

- Zrinjevac:

Just a few minutes away from Nikola Šubić Zrinski Squar, in Donji Grad (the central part of Zagreb) there's a park which covers 12,500 m².

The Zrinjevac park is the oldest Green Horseshoe Park, which consists of seven squares in Donji grad, dating back to 1860.

Filled with flowers, trees, and fountains, this is a perfect place to relax and enjoy the sunshine.

It has a musical pavilion in the middle, built in 1891. This pavilion, gift of Eduard Prister, to the city of Zagreb is a very known place for concerts and festival and for being the center of Christmas market during Christmastime.

The park is interesting for art lovers as well. In fact, there are various busts of famous Croats in it:

- Julije Klović -> was an illuminator, miniaturist, and painter
- Andrija Medulić -> was an Italian Renaissance painter and etcher, born in present-day Croatia
- Fran Krsto Frankopan -> was a Croatian baroque poet, nobleman and politician
- Nikola Jurišić -> was a Croatian nobleman, soldier, and diplomat
- Ivan Kukuljević Sakcinski -> was a Croatian historian, politician and writer, most famous for the first speech delivered in Croatian before the Parliament
- Ivan Mažuranić -> was a Croatian poet, linguist, lawyer and politician

Furthermore, here are famous institutions next to it:

- The Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts and the Archaeological Museum.
- The Meteorological Pole on the north side of the park, dating back to 1884, that still gives you information on various meteorological phenomena.
- The Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and the Zagreb County Court.

- Tomislavac:

The King Tomislav Square is located toward Central station and between two important buildings: the Art Pavilion and the Main Railway Station.

Popularly called Tomislavac, his name is given in memoriam of the first Croatian king.

It is also considered as Lenuci's Horseshoe, and one of wonderful parks of Zagreb.

With a large fountain, the grass, benches, and shades of the trees here are particularly popular in springtime, when you can see students studying here, people playing various sports on the grass, or having picnics and relaxing.

It's even more charming during Christmastime, when it turns into the city's biggest ice-skating rink.

- Medvednica:

Medvednica Sljeme is a rare example where a nature park is merging with a capital city.

In fact, Sljeme is the highest mountain peak on Medvednica, but is often used to refer to the entire mountain.

In the past, Medvednica provided protection with its castles. As well, it was the source of life because it provided residents with wood, coal, salt, stone, silver and water.

The mountain is filled with springs and streams, forests, mountain meadows and wildlife and it's only a short drive from the city centre of Zagreb. For this reason, today, locals find it as an escape from the city life.

There are 20 archaeological sites in the Nature Park. Ranging from Prehistoric Period down to the late Middle Ages.

At the same time, there are 60+ registered cultural properties. Which testifies to the Parks abundance of cultural heritage.

Between its Castles and manor houses plus the fact that Medvednica was both a protector and a tyrant to locals, Medvednica handle many stories and legends.

In fact, Medvednica has many stories, like the legend of the Black Queen of Medvedgrad or Medvednica "coprnice" or Witches.

In ancient times, people worshipped gods of Nature. Mother Earth gave and took life. Her priestesses were skilled in all knowledge about nature and feared by locals.

Afterwards, new rulers and new armies came and the ancient priestesses were prosecuted and humiliated.

Living in the shadow for centuries they took on many features of the creatures of darkness. It is said that they are roaming Medvednica forests during the night, even today.

- Outro:

To resume Zagreb is not just about history, it offers a lot more. Zagreb offers untouched nature, parks and green places do some sports, discover cultural monuments and relax.