



Opatovina, with a View of the Franciscan Monastery, 1910

## OPATOVINA

You have now arrived at Opatovina, a secular settlement that form a part of the Church's property. The name Opatovina originates from the Cistercians who moved to the Kaptol at the beginning of the 14th Century and managed a part of its land.

Opatovina was founded in 1477 with the aim of providing a settlement for the population so that they could guard and defend the defensive walls around the Kaptol that were built to defend against the Ottomans. The people who settled in Opatovina were provided with a number of statutory privileges: the municipality was able to elect a judge every year, build a town hall and the residents were exempt from paying taxes for sixteen years.

You can start your walk through Opatovina next to the Petrica and Galženjaki Sculpture, which is the work of the famous Croatian Sculptor Vanja Radauš, and end it in the north next to the monastery and the Church of St. Francis. The Franciscans arrived to Kaptol in the 13th Century, and it is said that Saint Francis himself stayed in Zagreb, where he founded a church and monastery. The church and monastery were destroyed in the 2020 earthquake, and are currently being restored.

**At the entrance to Opatovina Park you will find a sign with a QR code, about the the Steps of the Bishop of the Holy Spirit.**



Opatovina, 1950's

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