

# Journey to the Center of the Earth – Cerje Cave



We will take you on an adventure to visit one of the most beautiful caves in Serbia, which forms, together with the Kravljanska pit, the second longest cave system in our country, right after the Lazar's cave.

## TOUR PLAN

### General information



**Type of adventure:**  
caving

**Departure:** during the season

**Group:** 8 people max.

**Duration:** 1 day

**Travel mode:** car/van

**Technical requirements:**

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**Physical fitness:**

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Departure from the hotel at 09:30AM. Through the villages of Paljina and Miljkovac we enter the mountainous area known as Kalafat. This area, geographically not very large, is distinguished by many cultural and historic sites, and by protected natural wealth of great significance. Some of its potentials is our today's aim.

We will start our adventure in the village of Miljkovac, where we will first visit the remains of the medieval town of Železnik, which dates from the second half of the 14th century.

After the tour, in about ten minutes of driving, we arrive in the village of Cerje, in which vicinity is one of the longest and oldest caves in the Balkans – the Cerje Cave, also known as *Provalija* (the Chasm). Scientists estimate that it was formed more than two million years ago. It has been under the protection of the Institute for the Protection of Natural Monuments since 1998, as a natural asset of the first category. The length of the cave channels explored so far is about 7000 meters. The entrance to the cave is the abyss of the river *Provalija*, which springs again at *Kravljansko vrelo*.

During this adventure of about three hours, we will cross the cave channels in the length of one kilometer and enjoy the beauties of the halls rich in cave jewelry. What makes the cave specific are the helictites, a special type of cave jewelry that defies all the laws of physics and the gravity of the earth, because they extend in all directions. Moving through the cave, we also meet the fire salamander, one of the inhabitants of the cave, which is on the list of strictly protected wild animal species.

After visiting the cave, through the village of Kamenica and the hill of Čegar, where there is an imposing monument dedicated to the Serbs who died in the fight for the liberation of Serbia from the Turks, we return to Niš in the afternoon. End of the program.

**Price per person:** 1pax: 120€; 2pax: 60€; 3-5pax: 45€; 6-8pax: 40€

**Price includes:** Transportation, entrance to the cave, guiding service, equipment, travel organization expenses.

**Price does not include:** Food, individual expenses.

**NOTE:** Our passage through the cave depends on precipitation, that is, weather. If conditions allow, we can pass through the whole cave. It takes three hours to pass through the cave and requires adequate equipment and knowledge. **You are not allowed to pass through the cave alone, and without the equipment and guide.**

**Method of payment:** In cash, up to 5 days before departure. This program is composed for 8 travelers. In case of changes on the money market (or the goods and services market), or in case of insufficient number of travelers signed on, the organizer has a right to correct prices, change the program, or cancel the trip at the latest 3 days before the start of the trip.

*According to the Serbian Law on Tourism (Article 79), for one-day excursions (trips shorter than 24 hours), protection is not provided in terms of travel guarantee.*