

25 September 2016

Dear friends of Hotel Gracanica,

This Tuesday from the morning to 6:30pm, we will again prepare **ajvar** and other traditional preserves in our garden. Come, watch and taste!



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We recently had the marvelous multi-ethnic **Mitrovica Rock School** as our guests for a workshop, and on October 2nd, Sunday, at 5pm, four of their bands will perform a **concert** in the garden of the hotel. Mark the date! You'll receive an invitation with the details in the coming days.



Samples of their music: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qp1DJiniRIY</u> and <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MueKd7AdR0c</u>

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The **New York Times** recently published an article about the Kosovo's medieval monasteries, with several paragraphs about our hotel, "Kosovo's first and only boutique hotel", and the **meze** we offer every Saturday from 12 noon to 9pm, at 8.50 € per person:

"In late May, just shy of the summer season, I found myself the only diner in the hotel restaurant on a Saturday night, its pine tables covered in bright geometric textiles from a nearby town. In a short time I had before me a full platter of meze in the Kosovar style, which is Turkish-inspired but distinctly Balkan: ground chicken and beef kofte, mushrooms stuffed with carrot and crème fraîche, hot peppers cooked in spicy yogurt, accompanied by a large disc of pitarke bread, which is like pita but softer inside, and was clearly intended for multiple diners though I finished it all myself without any problem. Ajvar, a sweet red-pepper jam, brightens everything."



For the full article, see <u>http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/18/travel/the-medieval-monasteries-of-kosovo.html? r=2</u>.

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Thanks to our Italian guests who brought their drone along, we now have a beautiful video of the **hotel** and surroundings seen from the air: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZ2-nwXWBjw</u>



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Our hotel is now also listed on **BoutiqueHomes**, a great platform to find "intimate small luxury hotels", as the first hotel in Kosovo, or rather the first hotel in the Balkans east of Croatia: https://www.boutique-homes.com/small-hotels/europe/kosovo/hotel-gracanica-kosovo/#

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You would like to see how the weather is in Gracanica and whether people are swimming in our pool? Just click on our **webcam**: <u>http://www.hotelgracanica.com/webcam/</u>! Or you can see snapshots of the past 24 hours or the past month on <u>https://www.lookr.com/de/lookout/1472449757-Gra%C3%A7anica</u>.



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If the sight of the many sick or injured **stray dogs** makes you feel miserable, consider supporting the Swiss Straycoco Foundation (<u>http://www.straycoco.com/http/www-straycoco-com/www-straycoco-com/welcome/</u>) that has, since its start in January 2015, caught, neutered, vaccinated and released more than 2000 of them.

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If you would like to get more often **updates** on what is going on at the hotel, follow us on Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/HotelGracanica</u>!

Best regards,

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