Hotel Rakitna
WELCOME TO THE ALPINE-MEDITERRANEAN PARADISE
ABOUT HOTEL RAKITNA

BASIC INFORMATION

- breakfast from 9 am to 11 am (included in the price of staying)
- lunch from 12 noon to 2 pm (see daily offer)
- dinner from 5 pm to 7 pm (see daily offer)

Our hotel is ideal for all who want to pamper in peace, fresh air, walking, cycling and exploring the natural beauty of Rakitna with surroundings, that is below why we offer a few options for trips and activities in our hotel.

In one week of staying with us, you can see the whole of Slovenia by taking different trips:

- **Ljubljana** – distance: 25 km, driving time: 30 min; city tour, castle, shopping ...
- **Postojna cave** – distance: 67 km, driving time: 60 min; a tour of the famous cave and Predjama Castle
- **Lipica** – distance: 99 km, driving time: 1h 15 min; beautiful Lipizzaner horses, golf
- **Portorož** – distance: 107 km, driving time: 1h 30 min; Slovenian coast, salt pans, Piran
- **Bled** – distance: 112 km, driving time: 1h 25 min; one of the most beautiful lakes in the world, castle, golf
- **Čatež** – distance: 122 km, driving time: 1h 25 min; spa, castle, golf in Mokrice
- **Maribor** – distance: 151 km, driving time: 1h 45 min; beautiful cultural city, Lent
Hotel Rakitna is a family hotel and for any additional information are always at your disposal:

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- And a whole team of colleagues, who will always make every effort to ensure your wishes are fulfilled.

**HOUSE SPECIALITIES**

It is also taken care of your well-being by our chef with house specialities:

- beef soup according to grandmother’s recipe with meat and vegetables
- onion braciola with homemade “špeci”
- homemade cottage cheese dumplings in mushroom sauce
- wild boar in piquant sauce with homemade cottage cheese dumplings
- homemade apple strudel
- homemade “gibanica” cake
- from Thursday to Sunday we also
  - offer delicious pizzas
  - from bread oven

A PARADISE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS  
SPORTS ACTIVITIES (BASKETBALL, BEACH VOLLEYBALL, MINI-FOOTBALL ...)

DELICIOUS PIZZAS FROM BREAD OVEN

WILD BOAR IN PIQUANT SAUCE WITH HOMEMADE DUMPLINGS
In the heart of a large forest-karst plateau, 800 meters above the sea level, lies a settlement and a vacation town of Rakitna. Extremely favourable bioclimatic conditions created by mixing Mediterranean and Alpine air currents have made Rakitna one of the most healthy sub-alpine places in Slovenia.

The idyllic village is divided into nine hamlets (and three houses) with specific names; Hudi Konec (Dreadful End), Boršt, Novaki, Na Klancu (On the Slope), Hrib (Hill) and has a total of 700 inhabitants. The oldest economic line has always been forestry, they are also engaged in stockbreeding, or drive to work in the valley.

**HOTELA RAKITNA** lies in direct vicinity of the lake, which is a popular trip in all seasons, as it offers swimming in summer, ice skating in winter, and fishing in summer and autumn. Lake was formed by damming the disappearing river of Rakitinščica, which runs along the edge of the plateau, in the karst field.

Besides cross-country skiing, hiking, cycling and other sports activities years ago also the paragliding developed. By its location and rich thermal conditions Rakitna offers good conditions for flights.

Rakitna also hosts the only sub-alpine children's health resort in Slovenia, which is mainly involved in the treatment and rehabilitation of children suffering from respiratory and food problems.
LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

BRINARJEVA FIR TREE
Brinarjeva or Kranška fir tree (the locals call it ‘the beautiful spruce’) attracts attention with extremely dense crown and especially with cypress shape that makes it visible in the woods. Crowns with columned growth are very rare in trees. Brinarjeva fir tree is the only known such fir tree in Slovenia, so it ranks among monuments of natural heritage. More than 300 m from Brinarjeva fir tree the airfield for paragliding stands and a wonderful view of the Borovnica.

THE ROMAN WALL IN RAKITNA
2000 years ago the Roman road lead past Rakitna. For the defence of the place the Romans built a wall, which remnants were still visible until recently. Due to inadequate protection they are covered with grass nowadays.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
The church of the Holy Cross in Rakitna was first mentioned in the year 1420. Rakitna town itself, however, was mentioned in 1265. Originally, it was the subsidiary church of the Cerklje church, however, from 1842 it is the parish church. A large altar made of black marble was made at the end of the 17th century. The church has two marble altars, which were brought from Bistra (nowadays there’s a Technical museum of Slovenia), after the Carthusian monastery there was abolished.

POLHARSKI DOM (DORMOUSE HOME)
In Polharski dom a few kilometres from Rakitna along the road towards Podpeč you can see a dormouse museum collection. Amateur dormouse museum is also active in neighbouring Preserje.

FOREST AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL EDUCATIONAL PATH THE ROMAN WALL
Next to our hotel there is a starting point of the forest and archaeological educational path, which is 3,100 m long, with an elevation gain of 100 m. Walking footwear is recommended. You can start the path as an one-hour walk or as a half-day trip. It is suitable for school groups, families, and other nature lovers. The educational path starts along the lake. Access to Rakitna is possible from Ljubljan a through Črna vas or Brezovica, and from Primorska and Notranjska through Cerklje. We can organize a guided tour of the educational path free of charge, with our hotel guide, who can also show you the Landscape park of Barje.

BROWN BEAR
Brown bear has many lairs in Krim forests and on Rakitna plateau. Let us remember that it is also a part of nature, and therefore it is recommended for all visitors to walk the inhabited paths, thus making an unscheduled surprise impossible.

When we say that in Rakitna we expect game on the plate, we are not wrong. Rakitna with its surroundings is rich with wild animals, some of which are the wild pigs, roe deer, and red deer.
FOOTPATHS

FOOTPATH 1:

HOTEL RAKITNA – BRINARJEVA FIR TREE – HOTEL RAKITNA

WALKING TIME: approx. 1 hour
LENGTH: 5.16 km

Path description on the main road: From HOTEL RAKITNA parking lot turn left on the main road towards Cerknica. Drive up the road over a kilometre and a half. Once the path starts to descend walk another 500 m, then turn right onto the forest path (cart track). Walk another 600 m on the cart track, until you arrive to a small clearing. and on the right-hand side, 10 m into the forest you can see a wonderful Brinarjeva fir tree or as the locals call it The beautiful spruce. About a kilometre along the cart track you can see a beautiful view of the Borovnica, where there is also a take-off point for paragliders. You can return along the same path.

Description of the educational path leading to Brinarjeva fir tree: The path to Brinarjeva fir tree can be combined with the educational path of the Roman wall. A marked path leads from the HOTEL RAKITNA, which you follow all the way to the table with a number 14. Continue on the path along the cart track on the right side, until you get to the main road. On the main road continue to the left towards Cerknica and after one kilometre turn right onto the forest path (cart track). The remaining part of the path is already described above. We return along the main road to the HOTEL RAKITNA.

FOOTPATH 2:

CIRCULAR FOOTPATH HOTEL RAKITNA – CLIMATIC HEALTH RESORT – HOTEL RAKITNA

WALKING TIME: 1 hour
STARTING POINT AND ENDING POINT: HOTEL RAKITNA
LENGTH: 4.6 km

FOOTPATH 3:

HOTEL RAKITNA – KRIM – HOTEL RAKITNA

WALKING TIME: 4 hours

Path description: At the parking lot you can see mountain signposts for Krim and Iški Vintgar. After a short ascent you arrive to an unmarked crossroads where the road branches off to the left towards the nearby bar, but you continue right, where a few meters ahead you can see the blazes. After several 10 meters of further walk you arrive at the next crossroads and continue along the ascending road on the left (on the right-hand side is a health resort in Rakitna) and follow it for a short period to the marked crossroads. Here you should abandon the road and continue slightly right along the marked cart track in the direction of Krim (on the sharp right is Iški Vintgar). The following path ascends between pastures and in the upper part of these leads to a crossroads, where you continue along the right marked cart track. During the ascent you can see many information boards of the forest educational path. From the saddle (sedlo), between Županov vrh and Rotovc, we continue slightly to the left, in the direction of Krim (straight ahead is Rotovc: 5 minutes). When from the left we are connected to the marked path from hunting lodge Plehanov laž, we abandon the road and continue the ascent sharply right in the direction of footpaths to Krim. When the path takes us to the fence of the nearby military area, we ascend along the fence, which will lead us to a nearby road, then to the left and after a minute of walking you come to the top of Krim. The same path leads back to the hotel.
CYCLING ROUTE 1:
RAKITNA – KRIJ - RAKITNA

LENGTH: 22 km

Route description: A pleasant and not too difficult mountain cycling route starting at the HOTEL RAKITNA, through the village along the asphalt road, to the turning for Krim (board for Krim 8 km). Continue along the wide macadam road uphill on a gentle slope and descend along the clearing, where the first turn to the left is a road leading to Krim. The road is still wide but of lower quality, so it is especially suitable for mountain bikes and trek bicycles with appropriate tires. At the top there is a mountain lodge. You return along the same path. The route is open through the whole year.

CYCLING ROUTE 2:
RAKITNA – LJUBLJANA - RAKITNA

LENGTH: 48 km

DRIVING TIME WITH A BYCICLE: 2.5 hours

Because of the length and rise back to Rakitna, it is advisable to be in good condition.

CYCLING ROUTE 3:
RAKITNA – CERKNIKA – LOGATEC – VRHNIKA – LJUBLJANA - RAKITNA

LENGTH: 90 km

Route description: Beautiful tour from Rakitna descending toward the Cerkniško lake. Lowering takes place along the asphalted road. Because of its length and pitches it is recommended to be in better condition. Best time for cycling is late spring or autumn.
Location
This hotel is set next to the Rakitna lake, one of the most popular landmarks in the vicinity of Ljubljana. Rakitna is famous for its beautiful nature with many hiking-trails in its forests (www.rakitna.si/ucnapot). Rakitna is also known for its soothing climate, created by the mixture of Mediterranean and alpine air flows.

Accommodation
Accommodation for one night in a single room with breakfast is 79 €/person
Accommodation for one night in a double room with breakfast is 49€/person
Price per night for 7 days with half board is 39 €/person/night
Weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) is 88 €/person,
the price includes two nights in a double room with half board.

Capacity
Rooms: 7, beds: 26, apartments: 3, number of indoor seats: 160, number of outdoor seats: 200,
conference room: 35 seats, the largest restaurant room: 100 seats,
number of parking spaces: 120, covered garage: 20
Room facilities: breakfast buffet, cable TV, telephone, free internet access (WiFi), bathroom
Other facilities: conference room, fitness room, sauna,
place and organization of picnics and excursions,
organization of sports and recreational activities as well as a variety of events
(birthdays, weddings, team building, business events, etc.)

Restaurant
Offer: Slovenian cuisine, Mediterranean cuisine,
Balkan cuisine, fast food, seafood, venison
dishes, pizzas, vegetarian dishes, grilled dishes,
breakfasts, daily lunches, desserts, top-quality
Slovenian wines.
Additional offer: beer garden, playground for
children, children’s chairs, beach volleyball, Wi-Fi,
live music, and food to-go, billiards, table football.

HOW TO FIND US?
Europa, Slovenia, Ljubljana, Rakitna
Resort is located 25km south from Ljubljana and lies at 800meters altitude on the Karst plateau.
Drive toward Brezovica, Podpeč, Preserje and Zg. Brezovica, finally following the uphill toward Rakitna.