

CAVE PEKELJ
AND
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Hell Cave (Jama Pekel) Just a few kilometres from the Roman necropolis, water has created a unique **phenomenon** through the centuries - a Karst cave with **numerous** stalactites and stalagmites of all shapes, walls **coated** with calcium sediment and **confluence** of two brooks. The cave at the edge of the Ponikovski karst area acquired its name from the interesting rock entrance that looks like the Devil. It is composed of two levels, and the lower level is **crisscrossed** by many streams. The main entrance tunnel ends in a siphon with the shape of a **narrow** high tunnel with small lakes and waterfalls. The bones of a Neanderthal man were found in the cave, and the cave was already open to visitors in the 19th century when parties were held in it. A forest **education** trail leads past the cave.

ROMAN NECROPOLIS

In one of the most beautifully arranged archaeological parks in Europe, you can visit the **preserved** tombs of the Roman aristocrats from nearby Celeia who had **estates** in this **fertile** valley (Savinjsak valley). Their positions can be read from the tombstones, while the finds displayed in the archaeological collection of the Celje Regional Museum bear witness to their lives.

The necropolis was discovered by accident in 1952 when work in an **orchard** uncovered a statue of a Seated woman. The excavations in Šempeter clearly show the cultural life in the area of Celeia, which was under the artistic influence of the nearest cultural centre Aquileia.

PHENOMENON-A phenomenon is something that is observed to happen or exist. (n)

NUMEROUS-If people or things are numerous, they exist or are present in large numbers. (adj.)

COATED-Combines with names of substance as plastic and sugar to form adjectives that describe something as being covered with thin layer of that substance. (adj.)

CONFLUENCE-If there is a confluence of two things, they join. (n)

CRISSCROSSED-If two sets of lines or things crisscross, they cross over each other. (n)

NARROW-Something that is narrow measures a very small distance from one side to another, especially compared to its length or height. (adj.)

EDUCATION-Education of a particular kind involves teaching the public about a particular issue. (n)

PRESERVED-If you preserve a situation or condition, you make sure that it remains as it is, and does not change or end. (v)

ESTATES-An estate is a large area of land in the country which is owned by a person, family or organization. (n)

FERTILE-Land or soil that is fertile is able to support the growth of large number of strong healthy plants. (n)

ORCHARD-An orchard is an area of land on which fruit trees are grown. (n)