

# OPŠTINA BAČ



Panorama of Bač from the Fortress' main Tower

Opština Bač se nalazi u jugozapadnom delu prostrane panonske nizije, u Vojvodini, još bliže u jugozapadnom delu Bačke. Prostire se na površini od 367km<sup>2</sup> i obuhvata 6 naselja (Bač, Bačko Novo Selo, Plavna, Vajska, Bođani i Selenča), u kojima živi oko 14.000 stanovnika. Bač, nekada slavni grad, po kome je čitava ova velika plodna ravnica između Dunava i Tise dobila ime Bačka. Prvi tragovi u pisanim izvorima o Baču i području oko njega potiču još iz perioda Justinijana, kada gospodar Carigrada i car Istočnog rimskog carstva pominje Bač u svom pismu 535. godine. Arapski geograf i putopisac Idrisi završio je svoju “Geografiju” 1154. godine u kojoj spominje Bač kao važan i značajan grad, bogat sa mnogo trgovaca, zanatlija i grčkih učenjaka u kome se održavaju sajmovi.

The Bač municipality is situated in the south-west part of the spacious Pannonian plain, in Vojvodina, or the south-west Bačka. It covers area of 367 square kilometers and encompasses 6 settlements (Bač, Bačko Novo Selo, Plavna, Vajska, Bođani and Selenča) which, all together, have approximately 14.000 inhabitants. Bač used to be a glorious city after which this whole fertile plain between Danube and Tisa got its name, Bačka. The first written traces of Bač and the territory around it originate even from the period of Justinian, when the ruler of Constantinople and the Emperor of The Eastern Roman Empire mentioned Bač in his letter in 535. The Arabian geographer and travel writer Idrisi finished his “Geography” in 1154, in which he mentioned Bač as an important and significant town, rich with merchants, manufacturers and Greek scholars, the place where fairs used to be held.

## Several traditional customs depicting multiculturalism of Bač



# BAČ: The Fortress



Srednovekovna tvrđava u Baču poznata je kao jedna od najbolje očuvanih tvrđava Panonske nizije. Sagrađena je u gradu istog imena, na malom ostrvu u okviru reke Mostonge. Tvrđava u Baču spada u takozvane “vodene gradove”, jer je nekada bila okružena sa svih strana Mostongom, a jedini način ulaska u grad je bilo uz pomoć pokretnog mosta. Osnova tvrđave je petougona, sa kulama u svakom uglu. Unutar utvrđenja nalazi se još jedna, centralna kula – donžon kula. Ova kula imala je značajnu ulogu prilikom odbrane tvrđave, kao i osmatranje.

The medieval fortress in Bač is known as one of the great fortresses of its time in the Pannonian plain. It was built by the town of the same name to the west, on a small island on the river Mostonga. The Fortress in Bač is known as one of the so-called “Water Towns”,

because it used to be surrounded by the Mostonga river on all sides, approachable only by the drawbridges. The fortress has a pentagonal basis with projecting towers on its corners. Inside the fort there is another, superior, central (or dungeon defender) tower. The tower has served as an important part of the defense system of the fortress, but also as an observation post.



The main tower at the sunset

The Gate Šiljak – It's the entrance to the old town of Bač / Kapija Šiljak



The internal last floor of the tower

