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SAVINJA VALLEY IS A GEM FOR CYCLING LOVERS

Take a ride along green hop fields, branched forest paths, cart tracks and gravel roads or ride on the roads which will take you along the most beautiful parts of the valley, numerous natural and cultural sights, friendly locals, and wonderful green landscapes.

If you are an active family that likes to spend their time on the bike together, a recreational cyclist with various skill levels looking for new challenges in road or mountain cycling, or a very serious cyclist who is preparing for a new cycling marathon and wants to add a full cycling service to their everyday training at diverse terrain – Grof Cycling will take a great care of you. We offer cycling routes of various difficulty levels appropriate for family, mountain or road cycling.

At Grof, you will find everything you need to make your cycling dreams come true.

**WELCOME TO THE HEART OF SAVINJA VALLEY –
HIDDEN GEM FOR ALL CYCLING LOVERS.**



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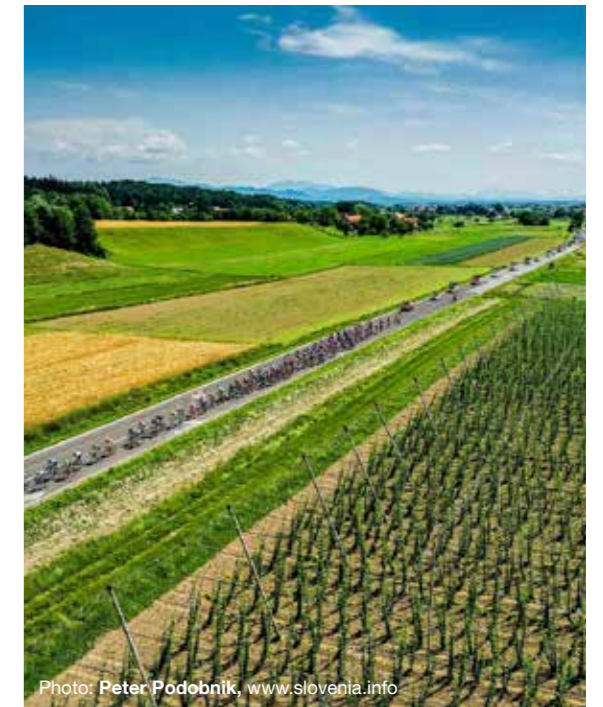


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The Valley was formed by gorgeous Savinja River with its source at Rinka Waterfall in wonderful glacial U-shaped Logar Valley. Cycle through one of the most beautiful Alpine glacial valleys in Europe and admire breathtaking views of the mighty north walls of Kamnik-Savinja Alps.



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Explore stunningly beautiful landscape of Robanov kot Landscape Park and wildlife of Matkov kot Valley. The Solčava panoramic road will take you along the pearls of the natural and cultural heritage of the Solčava Region, with breathtaking views of the peaks and valleys of Kamnik-Savinja Alps and past subsistence highland farms, producing everything nature offers and man creates with love.



Photo: Mozirski gaj, www.mozirskogaj.com



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Climb to the top of Golte Landscape Park by bike or with the longest panoramic cable car in Slovenia or take a walk among the most beautiful flower beds and rich ethnographic collection of Mozirski gaj Gardeners' Park.



Photo: Dražen Štader, www.slovenia.info



Fairytale mountain plateaus Menina planina and Velika planina with one of the largest shepherds' settlements in Europe invite you to experience interesting life on the plateau, refresh yourself with dairy delicacies and treat yourself to a hike or cycling among green pastures.



Photo: Nea Culpa, www.slovenia.info



Photo: Gašper Bizjak, www.visitbraslovce.com



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Photo: TIC Polzela, www.tic-polzela.si



Lower Savinja Valley is situated at the extensive Savinja River debris cone surrounded by pre-alpine hills and mountain plateaus – Menina planina, Dobrovlje, Sava Hills etc. Lower Savinja Valley with its network of cycling routes offers many opportunities for both mountain biking and road cycling.



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Take a ride along green hop fields, forest paths, cart tracks and gravel roads and stop at unusual beer fountain in Žalec Town Park. Green Gold Beer Fountain is a tribute to the hop heritage of Žalec and Lower Savinja Valley and offers six local beers.



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Visit the Roman Necropolis in Šempeter, walk on the ancient Roman paths and admire the most important and well-preserved monuments of Roman era in Central Europe.

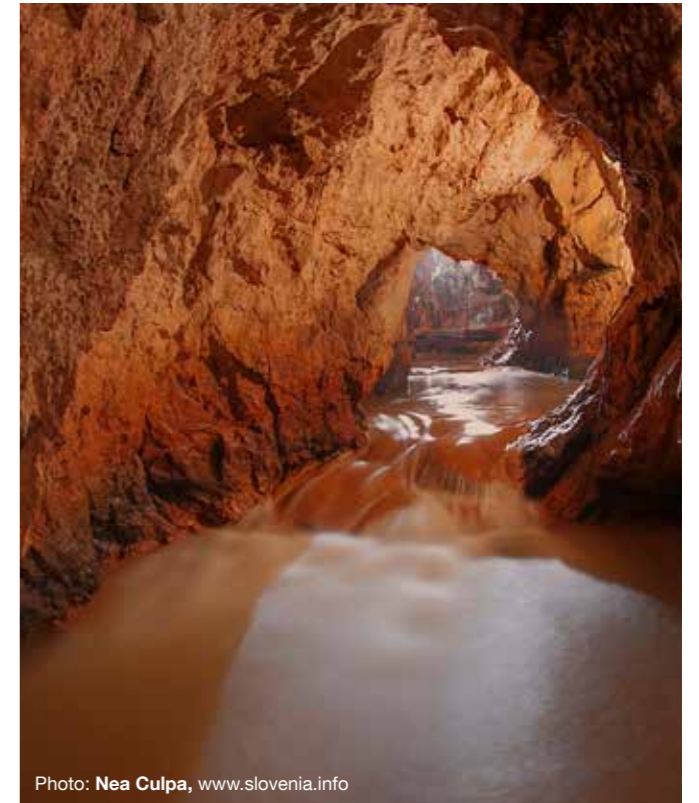


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Magical karst Pekel Cave with large amount of picturesque speleothems is located at Ponikovski kras Landscape Park just north of Šempeter. Pekel Cave is a home to many plant and animal species.





Photo: Jošt Gantar, www.slovenia.info

Visit the City of Counts Celje and explore the old city centre with old Roman road remains, medieval towers, outstanding architectural heritage and modern squares with wide range of catering and boutique offer. Climb to the Old Castle of Celje which has ruled the hill above the city for centuries. Beautiful view of the old city centre and Celje basin will leave you speechless.



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Photo: Andrej Tarfila, www.slovenia.info



Cycling routes

We offer cycling routes of various difficulty levels appropriate for family, mountain or road cycling. You can choose between individual or guided cycling tours with one of our experienced cycling guides. Guides will adapt the tour to your needs and abilities and show you the most scenic spots.

CYCLING MAPS

Free cycling maps are available at the Hotel Grof reception. You can also load gpx files of all available tours on your navigation device free of charge at the hotel reception.



ROAD CYCLING

From easier flat routes to more difficult climbs and descents on safe, less busy asphalt roads. Challenge yourself on various training polygons where our greatest champions and winners of Tour de France, Giro and Vuelta such as Roglič, Pogačar and Mohorič left their marks. Maybe you meet them along the way.



FAMILY CYCLING

Cycling routes suitable for the whole family.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

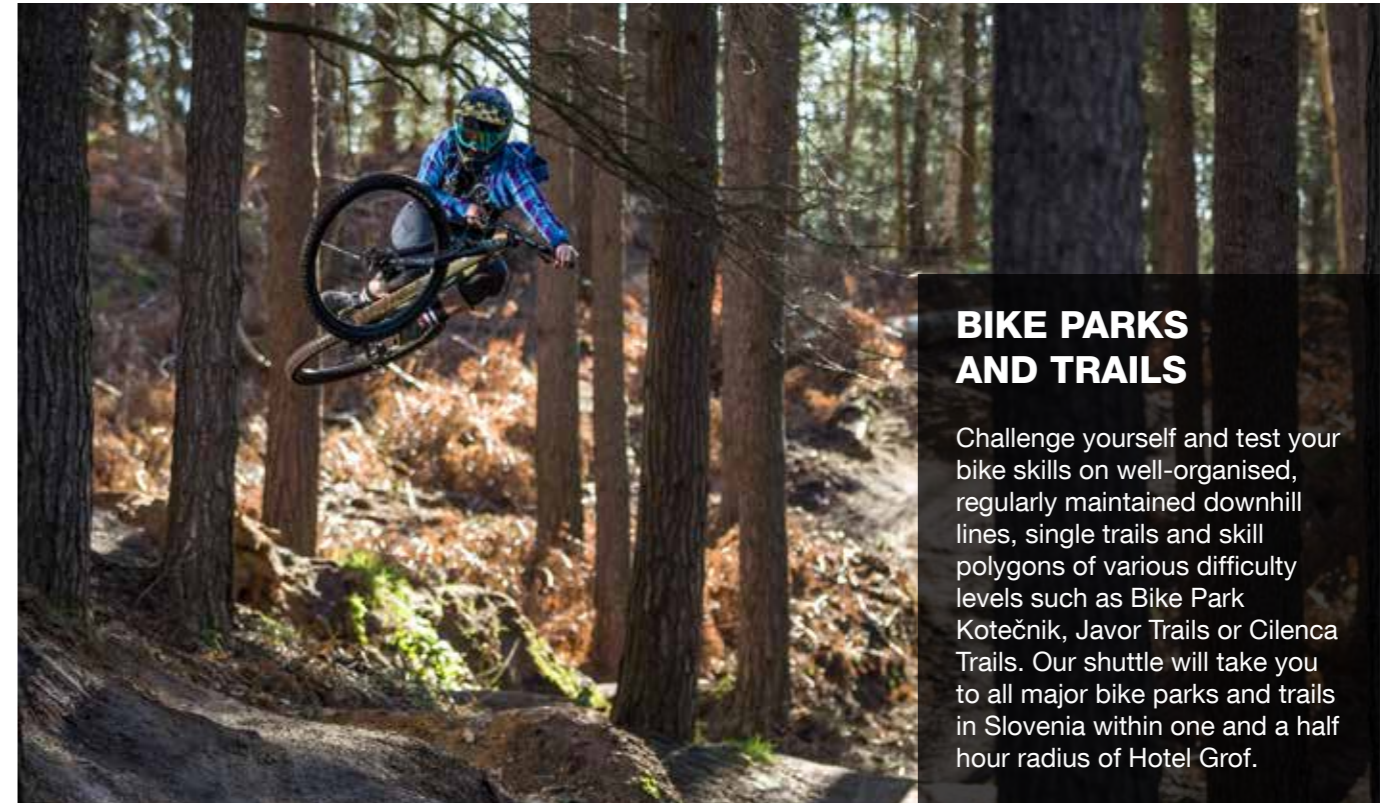
Gravel roads, cart tracks and forest paths.



Do you enjoy riding bikes on a diverse, well-organised and regularly maintained mountain bike trails? Do you like jumps and skill parks? We connected with the local trail centers and bike parks and provided essential information about them. We offer round trip transfers with our comfortable van.

Contact us to book a transfer.
www.grof-cycling.eu

Trails and Bike parks



BIKE PARKS AND TRAILS

Challenge yourself and test your bike skills on well-organised, regularly maintained downhill lines, single trails and skill polygons of various difficulty levels such as Bike Park Kotečnik, Javor Trails or Cilenca Trails. Our shuttle will take you to all major bike parks and trails in Slovenia within one and a half hour radius of Hotel Grof.



HELI-BIKE

From Canada to New Zealand. Now also available in Slovenia. New and unforgettable cycling experience for all cycling enthusiasts who would like to fly to the top of the route in a helicopter.

Guided tours



Join our licensed cycling guides at our well-organized cycling tours around Savinja Valley. Our experienced cycling guides have an excellent knowledge of terrain and sights along cycling paths. They will help you improve your riding technique, which will allow you to ride efficiently and with great pleasure. Our shuttle will take care of transporting your luggage and bikes to the starting point and all the way back to the hotel. Cycling tours throughout Slovenia may be arranged for closed groups.

All organized guided tours can be rearranged to your wishes and cycling skills.
Contact us for the personalization of the tours.



MULTI-DAY TOURS

Guided tours for closed cycling groups all over Slovenia.



DAY TOURS

Organized departure every day of the week.



CULINARY TOURS

Gourmet cycling experiences.



BEER AND HOPS TOUR

The tour starts at Hotel Grof and leads towards Žovnek Castle where the ancestors of the Counts of Celje lived. We will visit the castle and then continue cycling past Lake Žovnek followed by a short break at a the local Green Gold Brewery which has been involved in hop production for more than a century. Their ancestors were the first who planted the hops in Savinja Valley. We will take a tour through the brewery and taste their beer. After we continue cycling among the green hop fields to the local Clef Brewery, where music and beer intertwine. At Clef we will taste various types of beer named after famous Slovenian song titles. We continue cycling to the washboards by a riverside where the lunch break will take place. We finish our journey at the Green Gold Beer Fountain in Žalec with a treat of a pint from local breweries from six different taps.

MTB

Time: 8 h
Length: 30 km
Elevation gain: 210 m
Difficulty level: Easy
Suitable for: MTB, E-bike, Gravel
Surface type: Asphalt, Gravel road, Cart tracks

Participation of a minimum 6 persons is mandatory.



HELI-BIKE TOUR

Cycling experience that will stay in your memory forever.

If you are looking for a truly unique experience – a flight and a scenic view over the Lower Savinja Valley followed by fun, adrenaline-fueled cycling adventure – we offer you our guided heli-bike tour. Heli-bike tours are suitable for all age groups, from families to experienced mountain bikers. However, our experienced guides will make sure that your bike adventure suits your abilities, skills and adrenaline needs.

Prior basic mountain biking experience is mandatory. A moderate level of cycling fitness and skills is recommended.

Participation of a minimum 9 persons is mandatory.

Helicopter: AIRBUS AS350
Number of passengers: 1 pilot and 5 passengers
Number of bicycle racks: 6
Cruise speed: 200 km/h (110 kts)
Service ceiling: 4600 m (15.000 ft)
Range: 650 km (350 NM)
Maximum external load: up to 900 kg

Accommodation



HOTEL GROF

Our Hotel Grof is a brand new, cyclist-friendly hotel which opened its doors in 2020. After an easy or hard cycling tour you can relax in 3* rooms above the Grof Guesthouse or in our brand new 4* rooms in the hotel. We will do our best to make your stay as comfortable as possible and ensure you will find everything you need for your regeneration and well-being.



SERVICES IN THE HOTEL

-  7 rooms 3* in the Grof Guesthouse and 34 rooms 4* in the Hotel Grof/ 16 rooms 4* with balcony
-  Modern main hotel venue with flexible setup, lots of daylight and modern technical equipment can host up to 100 people. Partition wall available for division into two smaller venues.
-  Two smaller venues for meetings or events up to 50 people.
-  Wi-Fi
-  Banquet at the venue, lobby, café or outdoors
-  Wellness centre with two saunas (herbal finnish and infrared), massage room and gym.
-  Grof Restaurant with a wide range of local and international dishes.
-  Grof Café with a variety of drinks and desserts.
-  24-hour hotel reception.
-  Complimentary parking (200 parking spaces for cars and buses).
-  Electric charging stations for cars.
-  Event assistance and technical support at the venue.
-  Cyclist-friendly hotel – bike rental, guided cycling tours, cyclist-friendly service.
-  Promotional video streaming possibility at the hotel lobby.
-  Green key/sustainable business

Cycling corner



In our hotel cycling corner at the front desk of the Hotel Grof you can find numerous information which will help you find most suitable cycling tours. We gathered all the information about cycling in Savinja Valley and other parts of Slovenia.

Description of cycling routes with maps and all the details can be found on the computer located in our cycling corner. Additionally you can draw your own route on a digital topographic map.

Our front desk personnel and other hotel employees are always available to assist and advise you the most appropriate cycling route as well as organizing cycling tours and accommodation anywhere in Slovenia.





MAP OF CYCLING ROUTES

We provide a free cycling map of the hotel surroundings and cycling maps from other parts of Slovenia with a QR code and information about cycling routes and offers on the road. Here you can load gpx files of all available tours on your navigation device free of charge, head out and explore the surroundings.



BICYCLE STORAGE SHED

Your bicycles and equipment can be safely stored in our bicycle storage shed for the duration of your stay. Electric bike batteries can be charged free of charge. Our bicycle storage shed is equipped with video surveillance and alarm.



LICENSED CYCLING GUIDES

Our guides will take you to all hidden corners of our green valley. They will help you improve your technique, take care of your safety, well-being and satisfaction on the tour.



REPAIR SHOP

We offer tools for a basic repair of your bicycles. If your bicycle has a major defect, we can deliver it to the repair shop nearby.



LAUNDRY

You can wash your dirty bicycles in front of the bicycle storage shed. We can take care of washing and drying your cycling clothes while you are enjoying a massage, relaxing in sauna, or treating yourself with a delicious meal at our restaurant.



THE CYCLIST'S MENU

In our Grof restaurant we offer a special cycling menu with classic local dishes, rich in carbohydrates and protein which will help you to recover and prepare for new challenges ahead.



WELLNESS AND FITNESS

The area intended for your pleasure and regeneration is located on the ground floor of Hotel Grof. You can relax in sauna, treat yourself with a massage or spend some time in the gym.



TRANSFERS

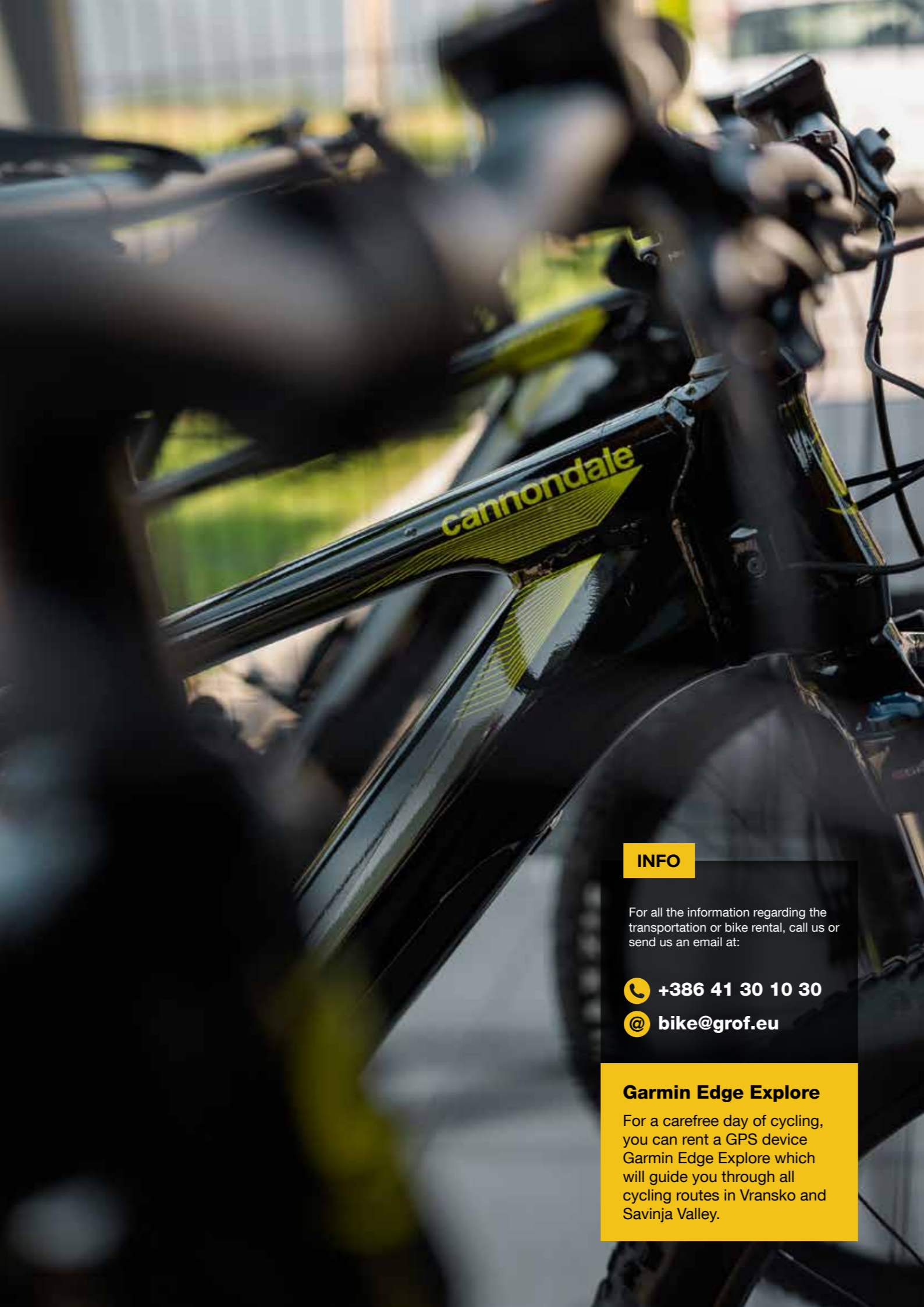
We provide a shuttle to the starting point of all guided tours that do not start in Hotel Grof. A trailer for 10 bicycles is also available for larger groups. Transfers for you, your bicycle, and your luggage can be organized anywhere in Slovenia.



Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available at the entire Hotel and Guesthouse Grof. Description of cycling routes with maps and all the details can be found on the computer located in our cycling corner. Additionally you can load gpx files of all available tours on your navigation device and draw your own route on a digital topographic map.

Bike rental



Cannondale Mavaro Neo



Cannondale Topstone



Cannondale Trail Neo



Cannondale Moterra Neo



GT Avalanche

INFO

For all the information regarding the transportation or bike rental, call us or send us an email at:

+386 41 30 10 30

@ bike@grof.eu

Garmin Edge Explore

For a carefree day of cycling, you can rent a GPS device Garmin Edge Explore which will guide you through all cycling routes in Vransko and Savinja Valley.

We offer Cannondale and GT bicycles of different sizes, suitable for adults and children. Complimentary helmet and lock are available at rent. We can provide a child seat if needed. Extra charges apply for Garmin Edge Explore navigation device.

We can deliver or pick up our rental bicycles anywhere in Slovenia.

Culinary



Grof Guesthouse with a hundred-year-old tradition is considered a treasure trove of flavours inspired by local ingredients and seasonal products. Food represents the heart of Grof Guesthouse with various menus, coffee break offers and cyclists menus for all tastes and different opportunities. What guides us is quality offer and satisfied returning guests.



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