars. A guided hike around the Gemünden, Weinfeld and Schalkenmehren Maars introduces the formation of explosive volcanoes and crater lakes. Evening with regional cuisine.

DAY 2

Exploration of the Mosenberg-Meerfelder Maar volcanic complex, including scoria cones, lava flows and panoramic viewpoints. Visit to a mineral water spring (Drees) with explanations on volcanic CO₂ and groundwater systems.

DAY 3

Visit to the Ulmener Maar, the youngest volcano in Central Europe, including the Ulmen Maar Tunnel. Optional cycling tour on former railway lines or a short hike along a Vulkaneifel trail before departure.

Visitor requirements / observations

Moderate fitness for hiking, sturdy footwear recommended. Activities suitable for nature-oriented visitors; guided tours enhance understanding of volcanic processes.

Vulkaneifel

Welcome to the land
of maars and volcanoes

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The UNESCO Global Geopark Muskauer Faltenbogen is a landscape full of contrasts and stories. Formed by a gigantic glacier, geological processes that are still at work today have created a mosaic-like landscape that is rare worldwide. From the 19th century onwards, humans exploited the great diversity of raw materials and left a lasting mark on the region. Today, visitors can experience nature that is unique in Europe: hundreds of bizarre, colourful lakes, impressive relics of industrial culture and largely untouched landscapes. Whether by bike, on foot or on guided tours, the geopark combines nature, knowledge and emotion to create unforgettable experiences.

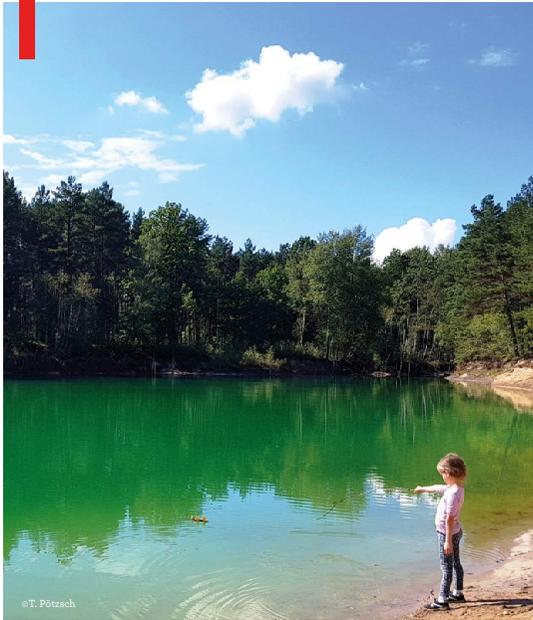


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Muskauer Faltenbogen Łuk Mużakowa

The moraine amphitheatre
in the heart of Europe



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So Accessible

Reach the Muskau Arch UGGp in 2 hours from Berlin's airport by train and bike via Cottbus, Spremberg or Weißwasser/O.L.!



So Comfortable

Kulturhotel Fürst-Pückler-Park Bad Muskau



So Unique

Ice age landscapes, mining and culture come together in the Muskau Arch UNESCO Global Geopark to create a unique experience cycle along colourful lakes, traces of industrial culture and dense forests for around 200 kilometres!



So Delicious

Marbach Winery in Jerischke, Confiserie Felicitas in Hornow



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So Sustainable

Located in the heart of Europe, the UNESCO Geopark is driving forward one of Europe's most exciting transformation regions in the UNESCO 5 project – with sustainable tourism as the driving force!



So Welcome

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Muskauer Faltenbogen Łuk Mużakowa

The moraine amphitheatre in the heart of Europe



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Lusatia for 'parkomanes' Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

The trip takes you to Bad Muskau in Upper Lusatia, where you will visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site Fürst-Pückler-Park, a masterpiece of English garden design on both sides of the Neisse River. Afterwards, you will visit the New Palace and the exhibitions. You will spend the night at the Kulturhotel Fürst Pückler Park with dinner at the 'Grüner Fürst' restaurant.

DAY 2

On the second day, after breakfast, the forest railway takes you from Weißwasser to Kromlau through the UNESCO Global Geopark Muskauer Faltenbogen. In Kromlau Park, the famous 'Devil's Bridge' awaits, as well as a walk through the azalea and rhododendron park. This is followed by a visit to the Nochten Erratic Boulder Park with its seven garden areas, around 7,000 boulders and impressive recultivated landscape in the southern part of the Geopark.

DAY 3

The third day takes us to Branitz near Cottbus. There we will explore the park designed by Prince Pückler with its castle, watercourses and famous earth pyramids. After a break for refreshments, we will return to Bad Muskau.

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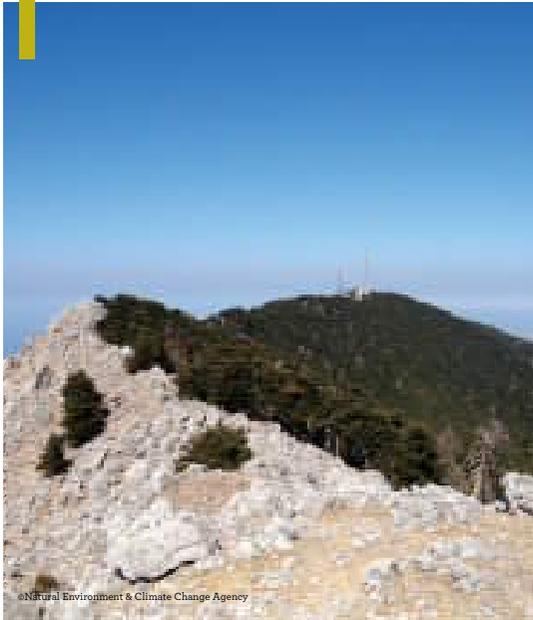
Fall in love with the unique mountain formations and coastlines of Kefalonia – Ithaca Geopark. Wetlands, caves, lakes, dunes, forests and the sea offer space for a singular biodiversity. The two beautiful islands in the ionian sea provide a rich culture, which dates back until the ancient times. The remaining ruins and monasteries connect the local communities with their heritage. The highest seismology in europe created indescribable geological phenomenons and a incredible carst system. Let yourself be carried away by the dynamics of the islands and experience unforgettable adventures in the footsteps of the past.



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Kefalonia
Ithaca

Kefalonia & Ithaca Islands
You'll want to stay FOREVER



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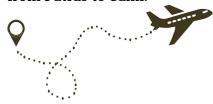
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So Accessible

1 hours with the plane from Athen International airport to Kefalonia airport or 3,5 hours with the ferry from Patras to Sami.



So Unique

In the Melissani Cave you can take a boat on its lake and marvel at the beautiful stalagmites and stalactites. Don't forget to take a picture with the azure and turquoise shimmering water mirroring the sky.



So Sustainable

Participate in the Stay Active Festival and you will be able to see the Geopark, learn about sustainable tourism and the environment through hiking, bike, kayaking tours.



So Welcome

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<https://visitkefaloniaisland.gr/>



Mountains, Ocean, Caves - an incredible ensemble - Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Start at the Koutavos Lagoon and drive up to Mount Ainos past olive trees and cypresses, taking Georoute No 8. From there take one of the five forest trails and admire the Kefalonian firs and Geosite Rudist. Enjoy the great view over the island from the peak. When you come back to Argostoli, walk along the De Bosset's Bridge up to the Sinkholes of Argostoli and the Fanari Lighthouse. Round of the evening with the nightlife of Argostoli.

DAY 2

Today you start from the city of Lixouri with the Georoute No 5 (website). On your way you will pass several Geosites like Matzavinata, Kounopetra and the Holy Monastery of Kipouria. Make a special stop at Xi Beach and take a natural spa at the red clay sand. End your tour at the protected wetland of Livadi.

DAY 3

On the third day take Georoutes 7 and 6. First visit the Drogarati Cave at the village Chaliotata. From there walk to Zervati Cave and Karavomylos Lake in the center of Sami. Continue your trip to the impressive Melissani Cave Lake and take a small boat trip inside. Afterwards take the car to Kefalonias most beautiful beach Myrthos and end your trip with a visit to the picturesque villages Assos and Fiskardo.

So Comfortable

The Kefalonia & Ithaca Hotel Association cooperates with the Geopark and helps promoting tourism on Kefalonia and supports local hotels and apartments.



So Delicious

Try out the Kefalonian meat pie made with pork, lamb and beef.



Kefalonia - Ithaca

Kefalonia & Ithaca Islands
You'll want to stay FOREVER

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Lesvos island hosts a wealth of geological heritage sites including the famous Petrified Forest of Lesvos, areas of natural beauty, rich ecosystems, and a variety of cultural monuments. All these elements contributed to the island's recognition as a UNESCO Global Geopark. Lesvos is scattered with a multitude of geological monuments and landforms of unique value, like fossil sites, impressive volcanoes, hot springs, important fossil sites, large faults scarps, waterfalls, and coastal landforms. All of them are important evidence of the Aegean basin geological evolution. Lesvos stands as a living museum, inviting explorers to witness the marvels shaped by millennia.



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Lesvos
Island

The Land where Life
has turned to STONE



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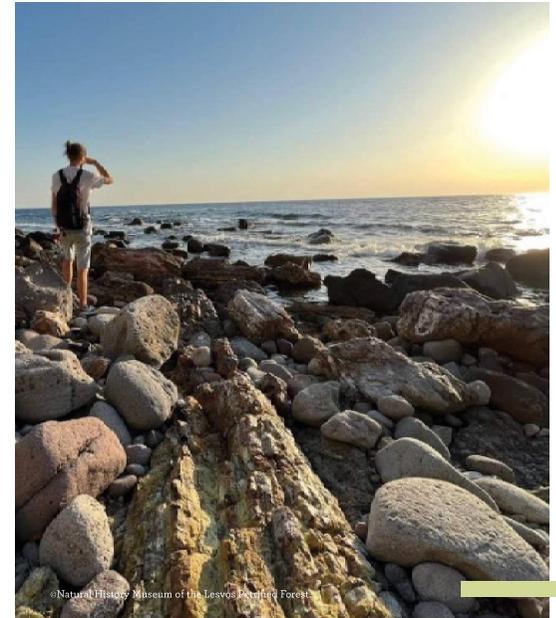
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So Accessible

The international airport of Mytilene lies within the Lesvos Geopark.



So Unique

You can explore the Lesvos Petrified Forest Parks, admire 20 million years petrified trees standing in their natural position and have an extraordinary experience observing coastal and underwater fossils trees at the Marine Petrified Forest Park of Nissioi.



So Sustainable

The Natural History Museum of Lesvos Petrified Forest has been transformed to a "Green Building", with almost zero CO2 emissions mitigating climate change, using solar energy for its operation needs, and implementing educational activities inspired from it.



So Welcome

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Journeying Through Time: Exploring Volcanoes and Subtropical Ecosystems Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

- DAY 1** Arrival at Mytilene airport and drive from Mytilene's Airport to Sigrí. Morning visit to the Natural History Museum, visit the Lesvos Petrified Forest Parks and have a unique experience observing standing petrified trees at their natural position. Enjoy local food in fish taverna. Afternoon visit the Marine Petrified Forest Park of Nissioi with the glass bottom boat and have a guided tour to the marine and coastal fossil sites.
- DAY 2** Visit spectacular volcanic sites of west Lesvos, the beach of Sikala Eressos and the women cooperative of Mesotopos. Afternoon visit the Environmental Center of Kalloni and enjoy birdwatching at the Kalloni Salt Pans. Enjoy the famous Kalloni sardins in a fish taverna.
- DAY 3** Visit the volcanic landscapes of Petra at the flanks of Lepetymnos volcano. Visit Molyvos and the castle, visit picturesque Skala Sykamnias and the Monastery of Archangel (Taxiarchis) Michael, at Mantamados. Afternoon visit the town of Mytilene. Mytilene is the capital of the island and has many options and attractions. The castle, the Archaeological Museum, the Museum of Theophilus, and Teriade are some of them. Departure from Mytilene airport.

So Comfortable

Hotel Orama (Vision)



So Delicious

Food Tasting: Agrotourism
Women Cooperative of Mesotopos local food tasting.



Lesvos Island

The Land where Life has turned to STONE

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The soul of Crete will be unveiled to the visitor of Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark. Elements of the geological history, rich biodiversity and cultural heritage can be discovered in every corner of Psiloritis Geopark, where nature and man have been coexisting for millennia. Impressive landscapes capturing the mountains' wilderness will unravel in front of you, making you experience the same awe and admiration that drives the pride of the locals and the inspiration behind the different forms of local art. The beauty of nature is complimented by the hospitality of the people, making the visitor feel like a local.

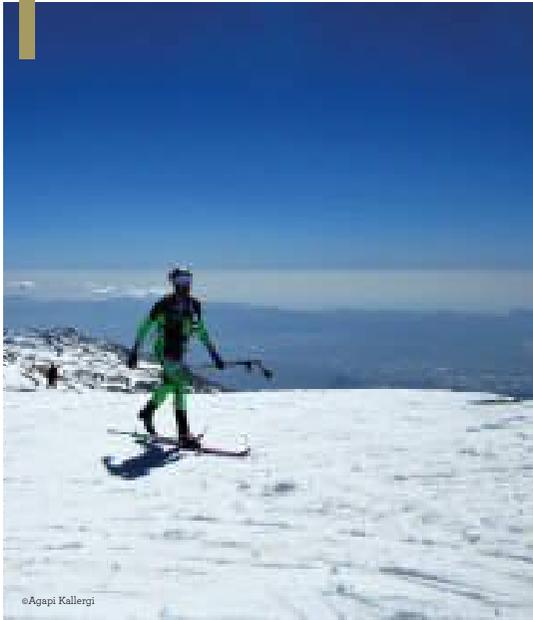


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The UNESCO Global Geopark

Psiloritis

Discover your own
PSILORITIS



So Accessible

From Heraklion International Airport, you can follow the E75 highway by car or public bus and enter Psiloritis Geopark within 1-2 hours.



So Comfortable

Enagron ecotourism village enagron.gr You have numerous accommodation offers at one of our partner hotels: bed & breakfasts to ecotourism facilities.



So Unique

Imagine skiing the highest peak of Crete with a view to the Mediterranean Sea! Snowy Psiloritis offers the visitors the chance to experience winter sports, within an hour distance from the shores of the Aegean and Libyan Sea!



So Delicious

Enjoy the famous Cretan gastronomy at one of our partner restaurants.



Landscapes full of history

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

The Arkadi- Eleftherna- Margarites route connects numerous natural, historical and cultural locations of the geopark. Begin from the imposing Arkadi monastery, pass through ancient Eleutherna with its impressive archaeological park and museum and end at the village of Margarites, with its numerous ceramic workshops! Along the trail, there are important environmental and geological locations, such as gorges, ravines, and cypress tree clusters.

DAY 2

Drive from Margarites to the lower parts of the valley of Mylopotamos and discover many traditional villages such as Kalandare, Kalamas, Krassoudas, Avdelas, Mourtzana and more, arriving in Melidoni, where you can visit the cave of Gerontospilios, a cave of aesthetic and historical value. Alternatively, go to the village of Doxaro and follow the geotrail passing through olive groves, traditional shepherd's stone- huts and the Vossakos folds, an open- air "museum" attesting to the history behind the creation of the Cretan mountains!

DAY 3

Explore the villages of mountainous Psiloritis. Go to Axos with its Minoan settlement, traditional churches and gorge full of vultures! Visit Sfendoni cave at Zoniana with its beautiful cave- decorations. Find traditional loom- weaving textile shops and restaurants with local cuisine at Anogia or follow the trails of Mygias' gorge or Nida plateau.

Keep in mind

As there are not always water springs along the routes, it is recommended you take the necessary amount of water with you. Special precautions regarding weather conditions should be taken mainly during the winter period (December - February), due to intense rainfall or snowfall. During the summer months, the temperature may be quite high and visitors should be well prepared.

Psiloritis

Discover your own PSILODRITIS

So Welcome

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Sitia Geopark is characterized by a very rich geo-heritage which includes impressive rocks, special formations and landforms, characteristic tectonic and micro-tectonic structures, as well as a wealth of fossils. The oldest fossils have been found in the area of Palaikastro and consist of plant remains (~300 million years old). The Miocene age in the park area is represented by one of the most impressive and important fossils, the *dinothorium proavum*, a species related to the elephant. The Pleistocene epoch is represented by very important mammal fossils that are now found in many, mainly coastal locations. Deer (*Candiacervus cretensis*), *Hippopotamus creutzburgi*, *Elephas antiquus*.

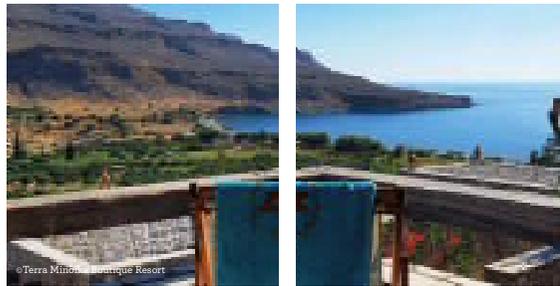


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The UNESCO Global Geopark

Sitia

The authentic
Crete



So Accessible

Take airplane from Athens Airport to Sitia airport , or you can arrive on Heraklion airport and then by car or bus in 1.50'



So Comfortable

Terra Minoika Boutique Resort



So Unique

Relax at a traditional and unique part of Crete, enjoy at the marvelous beaches or even test limits with extreme and outdoor activities. Climbing, hiking, caving, bird watching are some of the activities that visitors enjoy



So Delicious

Olives, extra virgin olive oil, local artichoke, kretamos



So Sustainable

Governing sustainable tourism in territories with high environmental value: reconnecting tourism and nature for addressing the climate crisis with an ecosystem- based approach. The Monastery of Toplou can offer extra virgin olive oil and bio wine on a unique place, full of history and civilization.



So Welcome

Portobelis Crete Holidays
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Rare species of flora and fauna Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Arrival in Sitia , visit Archaeological museum , visit castle Kazarma, visit folklore museum, food in Sitia

DAY 2

Visit Toplou Monastery
 Visit Vai Beach (the only palm forest with endemicspecies in Europe)
 Visit Erimoupoli - Itanos Beach, food in Chiona Beach.
 Visit Zakros (Minoan palace), hiking in Gorge of dead
 Visit Xerokambos beach

DAY 3

Visit Richtis Gorge (hiking), visit Mochlos village for food. Depart from Sitia

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Katla Geopark is Iceland's first geopark and it opens a natural wonderland to the visitor. It is in every sense the land of ice and fire, with its towering glaciers and active volcanoes that have been shaping the land for many thousands of years. But there are also more amazing landscapes in the area - mountains, lakes, black sand beaches, green pastures and meadows, powerful glacial rivers, beautiful waterfalls, and vast lava fields. This versatile landscape makes various activities and adventures possible in the area. Katla Geopark is accessible all year round, and each season has its own magical charm in this spectacular natural paradise.



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Katla

Katla Geopark,
a dynamic DESTINATION



So Accessible

2-3 hours with a car or by bus from Keflavik International Airport to the town of Hvalsvoellur, South Iceland.



So Comfortable

You will find all types of accommodation within the Geopark.



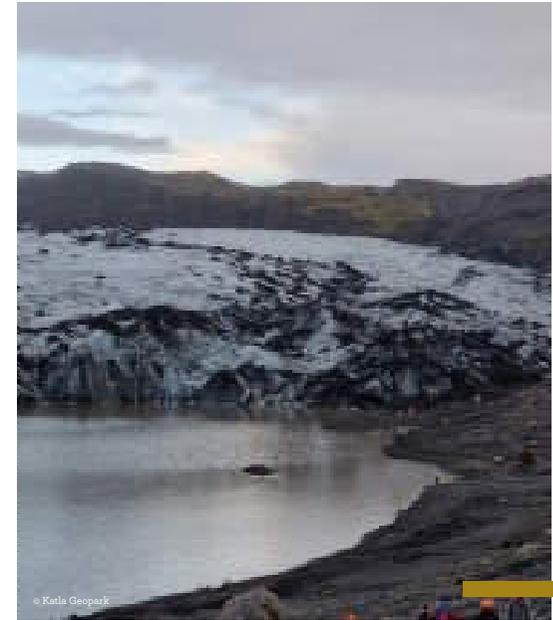
So Unique

A visit to one of the outlet glaciers and their ice caves is a unique experience in a landscape that is quickly disappearing.



So Delicious

Arctic Char from the fresh waters within the Geopark.



So Sustainable

Rapeseed are grown for oil production, which is used for cooking oil and to power the farming equipment at Porvaldseyri farm.



So Welcome

www.katlageopark.com
www.south.is



The geology trail of Katla Geopark Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

- DAY 1** Start your day in Hvalsvoellur and visit Lava Centre and learn about the volcanoes and different volcanism of the Geopark, or you can head into the nature reserve of Þórsmörk for sightseeing and/or hiking. Visit Seljalandsfoss waterfall, you can walk behind it if you don't mind getting wet. Go on a guided glacial walk on Sólheimajökull outlet glacier and take in the fresh cold air coming from the glacier and the breathtaking rock formations on either side of the glacier. See the basalt columns and the black sand beach at Reynisfjara. In the summertime, you might see a puffin or two.
- DAY 2** Visit Ice caves in Kötlujökull outlet glacier and see the effects of climate change first hand. Hike up Mt. Hjórléifshöfði, a single volcano (tuya) in a sea of black sand, where you have a perfect view over Katla volcano, Mýrdalsjökull glacier, and the coastline. Explore the moss-covered Eldhraun lava field and the nearby Fjaðrárgljúfur canyon.
- DAY 3** Go on a tour to Laki craters, the crater row formed in the Skaftáreldar eruption in 1783-1784, which had/caused disastrous effects in Iceland and Europe. Walk around the lovely town of Kirkjubæjarklaustur and visit the several geosites there, including Systrafoos waterfall, Systravatn lake on top of the adjacent mountain, and Kirkjuból basalt columns.



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The Beigua Geopark is a spectacular balcony formed by mountains overlooking the sea, a stone's throw from the Ligurian Riviera: a mosaic of environments that make it one of the richest areas of biodiversity in Liguria. The Beigua Geopark offers events and attractions in all seasons, allowing visitors to choose the most suitable time of year and the most suitable type of accommodation: from agritourism farms to hotels in the heart of the protected area, from the numerous inns and bed&breakfasts in the hinterland to the more luxurious accommodations in the coastal towns.



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Beigua

Beigua Geopark: a naturally
welcoming GEOPARK



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So Accessible

The Beigua Geopark area can be reached from Genoa City Airport or from the international airports of Milan, about 2-3 hours by car (Malpensa, Linate and Orio al Serio).



So Unique

A hike along the Alta Via dei Monti Liguri, on ancient ophiolite rocks at 1100 meters above sea level, where you can meet the wolf, see the biancone and admire the whales in the Pelagos Sanctuary.



So Sustainable

Beigua in Action is a project involving schools, citizens and local authorities, through which the Beigua Geopark wants to promote waste recovery and steer toward less use of plastic materials.



So Welcome

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Discovering the cultural, natural and gastronomic heritage of the Beigua Geopark Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Arrival in Varazze (SV). Departure from Varazze in the morning to reach loc. Pratorotondo and Trekking on the Alta Via dei Monti Liguri (about 5 hours of actual walking time) Excursion led by the Park Guide from Pratorotondo to Rifugio Argentea, in the heart of the UNESCO Beigua Global Geopark. Packed lunch and basket provided at departure. Transfer to Sassello and view of the historic centre. Dinner with local products at a restaurant in the center of the town.

DAY 2

Departure from Sassello in the morning to reach the heritage of history, culture, art and tradition of the Stura Valley. In the morning guided visit to the monumental complex of Badia di Tiglieto, the first Cistercian Abbey in Italy, built in 1120. In the afternoon, visit to the Filigree Museum in Campo Ligure and to one of the workshops in the historical center of one of the "most beautiful villages in Italy" to see how the delicate silver threads are made. Transfer to Rossiglione. Dinner-tasting, accommodation and breakfast at the Agriturismo Lavagè in Rossiglione.

DAY 3

Departure from Rossiglione. Excursion in Val Gargassa, Rossiglione (about 4 hours actual walking time) An extraordinary guided excursion in a landscape with unique geological features and breathtaking views: this is Val Gargassa, one of the areas of the Beigua Geopark richest in geodiversity and biodiversity. The park's geologist and guide will lead us along a circular route through fords, small lakes and waterfalls between steep conglomerate cliffs. Packed lunch. Transfer to Varazze. Dinner-tasting and accommodation in Varazze.

The planned hikes are of medium difficulty, for regular walkers, sportswear and trekking shoes are required

So Comfortable

Choose hospitality with the "Ospitali per Natura" brand.



So Delicious

Select products with the "Tasty by Nature" brand.



Beigua

Beigua Geopark: a naturally welcoming GEOPARK

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An emotional description of the Geopark: Maiella, the mountain that everyone calls “mother” because it welcomes you, consoles you, caresses your soul but at the same time, just like a mother, challenges you to overcome limits and give the best of you. The mountain of the men who have always inhabited, cultivated, grazed, sculpted, explored it. The mountain men are protected and sculpted in turn by the mother mountain which makes its inhabitants ready to face the challenges of harsh and difficult environments, resilient to change and projected towards the future.



The UNESCO Global Geopark

Maiella

Listen to the rocks, they talk
about OUR STORY



So Accessible

Maiella Geopark is located one hour from Pescara Airport, two hours from Rome Airport.



So Unique

The strong bond with stone: you will be able to visit the White Maiella made of millions of year old limestones which were worked by expert stonemasons and you will be able to learn about the history of the Black Maiella and its bitumen mines!



So Comfortable

In our geopark you can find restaurants, pub bars and you can sleep in camping, glamping, B&Bs, hotels, farmhouses, and even in two of the Celestine hermitages.



So Delicious

Honey, cheeses and wines of the highest quality, genuine and obtained only with Maiella products... even the yeasts.



So Sustainable

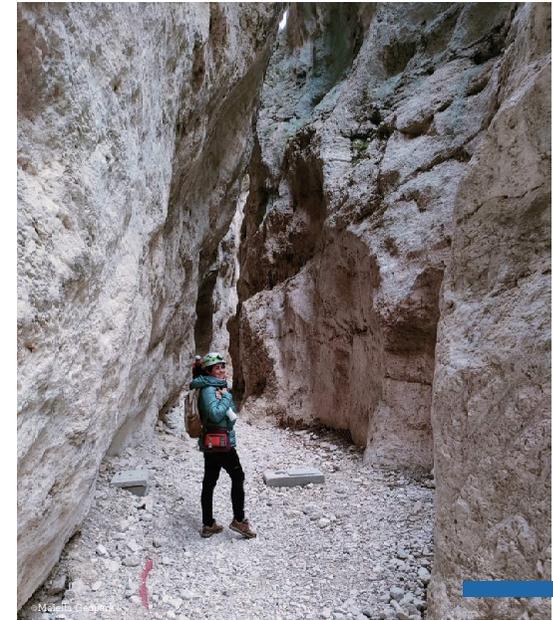
2000 m of trail network, many of which can be explored on horseback and by mountain bike, thematic geotrails with a mining theme and on the Gustav Line from the Second World War.



So Welcome

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We have a broadcast WhatsApp and Telegram



Geostories tour Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1
The large plateau of Quarto di S. Chiara is the starting point from which to observe the waters that fall into the depths of the karst limestone and which we meet a few kilometers further downstream at the Capo di Fiume springs near the fossiliferous outcrops. We will visit the Geopaleontological Museum in Palena where we will travel back in time millions of years. We will go to Penapiedimonte to observe the close bond between man and stone and the day will end at the Fara S. Martino Gorges at the Abbey of San Martino in Valle.

DAY 2
Joseph Beuys, the German conceptual artist, lived and worked in the small town of Bolognano. And right from here on the Orta Canyon with an easy path you reach the Scura cave. Going up the valley it is possible to visit in Salle the Museum of harmonic strings still made today with animal gut and the church of San Tommaso Becket which offers a singular cross-section of Abruzzo Romanesque art with its "Santa" column. Stop in S. Eufemia a Maiella to taste the cacio morra and still uphill you reach the small village of Roccacaramanico at 1100 meters above sea level. Here the view of the Maiella is incomparable with the peaks of Pescocafalcone and Monte Amaro and the San Leonardo Pass.

DAY 3
High altitude excursion: the most extraordinary of the Apennines with the boundless plains of bare limestone, a lunar atmosphere, interrupted by steep vertical walls. A unique environment that tells of a million-year-old, shallow and warm sea where sharks, dolphins and tropical fish swam. With a 6-hour hike you reach the Fusco bivouac at 2455 meters above sea level and the wonderful view of the Murelle glacial amphitheater. Lunch on the Maielletta meadows overlooking the Adriatic Sea with a panorama that goes from Monte Conero to Puglia. Moving to Roccamorice, in the thick beech forest you will find the hermitage of S. Spirito a Maiella. Entirely leaning against the large limestone wall, this large hermitage dates back to 1200 and was the shelter of the hermit Pietro da Morrone who later became Pope Celestine V.

Maiella

Listen to the rocks, they talk
about OUR STORY

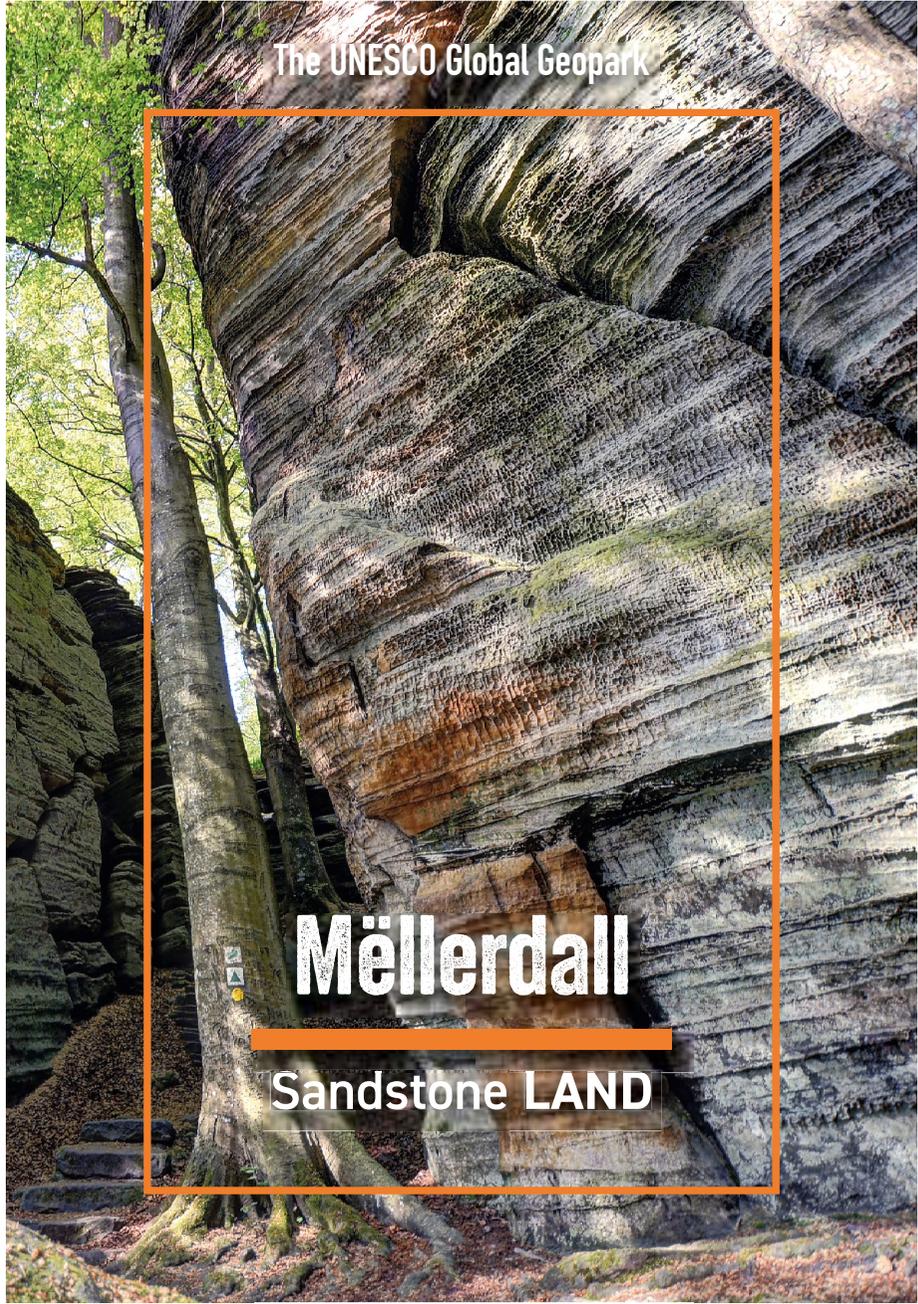


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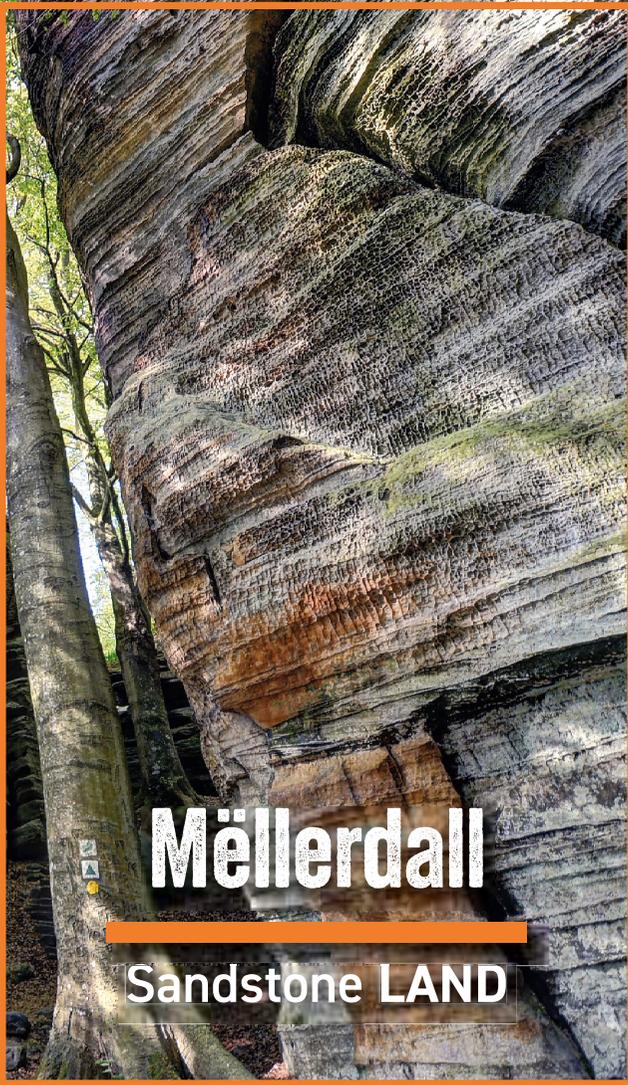
The history of the Mëllerdall UNESCO Global Geopark begins around 245 million years ago, in a sea. Countless particles of sand and others were deposited and solidified into rocks like the majestic Luxembourg Sandstone. The sea retreated, and rivers shaped the impressive rocky landscape you can discover today: plateaus, deeply incised valleys, exposed high cliffs, deep gorges, narrow passageways through rocks and gently undulated hillsides can be experienced in a unique and close-up way through wonderful, well signposted hiking trails and breathtaking viewpoints. They lead through mystical forests where rockfaces are covered by soft ferns and mosses, along sumptuous old castles and through open lands with diversified orchard meadows. These provide the source of varied authentic regional products, as sweet fruit liquors, jams and honey, delicate cheese, aromatic wines and spirits, and give the region its typical taste.



Sandstone landscape in the Mëllerdall UNESCO Global Geopark © Till G.

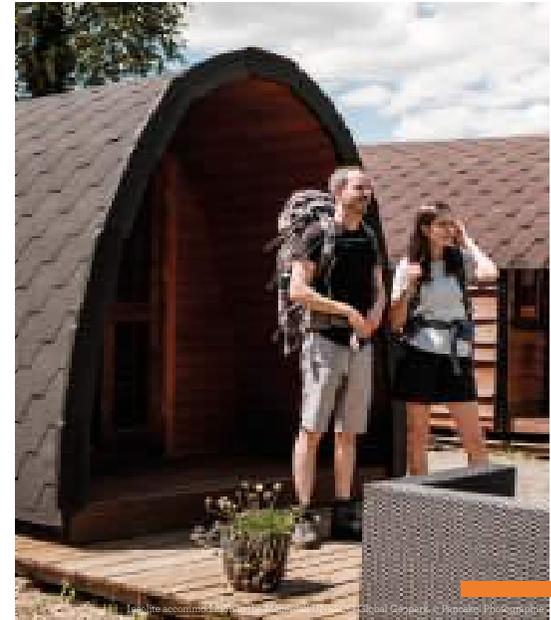
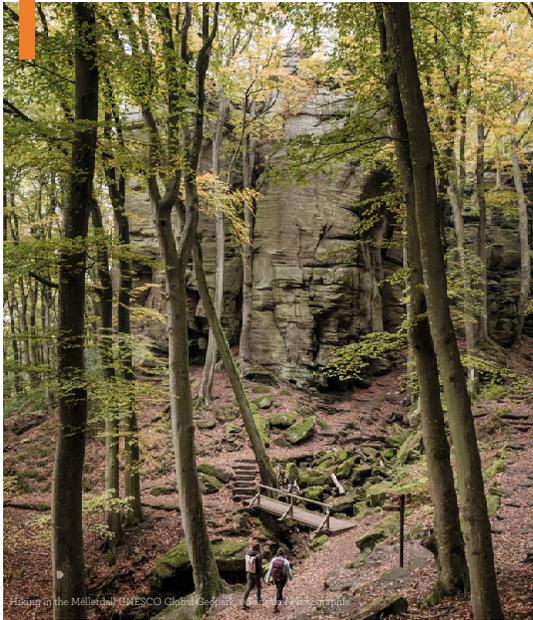


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Mëllerdall

Sandstone LAND



So Accessible

From Luxembourg International Airport, take road N11 direction Echternach or the free public transportation:

www.mobiliteit.lu



So Comfortable

The region has a wide accommodation offer: from camping-sites, youth-hostels, bed & breakfasts to 4 stars hotels.



So Unique

Hiking along the Mullerthal Trail (Leading Quality Trails – Best of Europe) or along one of the many local trails is the best way to explore the geosites, nature and culture of the region. On a [guided] tour through the stunning landscape you can discover Earth history.



So Delicious

Enjoy a menu made with regional products at one of our partner restaurants.



So Sustainable

The region has well-maintained cycle paths. There are even bike repair stations and drinking water dispensers along the way, as well as great picnic spots. Rent a bike and start cycling!



So Welcome

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Mullerthal Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Start by visiting a nearby located tourist information centre to get information about hiking trails and bike rental possibilities
 Hike on a local trail or a section of the Mullerthal Trail (sturdy footwear necessary)
 Spend time in Echternach (the oldest town of Luxembourg), where you can walk along the Via Epternacensis, relax at the lake and visit the nearby roman villa
 Eat a menu made with regional products at one of our partner restaurants

DAY 2

Visit the Geo-Expo in Beaufort
 Hike on the Geo-Pad Hält or the Geo-Pad Haupeschaach
 Visit one of the museums of the region: Aquatower, Tudor Museum, Sources Rosport (the latter only with previous booking)

DAY 3

Visit one of the castles of the region: Beaufort or Larochette
 Visit one of the region's geosites
 Book a tour to visit the regional producers and to learn more about their products
 Buy some regional products directly from the manufacturers or in local shops as souvenir

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Embark on a journey through Sunnhordland, where ancient continents collided, birthing vibrant societies cradled in Norway's southwestern allure. Feel the whispered echoes of bygone ice ages resonate through the grandeur of the Hardangerfjord. Unveil mesmerizing geological wonders, adorned with island arc magmatism, offering precious pyrite, gold, and unexplored treasures. Witness the Earth's dramatic tale intertwined with the evolution of human civilization. Traverse epochs, from the chiseled Stone Age greenstone axes to the enduring legacies of the Vikings and the marvels of our time. Immerse in 1.6 billion years of history, woven from cultural narratives and the awe-inspiring power of our planet.

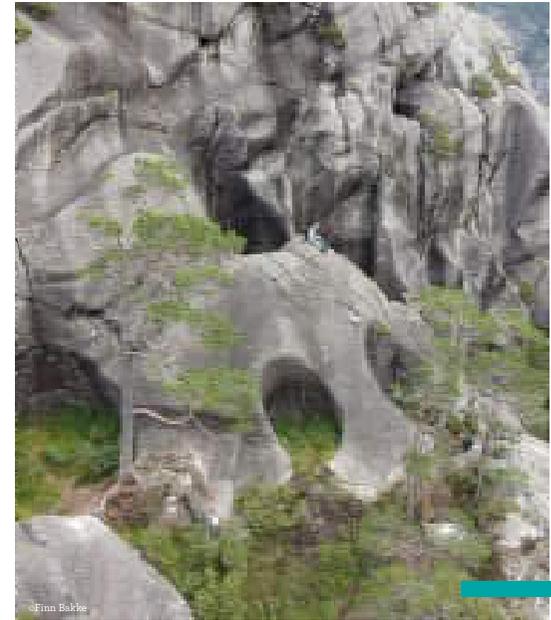


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Sunnhordland

Building Continents
and SOCIETIES



So Accessible

Fly to Bergen and hire a car there. From Bergen, follow the E39 heading south towards Stord/Bømlo.



So Comfortable

Experience Gullvegen Storm Cabins for a unique stay! With 360-degree views, witness stunning sunsets and fierce autumn storms. Embrace nature—spot eagles, admire starlit skies. Designed like igloos, these stormproof cabins offer luxury and comfort close to wilderness. An unforgettable nature retreat awaits!



So Unique

Explore Kyrkjeveggen's via ferrata, spanning 900 meters across Norway's rugged terrain. Revel in heart-racing climbs and scenic panoramas. Follow the secured path through Åkrafjord's nature, reaching Fjæratoppen at 713 meters for a breathtaking view of Langfoss.



An adrenaline-charged Norwegian adventure awaits!

So Delicious

Savor Austevoll's Bekkjjarvik Gjestgiveri: fresh seafood, seasonal produce, expertly crafted by acclaimed chefs. Unforgettable flavors await!



So Sustainable

Folgefonnasenteret's interactive exhibition explores Hardangerfjord life, Folgefonna National Park, and climate change. Celebrating global connections and local stories, it educates on water cycles, ecosystems, climate research, and sustainable food production, captivating curious minds of all kinds.



So Welcome

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Echoes of Geology, Ancient Tales, and Local Flavors Amidst Stunning Landscapes

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Embark on an unforgettable journey with a luxurious stay at Bekkjjarvik Gjestgiveri in Austevoll and stroll along the earth mantle rocks of Raudholmen. Immerse yourself in Viking sagas and Norway's church history at Moster Amfi or discover a culture-shaping marble quarry. For breathtaking panoramic views, ascend Siggjo or experience the gold rush in Lykling's historical gold mines. Find peace and luxury under the tranquil glass dome of the Golden Eye.

DAY 2

Let yourself be enchanted by the fascinating landscapes along the E134. Take a break at Åkrafjord Tunet and indulge in local delicacies, experience the majestic Langfoss waterfall up close with all your senses. Have lunch at Eljervik farm with Langfoss as a backdrop. Opt for the adrenaline rush of the Kyrkjeveggen Via Ferrata or explore the geological wonders of Rullestad's glacial potholes. Conclude your day serenely at Åkrafjorden Nature B&B or the Rullestad campsite.

DAY 3

Continue your exciting journey to Sundal. Enjoy the serene beauty of Bondhusvatnet and the Folgefonna Glacier. Experience cultural delight at Rosendal Baroniet or delve into insights at Folgefonnsenteret. Explore the climate exhibition, relax on the Årsnes-Gjermundshamn ferry, and conclude your adventure at Haaheim Gaard, where you can relish local flavors amid a lively and humorous atmosphere.

Trollfjell Geopark is situated on the Norwegian coast, just south of the Arctic Circle, and displays a 500 million-year-long geological macrocycle – from ocean to ocean. The bedrock in Trollfjell is composed of rocks formed beneath, within and at the margin of an ancient ocean – the Iapetus Ocean. The present landscape forms the margin of the ‘new’ Atlantic Ocean. Glacial erosion has uncovered the ancient rocks and shaped a coastal landscape of monumental mountains rising from the strandflat with its numerous islands. By foot, kayak or bicycle, you have a great opportunity to explore this incredible landscape.

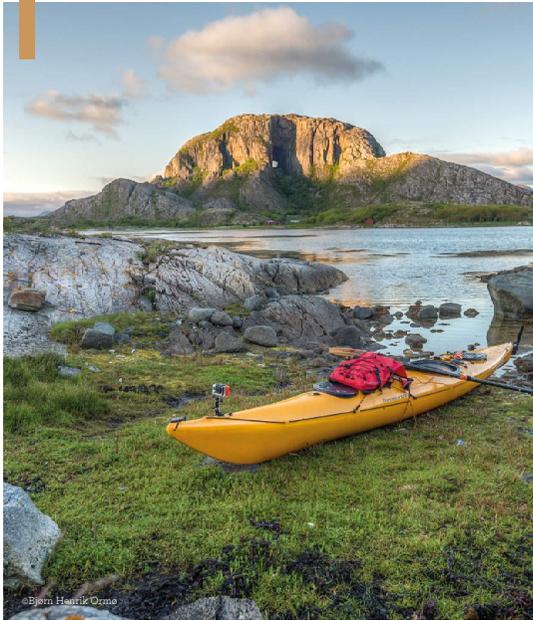


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Trollfjell

A geological fairy tale
lasting millions of
YEARS



So Accessible

There are direct flights to Brønnøysund from Oslo and Trondheim. Brønnøysund is located in the heart of the geopark.



So Comfortable

Vega Havhotell



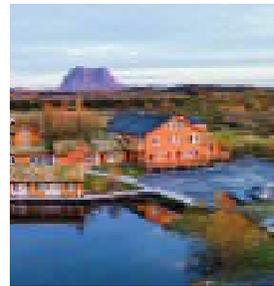
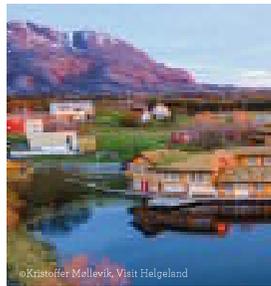
So Unique

Torghatten is an iconic natural attraction with a spectacular hole running through the mountain. The hole was excavated by ice-cold natural processes during and after the last Ice Age. The large dimensions give the feeling of being in a majestic cathedral.



So Delicious

Fresh seafood



So Sustainable

The geopark is best explored by foot, bike or kayak, allowing you to get close to wildlife, cultural landscapes and natural forces. Bikes and kayaks can be rented.



So Welcome

Visit Helgeland

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Visit Namdalen

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Island hopping by bike on the Helgeland coast

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

Beginning and concluding in Brønnøysund, this cycling tour consists of manageable daily distances while offering a wealth of captivating experiences. Bikes can be rented at the tourist office in Brønnøysund.

DAY 1

Cycle trip to Torghatten, the distinctive hat-shaped mountain famous for its large hole. The walk up to the hole follows Sherpa stone stairs, and you are rewarded with a stunning view over the strandflat and islands when you reach this natural cathedral. Dinner at Hildurs Urterarium, a local restaurant renowned for its fantastic food and atmosphere. Speedboat to the island of Vega.

DAY 2

Cycle trip to Vega World Heritage Center and further to the Vega Stairs, offering magnificent view across to the island of Sola, a monumental granite mountain rising from the sea. Dinner at Vega Havhotell. Speedboat to the islands of Herøy.

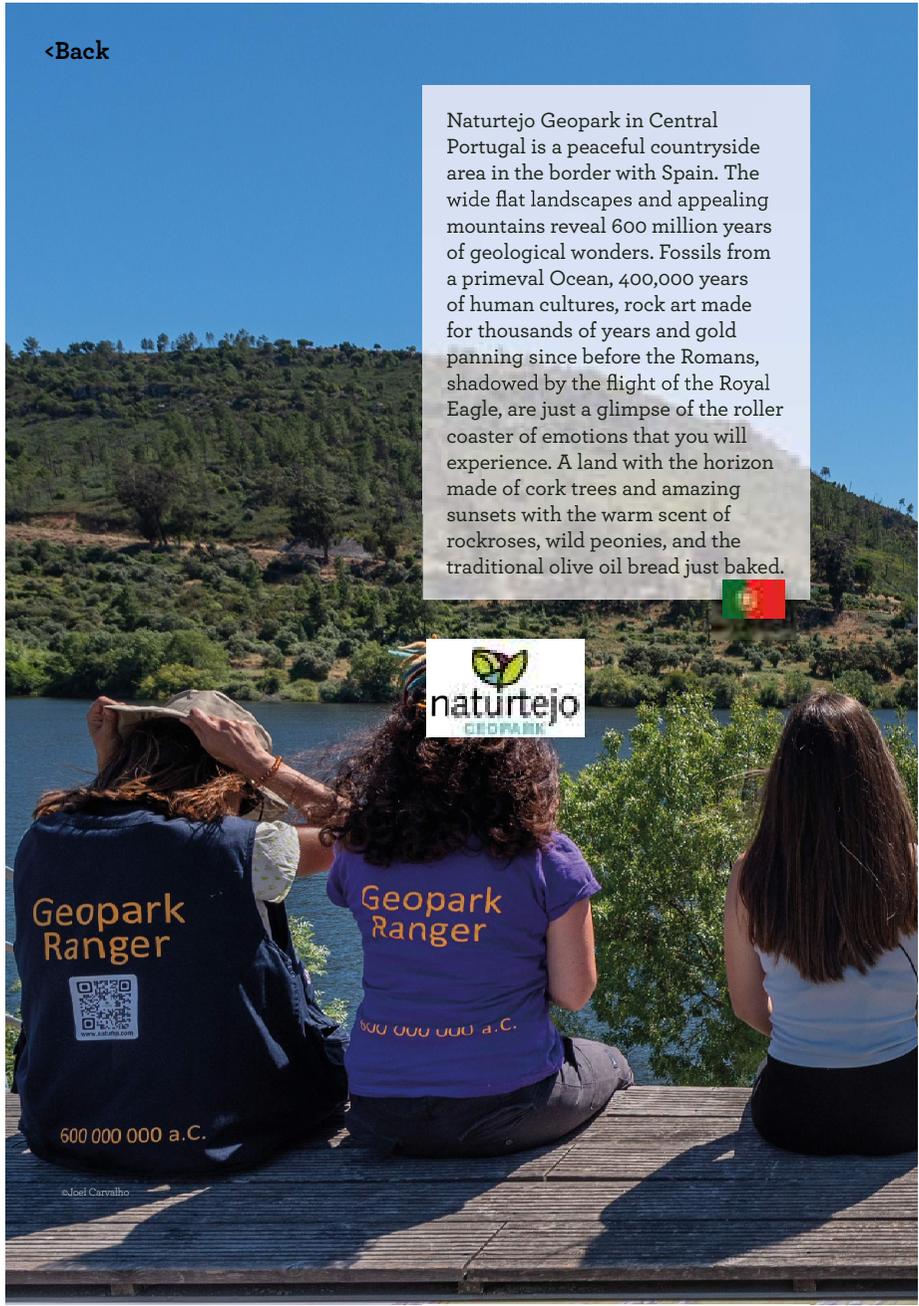
DAY 3

Herøy is a paradise for cyclists with its flat landscape and numerous bridges. For more adventure, take a RIB trip in the archipelago. Visit Skolo on Seløy island, a renovated old school with a modern eatery. Ferry to the mainland (Søvik) and return to Brønnøysund via Forvik Old Trading Post, which has its own coffee roastery.



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Naturtejo Geopark in Central Portugal is a peaceful countryside area in the border with Spain. The wide flat landscapes and appealing mountains reveal 600 million years of geological wonders. Fossils from a primeval Ocean, 400,000 years of human cultures, rock art made for thousands of years and gold panning since before the Romans, shadowed by the flight of the Royal Eagle, are just a glimpse of the roller coaster of emotions that you will experience. A land with the horizon made of cork trees and amazing sunsets with the warm scent of rockroses, wild peonies, and the traditional olive oil bread just baked.



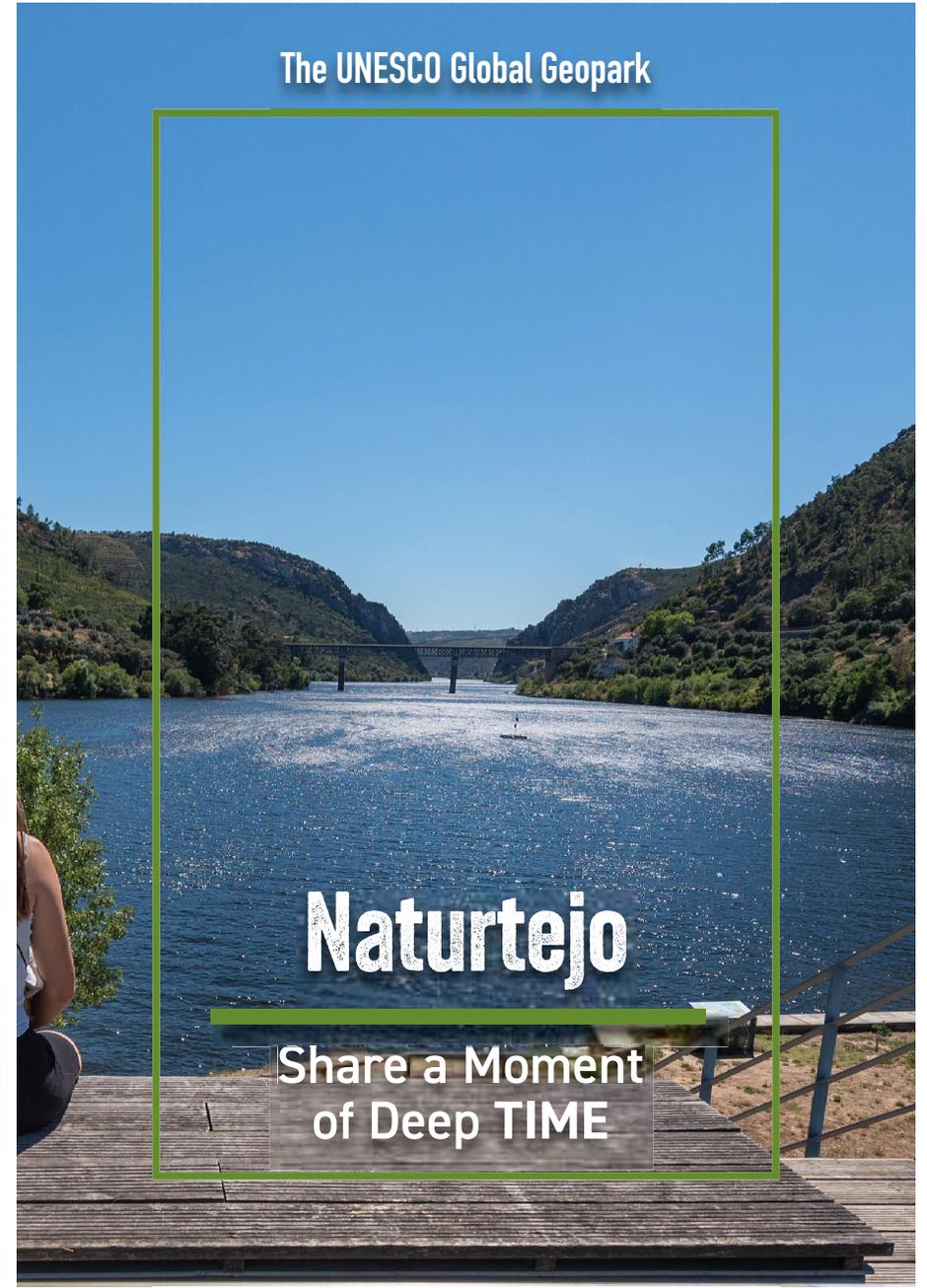
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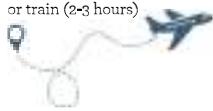
Naturtejo

Share a Moment
of Deep TIME



So Accessible

From Lisbon International Airport, just get A1-A23 highways, or take a direct bus or train (2-3 hours)



So Comfortable

Fonte Santa Hotel****, Termas de Monfortinho.



So Unique

Panning for gold in clean rivers is a refreshing activity for all the family. It is an opportunity to learn the history of this region, to discover the great gold mines of the Romans, and where the gold is coming from.



So Delicious

The best of our liquid "gold" is produced from secular olive trees.



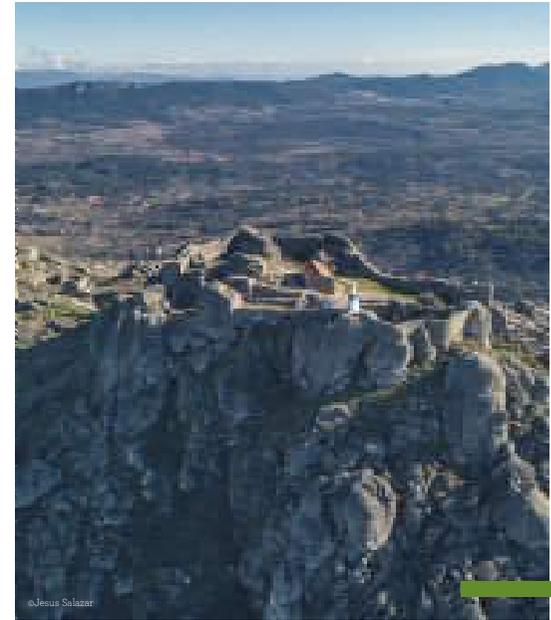
So Sustainable

Attend the Boom Festival and celebrate art, freedom and nature along the banks of the Idanha-a-Nova lake. One of the most environmental awarded festivals in Europe, is based on ecological consciousness.



So Welcome

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The Gold in the River Tour Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Morning yoga with the view over a mountain stream in Oleiros. Visit to the Callum terroir and the opportunity to taste an unique, medieval wine. Hiking in the Orvalho GeoTrail to visit Fraga da Água d'Alta pre-Glacial forest. Visit the traditional Schist Village of Figueira with dinner baked in the community oven.

DAY 2

Climbing experience at Portas de Almourão geomonument. Visit the Forest Living Science Center. Hiking in Conhal do Arneiro Roman Gold Mine. Boat trip in Portas de Ródão Natural Monument.

DAY 3

Spa in the hot springs of Termas de Monfortinho. Paleontological experience in the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia. Workshop of traditional bakery with Geocakes. Visit Monsanto, the "Most Portuguese Village", with a cyclopic, granite architecture.

Naturtejo

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of Deep TIME

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There is a sea of stones in Macedo de Cavaleiros! The uniqueness of this place, associated with the traditions and people, make this territory a Unesco World Geopark. The “Sea of stones” that the well-known Portuguese writer Miguel Torga used to describe the region turns out to have real sea rocks embedded in Terras de Cavaleiros like nowhere else in the world. In the Massif de Morais it is possible to walk on an ocean floor and travel over 400 million years of Earth history through a geological “sandwich” with traces of a sea between two ancient continents. A visit to Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark is like making a real expedition to the interior of the earth. Explore your senses. Come on over!



**GEO
PARK**
TERRAS DE
CAVALEIROS

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**Terras
de Cavaleiros**

Explore your SENSES!



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So Accessible

The Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark is located 180km from Oporto airport. The main access to the territory is through the A4.



So Comfortable

The hotels and local accommodation you'll find in this territory have distinctly historic, personalised and, above all, family-friendly characteristics. Spaces that offer, comfortable and distinctive accommodation and excellent cuisine.



So Unique

In the territory of this Geopark is possible to do a unique Geo-experiences. Here you have the opportunity to observe a rare geological phenomenon, where it is possible to put one foot on an ocean floor rock and a continental rock.



So Delicious

Our restaurants offer Geofood dishes, delicious meals made with local ingredients from the Geopark.



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So Sustainable

This territory offers visitors an incredible geo-experience! We are talking about the Geo-cruise. This activity offers tourists a ride on a solar-powered boat in the Azibo Lagoon Protected Landscape, during which they will learn about the local geodiversity.



So Welcome

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Local tourism organization:

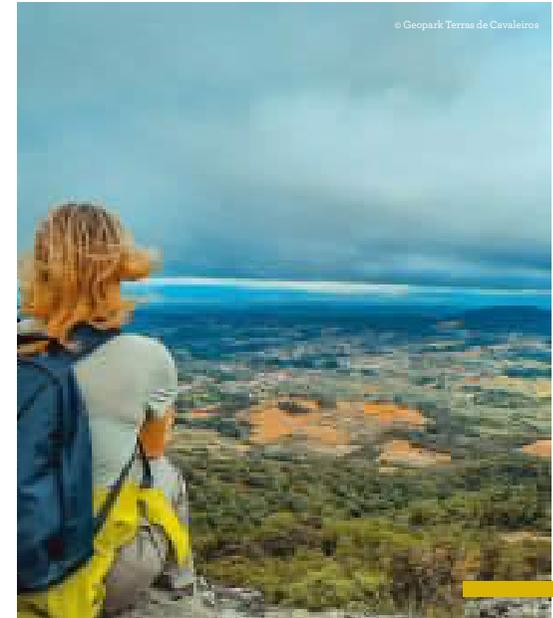
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Terras de Cavaleiros

Explore your SENSES!



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Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark An invitation to the senses!

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1	18h00 – Reception at the Tourist Office 19h00 – Check-in Muchacho Hotel 20h00 – Dinner at Alendouro Restaurant
DAY 2	09h30 – Departure to Albufeira do Azibo to start the Ricardo Magalhães Trail, in Santa Combinha 12h30 – Departure to Fraga da Pegada River Beach. 12h45 – Lunch at Casa do Lago Restaurant 15h00 – Departure to Podence. Visit to the Museum Careto's House. Carry out the activity "Paint Your Mask" in the workshop of the artisan Filipe Costa. Walk through the village. 17h00 – Boat trip powered by sunlight for a first approach to the fauna and flora of Albufeira do Azibo. Possibility of going to baths. 20h00 – Dinner in Podence at the Taverna da Fonte Restaurant Return to the accommodation – Casa da Fonte in the village of Lamas
DAY 3	10h00 – Visit to the Poço dos Paus Geosite 11h00 – Visit to the religious museum and Balsamão Convent 12h30 – Lunch at the Balsamão Convent 15h30 – Departure to Lagoa for a visit to the baker Tia Maria Luisa. 16h00 – Making Bread Workshop 17h00 – Visit to the Gneisses of Lagoa and Discontinuity by Conrad Geosites 18h00 – Return to the bakery in Lagoa to collect bread and cakes already baked. 20h00 – Dinner and accommodation at Solar de Chacim House of Tourism

Comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear are recommended, especially for experiences involving walking or outdoor activities.

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The Buzău Land Geopark, in the Carpathian Mountains of Romania, is a beautiful rural area, home to many natural and cultural riches. Whether it's rare phenomena like eternal flames and mud volcanoes, or whether it's the strange-looking sandstone concretions or the salt canyons, the ancient rock-hewn dwellings, the legends and customs, or the wonderful storytellers you'll meet on your journey, there will always be something that will make you say: I wish I could stay a little longer! If you want to discover the wonderful landscapes and the joys of living a life close to nature, Buzău Land is the place for you.

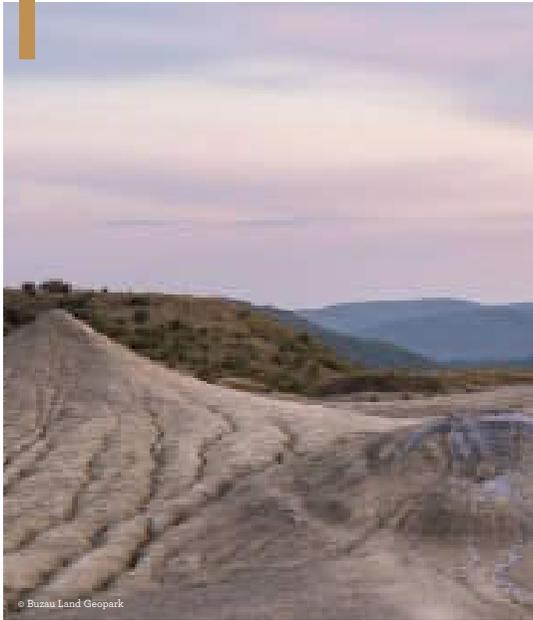


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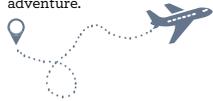
Buzău Land

Buzău Land is not a destination, it's an **EXPERIENCE**



So Accessible

It's 2 hours from the Otopeni Airport, in Bucharest, where you can rent a car. Just enjoy the landscape and get ready for an adventure.



So Comfortable

A cosy room, with a blend of modern and traditional design, awaits its guests at the Aluniș Retreat in Aluniș village, Colți commune.



So Unique

Embark on a one-day hike to three different mud volcano sites, connected by walking and biking trails. Get your camera ready for some Instagrammable landscape photos, look for the dragon, and enjoy the famous cuisine with a freshly-made cătinață juice.



So Delicious

Enjoy a traditional meal at one of our partner guesthouses.



So Welcome

<https://buzauland.org/where-to-stay/>



Experience Buzău Land Geopark Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Visit the GeoGate visiting centre in Berca, and decide what attractions to add to your "Geopark must see" list. Follow the trail to the three Mud Volcanoes sites and enjoy the beautiful rural landscape. Relax with a delicious traditional meal at the Muddy Land Camping, and taste the famous plum brady.

DAY 2

Enjoy a tasty and locally-sourced breakfast, at the Casa Lila Guesthouse in Colți. Take a trip to the museums in Colți to admire some exquisite amber pieces. Try your luck and look for an amber grain on the nearby hills. Hike to the Aluniș rock-hewn Dwellings to discover who carved the mysterious sandstone caves. Relax at the Aluniș Retreat Guesthouse, with a home-cooked dinner and a cold Colți Amber Ale.

DAY 3

Head to Nuciu village and follow the trail to the five ancient Rock-hewn Dwellings from Cozianca's glade. Visit the Museum of Shapes in Bozioru, where a few chatty rocks will share all about how they formed and where to find them. Follow their instructions and the trail to the Sandstone Concretions from Ulmet. Discover all about the prehistoric delta where the sand was deposited. Enjoy the evening at the Runcu Guesthouse, where you will have some of the best meals in the Geopark.

Requirements for the visit: Appropriate hiking clothes and boots

Buzău Land

Buzău Land is not a destination, it's an EXPERIENCE

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Djerdap Geopark includes largest breach in Europe - the Danube, which formed a gorge about 100 km long with occasional steep cliffs as a canyon, and together with coastal belt and hinterland represents the beauty of eastern Serbia. Traces of earliest civilizations stand out along the Danube. The richness of nature are visible everywhere: series of mountain ranges, attractive viewpoints, rare flora and fauna. The natural beauties, hidden in the mountainous part of Djerdap, such as Canyon of Boljetina River, Gradašnica Cave, and Poreč Bay, complete the exceptional landscape and ambient characteristics of the southern part of the Carpathian Arc.



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Djerdap

Because
it's **WORTH!**



So Accessible

From the Belgrade airport, by highway to Pozarevac, and then by main road to Donji Milanovac, where is Geopark headquarters.



So Comfortable

The territory of the Djerdap UGGp has a wide range of accommodation: hotels, private accommodation and camping-sites.



So Unique

Prerast river cut a passage in limestones, creating highest natural stone bridge in Serbia, 44.8 m high. Šuplja Stena bridge stretches SW-NE in length of 100 m, and width between the arches at height of riverbed is only 9.7 m.



So Delicious

Boiled cheese made from pure cow's milk is an authentic product of this part of Serbia.



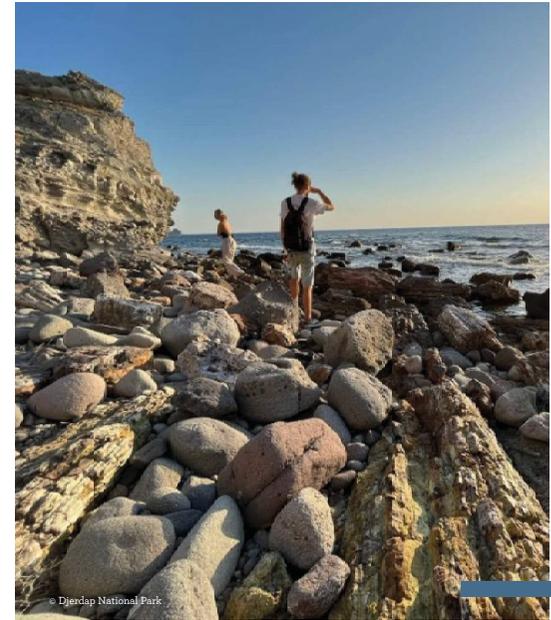
So Sustainable

Investigations of Common holly population whose northern range in Serbia is Djerdap Geopark, in the context of climate changes and the reduction of the population area in last 50 years.



So Welcome

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Danube pass through the eye of a needle

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Golubac Fortress was built in Middle Ages at place where the Danube is widest in its course, about 6 km, and where it passes into strait of Carpathian Mountains. Downstream through Djerdap gorge is Lepenski Vir, archaeological site of the Balkans Mesolithic culture. Kovilovo viewpoint offers a beautiful view of Donjomilanovačka valley, Exhibition at Visitor Center in Donji Milanovac shows nature, and cultural sights of first Geopark in Serbia.

DAY 2

Poreč Bay is the largest one in Djerdap Gorge, as well the largest sturgeon hatchery in Djerdap National Park. On Miroč mountain, there is cave Gradašnica, 529 m long, which has a series of travertine tubs. In the gorge of river Vratna, is placed Serbian monastery from 14th century, and three natural stone bridges. In the walls of the biggest one there is a cave 305 m long.

DAY 3

Viewpoint Ploče offers a view of Mali Kazan gorge and place where Danube is narrowest (90 m) and the deepest (82 m). Riding a boat, visitors may see cliffs and Trajan's tablet, which testifies the construction of Roman road through the gorge in 101 year. Near Kladovo, is Ottomans fortress Fetislam, which was the base for further conquests and Danube control.

Djerdap

Because it's WORTH!

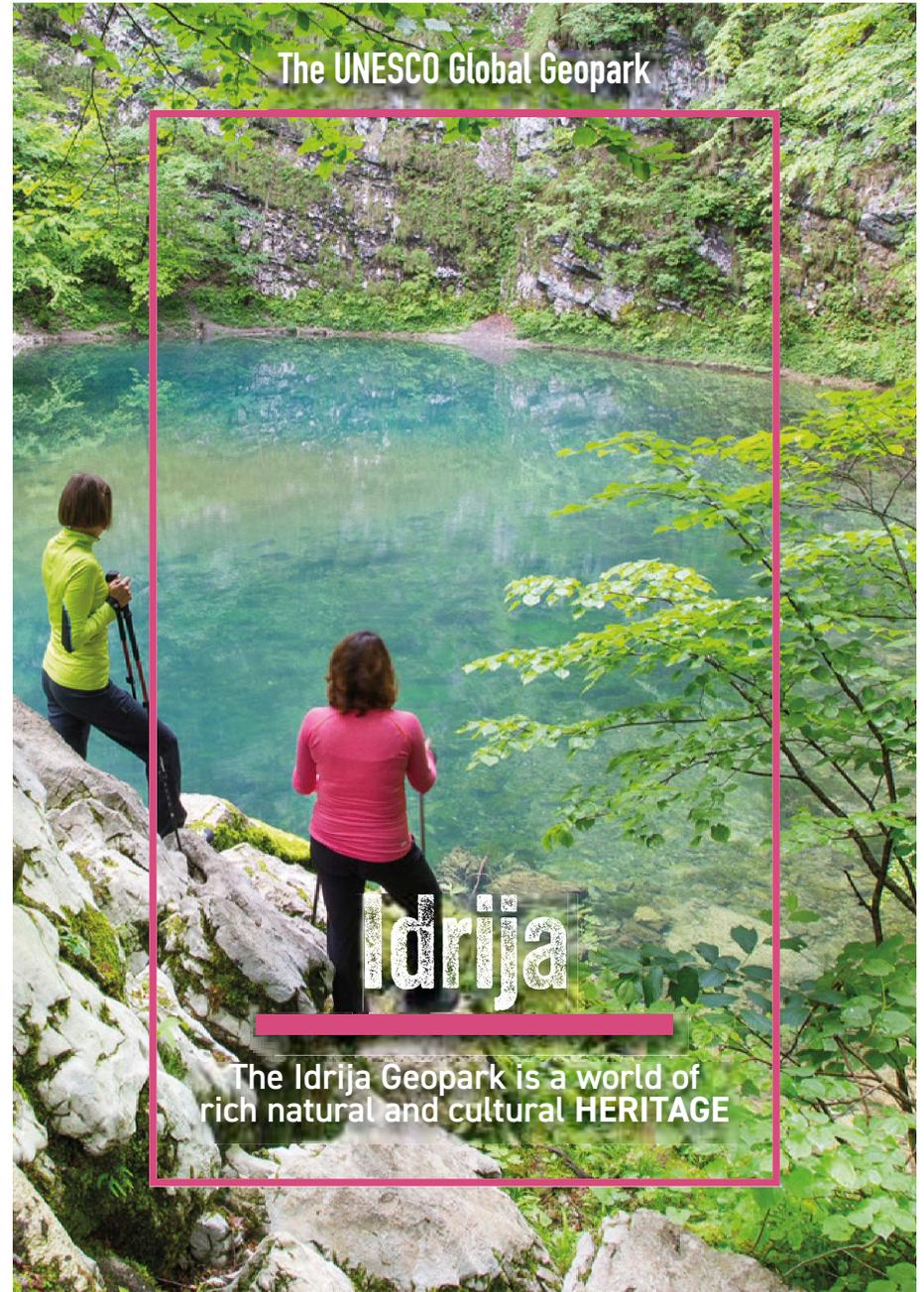
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The Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark includes exceptionally interesting area in the western part of Slovenia. Numerous geological features, as well as a unique natural and cultural heritage impress many visitors. Idrija Geopark is a heaven for active nature lovers, regardless of the season. You are welcome to visit it, experience the hospitality of the locals and witness the interesting stories written by people and the nature that surrounds this location.



Bojan Tavcar (Globe Observer)

The UNESCO Global Geopark



Idrija

The Idrija Geopark is a world of rich natural and cultural **HERITAGE**



So Accessible

From Jože Pučnik International Airport, by highway to Ljubljana and Logatec, and then by main road to Idrija (78 km).



So Comfortable

House On The Hill:
www.hiskanagricu.si/en/home/



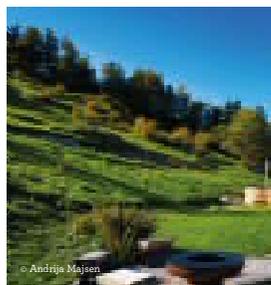
So Unique

The interactive exhibition *Written in Rocks* uses various models, items, animations, and video presentations to present the story on how this region was formed. Families, individuals, groups and school groups are invited to take a tour or a guided tour into our geological past and learn about the interesting sights that can be visited in our region.



So Delicious

The Idrija Žlikrofi Festival is a culinary event, aimed at promoting Idrija žlikrofi, a dish that was granted regional and European protection.



So Sustainable

23 hiking and cycling trails are not only suitable for free-time activities, but also a good way to explore various natural and cultural sights and visit local providers in the countryside.



So Welcome

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Explore The Idrija Geopark

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

In Idrija the pounding mining machinery echoed for more than 500 years. Today, the entire old town is on the UNESCO world heritage list. Start your exploration with a stroll around the renowned town centre. The exhibition *Written in Rocks* is a great starting point for exploring the Idrija region. Then head to Anthony's Shaft, where you'll enter underground. During visit to the exhibition "From Ore to Mercury Drops" in the Hg Smelting Plant you will learn all about the unique liquid metal.

DAY 2

Visit of the castle *Gewerkenegg* with its interesting collections about Idrija's mining and lace-making history. You'll meet Idrija lace up close and also be able to try lace-making for yourself. The day will continue with a visit to the Miner's House and the Francis' Shaft, the collection of restored mining machines. In the town park you'll visit "kamšt", a wooden wheel with a diameter of 13.6 metres, a part of a water pumping mechanism.

DAY 3

Visit of the Upper Idrija Landscape Park. *Divje jezero* is an extraordinary example of natural heritage. Another attraction is the river *Jezernica*, the stream flows into the Idrija after just 55 metres. At the confluence of Idrija and Belca rivers you'll find a swimming area, where you can rest before your next adventure. The road takes you past the Brus' and Putrih's "klavže" - water barriers, or you can also head towards the Vojsko plateau.

IDRIJA

The Idrija Geopark is a world of rich natural and cultural HERITAGE

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Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands Geopark is one of the islands in the Canary Archipelago bathed by the Atlantic. Here, you can immerse yourself in a stunning and diverse volcanic landscape with its whimsical rock formations, impressive cliffs, and white and golden sandy beaches, which offers a unique glimpse into the geological history of the island. This exceptional landscape reveals, everywhere, the incredible interaction between nature, art, and its people, who live and proudly feel of being part of it. An island that invites to be explored at any time of the year due to its extraordinary climate. An experience you won't forget.



Mirador del Río. ©Geoparque Lanzarote

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Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands

There are places that
seem from another **WORLD**



Bomba Volcánica: volcanic bomb in Timanfaya. ©Geoparque Lanzarote



Cafetería Mirador del Río: Mirador del Río, in the north of Lanzarote. ©Geoparque Lanzarote



Cafetería Mirador del Río: Mirador del Río, in the north of Lanzarote. ©Geoparque Lanzarote



Haría, Haría Village ©Geoparque Lanzarote



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Las Grietas, Timanfaya National Park ©Geoparque Lanzarote

So Accessible

It can be accessed by both sea and air. Cesar Manrique Lanzarote Airport is connected to major European cities.



So Comfortable

The island has a wide range of accommodations, from iconic and specialized lodgings to 5-star hotels.



So Unique

Visiting the Art, Culture, and Tourism Centres of Lanzarote is a unique experience that will always remain in your memory. The singular vision of the artist César Manrique offers us the opportunity to enjoy these spaces where art and nature coexist in perfect harmony.



So Delicious

Enjoying a meal inside a volcanic tube or cooked with the heat of the volcano.



So Sustainable

'Sonidos Líquidos' is a musical and gastronomic experience in the unique environment of La Geria with an exceptional atmosphere. It is renowned for its sustainability practices and commitment to the community.



So Welcome

<https://turismolanzarote.com/>
<https://caclanzarote.com/>



Lanzarote, discover a different geopark

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

- DAY 1** Start by scheduling visits to the Art, Culture, and Tourism Centres, which are essential to get to know an island with many possibilities. Let's begin with the Timanfaya National Park, a volcanic eruption that covers a large percentage of the island. Continue the tour through Los Hervideros, Las Salinas de Janubio, and ends at Charco Los Clicos, next to the coastal town of El Golfo, which offers the best sunset.
- DAY 2** Walk along a path that will take you into the Cuervo Volcano. Visit one of the wineries in La Geria, an area of vineyards on volcanic ash. Enjoy a meal made with local (produce at the Monumento al Campesino, and end the day at Papagayo Beach, the oldest geological area on the island.
- DAY 3** Enjoy a tour around the north of the island where you can visit Cueva de los Verdes, Jameos del Agua, Cactus Garden and Mirador del Río. A stop in Haría, a village located in a valley of palm trees, is also essential. On Saturdays, there is a local craft market. Visiting La Graciosa Island, eating fish broth or swim at Famara Beach, next to the cliff, are very good options, too.

Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands

There are places that seem from another WORLD

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Las Loras, in the Cantabrian Mountain Range (Burgos and Palencia regions), houses numerous treasures which make up its exceptional natural, historical and cultural heritage.

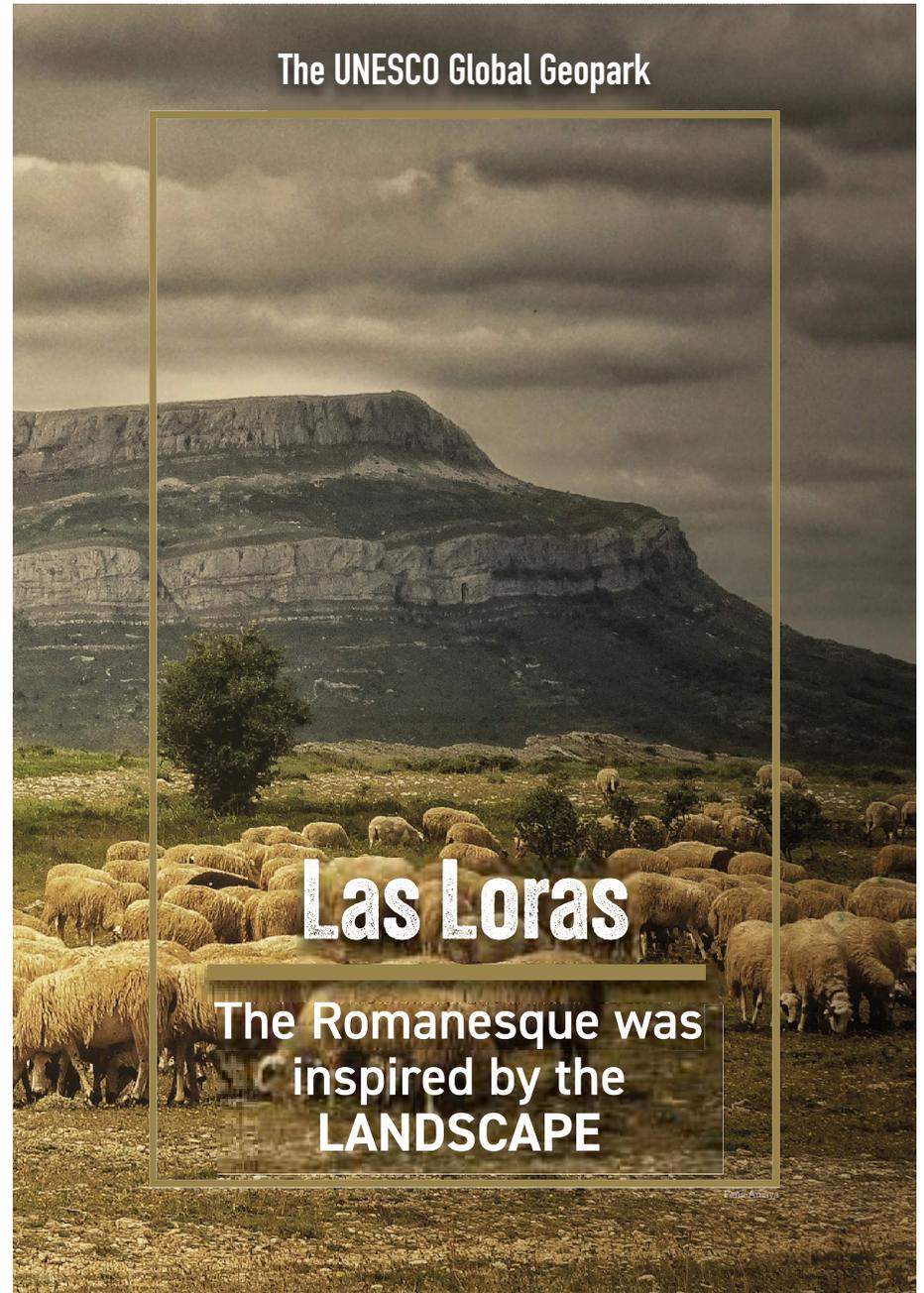
The powerful territory of Las Loras shelters the greatest concentration of Romanesque buildings in the Iberian Peninsula, that live in perfect harmony with the territory as an essential complement. Thus, one of Las Loras territory hallmarks is the link between geological heritage, art and human settlement. Burial mounds, Neolithic dolmens, pre-Roman forts and exceptional cave hermitages are scattered across the Geopark, where the rural world essence can be perceived in many villages still conserving unique traditional architecture.

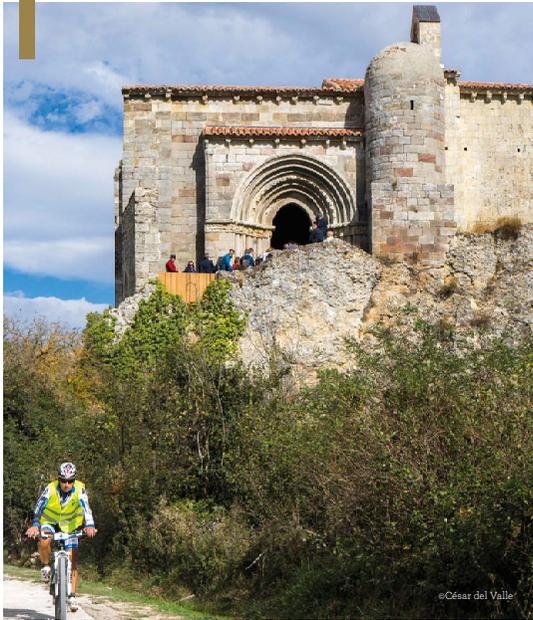


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Las Loras

The Romanesque was
inspired by the
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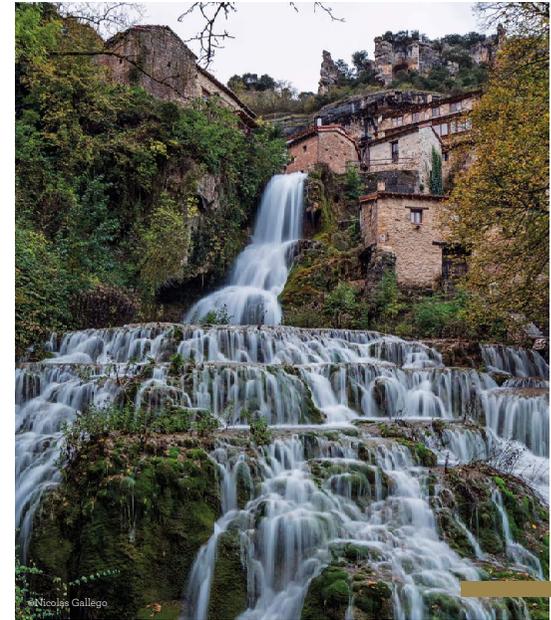
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So Accessible

Las Loras is located one hour from Santander airport, two from Bilbao and three from Madrid.



So Unique

Visiting Las Loras with the help of local guides is a unique experience. The geological landscapes take you into a territory inhabited since ancient times and that does not leave you indifferent!



So Sustainable

Visit to the experimental cultivation field of organic seed potato, with explanation by the farmer, or a similar activities depending on the season



So Welcome

Travel agency
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Geology and Romanesque Art, history shared by the land and its people Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

- DAY 1**
The mysteries of the Romanesque.
Coach to Olleros de Pisuerga cave church, where geology, Romanesque and the Man are united as a monument of great beauty. Later we'll visit Rebolledo de la Torre Romanesque church. From here, we will head towards Villadiego, crossing La Lorilla viewpoint, the Humada valley at the foot of Peña Castro and Peña Maya crag. Lunch at Villadiego. Visit the historical centre and taken to the Geopark Visitor Centre "250" for a virtual tour throughout the geological history of the territory.
- DAY 2**
The great Loras and the Ebro and Rudrón canyons
Coach to Las Hoces del Alto Ebro and Rudrón Natural Park. We will cross Basconcillos del Tozo Blind Valley and visit the Petroleum museum. We'll move towards the great Rudrón and Ebro canyons and the medieval villages such as Escalada and Orbaneja del Castillo, known as one of the most stunning villages in Spain.
- DAY 3**
Karstic landscape
Coach to La Lora de Valdivia to visit Covalagua. The Cave of Frenchs and Valcavado viewpoint to admire the impressive doline field and the karstic landscape. Then, we'll visit the Monastery of Santa Maria la Real. Lunch in Aguilar the Campoo and return.
Requirements for the visit
The journey is designed taking all the details into account. It could nevertheless undergo changes due to the time of the year and the conditions of the sites of interest, as to take the most of the visit. Important, comfortable clothes and shoes to walk through the field. Depending on the time of year, the type of clothing will be advised.

So Comfortable

The Geopark has a wide accommodation offer: from camping-sites, to warm and comfortable accommodations in rural areas and high-quality hotels.



So Delicious

Quality local products to prepare quality menus with very special touches

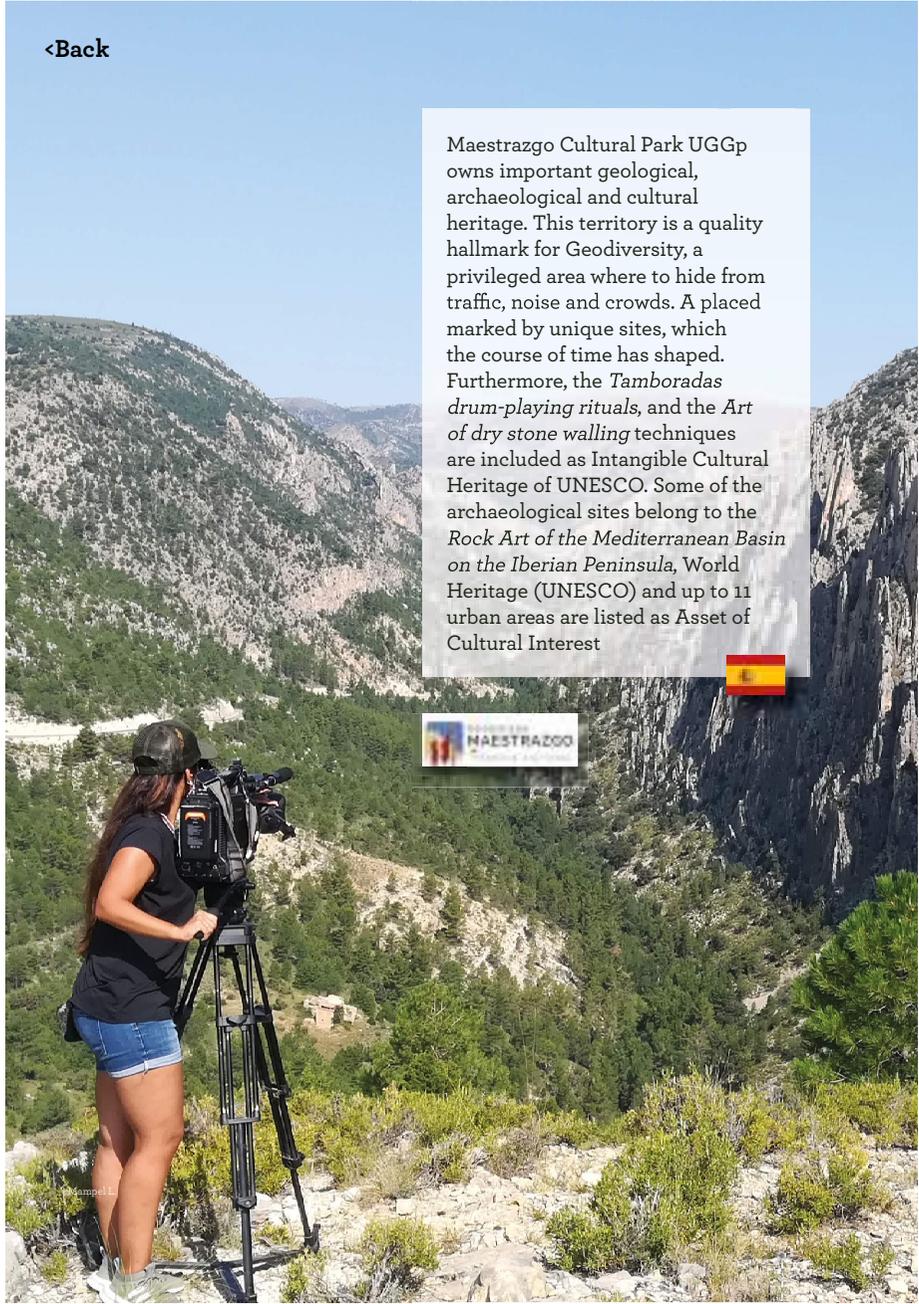
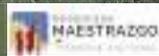


Las Loras

The Romanesque was inspired by the LANDSCAPE

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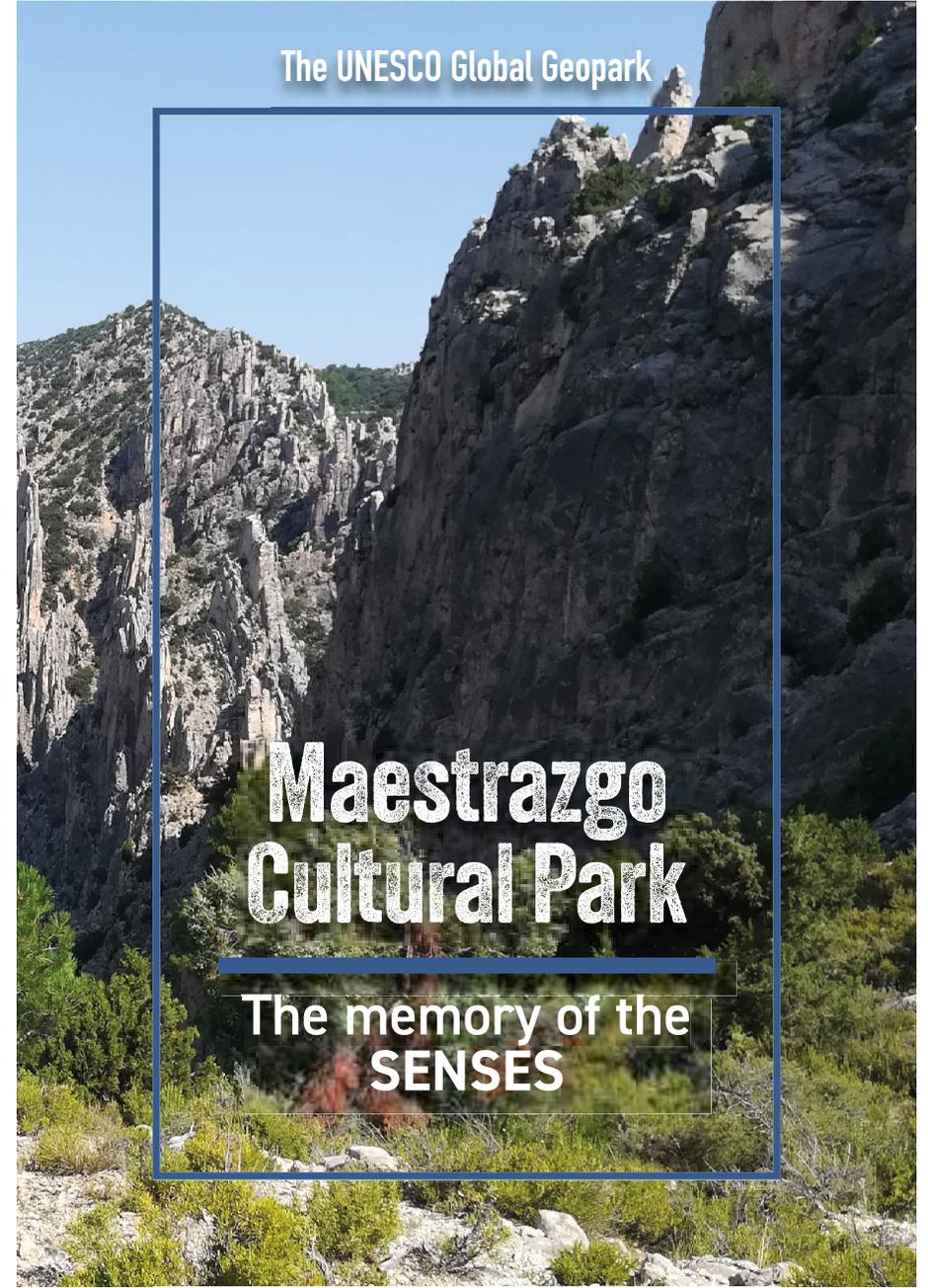
Maestrazgo Cultural Park UGGp owns important geological, archaeological and cultural heritage. This territory is a quality hallmark for Geodiversity, a privileged area where to hide from traffic, noise and crowds. A placed marked by unique sites, which the course of time has shaped. Furthermore, the *Tamboradas drum-playing rituals*, and the *Art of dry stone walling techniques* are included as Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO. Some of the archaeological sites belong to the *Rock Art of the Mediterranean Basin on the Iberian Peninsula*, World Heritage (UNESCO) and up to 11 urban areas are listed as Asset of Cultural Interest



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Maestrazgo Cultural Park

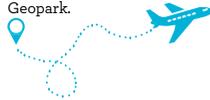
The memory of the
SENSES





So Accessible

From Zaragoza airport. Receives flights from England five days a week and its Train Station is very well connected with major Spanish cities and the Geopark.



So Comfortable

9 motorhome areas within the Maestrazgo UGGp and high-quality rural tourism accommodation for the geo-adventurer.



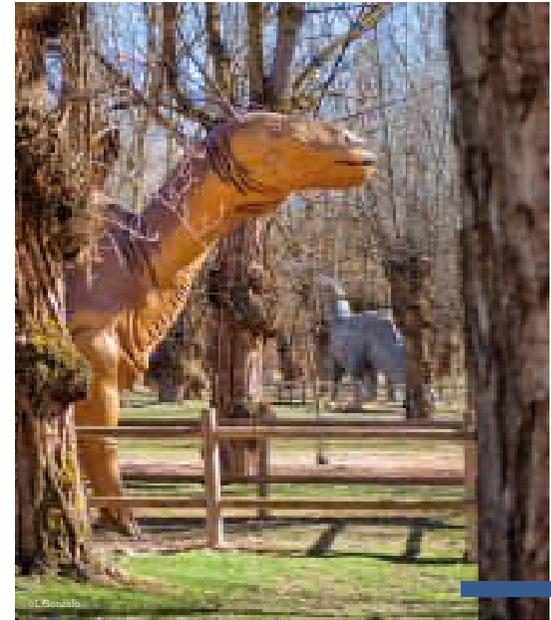
So Unique

The mountain and the foothills realities live together and there is a wide variety of landscape and people, traditional celebrations, history and contrasts... 67 Sites of Geological Significance and two Global Geosites (IGME) are the perfect scenario.



So Delicious

Taste of history. Different events to promote the traditional food production.



So Sustainable

The Trail Running Centre Allepuz-Maestrazgo UGGp, is a permanent facility for the discipline of trail running. It provides three itineraries with progressive levels of difficulty from the starting point and a reception centre.



So Welcome

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Love at first sight

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Superb Geotourism

Guadalupe River is an artery for biodiversity combining geology and life with Natural Monuments and traditional landscapes, located between Mirambel –one of the most beautiful towns in Spain- and Castellote. You can opt for visiting the historical town searching for prehistoric traces of human presence along the river, Levantine cave paintings or figuring out its geological and paleontological legacy. You can then enter the Crystal Caves Natural Monument in Molinos and close your day in Alcorisa.

DAY 2

Geology in its purest form

Let's start at the Geopark Visitors Centre in Ejulve. Sewing roads and dream landscapes where to enjoy quietness and a well worth visit to the Organos de Montoro Natural Monument, a natural wonder, full of character. Continue in perfect harmony with the environment along a walk complimented with the best natural soundtrack up to the Valloré Strait and Pitarque River.

DAY 3

Dinosaurs trackers

The third starts the fantastic Geological Park of Aliaga. Among the numerous paleontological hallmarks in the territory, you cannot forget the first new dinosaur described in Spain: *Aragosaurus ischiaticus*, whose remains were found around the Paleontological Park of Galve, which should be your next step in order to visit its fossil treasures and paleontological sites.

Keep in mind

Plan your excursions to Maestrazgo Geopark in advance by checking weather forecast and consulting the Geopark Network of Tourism Offices. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear. Take water with you and do not forget to charge your mobile phone. Keep your eyes wide open, listen to the landscape and you will then be able to understand the strata and discover several species

Maestrazgo Cultural Park

The memory of the SENSES

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In the Orígens Geopark, one can travel back in time and discover the origins and evolution of the Earth and life, from the Big Bang to present day. Visitors can enjoy diverse and breathtaking experiences by following the footsteps of the last dinosaurs that inhabited Europe, learn about the formation of the Pyrenees or trace the steps of humanity from prehistory to the present. Even today, the essence of this region, transmitted by its inhabitants, can still be enjoyed through festive traditions and local products. Finally, its unique dark sky makes this territory a unique place to observe the universe



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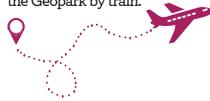
Orígens

In Orígens Geopark stones speak.
You just have to listen to THEM.



So Accessible

2 hours by car or 3 hours by bus from Barcelona airport. You can also get to the Geopark by train.



So Comfortable

Casa Leonardo



So Unique

Exploring how dinosaurs lived just before their extinction throughout a network of Museums and open-air sites that preserve an extensive fossil record of dinosaur bones, eggs and footprints and, other vertebrates and plants. Making it one of the top palaeontological areas in Europe.



So Delicious

Delicious lamb from local sheep breed "xisqueta" and mountain wines



So Sustainable

Once back home, recall the good times and help the territory that welcomed you. Enter to Gratiud Pallars where you can easily compensate for the carbon footprint of your trip.

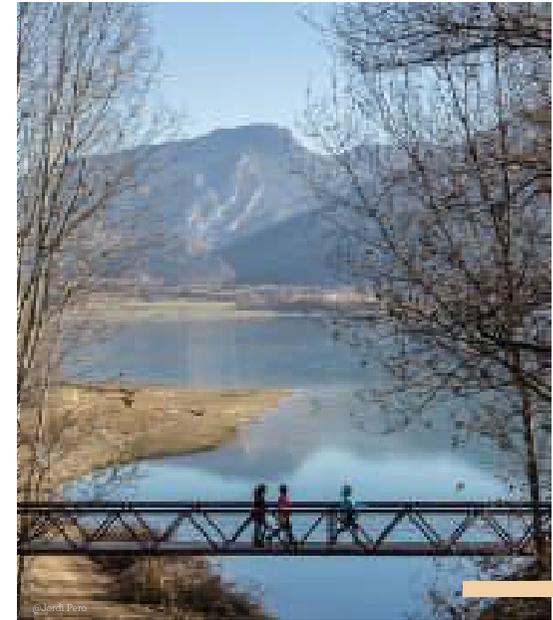


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There are trips inspired by singular landscapes and there are others that go even beyond.

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1 Visit to the Epicentre, the Geopark Visitors Centre in Tremp. Then, visit the Pyrenees Geological Open-Air Museum also in Tremp. After a lunch with local products, head to Orcau where you can visit a palaeontological site with dinosaur traces, followed with a geoactivity, named from the rock to the glass, offered by a local winery.

DAY 2 Early start to enjoy a bird-eyes view of the Geopark with a hot-balloon flight. Then visit the Conca Dellà Museum to learn about dinosaurs and how they lived. After lunch, head north with a stop at Collegats Gorge, a source of inspiration for Gaudí, and follow with a visit to the Gerri de la Sal Museum to learn about the power of salt. The tour continues towards Montcortés lake on the way to Capdella Hydroelectric Museum. Dinner with local products and visit to the Parc Astronomic de l'Univers in Ager to contemplate the dark sky show.

DAY 3 Guided visit to the Monumental Site of Mur Castle. Lunch with a view over Terradets lake. In the afternoon arrival in Camarasa and visit the Espai Orígens Centre to learn how the first human beings lived in the Geopark.

We highly recommend contacting the travel agency to ensure and adapt the tour package, and contracting guided tours, although many of the activities can be self-guided.

Orígens

In Orígens Geopark stones speak.
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Sierras Subbéticas Geopark offers to visitors the opportunity to walk on the bottom of an ancient sea of warm and transparent waters, a sea full of life whose fauna, extraordinarily abundant and diverse, is nowadays an essential part of the stratigraphic record and a worldwide reputed reference. The subsequent karstification of these rocks resulted in a landscape of singular beauty, with dolines, lapiaz, poljes, canyons, waterfalls, fountains, springs and an endless number of underground caves and galleries. Sierras Subbéticas is the kingdom of ammonites, the kingdom of Karst. But not only that, the Geoparks is also Mediterranean forest, emblematic birds, ancient culture, monumental wealth, reputed local gastronomy, festivals and traditions.



The UNESCO Global Geopark

Sierras Subbéticas

Walk, pedal, sail,
enjoy... **SUBBÉTICAS**



So Accessible

75 minutes from Malaga airport, by dual highway A-45 and A-318 and then by main road A-339 to the Visitor Centre Santa Rita (Cabra).



So Comfortable

Los Castillarejos Rural Apartments. Dive into the Tethys infinity pool.



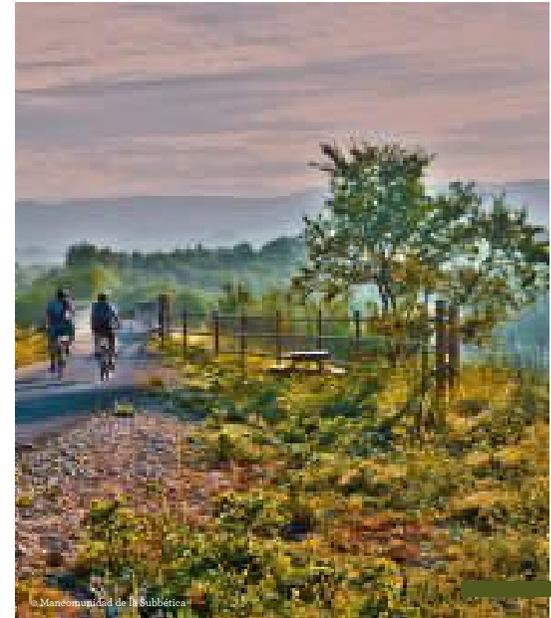
So Unique

Jurassic Cabra is a new concept of tourism and a fun way to make you feel part of a 200 million year old history that has survived to this day tattooed in the rock of the streets, squares, columns, fountains and facades of Cabra city.



So Delicious

Geomenu, taste the geological richness in the best local delicacies.



Discovering a 200 million years old history in 3 days

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Walk through the streets of Priego de Córdoba, the Andalusian capital of Baroque. Visit the Truffle Mycological Garden, pioneer of its kind and unique in Europe. Go to the Santa Rita Visitor Centre to know the geological, natural and human history of Subbéticas. Taste the Protected Designation of Origin wine Montilla-Moriles.

DAY 2

Understand why this Geopark is known as the Kingdom of Karst in the Picacho de Cabra, one of the most emblematic sites of the territory. Go through an Urban Geotrail in Cabra to find buildings with vestiges of a Jurassic seabed. Cycle along the Olive Oil Greenway from Doña Mencía to Zuheros, recognized as one of the most beautiful villages in Spain. Travel to the Chalcolithic looking at the paintings of the "Charming" Cave in Luque. Taste the best olive oil in the world in a traditional oil mill.

DAY 3

Cross the heart of the Geopark, where Carcabuey stands with its impressive castle and shows the most powerful mountains in Subbéticas. Stop at Rute to ascend through a dense pine forest until the so-called Canuto, an ancient Islamic tower with astonishing views. In the picturesque Iznájar, walk through its patios and historical centre and do geokayaking in the Lake of Andalusia.

Keep in mind

Take into account the climatic seasonality that characterizes the south of the Iberian Peninsula. In summer months, it is not recommended to carry out outdoor activities during the central hours. Always carry water and comfortable shoes. Also, remember that it is forbidden to make fire and of course respect the fauna, flora and the geological heritage.

So Sustainable

The territory has a 128 km long Olive Oil Greenway, the longest in Andalusia, a 225 km network of trails for mountain biking, 3 Cycle Tourist Welcome Centers and several electric bicycle recharging points.



So Welcome

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Sierras Subbéticas

Walk, pedal, sail,
enjoy... SUBBÉTICAS

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Mountains of a different kind. The table mountains that rise out of the Swedish Västgöta plain are perhaps not that high or mighty. But they are bursting with exciting stories about the development of planet Earth, the spread of humans in the area and the history of the country Sweden. A history that stretches back 1700 million years. Today, the table mountains above all function as life-giving oases for nature experiences and outdoor life. The various properties of the rocks have given the landscape a beautiful and varying nature. The mountains are alive – let's explore!

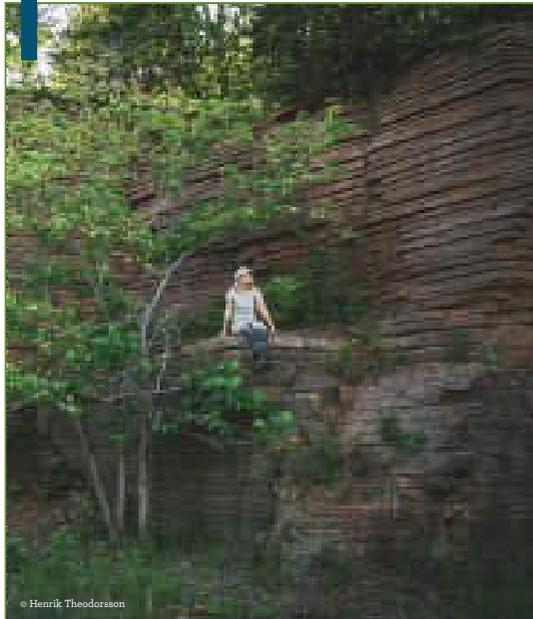


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Platåbergens

Layers of history – a journey
through time of 1700 million YEARS



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So Accessible

1-2 hours by train from Gothenburg airport or 2-4 hours by train from Stockholm airport.



So Comfortable

Lugnåsberget Ekohotell - accommodation with nature, fascinating geology and cultural history at your doorstep.



So Unique

Feel the wings of history and enjoy magnificent nature along the Cultural Path Skaraborg. Through the beautiful kame landscape, past ancient remains, monastery ruins, rich bird life, beautiful valleys, and grandiose cliffs. Welcome to discover hidden gems in the geopark!



So Delicious

Apple juice from the table mountains Kinnekulle, Billingen, and Mösseberg.



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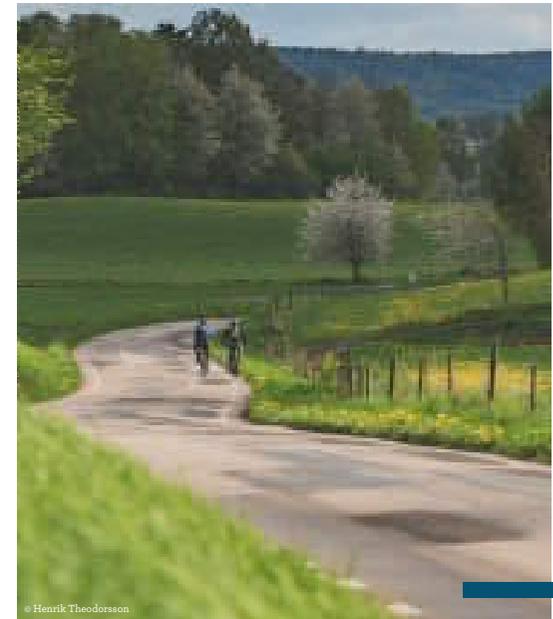
So Sustainable

Rent a bike and travel through the table mountain landscape on the cycling route Vänerleden. Experience the table mountains Kinnekulle, Hunneberg, Halleberg and Sweden's largest lake Vänern.



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www.platabergensgeopark.se/
www.vastsverige.com/en/



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Five fantastic waterfalls in the table mountain landscape Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1 Wake up at Ronnums Herrgård, a picturesque manor with a rich history. Visit the waterfall Skäktefallet at the mountain Halleberg. Skäktefallet plunges 30 meters down the steep dolerite cliff. Hike Byklevsfallet, a majestic waterfall and a trail that offers a walk through three of Hunneberg's geological layers - sandstone, alum shale and dolerite. Visit Mäjens Ice cream production and a café with local ingredients. Discover Läckö slott - a Baroque castle. Sleep at Naturum Vänerskärgrården - Victoriahuset and learn about Sweden's largest lake, Vänern.

DAY 2 Hike at Martorpsfallet on the mountain Kinnekulle. The limestone formations at Martorpsfallet, where the water cascades, formed during the last ice age around 10,000 years ago. Eat local and with a great view at Kinnekullegården. Discover the Middle Ages in Varnhem and Kata farm - the ruins of one of Sweden's oldest churches. Hike Rosenstigen in Varnhem. Along the waterfall at Rosenstigen, you pass beautiful elongated limestone steps and a lovely old stone bridge. Sleep at Fredrikssons vilt, vin och pensionat and taste local food.

DAY 3 Hike at Silverfallet - Karlsfors on the mountain Billingen and discover the waterfall and the history of the old stone industry. Have a Swedish "fika" at the café at Karlsfors gård. Sleep at the iconic hotel Billingeus at the top of Billingen.

Platabergens

Layers of history - a journey
through time of 1700 million YEARS

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In Kula-Salihli UNESCO Global Geopark, where the echoes of history blend perfectly with the symphony of nature; experience the perfect elements of volcanoes, one of the poetics but most powerful touches of mother nature, one by one. Touch and feel the spirit of the past in the well-preserved centuries-old Kula Houses in the region. Then take another big step towards the past and enter the Ancient Period in Salihli. Wander among the ruins of the glittering life of the period while listening to the stories of the first coins minted in Sardis, the capital of Lydia. Let the fine handcrafted workmanship on the column heads fascinate you as you witness the struggle of the Temple of Artemis against earthquakes and erosion that has been going on for thousands of years. Whether you are a nature lover or a history enthusiast, Kula Salihli Geopark has a destination for everyone.



Sandal Divilit Volcano and lava flow © Kamil Altıparmak

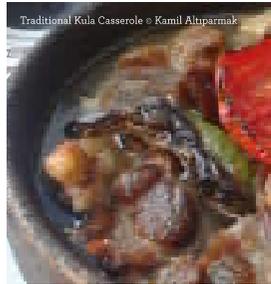
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Kula Salihli

Nature's Art GALLERY



Lava flow and wooden bridges with visitors © Kamil Altıparmak



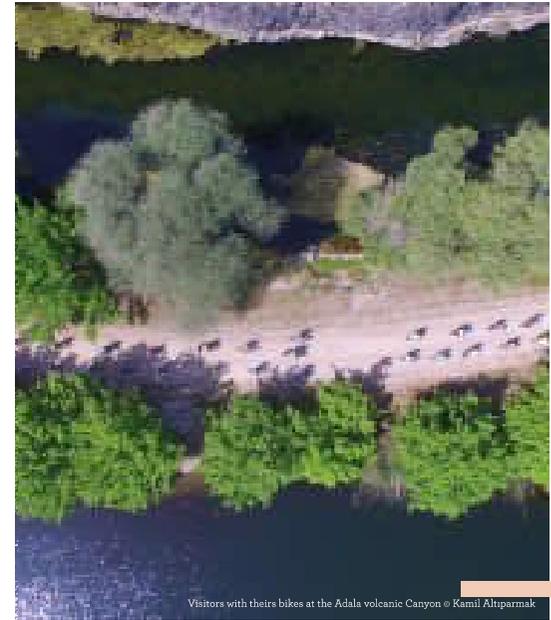
Traditional Kula Casserole © Kamil Altıparmak



Lidya Sardes Thermal Hotel © Lidya Sardes Thermal Hotel



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Visitors with their bikes at the Adala volcanic Canyon © Kamil Altıparmak

So Accessible

You can easily reach the geopark by following highway number E96 from Izmir Adnan Menderes airport. 120 km highway driving takes approximately 1 hour.



So Comfortable

Lidya Sardes Thermal Hotel.



So Unique

At Kula Salihli UNESCO Global Geopark, people of all ages can experience all stages of volcanism safely, without any risk, and most importantly, within short distances. The Geopark is the most important element of the region in terms of earth sciences education and tourism with its unique opportunities.



So Delicious

Traditional Kula Casserole. This dish, made from lamb or goat meat depending on the season, is prepared by cooking it over a wood fire for a long time in special clay casseroles.



So Sustainable

With the presence of the geopark area in the region and the promotional/educational activities carried out, the number of tourists has increased almost 10 times. This has increased the income of the local people from tourism.



So Welcome

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Experience Nature and History with Geopark

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

- DAY 1** Start the day with a traditional Turkish breakfast in the historical Kula Houses. Then visit well-preserved historical houses that will take you back in time. Walk on lava among young volcanoes in Kula Divlit Volcanic Park. Relieve your tiredness while drinking your tea in the village of Çakırca, whose two sides are covered with Basalt columns. Enjoy the Kula fairy chimneys with the unique sunset view.
- DAY 2** Climb to the top of the Sandal Divlit Volcano cone and witness the lava flow around it that looks like flowed just yesterday. Learn how geothermal resources are utilized today in Emir hot springs, which date back to Roman times. Visit Yunus Emre, one of the important poets of Turkish Sufi Literature, and his mentor Tabduk Emre in Emre village. Continue west through the vineyards growing on the fertile soils of the Gediz Valley. Take a relaxing walk in the peaceful silence of the Adala volcanic canyon.
- DAY 3** Face the day with a short walk in the delightful weather of the Kürşunlu valley, fed by streams coming from the Bozdağ Mountains. And now you are ready to step into ancient times. Touch the spirit of history by walking through the streets of the city of Sardis, the capital of Lydia, the inventor of money. Let yourselves overshadowed of the magnificent columns while searching for traces of these disasters in the Temple of Artemis, which has endured many natural disasters. Come into the presence of the emperors of ancient times at the Bintepeleer Tumulus, described as the pyramids of Anatolia.

* This tour is offered ignoring of seasonal conditions. Please contact the geopark team to revise the program depending on the time of visit and the conditions of the places of interest. It is recommended to use suitable clothing and shoes for seasonal conditions when hiking in the field.

Kula Salihli

Nature's Art GALLERY

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Immerse yourself in rich traditional culture in the Ring of Gullion, lose yourself in the landscape of the Mourne Mountains and treat yourself to exquisite food and drink perfected over the millennia around the wild coasts of Strangford. Experience everything the island of Ireland has to offer in this vibrant place; from mountain adventures to Ceili Houses, traditional arts and crafts to Irish Potún and Whiskey; Mourne Gullion Strangford Geopark is the sustainable destination to immerse yourself and escape this year.

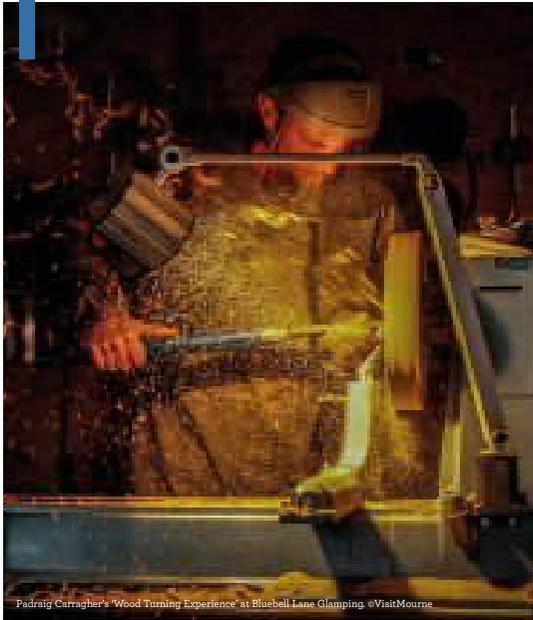


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Mourne Gullion Strangford

Born of fire and ice in a tale of two OCEANS



Padraig Carragher's 'Wood Turning Experience' at Bluebell Lane Glamping, @VisitMourne



Mourne Mountains & Ring of Gullion @VisitMourne



Avoca Hotel Newcastle @VisitMourne



'Dancing at the Crossroads' Experience with Josephine Brennan King, an elite former principal Irish dancer of Michael Flatley's 'Lord of the Dance', @VisitMourne

So Accessible

Easily accessible with train and bus links and less than an hour from Dublin or Belfast airports.



So Unique

Discover the unparalleled magic of Tumbling Paddy's Ceili and Craic experience, where geological wonders and cultural festivities intertwine. Engage in a harmonious blend of captivating storytelling, traditional music, and lively ceilidh dancing, ensuring an enchanting and uniquely unforgettable tourism adventure in our Geopark.



So Sustainable

Killeavy Castle Estate stands as an exemplar of sustainability in tourism. Its innovative renewable energy initiatives, including a biomass boiler and hydroelectric plant, showcase a commitment to mitigating climate change while providing an unforgettable eco-friendly experience.



So Welcome

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So Comfortable

Avoca Hotel Newcastle.



So Delicious

Celebrity Chef, Paul Cunningham's Secret Dining Experience



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A Cultural Tapestry of Mourne Gullion Strangford

Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

- DAY 1**

Arrival at Killeavy Castle Estate
 Arrive at the tranquil Killeavy Castle Estate and unwind with a serene evening. Dive into the captivating "Sing for Your Supper," a night of participatory traditional Irish music.
Artistry and Culinary Delights
 Visit White Rock Glass Studio for the "Glass from the Past" experience, crafting Ogham-inspired glass art under Tracey McVerry's guidance. Relish locally inspired culinary delights at Killeavy Castle Estate's restaurant, featuring a specially designed Geopark tasting menu.
- DAY 2**

Historic Downpatrick and Gaelic Games
 Explore Downpatrick, Saint Patrick's home; check into the historic Denvirs Inn. Immerse in "The Down Gaelic Games Experience" and unravel "Patrick & the Pagan Hills." End the day with vibrant Irish dancing by Josephine Brennan King from Lord of the Dance.
- DAY 3**

Mountains and Culinary Finale
 Discover the "Stone Masons of Mourne" with guide Peter Rafferty, explore "Mourne Stone Walling - A Granite Kingdom." Conclude with the unique "Poitin Herring & Uilleann Pipes" experience. Wrap up your Geopark adventure with a culinary showcase on Paul Cunningham's Secret Dining, celebrating the memories made.

Comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear are recommended, especially for experiences involving walking or outdoor activities.

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The North Pennines National Landscape and UNESCO Global Geopark is one of England's most special places – a stunning, upland landscape of wide open moors, flower-rich hay meadows, intimate woods, inky-black night skies, charismatic wildlife, fascinating industrial heritage, tumbling rivers and dramatic waterfalls. Here you will find a peaceful, unspoilt landscape with a rich history and vibrant natural beauty. The impressive landscape of the North Pennines – from High Force on the River Tees to the sweeping valley of High Cup Gill above Dufton – are the product of millions of years of geological processes.



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North Pennines National Landscape

Telling the stories of land,
nature and PEOPLE



So Accessible

From Newcastle International take the A69/A68. 1hr11min to Bowlees Visitor Centre. To plan your journey around the North Pennines use Traveline (www.traveline.info/)



So Comfortable

High Force Hotel - www.raby.co.uk/high-force/hotel/



So Unique

Discover the historic lead mining industry on an underground tour at Nenthead Mines (www.nentheadmines.com) during one of their open days. This remote valley has mine entrances, dressing-floors, watercourses, metal-rich mine spoil heaps and old mine buildings to explore.



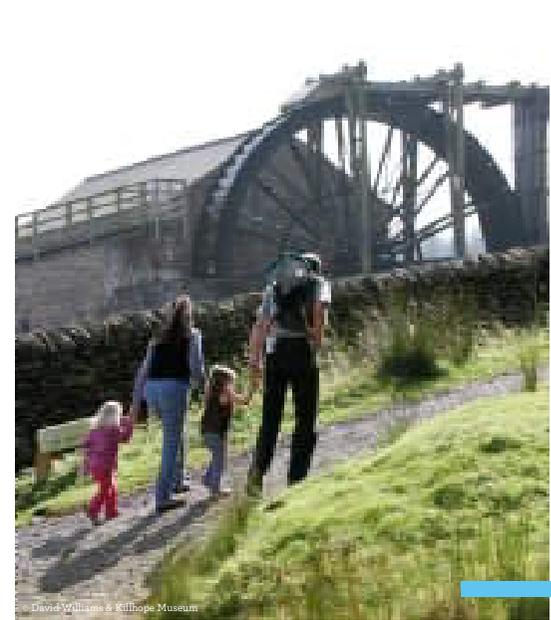
So Sustainable

In the North Pennines there are 900km² of peatland habitats, most of which is blanket bog. Our restoration programme conserves and enhances the internationally important peatland resource within the area.



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Journey across the Roof of England Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1 Visit the gateway to the North Pennines National Landscape and UNESCO Global Geopark; Bowlees Visitor Centre. Walk the High Force and Bowlees Geotrail and marvel at England's largest waterfall, High Force. In the spring and summer discover wading birds and colourful hay meadows. Dine out at the High Force Hotel or The Falls Café, Bowlees.

DAY 2 Explore Alston, walk the town trail and see the stories in the stones come alive. Enjoy eating out in one of the town's cafes or pubs. In the afternoon enjoy a scenic train ride on the South Tynedale Railway, one of England's highest narrow-gauge railways. Finish up with a brew at the Crossing Café.

DAY 3 Get to grips with the history of Weardale, one of the dramatic upland dales in the North Pennines. Visit Killhope Lead Mining Museum and explore the underground world of a lead miner in Victorian times or work as a washer boy and see what minerals you might find. Have a homemade pie or pasty in the 1853 Café. Afterwards call into Weardale Museum and immerse yourself in the social history of the dale. If you've energy to spare, follow the Slitt Wood and West Rigg Geotrail from Westgate.

Requirements for the visit: Comfortable walking shoes and clothes. Bring waterproofs.

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Leave behind the crowds and skyscrapers of Hong Kong and step into a wonderland sculpted by ancient fire and sea. Marvel at the columnar rock formation, over 140 million years old—monuments to a tumultuous past that inspire a profound sense of awe. Breathe in the clean, fresh air while listening to the symphony of crashing waves, and explore the tranquil Hakka and fishing villages that offer an escape into rural beauty. This journey fosters a deep connection to our planet's history, serving as a humbling reminder of nature's enduring power and resilience, all in proximity to a bustling metropolis.

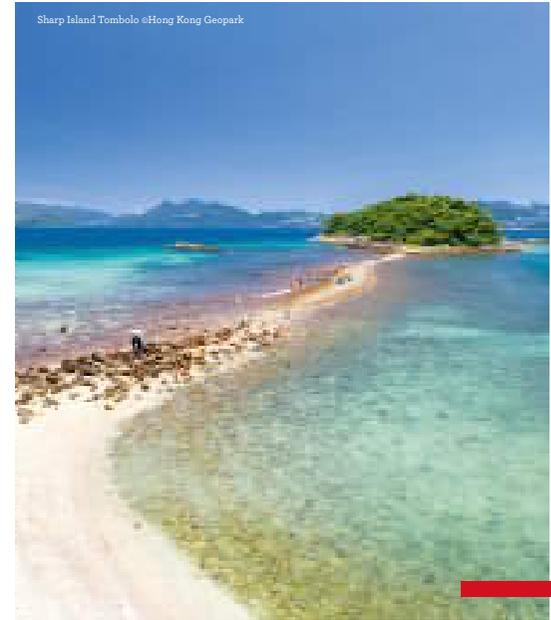
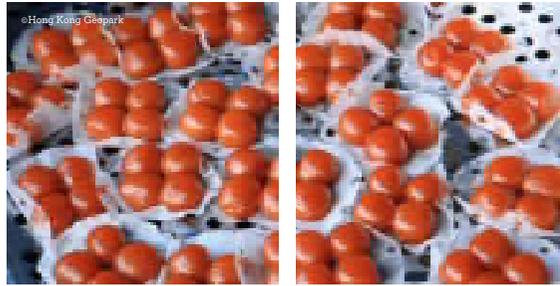


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Hong Kong

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Experience **Cultural Splendor**



So Accessible

Take a train from Hong Kong Airport to downtown, then reach the geosites in an hour by public transport.



So Comfortable

Stay in a renovated village house in Lai Chi Wo to experience rural village life



So Unique

Unleash your adventurous spirit with Hong Kong Geopark's signature guided boat tour! Experience the breathtaking beauty of Sai Kung, showcasing magnificent columnar rock formation, diverse coastal erosion landscapes, and fascinating depositional formations that tell the story of nature's incredible artistry.



So Delicious

Hakka steamed glutinous rice cake



So Sustainable

The farmland revitalization project at Lai Chi Wo promotes nature-friendly farming while improving the productivity and ecological potential of agricultural land, supporting the sustainable development of the rural community.



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Geo-Wonders & Local Culture Immersion Tour Package in the Geopark 3 days

DAY 1

Start your adventure at the Volcano Discovery Centre in Sai Kung town, then head to the High Island Reservoir East Dam. Here, stroll the High Island Geo Trail to admire the massive hexagonal volcanic rock columns. Return to Sai Kung for lunch, known for its fresh seafood and Dim Sum. In the afternoon, embark on a guided boat tour to view the hexagonal columns from the sea.

DAY 2

Take a public ferry from Sai Kung Pier to Sharp Island. Explore the Sharp Island Geo Trail and discover the unique "pineapple bun" rocks. During low tide, walk on the natural tombolo to reach another island. In the afternoon, take a ferry to Yim Tin Tsai, to explore its unique Hakka and Catholic culture.

DAY 3

Travel to the Northeast New Territories and board a public ferry to Lai Chi Wo, a traditional Hakka walled village. Explore around the village, the story rooms and the diverse ecological environment. Then, visit the nearby island of Kat O, where you can savor traditional cuisine, before heading to Ap Chau, to experience the fishermen culture and walk under a unique sea arch.

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