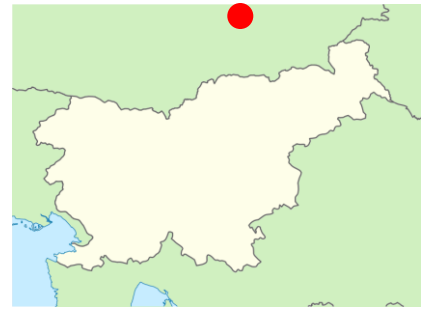


ME

My name is Nataša, I come from Begunje. I am 14. Begunje is a small village near Radovljica. I go to school in Radovljica.



ABOUT WHERE I LIVE



Begunje is a small village near Radovljica in Slovenia. Begunje in Gorenjska region (the sea-level is above 585m) is a typical alpine village, spread by the stream Begunjščica, where the Karavanke mountain range

and the Kamnik Alps lower to the plains of Dežela. All these geographical features give Begunje mild and healthy climate. In the past Begunje was known as a summer resort but nowadays it is recognised for its worldwide known factory Elan, which employs most of the residents from the area.

The 12th century Kamen castle lies just outside the village and the 15th century Katzenstein mansion, rebuilt in the late 17th century, at the centre of the village. The Katzenstein mansion was used by the gestapo as a





prison in World War II and a museum dedicated to hostages, victims of the gestapo, is arranged in one part of the building. The mansion house also houses a psychiatric hospital, which accepts patients mainly from the Upper Carniola region. Around Begunje thrtr are many beautiful mountains. The village itself has almost 1000 inhabitants and the number is still increasing. In Begunje, there is one small shop beside Elan.