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WE ASSIST COUPLES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE IN PLANNING AND ORGANIZING THEIR DREAM WEDDINGS IN MACEDONIA. OUR TEAM IS DEDICATED TO DESIGNING, PLANNING, AND MANAGING A TRULY UNFORGETTABLE EVENT.



WELCOME TO **SKOPJE** THE CAPITAL



SKOPJE THE CAPITAL CITY OF LOVE AND LINDENS

Skopje, the capital city of Macedonia, is a place where history and modernity collide. It's a city of contrasts, where old-world charm meets contemporary vibrancy, and where cultural experiences and outdoor adventures abound. From the narrow streets of the Old Bazaar to the stunning views from the top of Vodno Mountain at Millennium Cross, Skopje is a city that rarely gets any attention in the travel world, but this city is so full of hidden gems, you might be surprised how much you enjoy exploring Skopje

HOW TO GET FROM AIRPORT TO THE CITY?

The most convenient way to reach the city is by taxi. You can download the Wizz taxi app or call +389215187. We advise against using the local white taxis outside. Alternatively, there is a shuttle service to the city center, though it runs infrequently,

https://webcmsskp.tav.aero/files/1743168027_2025%20Shuttle%20Bus%20Passengers%20SKP%20Timetable.pdf

or you may choose to rent a car if you stay more days, we suggest - Sixt -

<https://www.sixt.com/car-rental/macedonia/>

PARKING IN SKOPJE

The best way and safe to park your car is at the hotel that you will stay or at public garage (in the city center Катнагаража „Беко“ or „26ти Јули“ or you can park at your hotel.

The city has parking zone as well, but the payment **must** be made from local Macedonian number, in case your car is taken from city parking service , they are located at the city railway station, the fee cost aprox 100 eur.

MOVE AROUND SKOPJE

Skopje is a compact city, allowing you to explore the entire city center in just 30 minutes. The most convenient ways to get around are by walking or taking a taxi; always opt for a certified taxi service arranged through your hotel or via an app. Public transportation isn't the city's strong suit, so it's best to avoid using it.

THE BEST AREA TO ACOMODATE IN SKOPJE?

City center - for touristic view of the city, tourists mostly

Debar malo - For fun (clubs, cafe bars , local people)

Boemska Ulica - The meca of kafanas and traditions

Karpos 4 - Close to Skopje City mall

Vodno hill - the most elite place for accommodation

HOTELS TO ACOMODATE IN SKOPJE?

City center - Hotel Pelister, Hotel 'Stone Bridge', **Hotel 'Marriott'** , Hotel 'Solun', Hotel 'Alexandar',

Hotel - Holiday inn

Aerodrom 2km from city - Hotel 'Hilton'

Vodno hill - Hotel 'Panoramika'

RESTAURANTS IN SKOPJE?

City center - 'Restaurant - Pelister - Italian food, Restaurant Amigos - Mexican food, Restaurant Gino - Italian food, Makedonska kuća - The best traditional food, Restoran Distrikt - Fine dining.

Boemska ulica - the street of kafanas (Kafana is a distinct type of local bistro, common in many of the countries in Southeast Europe; kafana is the spirit of Balkan cuisine and experience). The Kafana's are working all day you can visit for lunch or for dinner in the night hours it can be loud with local music and singing guests

We reccomend -

Skopski merak - https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g295110-d2447284-Reviews-Chardak-Skopje_Skopje_Region.html

Kafana Chardak - https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g295110-d2447284-Reviews-Chardak-Skopje_Skopje_Region.html

Roof sky bar - Panoramika - <https://skybar.hotel-panoramika.com/>

WHAT TO ORDER?

Salads

Makedonska salata - Tomatoes, roasted green pepper, and onion

Shopska - Tomatoes, cucumber, white feta cheese, onion

Pindjur - Smashed peppers, eggplant, and garlic

Ajvar - Roasted red pepper paste

Bread and pies

Burek/Banica - It can be with meat, cheese, spinach, or pizza

Gevrek - Circular bread with sesame

Vegetarian main dishes

Tavče Gravče - Oven-baked white beans

Grilled cheese

Meat

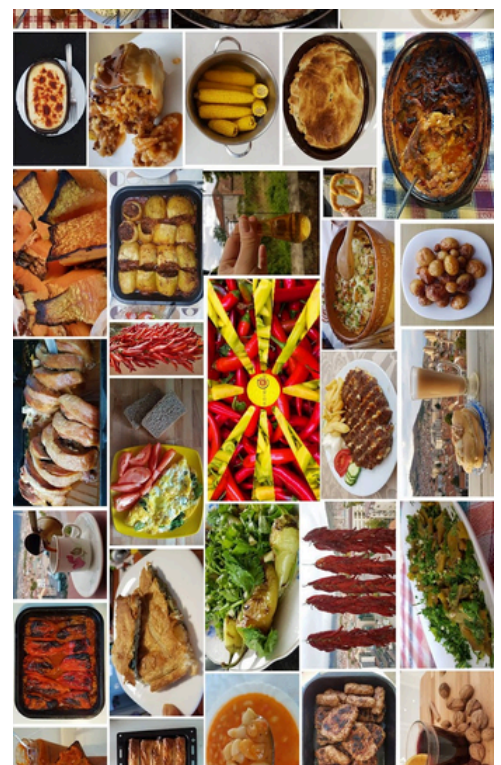
Kebap

Skara - Mixed meats (sausages, burgers, kebabs...)

Pastrmajlija - Pizza-style bread with chicken or pork meat

Macedonian Drinks

Wine (Red or White), Mastika, Rakija (the homemade)



MACEDONIAN FOOD DICTIONARY

Macedonian food is absolutely delicious and I promise you will fall in love with the country's traditional cuisine! There are lots of different types of dishes you should try. Here are some of the most traditional (and delicious) dishes you'll find throughout Macedonian restaurants:

Tavče Gravče: Hearty dish of baked beans, often cooked in a traditional clay pot. It's flavored with onions, peppers, and various spices, and is the definition of "comfort food"! This is one of Macedonia's most famous dishes and is a must-try when in the country.

Sarma: Cabbage leaves stuffed with a mixture of minced meat, rice, and spices. Sarma is common throughout the Balkans and the Macedonian spin on this dish is absolutely delicious.

Sirenje vo Furna: Baked cheese, often prepared with white-brined cheese (similar to feta) mixed with tomatoes, peppers, and herbs, then baked until melted and bubbly. As a cheese lover, this was my favorite Macedonian dish that I had! I am drooling just thinking about it!

Pastrmajlija: Traditional Macedonian pizza-like dish made with dough topped with pork or chicken, garlic, butter, and eggs. So yummy!

Polneti Piperki: Peppers stuffed with ground meat, rice, and spices, then baked or simmered in a tomato sauce. This is one of the dishes that always felt hit the spot for me – seriously so nourishing and delicious!

Banitsa (Burek): Burek is always my go-to snack in the Balkans, and Macedonian burek did not disappoint!! Burek is a flaky pastry made with filo dough and is filled with various ingredients such as cheese, spinach, or minced meat. My personal favorite is the cheese burek, which is perfect to eat at any time of the day.

Kebapi: Grilled, mildly spicy sausages, usually served with chopped onions, fresh bread, and ajvar or sour cream. They are a staple of Balkan cuisine and are perfect for a cheap, quick bite to eat.

Ohrid Trout (Ohridska Pastrmka): Local Ohrid delicacy, made from a type of trout that is native to Lake Ohrid and is typically grilled or baked. It's known for its delicate flavor and is typically served with lemon and herbs.

Pindzur: Traditional spread / condiment made from roasted peppers, garlic, and eggplants. This yummy treat can be served on top of food or eaten by itself as a delicious snack (fresh bread dipped in this is seriously soooo good)!

Sutlijash: Traditional dessert, which is a creamy rice pudding flavored with vanilla and cinnamon. A perfect sweet treat after a delicious meal!

WHAT TO VISIT IN SKOPJE ?



STONE BRIDGE

The stone bridge connects the old centre of Skopje, the bazaar, with Macedonia Square. Next to the particularly magnificent Bridge of Art, it seems almost too simple, although it is historically more important, dating back to the Ottoman period around the 15th century. In the evening, you will find fishermen trying their luck in the Vardar.

OLD BAZAAR

Welcome to the Byzantine part of Skopje. The old town of Skopje is a stark contrast to Skopje 2014 - time seems to stand still here, an Ottoman could turn the corner at any time in the small, winding alleyways, it seems, and mosques rise above the low roofs.

To discover not only the Goldschmiedgasse in the winding streets, but also old hostels or hamams, I would recommend a city tour.



MOTHER TERESA MEMORIAL HOUSE

This memorial and museum dedicated to the life and work of Mother Teresa, who was born here in Macedonia, is located in the centre of Skopje. Please note: this is not the house where she was born, as many people think. This is located on Macedonia Square, but no longer stands, only a small memorial plaque still points to it.



MACEDONIA SQUARE, SKOPJE

Macedonia Square is the main square of Skopje, the capital of Macedonia. The square is the biggest in North Macedonia with a total extent of 18,500 m².^[2] It is located in the central part of the city, and it crosses the Vardar River.



MATKA CANYON



Matka Canyon is home to 10 caves, several monasteries, and the largest artificial lake in Macedonia. **How to visit Matka Canyon from Skopje**

Visiting Matka Canyon from Skopje is very straightforward. It's just a half-hour's drive from Skopje, so it's not that far away.

- **By car** – Drive southeast towards Matka Canyon (use Google Maps). It takes around 30 minutes and you can rent a car here.
- **By bus** – Take public bus 60 from Skopje bus station. It takes 45-50 minutes one-way and costs \$1.5 (cheapest)
- **By taxi** – \$11 – \$14 one-way

<http://canyonmatkatour.com/>



Things to do at Matka Canyon

Visiting Matka Canyon from Skopje is a great idea for several things. Most people come here to relax at St. Andrew's monastery and enjoy the lake views, but the canyon offers much more than that. Like, this:

- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Boat trip
- Cave exploring
- Spend the night



Hiking

If you like hiking, you're in for a treat! The canyon boasts several routes, from short 30 minutes to 4-5 hour treks. The most popular hike is to the church of Saint Nikola. You can get there by following the Green or the Yellow trail.

The most direct route is the Yellow Trail. Simply cross the river by boat (\$0.5) and then hike straight up. It can be a bit steep, and there's nothing up there except the monastery, so bring water!

You can also follow the path from St. Andrew's monastery at the entrance. It continues about 6-10 km into the canyon and once you get past the first km, very few of the local people go any further.

Kayak

Single Kayak:

- 30 minutes – \$2.6
- 60 minutes – \$5.3

Double Kayak:

- 30 minutes – \$4.4
- 60 minutes – \$9
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Boat tour

- **30 mins – \$3.6**
- If you'd rather take a boat trip through Matka Canyon, this is a relaxing way to spend some time. You sit quietly in the boat and just enjoy the mirroring scenery and the beautiful flora and fauna of North Macedonia.
- A boat trip takes 30 minutes and costs \$3.6 per person.

Cave tours

2 hours – \$7.1

The canyon also has dozens of caves – the most popular of which is Vrelo Cave. It's known for its huge stalactite and has two lakes inside.

The water inside Vrelo cave is 212 m deep, which makes it the deepest cave in **the Balkans**, the second deepest in Europe, and the 14th deepest in the world – so it's worth visiting!

The cave tour takes around 2 hours in total. You get to the cave by boat (20 minutes) and you'll see the beautiful canyon, kayakers, climbers, and small cottages on your way there.

Once you get there, there's a walkway through the cave where you can see stalagmites, stalactites, the two lakes, and dripstone pillars.

A Matka cave tour costs around \$7.1, which includes boat transport and a life vest, entrance to the cave, and a guide, who will share lots of stories and legends about Matka Canyon.



St. Andrea church (Matka)

A three-concha domed church with a narthex that was added in the **16th** century. With its ceramoplastic decorations and stone structure.



Matka Monastery Sv.BOGORODICA

From an inscription of **1497** above the entrance we learn of one Milica who, finding the church roofless, recovered it, frescoed it, erected a portico and bought a vineyard for the monastery



VODNO MOUNTAIN

Vodno is a medium-sized mountain located in the southern part of Skopje Valley, northern Macedonia. The mountain has favorable geographical position, because in its vicinity there are important roads, railways and the busiest place in the country, the city of Skopje. The highest point on Vodno is the top Krstovar, 1066 m high, where the colossal Millennium Cross is located. Up to the cross there is a cabine cable car, which has its name. The mountain also has a park - forest, mountain lodges, several catering facilities with arranged hiking trails and wide panoramic views.



How to Get Here: Most routes start from Middle Vodno (the base of the gondola) and you get here by walking or taking the city bus (#25, #25A, #25B).

Hike Overview

Vodno Mountain is a popular spot in Skopje for outdoor recreating and there are a number of trails winding their way up the mountain. During the pandemic era, you'll want to hit it up during the morning or during the week to cut down on crowds. There is a gondola that takes you the top, but it's been closed during the crisis

Hike Info

Difficulty: Medium

Type of Hike: Standard hiking trail

Distance: 3 kilometers one-way

Time: Around 90 minutes





WELCOME TO *OHRID* THE EUROPEAN ERUSALIM

Nestled along the shores of Lake Ohrid, the city of Ohrid, Macedonia is a lovely Balkan destination known for its stunning natural beauty, ancient churches, and quaint old town. While Ohrid might not be the first place that comes to people's minds for a European Holiday, it is a wonderful under-the-radar destination, perfect for those who want to experience a place with rich culture, delicious food, and lovely lakeside beaches – without the crowds or high prices of some of Europe's more popular destinations.

How Many Days Do You Need in Ohrid?

You could easily spend a week or more in Ohrid and not run out of things to do! Ohrid is a great base for exploring the surrounding region, and there are lots of incredible day trips and excursions you can take from the city.

Best Times to Visit Ohrid

While Ohrid is still a relatively undiscovered destination for international travelers, it is a popular vacation spot for Macedonians. Summer is peak season, so it will be the most crowded. I suggest visiting in shoulder season, either April-May or September-October, for nicer weather and fewer crowds.

Currency Used in Ohrid

The local currency is the Macedonian Denar (MKD). Credit cards are widely accepted, but I highly suggest carrying cash on you to purchase from small shops and handcrafted items. Make sure to look up the current exchange rates online so you don't overpay when exchanging for Denars.

Take a Boat Tour of Lake Ohrid

One of the best ways to experience Lake Ohrid is by taking a boat tour! Not only will you get beautiful views of the city from a different perspective, but many of Ohrid's boat tours will also take you on excursions to nearby attractions. We recommend boat Armada, which takes you to the Bay of Bones Museum and Saint Naum Monastery. For just over \$20 for a 7-hour excursion, it is absolutely worth booking and in my opinion, is a "must-do" when visiting Ohrid.

Take in the views at Ohrid's Fortress

Ohrid's Fortress – also known as Samuel's Fortress, offers some of the best panoramic views of Ohrid city and Lake Ohrid. The fortress dates back to the 4th century BCE and holds a deep historical significance to the city of Ohrid.



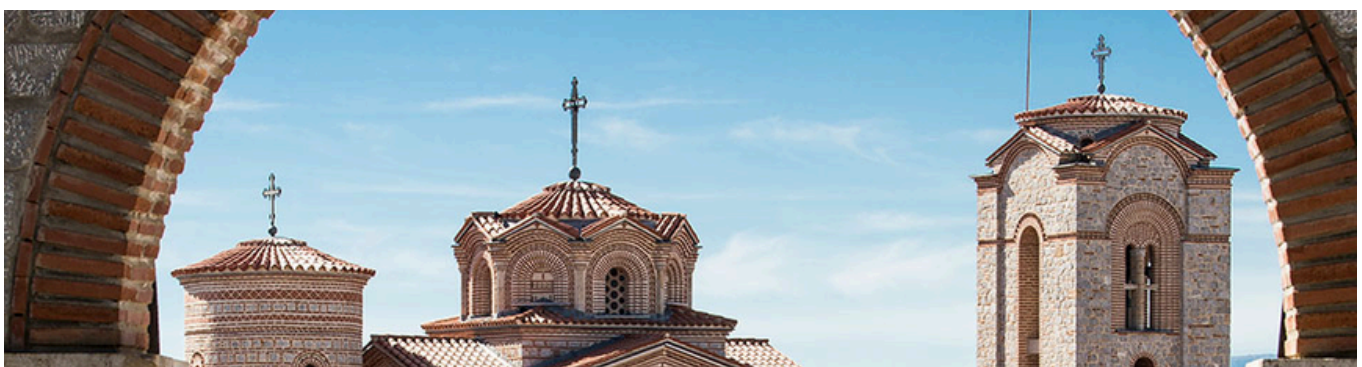
Visit the Robevci Family House

The Robevci Family house is a beautifully preserved traditional 19th-century house that has been converted into a museum. It provides a glimpse into the life of the wealthy Robevci family from that era and is a great way to learn about the city's cultural heritage.



VISIT OHRID'S MOST ICONIC CHURCHES

It has been rumored that Ohrid once was home to 365 churches – one for every day of the year. There are still many churches sprinkled throughout the city with great historical significance that are so worth visiting!



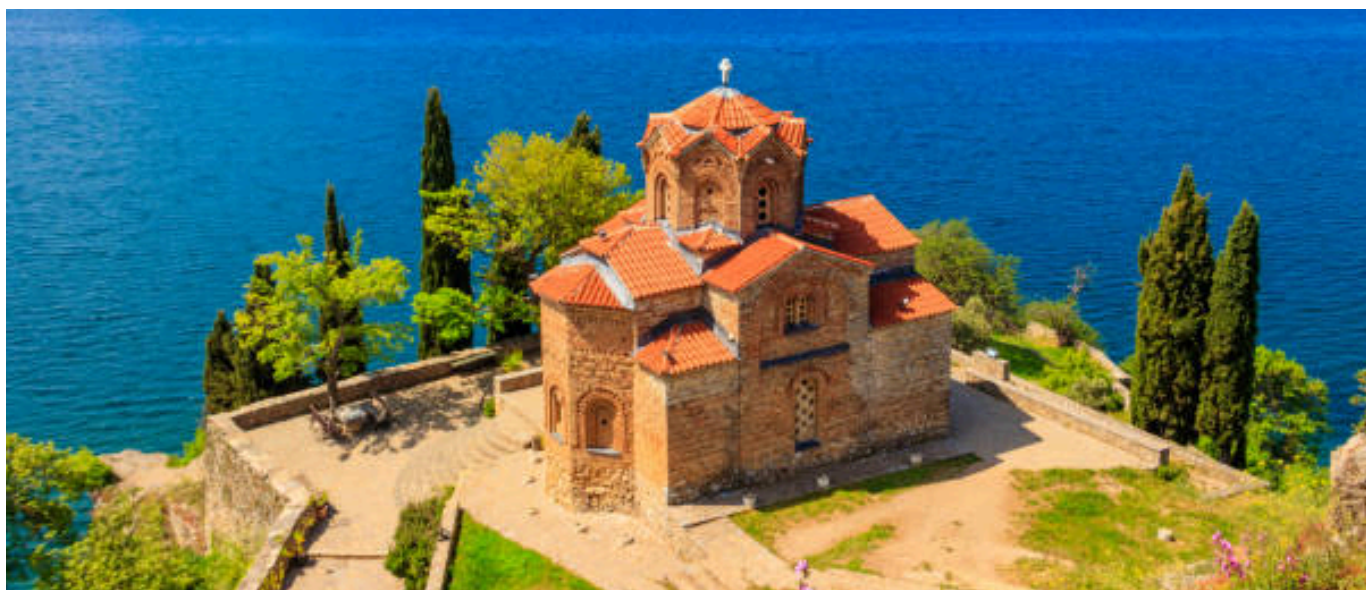
Church of Saint Sophia

The Church of Saint Sophia is one of the most important medieval monuments in North Macedonia, dating back to the 11th century. Inside you will find colorful and beautifully preserved frescos, as well as art and architecture preserved from the middle ages. The Cathedral of St. Sophia in Ohrid, perhaps originally built in the 10th century by Boris II, seems to have been rebuilt as a domed basilica and redecorated in the 11th century by the archbishop Leo of Ohrid. A Great Feast cycle decorates the nave; in the conch of the apse an enthroned Virgin holds Christ in a shield-like mandorla; Christ officiates at the Proskomide below. The liturgical nature of the bema program is emphasized by the unusual sequence of scenes from the lives of Abraham and St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom on the bema walls. In the chapel above the diakonikon are scenes of the martyrdom of the Apostles and on the exterior west wall of the nave is a scene of the Philoxenia of Abraham. The outer narthex-portico with its flanking domed bays was added in 1313/14.



Church of Saint John the Theologian

The church of Saint John at Kaneo is one of Ohrid's most iconic landmarks. Dating back to the 13th century, the church is perched on a cliff overlooking Lake Ohrid, offering THE BEST views and arguably the best sunset spot in the city! This church is actually one of the most photographed sites in Macedonia because of these views (and I'm sure you'll want to take a few yourself too)!



Church of Saints Clement and Panteleimon

Church of Saint Clement and Panteleimon is situated on Plaošnik Hill and is Ohrid's most sacred church. It was built in the 9th century by Saint Clement, on top of the ruins of an even earlier church. It's said that this church was also the site of the first Slavic university, so needless to say, it holds a great historical significance to the region! Plaošnik Hill is also just a beautiful area to walk around and take in the views of the surrounding areas.



Relax at Ohrid's Beaches

Ohrid is home to many beautiful lakeside beaches. With an average clarity of 14m, Lake Ohrid is one of Europe's most transparent ... Water transparency stretches up to 21m. Here are 3 of Ohrid's best beaches that I suggest visiting:

Gradiste Beach: Known for its clear waters and lively atmosphere.

Labino Beach: A quieter, more secluded spot, perfect for relaxation.

Kaneo Beach: Offers stunning views and is close to the Church of Saint John The Theologian.

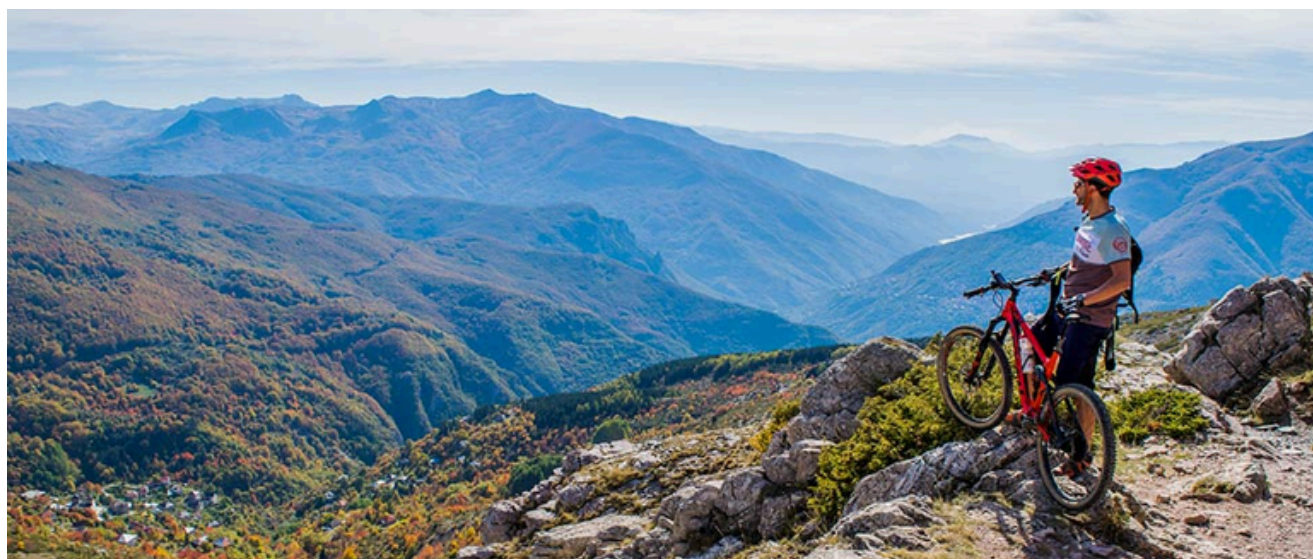
Trpjeca: Ohrid's Best turquoise water

Trpejca: Quiet beach best for swimming

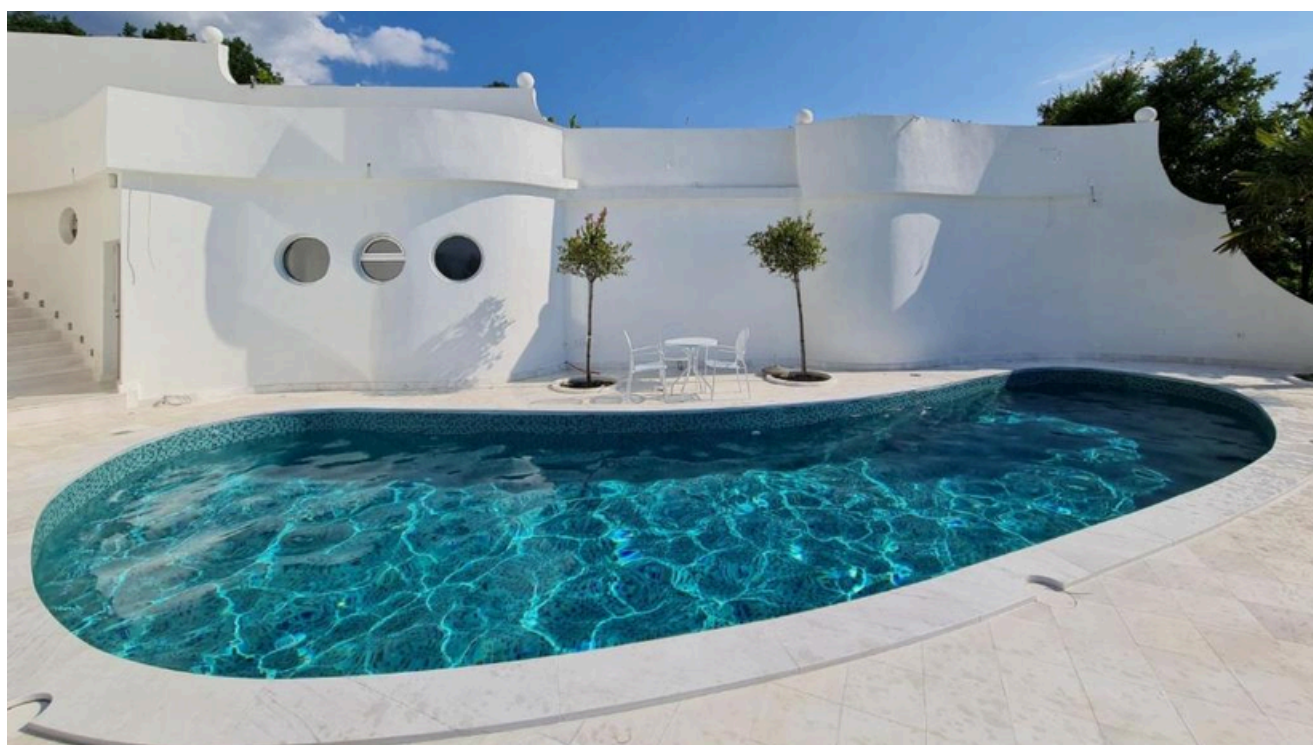


Galicica National Park

Galicica National Park is located about an hour south of Ohrid, situated between Lake Ohrid and Lake Prespa. The park offers a beautiful mountainous landscape with breathtaking panoramic views of Lake Ohrid and Lake Prespa. There are lots of hiking trails, making it the perfect natural getaway for the outdoorsy traveler. If you're feeling adventurous, you can book an ATV tour of Galicica National Park that leaves from Ohrid. There is a shorter 2.5-hour ATV tour available, as well as a full-day ATV tour available, which you can choose from based on your budget and the amount of time you'd like to spend in the park.



Where to stay in Ohrid?



Luxury:

Villa Bella Ohrid, Hotel Inex Gorica

Beautiful and fully equipped rooms, an indoor pool, breakfast, mountain and lake views, and a lovely garden are just some of the amenities offered here. An all around wonderful stay that's perfect for couples!

Hotel & Spa Tino Sveti Stefan

With luxurious rooms, beautiful lake views, and an on-site spa and Turkish bath, Hotel & Spa Tino Sveti Stefan is the perfect place for relaxation and restoration.

Villa Sophija

Villa Sophija offers luxurious rooms with a beachfront location in Ohrid. Each room comes with patios that offer beautiful mountain and lake views.

Mid-Range:

Villa Pupin SARAISTE

Sizeable, luxurious rooms and an amazing central location await here. You just need to check out the pictures of this place – it's seriously so beautiful!

Villa Varosh

With super aesthetic rooms and potentially one of the best central locations (you are literally right next to the Church of Saint John the Theologian), this room is a fantastic option for any stay in Ohrid!

Villa Dislievski

Villa Dislievski has beautiful rooms, included breakfast, balconies, garden views, and lots of services for guests (including 24 hour reception and currency exchange), this is a wonderful, centrally located option.

Tours for hiking and fun in Ohrid:

<https://www.vikexperience.com/>

<https://experience-ohrid.com/>





WELCOME TO

WINEYARDS

OF MACEDONIA

The Balkans is sometimes called The Wine Peninsula. In its center is Macedonia, a small country with big wines, not least from the famous vranec grape. Discover the lesser-known treasure of the Balkans in Macedonia, a wine country with a 4000-year history of winemaking! This captivating land showcases a diverse selection of indigenous and international grape varieties, making for a thrilling range of flavors to discover. Macedonian wines offer an array of aromatic profiles, from the robust **Vranec** to the rare **Stanušina** and the aromatic **Temjanika**. Whether you're an adventurous wine enthusiast or seeking something new to savor, don't miss the chance to experience the wonders of North Macedonian wines.

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Popova Kula,
Demir Kapija

CHÂTEAU SOPOT



Chateau Sopot,
Veles



Winery Kamnik
Skopje



Queen Maria
Demir Kapija

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