

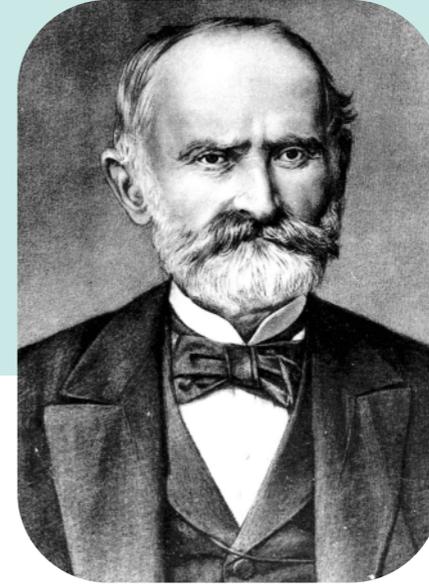


*Jošanička*  
**Banjo**

HEALTH THROUGH WATER



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In his numerous trips to Kopaonik, Josif Pančić visited Jošanička Banja. He said that “this spa is the warmest in Europe, and there is no other like it except the one in Bursa and Asia Minor, and its medical features can be compared with the water in Gostron, except this one is much warmer.”

# Jošanička Banja

Jošanička Banja is among the balneological settlements with the warmest water in Europe. It belongs to Raška municipality. It is 245 km from Belgrade and 74 km from Kraljevo. Its location near Kopaonik (24 km), as the most attractive winter tourist destination, beneficial water, a pleasant altitude and climate, as well as a good traffic connection, are the starting points for the destination's development, where nature is in the service of health.

Jošanička Banja and its surroundings are rich in greenery and forests dominated by “Banjski borjak,” which is part of the nature of special value, especially for health and recreational needs.



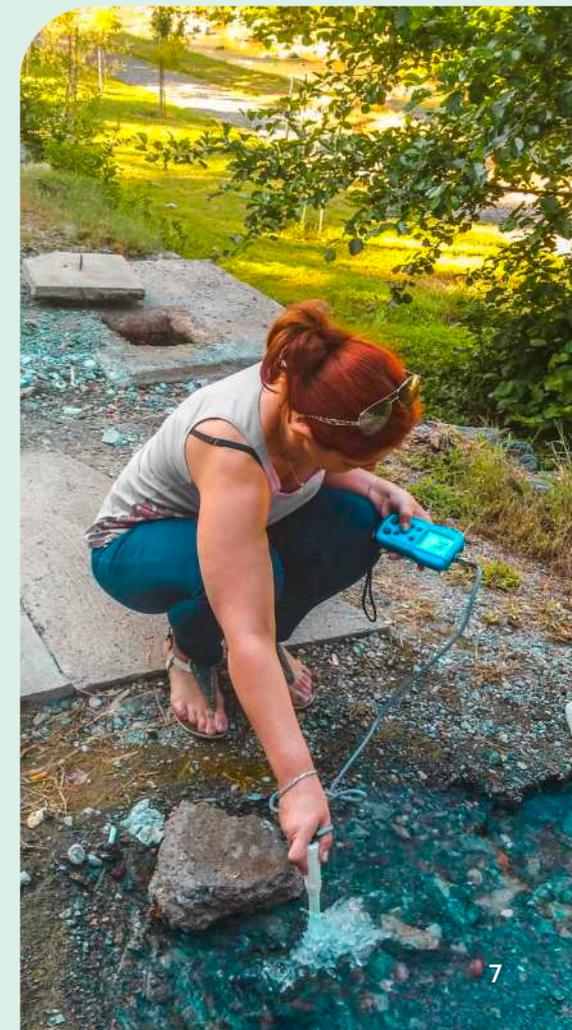


## Historical development

The historical development of Jošanička Banja as a settlement has always been closely related to thermal springs. It is assumed that the healing waters of Jošanicka Banja were first introduced to the Romans and that their beneficial effect was also used by the Turks, as evidenced by the hamam (a Turkish bath from the 18th century). The first professional research on the healing properties of the water dates back to 1834. Water was examined at the Vienna Medical University, at the request of Prince Miloš. In the following year, 1835, the water was examined by Baron Herder, the royal-Saxon manager of the mine, and continued in 1846. In those years, the members of the family of Prince Miloš were treated in Jošanička Banja. In 1935, for the use of thermal water, a bathroom with 10 baths and a small swimming pool were built. According to the words of the elderly people and people who worked in Banja in the 1960s, Jošanička Banja had the status of a spa health resort with accompanying services, a medical station (laboratory), a medical vehicle, a hotel Jošanica, a villa Pršić, a camp with 50 beds, and its own bus with 40 seats to transport tourists from the railway station in Biljanovac to Jošanička Banja.

## Natural healing factors

Jošanička Banja has 5 mineral water springs, which are among the hottest in our country. The main spring gives out 7 liters of water per second, and the temperature is 77°C. Other springs have a total capacity of 30 liters per second. Based on laboratory physico-chemical analyses and analysis of radioactivity, thermo-mineral water from the Main spring belongs to the categories: sodium-hydrocarbonate-sulfate and hydrogen-sulfide-alkaline hyperterms. The large quantity of measured dissolved hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) is balneologically very important, and this water gives characteristics of sulfide (sulfur) water. The water temperature is classified as “hyperthermal water,” which allows its use for bathing, sprinkling, rinsing, and inhalation, depending on the indications and method of application.



# Medical indications

- ◇ Diseases of the locomotor apparatus (inflammatory rheumatism, degenerative joint and abdominal rheumatism, conditions after bone fractures and surgical interventions in the bone, and joint system, consequences of trauma, sports injuries)
- ◇ Arterial hypertension
- ◇ Cardiovascular disease
- ◇ Non-specific lung diseases, in particular by inhalation
- ◇ Peripheral vasculopathy and polyneuropathy of all kinds
- ◇ Neurological diseases (neuralgia, central and peripheral seizures, sciatica)
- ◇ Gynecological diseases
- ◇ Skin diseases (psoriasis, eczema, and dermatitis)
- ◇ Various other diseases (anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, episodes of psychosomatic neurosis).



# Health and Recreation

The arranged spa park with the reconstructed old and new baths, the muddy bath, the outdoor pool with thermal mineral water, and the sauna make Jošanicka Banja an attractive destination for the treatment of diseases, and a vacation and recreation area.



# New bath

The New Bath was built in 1935, at the time when Jošanička Banja was formed as a spa resort. It was renovated during 2016. The bath has a small swimming pool, eight small hydro-massage tubs, and one large Jacuzzi bath. In the new bath, a physical medicine clinic has been opened, which has medical appliances for all types of electro therapy, laser therapy, ultrasound therapy, and low-frequency magnetic therapy, and a device for presotherapy-lymph drainage of the extremities and the whole body.



# Old bath

An old Turkish bath or “hamam” (from the 18th century) is the oldest cultural and historical monument in Jošanička Banja and is of particular value as an example of an oriental architectural tradition whose original use has been preserved to this day. It is located on the left bank of the Jošanica River and 20 m downstream of the “Main Spring.” The old bath was renovated during 2018.



# Cultural and historical sights

## The Church of the Holy Mother of God

The Church of the Most Holy Mother of God is located on a hill above the very center of the spa, on its southern side. It was built in 1868, constructed as much older surrounding monasteries. By the time of construction, it was one of the youngest monuments in the territory of Raška municipality. The church was erected on the site of the earlier chapel church. The construction of the church began and was completed during the reign of Mihailo Obrenović III. It was celebrated on October 13, 1868. The church is colorful and preserves two icons of great artistic value, which are older than the church: "The Virgin with Christ" and "Jesus Christ."



## Cultural offer



Cultural Center "Milomir Glavčić" – the foundation of Milomir Glavčić from Canada was opened in 2013 in Jošanička Banja and houses a library with a stock of about 8,000 books.

The Center is located under the management of the Cultural Center "Gradac," which organizes various cultural contents in the aforementioned Cultural Center, such as: theater performances for children and adults, cultural events, stands, literary evenings, films, etc.

The "Milomir Glavčić" Cultural Art Society nurtures the culture and traditions of the area through folk dances and songs.



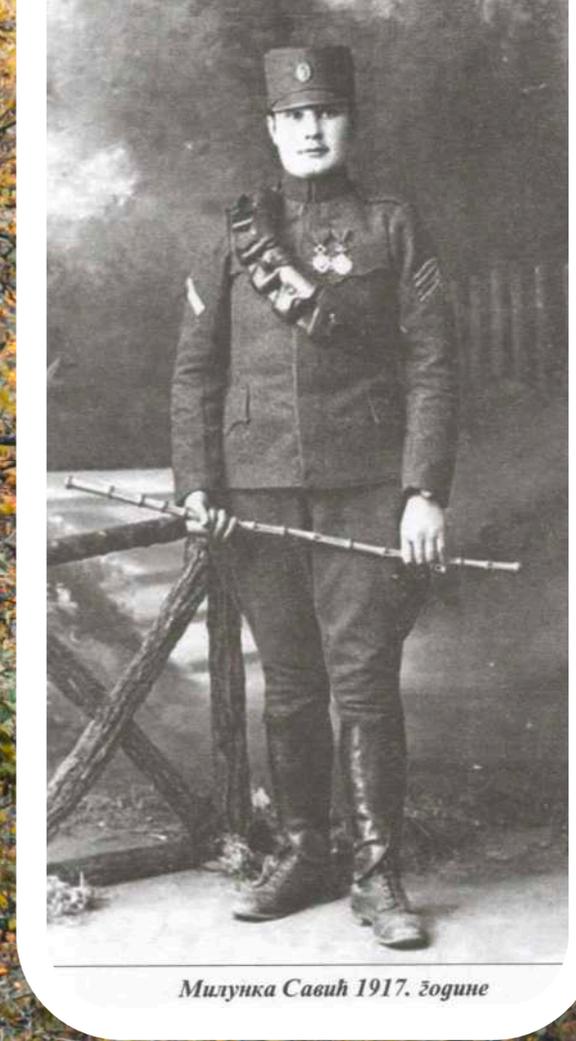
# Famous personalities

## Milunka Savić

Many famous people have passed through the history of Jošanička Banja, and some of them were born in this area. One of them is Milunka Savić and Serbian Patriarch German.

Milunka Savić was born in 1889 in the village of Koprivnica, near Jošanička Banja. In those fateful days in Serbia, Milunka dressed in a man suit, cut her hair, and was wounded under the name Milun, until she was wounded in her chest when it was discovered that Milun is actually a woman.

She was celebrated as a bomber of the Drina Division of the first call, she was a fighter in the siege of Shkoder, the Kolubara Battle; a bomber of the famous Second Infantry "Gvozdeni puk" of the Moravian Division; and for other actions. She also survived a large Austro-Hungarian and Bulgarian offensive and retreat across Albania. For merits in the liberation wars, Milunka Savić was decorated twelve times. She is the bearer of two military golden "Karadjordje" stars with swords, a gold medal for courage, "Miloš Obilić", two French legions of honor, the Order of Courage, Albanian monuments, and monuments of the Thessaloniki front. She is the only woman in the world who is decorated with the French Order "War Cross with the Golden Palm." After the war, she was a devoted mother and foster parent to more than thirty children. Milunka Savić died on October 5, 1973. and the remains of Milunka Savić were transferred to Aleja Velikana in October 2013.



*Милунка Савић 1917. године*

# Monument of Milunka Savić

In 1995, the Monument of Milunka Savić was revealed in Jošanička Banja in its natural size by sculptor Ljubiša Mančić. The monument of Milunka Savić is a part of the memorial complex, whose reconstruction finished at the end of 2019. Within the complex, two memorial plaques were placed with the names of the participants of the Balkan and Great Wars from Milunka Savić's native region (from the local communities of Jošanička Banja and Kovači) who did not return to their homes from the battlefield.



# Birth house of Milunka Savić

The birth house of Milunka Savić is located in the village of Koprivnica. The house and a garden (bakery, wood storage, ambar) were restored in 2015 in an authentic position on the same foundations and with the use of adequate materials from which the houses were built at that time. There is an ethnological exhibition with items in the house that date from the time when Milunka Savić lived in Koprivnica (the first half of the 20th century).

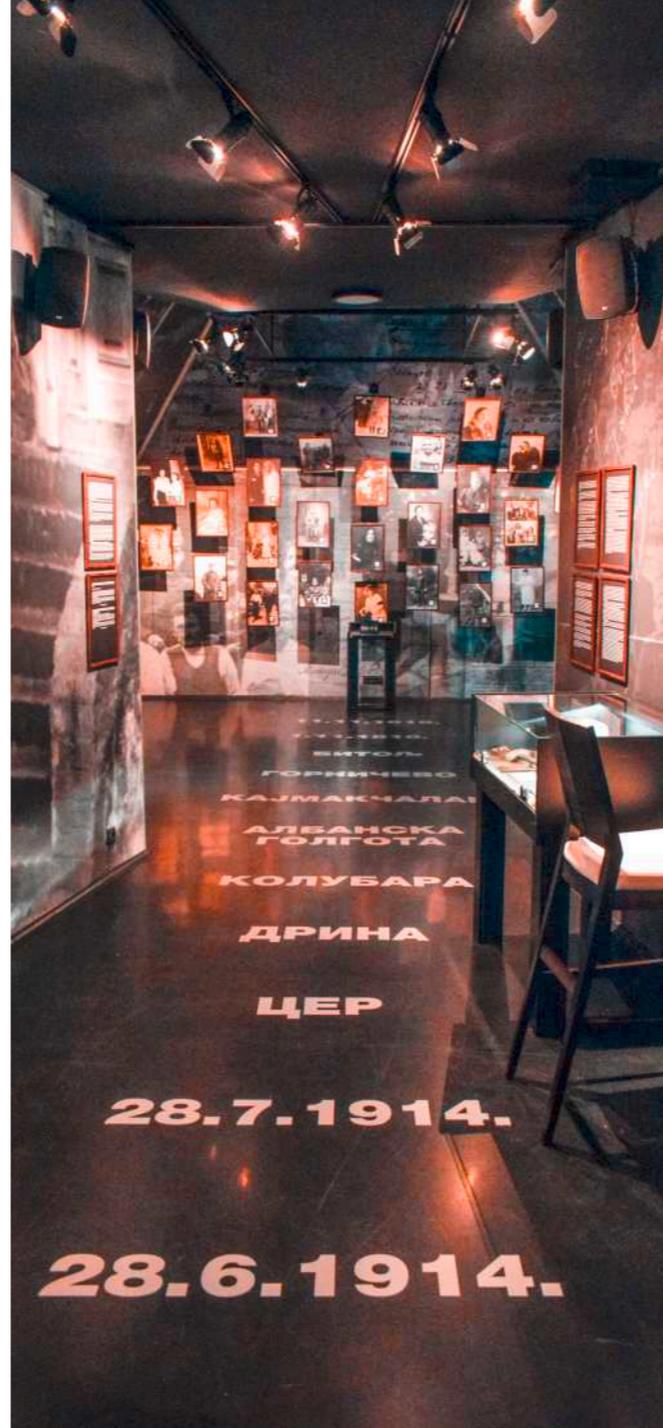


# Days of Milunka Savić

Since 2016, the Milunka Savić manifestation, dedicated to Milunka Savić, is held in Jošanička Banja in early October. The organizer of the event is the Cultural Center "Gradac" from Raška. The first day of the event is held at the Cultural Center in Jošanička Banja, and the second day is in the village of Koprivnica, in front of Milunka's birth house.

# Milunka Savić Memorial Room

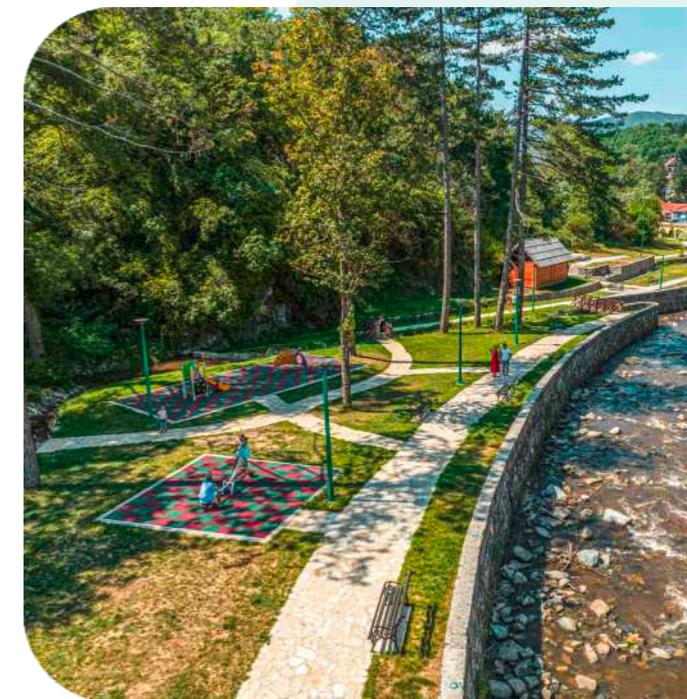
The memorial room of Milunka Savić was opened in October 2020 in Jošanička Banja. It is a multimedia exhibition consisting of several segments. The central place of the exhibition is the interactive mosaic that consists of the numerous photos of Milunka and the authentic films from the Great War. The second segment represents two improvised, military trenches: Serbian and Austro-Hungarian. Their role is to convey to the visitor the conditions in which Milunka fought. The third part of the exhibition is an exhibition of objects from the period of the First World War, including photographs, documents, and the covers of the French daily Le Petit Journal.



FC Granit Stadium



Aqua park Draguljica



## Sport and recreation

# The path of health

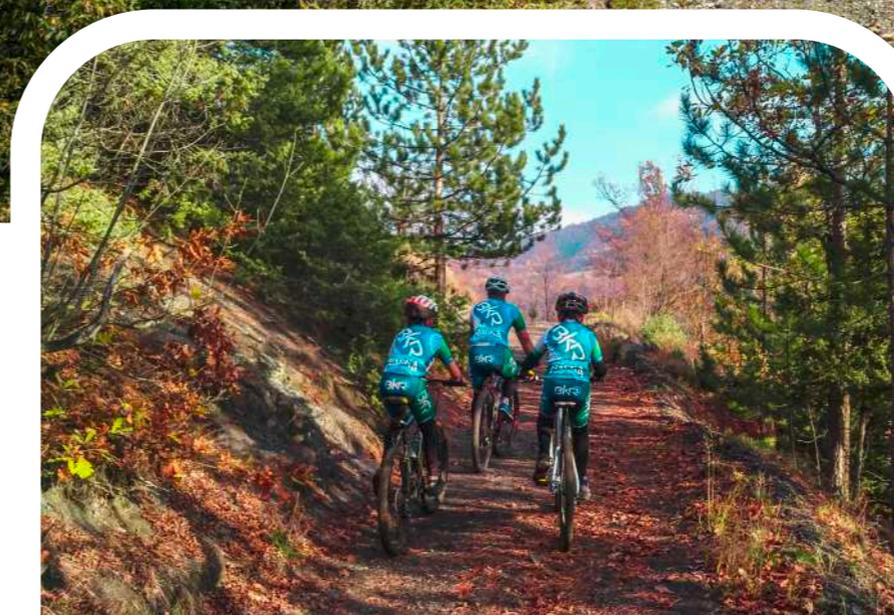
Jošanička Banja offers three well-organized walking and cycling trails where recreational people as well as sport players can enjoy and train in beautiful areas of the spa, in the shade of the forest and in clear air. Trails are of different lengths and levels of difficulty:

**1** Borje - the red route (**the hardest track**), with a total length of 4.5 km and an elevation of 896 m above sea level.

**2** Borje – the orange route (**medium-sized path**), total length 2,3 km, and altitude 860 m..

**3** Borje - the green route (**the easiest track**), has a total length of 4.8 km and an altitude of 870 m.

All trails together make a circular track 10 km long.



# Service information

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