

# A Day in Logarska Dolina

*Rinka Falls and the valley floor, doable in a single day, mostly on foot*

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*The valley floor, with the Kamnik-Savinja Alps rising on both sides*

## Overview

Logarska Dolina is a glacial valley in the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, protected as a landscape park since 1987. It runs for about 7 kilometres between steep rock walls and closes at the far end in an amphitheatre of cliffs, with the 90 metre Rinka Falls dropping straight out of it. The valley itself is mostly meadows, old farmhouses and a scattering of very old trees, and there are more than twenty smaller waterfalls tucked into the side gorges. The walk to the main sights is flat and well marked, which is why it works as a day trip for a mixed group rather than just for hikers.

## What to see

**Rinka Falls** is the reason most people come here. At 90 metres it is the tallest waterfall in the valley and has been a protected natural monument since 1987. A gravel path leads to it from the last car park, about 15 to 20 minutes on foot, with a viewing platform close to the base.

**The Logar linden** stands near the entrance to the valley. It is roughly 24 metres tall with a trunk about 5 metres around, and it is usually the first thing people stop to photograph on the way in.

**The Plesnik elm**, further along in the middle of the valley, is one of the largest trees in the park (around 3.7 metres trunk diameter) and gives a good sense of scale against the surrounding meadows.

**Palenk Falls** drops 78 metres from a broken rock face and is a worthwhile short detour if there is time left after Rinka.

**Okreselj** is a mountain cirque at the head of a side valley, used as a starting point for hikes further into the Kamnik-Savinja Alps. Reaching it adds roughly 1.5 hours of walking each way, so it only fits a day trip if the group starts early or has its own transport.

**The Home of the Sisters (Dom duhovnih vaj)** is a building from 1938 partway through the valley, now run as a guesthouse, and a reasonable place to stop for food on the way back.



*Rinka Falls, dropping 90 metres*



*Entering the valley*

## Suggested schedule for the day

This timing follows the summer weekend bus from Celje. If the group drives instead, the schedule loosens up considerably and there's room to add Okreselj.

| Time                       | Activity                                                         |
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| <b>6:05 am</b>             | Bus leaves Celje (summer weekend line)                           |
| <b>about 7:30 am</b>       | Arrive in the valley, stop at the Logar linden near the entrance |
| <b>7:45 to 9:15 am</b>     | Walk in past the Plesnik elm to the last car park (Rinka stop)   |
| <b>9:15 to 10:00 am</b>    | Walk up to Rinka Falls and back                                  |
| <b>10:00 to 11:30 am</b>   | Free time: side trip to Palenk Falls, or lunch in the valley     |
| <b>11:30 am to 1:00 pm</b> | Walk back toward the entrance, stopping at the old guesthouse    |
| <b>1:05 pm or 3:53 pm</b>  | Bus back to Celje, depending on which return you catch           |

The round trip on foot to Rinka Falls and back is about 7 km total on flat, easy ground, so it works for most fitness levels. Adding Okreselj tacks on roughly 3 extra hours of walking round trip, which usually only makes sense with a car rather than the bus schedule above.

## Getting there by public transport

From late June through the end of August, a weekend bus (Savinjska bus, booked through Nomago) runs from Celje into the valley on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, continuing in season all the way to the Rinka stop, with intermediate stops at the old guesthouse and at Hotel Plesnik. Departures from Celje are at 6:05 am and 1:05 pm, with return departures from the valley at 7:58 am and 3:53 pm. Because timetables and fares change from year to year, it's worth double checking on [nomago.si](http://nomago.si) or [savinjska-bus.si](http://savinjska-bus.si) before the trip. Bikes travel free, up to 16 per bus.

Outside that summer window, a regular year round bus runs several times a day between Celje and Solcava, though from Solcava it's still about 5 km to the valley entrance, on foot or by additional transport.

The nearest train station is Celje, so a train plus bus combination works using the connections above.

On weekdays or outside summer, driving is the more practical option. Entry to the landscape park by car costs 7 euros; walkers and cyclists don't pay.



*Rinka Falls below the Eagle's Nest cliff*



*Meadows on the valley floor*

## Practical details

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| <b>Park entry fee</b> | 7 euros by car, 5 euros by motorbike, 8 euros by van, 25 euros by bus. Free on foot or by bike. |
| <b>Difficulty</b>     | Easy, fine for families. The extension to Okreselj is a proper hike, longer and steeper.        |
| <b>What to bring</b>  | Comfortable shoes, water, food, something for rain, sun protection.                             |
| <b>Time needed</b>    | A full day. Around 8 to 10 hours door to door if going by the summer bus.                       |