

KAMNICA, MY HOME TOWN

Kamnica is the oldest village on the area of Maribor.

The name of the village was changing threew years and present name appeared somewhere between 1096 and 1105.

1993 we celebrated 900th anniversary of our village.

The village developed of old rural core at the foot of a Lucijin hill.

It lies not far from Maribor on the left bank of river Drava in direction west-east.

Kamnica is the only village surrounding Maribor, which didn't united with Maribor.

Thanks to the water sources on Vrbanska plateau Kamnica became suburbia.

In Kamnica there are around 2850 inhabitants.

They are employed in Maribor, but some of them are working in their hometown.

A lot of inhabitants in spending their free time with farming, winegrowing, fruit growing, foresting and gardening.

In Kamnica are all amenities which we need.

We have church, post office, kindergarten, primary school, shops, markets, bars, dentist, cemetery, butcher, florist and a lot of other things.

Relief is very agitated, but small hills which are the beginning of Kozjak are prevailing.

On the sunny side of hills are gradient vineyards and on the other side of hills are forests, pasturelands and meadows.

In the valleys are purling clear stream and on the top of crests are walking ways. From there in on many places beautiful view far around.

And on all this areas is very variegated tourist offer too. Our village is recognizable by St. Martin's and St. Urban's church and by Maribor's island.

Maribor's island lies below power station Maribor's island.

On the island in one of the first swimming area in Europe, the swimming pools were made in 1930.

This island is representing nature particularity; it is protected as a natural monument.

In our village is worth to visit too the oldest hippodrome in Slovenia, Turkish chapel and devil's rocks.

Kamnica is at weekends a holiday house for lot inhabitants of Maribor.

On the area of Urban, Šober, Medič and Rošpoh is a lot of very neat wine shops and rustic farms.

Farmers are offering there home made juice and food, and the best quality of home made wine.

In Kamnica are functioning a lot of different associations and clubs like:

Cultural Art Association Kobanci, Hunting club, Sports club Partizan, Association for retired persons, Red Cross, Beekeepers Club, Fire-fighters association with 110-year tradition and a lot of others.

My favourite places in Kamnica are:

- Maribor's island - I can go for a walk and watch beautiful birds and plants. On one side of an island there are a lot of stones and I usually walk there and look for stones in shape of a heart.
- School playground - I like to go there because there are a lot of benches and I usually meet there with my friends. We sit there and talk to each other of hours.

I brought you some brochure in which you can see that Kamnica is really nice village and that is a lot of thing to do.

I brought with me even some books, these books were written by my parents, because they are really proud of Kamnica.

- Moja Kamnica - It's all about Kamnica, history, archaeological sites and land marks.
- Urban - we have been there for our sport's day, but nobody actually did noticed. It's a really nice and old church.
- Mariborski otok - Is an island, which I have been told you about. In book is a lot of nice pictures, is written about historical events and everything about this island.
- Kamenčki - Is a fairy tale book. Here are collected all fairy tales about Kamnica for those who don't know the secrets of it.

I hope that some day your way will lead you threw Kamnica and you will take a little time to see our beautiful natural monuments and other interesting and peaceful places.