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## Celebrate St. Vincent on January 22 in Croatia Zagorje

**For winemakers in Croatia, St. Vincent – Vincekovo** - is a time to celebrate with friends, family and fellow winemakers by symbolically decorating the vines with things like sausages and bacon; plenty of good, hearty traditional winter food, wine and music.



**Ak za Vincekovo sunce svetli, bit će vina u kleti** - **If on the St. Vincent day sun is shining, there will be wine in the cellar**

**Če Vinka sunce peče, v lagve vino teče** - **If Vincent is sunbathing, there's a wine flowing in the barrel**

**Ak se na Vincekovo v mlaki vode opere vrabec, najesen bude dosti pijače** - **If on the St. Vincent day sparrows splash in rain water, there will be lots of wine in Autumn**

A typical St. Vincent's celebration in Croatia consists of religious services, blessing of the vineyards, lighting of bonfires, live folk music performances and dancing, regional culinary specialties cooked over open fires, and of course plenty of local wine!



One of the legends associated with this day says that if the ice hanging over the roofs starts to melt before noon and creates puddles that sparrows can swim in, then we will all swim in wine.

After the Vincekovo ceremony you will visit [Orsic Palace](#) and the exhibition of the peasant rebellion and feudalism in northwest Croatia, or

The [Neanderthal Museum](#) and an authentic reconstruction of a Neanderthal family of 17 people. The archaeological site on a hill called Husnjak had over eight hundred fossil remains of 75 Neanderthals along with their tools and weapons, making it one of the most significant of its kind in Europe.

In the evening, dinner at local restaurant accompanied by traditional music.

**Contact Danijela in Zagreb for details and to arrange your Vincekovo program**

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