



TOMIĆEVA (HILLY) STREET AND THE FUNICULAR

From Ilica, one of the more colourful main streets in Zagreb, we've brought you to Tomićeva or Hilly Street. The Hilly Street provided the City's inhabitants with one of the swiftest, but also steepest, entrances to Gradec, which was surrounded by Medieval walls. Its original title was Bregovita Street or Berg Gasse due to its steep slope. It was used to reach the southernmost entrance to the City on foot, next to which the Lotrščak Guard Tower is still located. The accelerated development of the suburbs and Ilica resulted in construction of a pedestrian path to the Upper Town that dates to as early as the 18th Century. The sight of the Hilly Street changed significantly on 8th October 1890, when the City's first form of public transport – the funicular railway was launched. To this end the enterprising D. W. Klein obtained permission to install the so-called Drahtseilbahn or wire cable railway. The track's length is 66 metres, the journey takes 55 seconds and the carriage's capacity is 28 adult passengers, with 16 sitting and 12 standing. It is the safest form of public transport in the City, and since it has not changed in appearance, it is a protected cultural monument. She was often affectionately known as zapinjača (stopper).

The next sign is waiting for you at the top of the hill near the Lotrščak Guard Tower, so take the Funicular or the steps to get there.



Bregovita Street before the Funicular Railway, 1886



The Funicular Railway on Tomićeva Street, 1963

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