

Name 1	THE IDRIJA MINER'S HOUSE, BAZOVNIŠKA 4
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ID number	002.88.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	EŠD 184
Type of Object	Town, Mine, Built heritage - other

DESCRIPTION

Short description The Idrija Miner's house is a specific type of a multi-storey residential building. Since it is located on the river bank and faces the valley and because of its height, white external walls and many small windows, it gives the impression of a monumental building. The initial form of the typical miner's house is a rectangle (surface of approximately 8 × 9 m). In the triaxial façade with a high gable, we can see three residential floors, the basement below and the attic above. Wall thickness usually does not exceed 15 cm. A roof is double-eaved, with the incline around 60 degrees. The windows on the front façade are small and double-leaf (60/90 cm) and are usually distributed from the bottom up by rule: 3-3-4-1. The entrance into the house and the basement are on the side of the building that faces the river. The short

stone staircase leads to the basement premises. The balcony, called the gank, is wooden and open and placed under the overhang of the side facade. The so-called black kitchen was also a typical feature of the inside of the house.

Measures	Area 115 m2, height 12.2 m.
Materials	Wood, stone, shingle.
Dating	1780
Author / Producer	Author information is not known.

**Picture
attachments**

Original use

At the end of the 18th century, due to the increase of the employees in the Mine and the immigration of the residents to Idrija, a great residential shortage occurred. Due to the modest personal incomes, several people (up to 16) lived in a Miner's house. The houses had the master, who collected rent (čeniš) from the tenants with families and also bred domestic animal. The tenants often migrated. The lack of space forced the mining families to live a modest life, rationally use the space and have simple furniture. Each family had only two beds, therefore the children (on average 5 or 6) slept in a drawer (ladlc), on the settee (a bench with a backrest, also called kanape) and on the attic. In the evenings, the miners liked to gather in the houses for conversation, playing different social games (bingo, dominoes, cards, wolf and sheep / "volkalca") and chores. The women and children made bobbin lace during that time.

Present use

The Idrija Miner's House is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. The building is located in an authentic green environment. It represents a specific example of the residential culture in the mining town. After the static renovation of the building and the stabilisation of its interior, it is now available for visitors since 2002. The ground floor of the house is equipped with authentic equipment from the first half of the 20th century. The Miner's house is of the utmost importance due to the documented historical value, which tells a story of a specific residential culture of the miners and their families in the past.

Original location

2357 Idrija – town, lot no. 376 (including building no. 464).

Present location

No changes.

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation: 1985 - house redemption;
1986–1990 - facade renovation, the impregnation of the wooden construction with a protective agent, the window replacement, the plasterworks, covering the roof with shingles.
1988 - the renovation of the interior (floor, stairways)
1992 - the construction of the open fireplace in the kitchen, floor arrangements;
1999 - electrical installation works, roof replacement;
2002 - whitewashing of the rooms;
2013 - replacement of the roof.

Present state good

Necessary activities: Performing regular maintenance services by the programme, including status control and preservation, security and presentation of the heritage.

DOCUMENTATION

Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:

- The Cultural Heritage Register of the Republic of Slovenia;
- Ordinance on the proclamation of the technical heritage in the Idrija and its surroundings for cultural monuments of national importance. Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia no. 66/01, 55/02, 16/08;
- Cultural Heritage Protection Act – ZVKD-1. Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia no. 16/08, 20/09;
- Baš, Franjo. Rudarska hiša v Idriji. Slovenski etnograf, 1957, X, p. 29–48;
- Šarf, Fanči. Rudarska hiša in oprema stanovanj ob prelomu stoletja. Idrijski razgledi, XX, 1975, 3/4, p. 8–16;
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