

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SITES IN SKOPJE

Fortress of Skopje - Kale

This fortress has the dominant place in the city. It was built of stone blocks from the ruins of the city of Skupi, during the rule of the Romans, Czar Justinijan the First. Today in the space of the fortress is an arranged park, which serves for recreation. The visitors have a wonderful view on the city and the river Vardar from there.

The Stone Bridge

According to certain data the bridge was built in the 6th century, whereas in its present form it was raised upon the old foundation in the time of Sultan Murat the second in the first half of the 15th century. The Stone Bridge is one of the "trade marks" of Skopje. It links the old town on the eastern side of the river with the more modern part of Skopje on the western side.

Daut-Pashin amam

It's an Islamic profane architecture built by the grand vizier Daut Pasha in the 15th century. In the first time it was used for the needs of its harem and later it served as a public bath. Today, the Turkish bath is turned into a National Art Gallery. It is located in the vicinity of the Old Bazaar.

Address: Krusevska ulica 1a, 1000 Skopje

Working hours: 9am - 4pm - every day except Monday

Kursumli An

The Inn was used as caravanserai from the time of its construction (XVI century) until 1878, when it was converted into notorious prison. Today Kursumli An is converted into Lapidarium (a collection of stone monuments) of the Museum of Archeology. It's located near the old Bazaar.

Address: Evlia Celibia bb, 1000 Skopje

Working hours: 9.00am - 4pm - every day except Monday

Mustafa-Pasha mosque

This mosque was built by Mustafa Pasha in XVI century. It's a monument of the Islamic culture attracts the attention with its size and beauty. It is located in the vicinity of Kursumli An, in the old part of the city.

Address: Kurciska bb, 1000 Skopje

Old Skopje bazaar

On the **left side of the river Vardar**, in the ancient part of Skopje is the old Skopje bazaar. Up to the present time the bazaar has experienced several changes in respect of the appearance and the organization, but it has still kept the spirit of the past with the small innumerable handicraft shops, coffee and tea rooms.

Monastery St. Panteleimon

The monastery is located 8 km south-west from Skopje, in the village of Upper Nerezi, on the mountain Vodno. The monastery church devoted to St. Panteleimon was built in 1164. On the walls of this church a unique gallery of the master pieces of the Byzantium art is presented. In the vicinity of the church there is a restaurant and the best view of the city

In the village of **Gorno Nerezi**, on the slopes of the mountain Vodno,

Monastery of St. Andrew

It's sited 18 km southwest of Skopje in the picturesque landscape of the Treska river, on the bank of accumulative **lake Matka**. According to the preserved Slavic inscriptions the church was built in 1398 by Andrea, the second son of King Vukasin.

The church St. Spas

It was built in the beginning of the XVII or XVIII century, upon foundations on an older church. In contrast to the modest outside appearance of the church, after one enters inside, he immediately

becomes astonished in front of the beauty of the wooden carved iconostasis on the eastern side. The Church of St. Spas, situated in Skopje's Old Town.

Address: Samoilova bb, 1000 Skopje

Working hours: 9.00am - 3pm - every day

City Museum Skopje

This used to be Skopje's Railway Station. After the earthquake it was converted into Museum of Skopje. The clock in the preserved ruins of the old railway station remained frozen at 5:17 am, the moment that the predawn earthquake turned Skopje into landfill.

Address: Mito Hadzivasilev - Jasmin bb, 1000 Skopje, tel. 3114 742

Working hours: 9.00am - 4 pm - every day except Monday

Museum of Contemporary Art

It was founded in 1964. The idea behind its formation was the fact that a multitude of artists from all over the world started donating their art works immediately after the disastrous earthquake in Skopje. This museum ranks among the top museums not only in Skopje and Macedonia, but in this part of Europe as well.

Address: Samoilova bb, 1000 Skopje, tel: 3117 734

Working hours: 9.00am - 4.00pm, Sa 10:00am - 5:00pm, Su 10:00am - 1:00pm, except Monday

Museum of Macedonia

The Archaeological Museum displays a permanent exhibition featuring the material culture of Macedonia dating back to the pre-historic era. The valuable exhibits take the visitor on a journey through the millenniums, through the Neolithic Age, the Bronze and the Iron Ages, the Classical and the Hellenistic Periods, as well as the Romaioian-Slavonic Epoch.

Address: Kurchiska bb, 1000 Skopje, tel. 02 116044

Working hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm, Sa 9.00am – 3.00pm, Su 9.00am -1.00pm, except Monday

Suli An / The Old Bazaar Museum

Suli An, Old bazaar is a impressive structure from 15th century, currently functioning as the Faculty of Fine Arts.

Address: Bitpazarska bb, 1000 Skopje,

Working hours: every day from 9.30am - 5pm, Su 9.30am - 1pm

British Council in Macedonia

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Tel: +389 2 3135 035, fax. +389 2 3135 036

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Working Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 17pm

French Cultural Center:

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Working hours: Monday - Friday 10am - 17pm

Contemporary Art Centre

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Web site: www.scca.org.mk

Working hours: Monday - Friday 10am - 17pm

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