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Gotse Delchev Region



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The Gotse Delchev region includes Gotse Delchev, Garmen, Hadzhidimovo and Satovcha municipalities, with 57 settlements. It is in the Blagoevgrad district in the South-West of Bulgaria. The total area of this region is 1,378 square kilometers.

It is only a handful of land but it has got everything: the timeless beauty and tranquility of the mountains - Pirin, the Rhodopes, Slavyanka and Stargach; venerable forests and meadows with flowers, healing and rejuvenating mineral waters; the ancient charm of Thracian sanctuaries and the Roman city of victory - Nicopolis ad Nestum; the old houses of the villages - Delchevo, Leshten, Kovatchevitsa, Dolen and Teshovo, all of which open their hospitable gates to visitors. Even more important are the warm and friendly people. They keep alive a valuable treasure – the old traditions and customs, ancient legends and fairytales, venerable crafts and skills, the fascinating costumes and songs which are different for each village. That is why Rumi Dzhibova from Banichan says "Here God reached down and kissed the land". Everyone is welcomed to take into their soul a piece of that treasure, because people here are generous and do not fail to give a kind word and their smiles to strangers.



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GOTSE DELCHEV MUNICIPALITY



The town of Gotse Delchev

Nestled in the foothills of the Pirin Mountains, the town of Gotse Delchev is proud of its ancient history, revolutionary spirit and unquenchable sparks of enlightenment, traditions and culture. It has always been an economically active town and has its own unique urban appearance and atmosphere. The town is known for its friendly residents, who can be often met at both the public squares: Gotse Delchev square with the monument of revolutionary Gotse Delchev and Macedonia square, with the House of Culture, where the major local indoor events are held. Connecting the squares is the main street Targovska, with its shops offering something for everyone and pleasant cafes.

You will find Gotse Delchev 203 km southwest of the capital Sofia, 105 km

from the district center Blagoevgrad, 50 km from the ski resort Bansko and only 20 km from the Greek border checkpoint at Ilinden Exochi. The distances to the airports in Bulgaria: Sofia - 230 km; Plovdiv - 180 km; Burgas - 480 km; Varna - 590 km; or Greece: Kavala - 140 km; Thessaloniki - 287 km; through Ilinden Exochi checkpoint. The nearest port of Kavala is 100 km away.

The distance from Gotse Delchev, Bulgaria to Gevgelija, Macedonia is 165 km, to the Macedonian capital Skopje is 285 km.

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PUBLIC TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



Municipal Historical Museum

History and ethnography come alive in the Municipal Historical Museum and archeology lovers can explore the antiquity of the region. You could be a guest at an old traditional dinner or enjoy the demonstration of antique costumes, brought to life by charming young people, and why not join in with the ancient customs on display here. The museum has a new look and presence on the Internet with a specially developed online game. In 2013 it was included in the List of the 100 National Tourist Sites in Bulgaria coming in at number 59b, and you can find the museum here.



Opening hours: 08:30 - 18:00
day-off - Sunday

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Nevrokop Ensemble for Folk Songs and Dances

Nevrokop Ensemble for Folk Songs and Dances is the pride of the town. The skillful dancers are amazing with their swift steps, movements and the colorful costumes. You can dress in their costumes and join to the traditional "horo" (round dance).

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NATURE

A part of the Pirin Mountain is in the municipality of Gotse Delchev. Here you will find the reserve Oreljak, resort Popovi Livadi, and the Kamenishki, Breznishki, Kornishki cirques. The reserve Oreljak contains ancient beech forest with trees at an average age of 150 years. The Oreljak Peak is the highest one in the South Pirin. It is easily recognized by the TV tower on top.

Popovi Livadi is the preferred place for relaxation and recreation for the residents of Gotse Delchev. The hut Popov Livadi is the starting point for trekking in the Pirin mountains. It is managed by the Tourist Association Momini Dvori. If you need an experienced mountain guide in the region, please contact them.



Tourist Association Momini Dvori

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RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

There are dozens of churches in the area and three of them are in the town. The town of Gotse Delchev is the center of the Nevrokop Bishop. The church Uspenie Bogorodichno (Assumption) (1838) and Sv. Sv. Kiril I Metodii I Sv. Prorok Iliya (St. Cyril and Methodius and St. Elias the Prophet) are located next to the Gotse Delchev square. The oldest preserved church is St. Archangel Michael (1811) located at Ekzarh Antim Street. There, you can see the artfully painted icons and fine crafted iconostasis.

Three km away from the town towards the picturesque village of Delchevo is the nunnery Sveta Bogoroditsa Zhivotopriemni iztochnik (Virgin Mary). The hospitable nuns can tell ancient stories and legends about the religious life and God. You will find humility and peace in this place of contemplation.

Nevrokop's Bishop
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There are active mosques in five villages of the municipality of Gotse Delchev, populated by people who profess Islam. If you want to visit these mosques you should contact the local Imam.

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EVENTS AND FESTIVALS



Almost every month from Surva (New Year's morning) through Easter and up to Christmas has their events in the cultural calendar of Gotse Delchev which will make your stay packed with entertainments.

It is well worth visiting the Winter Festival of Wine and Love in Delchevo village because the wine is made with love, and the love is celebrated with wine. Resounding with melodious song, the village welcomes everyone to participate in a contest for the best wine, the traditional cutting of the vineyards and to observe and take part in the fascinating local customs. Do not miss the competition and opportunity to taste the local wines and spirits. For several years, the competition has been international with the participation of Greek and Dutch viticulturists. The locals demonstrate their skills in home-made wines and tasty brandies, but they do not easily share their secret processes. The Winter Festival is held on the first or second weekend of February.

There are many festivals from April to June. At Easter you can participate in the

Easter traditions of coloring eggs and playing a game to find out which egg is the strongest. Then there is the International Dance Day in late April, the Night of Museums and the Classical Guitar Festival in May, and on 24 May – it is the Day of the Slavic Alphabet and Bulgarian Culture with a procession and a concert. In June the Midsummer

Festival is held in the village of Delchevo when the mystique of nature is celebrated at sunrise, garlanding together beauty, youth and local traditions to give a unique experience. The Festival is on the weekend nearest to June 24 (Enyovden/Midsummer).

In the first week of August the Popovi Livadi area hosts a celebration of the Ilinden Uprising with a concert. In September the Nevrokop Traditional Fair is held with lots of fun to be had, while in mid-October are the celebrations of Gotse Delchev town and its Festival Cultural Fair with processions and demonstrations of arts, crafts, and concerts. Christmas here is exciting: carol songs fill the town and a round loaf of bread is prepared with a hidden coin for good luck in it.

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ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATION AND SPORTS

The Park of Gotse Delchev

The park in the town of Gotse Delchev is a lovely place. It is filled with beautiful trees and flowers, and green spaces. The recently renovated fountains spring up delightfully bringing a freshness to the air. Children's voices and laughter sound in the large playground, the cycle paths and outdoor fitness equipment area. You can often enjoy both folk or rock music played by talented local and guest performers in the park. You can also enjoy the local cuisine, dining in tranquility and fresh air in the two restaurants adjoining the park. There are drinking water fountains and toilets in the park.





Adventure Park in Sushitsa area

The park is built under an EU project of Gotse Delchev Municipality. It is near the dam, where kids can have fun on the playground, and for adults there is a climbing wall, paintball arena and a mini-golf course. The park is 1.5 km from Gotse Delchev in the direction to the resort Popovi Livadi (road to Petrich and Sandanski).

Paradiso Cinema

You can watch movies in 3D in the Paradiso Cinema. Moviegoers enjoy the most popular titles from different genres each week in a pleasant atmosphere and convenient location next to the main square.

Show: Every day: 14:00, 16:00, 18:00, 20:00, 22:00 at not less than 4 visitors

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www.facebook.com/pages/The-World-Of-Cinema/270007547214

Play Grand - hall for indoor games

Play Grand is in the Mall-A shopping center where residents and visitors can enjoy a game of billiards or table tennis, also computer games and simulators.

Opening Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 09:30 - 20:00

Sunday 9:30 - 19:00

Address: Gotse Delchev

38, Todor Alexandrov Str.

(close to the Municipal Market)

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Complex Uva Nestum Sport

The complex offers an outdoor futsal /minifootball/ pitch and two tennis courts. The Courts are red clay with standard sizes. The sports facilities have seats for viewers and lighting for playing in the evening.

Location: 1.5 km east of the town of Gotse Delchev direction Leshten village and Kovachevitsa village

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Village of Delchevo

Distance from Gotse Delchev: 9 km

Delchevo is the desired destination for rural and eco-tourism for people seeking escape from the tension and stress and is only 9 km away from Gotse Delchev. This sunny village delights its guests with impressive views of the valley and its friendly people. The guest houses have been built in the Revival style and offer the comfort of wood and stone, all modern facilities and spacious balconies. They give you a sense that you are in both the 18th and in the 21st century. If you are looking for culinary delights, you have the option of a barbecue where you can prepare your food, but if not your 'scene', then the local taverns can regale you with 'Granny's delicacies'. And the forest is only a step away, beautiful in every season. Come here in February to celebrate the Festival of Wine and Love,

and you will be a part of the authentic customs, and able to select the best of wines. The Festival of Ancient Mysteries Enyovden/ Midsummer is in June. Early, before sunrise when it is still dark, you go to a special mystical place to greet the dancing sun and to pick the most healing of herbs. Afterwards there is fun to be had at the village square.

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Folklore magic

Banichan Village
Distance from Gotse Delchev: 5 km

Banichan looks a very ordinary village, but do not miss it. It is no coincidence that there are so many stork nests. You will hear interesting legends and stories, why it is a blessed village and rainstorms and hail do not damage it. Here is the local Mount Athos with its 4 churches for a population of only 650 inhabitants. Four generations of artists involve guests in folk magic. They sing, they dance, they demonstrate the knitting of the most colorful socks and tassels, and they maintain the most amazingly beautiful costumes. While doing this they will not only engage your attention but will "steal" a girl from your group and make her part of theirs. To "ransom" her back you should bargain which is a lot of fun. They cleverly combine old traditions and modern technology. Their mobile exhibition of old stockings has a QR code.

The attraction is available for groups upon request.



Cultural and Community Center Izgrev - 1930
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Welcome to Adile's home

Village of Breznitsa
Distance from Gotse Delchev: 16 km

While showing their visitors how to produce colorful socks, towels, and rugs, the faces of the most skillful housewives in Breznitsa shine. They tell of long-held wedding traditions in their songs. The colors and their gracious words allure the visitors to take something home as a souvenir and to be dressed in wedding attire for photos. A delicious homemade lunch is provided which is a feast for the senses with ingredients grown by the hosts themselves.

Attraction is available for groups upon request.



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Babugeri (Mummers)

Musomishta Village

Distance from Gotse Delchev: 3 km

Babugeri (mummers) is one of the most celebrated traditions in the village, demonstrated by local amateurs. With their fearsome costumes made from goatskins and sounds of bells, the mummers chase out evil to ensure a successful New Year. When the moon shines, they light fires and the mummer's dances begin. A legend says that everybody should be touched by a babuger (mummer) to be healthy throughout the year.

Attraction is available for groups upon request.

Cultural and Community Center Nikola Yonkov Vaptsarov - 1927

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Paintball Hayduti - In the woodland of Toplitsa, rich in many sheltered spots, you can embark on a paintball adventure with your colleagues and friends to strengthen your body and team spirit.

Location: Musomishta Village – Toplitsa area, Gotse Delchev Municipality

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GARMEN MUNICIPALITY



Village of Garmen

Garmen is a village in South-Western Bulgaria, at the foothills of the South-Western Rhodope Mountains at an altitude of 605 m and it is the administrative, economic and cultural center of the municipality also called Garmen. The area is one of the warmest places in the country, regardless of the surrounding mountain landscape. That is why the locals say “from three sides the sun shines, from the fourth is the moon”.

The distance from the capital Sofia is 206 km. The Blagoevgrad District centre is 108 km away. Garmen is 9 km from the town of Gotse Delchev, 12 km from the town of Hadzhidimovo and 24 km from the village of Satovcha.



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PUBLIC TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



Nicopolis ad Nestum – An Ancient Roman city

The ancient Roman city of Nicopolis ad Nestum is 7 km from the town of Gotse Delchev. The name means “City of Victory, situated on the Mesta (former Nestus) river”. It was founded by the Emperor Trajan. For many years the ground had jealously kept the centuries-old history of the ancient city, but now antiquity starts to reveal its secrets. Valuable archaeological findings and historical events tell about the glorious times and prosperity in this region. Today Nicopolis ad Nestum is an ancient settlement full of entertainment.

Visitors can “transform” themselves by dressing as an ancient Roman warrior or lady, try their hands at archery or make their own handmade clay figurine as a souvenir.

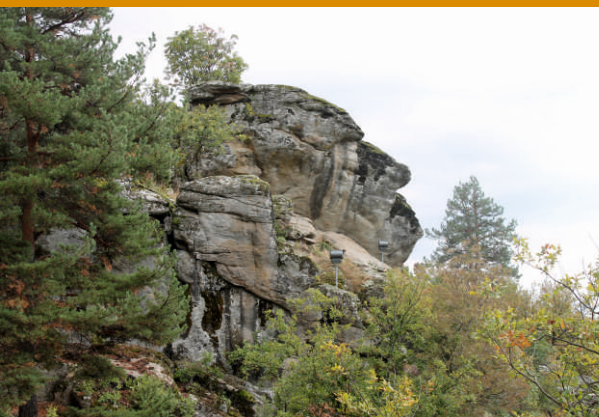
Location: village of Garmen, 7 km from Gotse Delchev

Opening Hours:

8:00 - 17:00 /winter/
9:00 - 18:00 /summer/

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Gradishte Landscape Historic Park

Village of Dolno Dryanovo
Distance from Gotse Delchev: 17 km

Gradishte offers facilities for a pleasant outing, picnics and an adventure playground. Taking the eco-trails through the picturesque countryside you will find an ancient Thracian sanctuary and various rock formations in bizarre shapes – turtles, footsteps of Mohammed, throne, but the most impressive is the rock human profile, which rivets ones attention with its impressive size. When you get tired after a long hike, you can sit on the summer houses and lunch can be even more delicious if you prepare it on the open hearth provided.

Location: Gradishte area, near Dolno Dryanovo Village, Garmen Municipality

Opening Hours: 8:30 - 18:00

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Sightseeing train

The Municipal Administration organizes train routes throughout the municipality. The tour starts from the ancient city of Nicopolis ad Nestum passes the square in the village of Garmen, then the ancient plane trees in Zagrade, the journey continues in the village of Ognyanovo and ends again at Nicopolis ad Nestum. A minimum 10 passengers are required.

Opening Hours:

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9:00 - 18:00 /summer/

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Atelier for Regeneration of the Traditions (ART)

The Atelier for Regeneration of the Traditions (ART) is part of the Cultural and Community Center Iskra – 1924 in the village of Garmen. There events depicting local customs are organized, visitors can learn to dance the local old dances and adventure tours are created.

Opening Hours: 08:30 to 17:00

Cultural and Community Center Iskra – 1924

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NATURE

Nature lovers and hikers can enjoy the Kayaliiski rocks, the reserve Tamnata Gora/ Dark Forest with its old beeches and pines, and rock formations, the ancient Thracian sanctuaries as Koziyat Kamak/ Goat's Stone and Gradishte, here you will find also Chernata Skala/ The Black Rock, the canyon of Kanina River, and the picturesque Siniyat Vir/ The Blue Pool.

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Centuries-old Plane Trees

The most attractive plane trees in the area are over 600 years old. Since 1968 they have been protected for their longevity and impressive size. They are located 0.5 km from the center of the village of Garmen, near Nicopolis ad Nestum. One of the plane trees has won the second position in the European Tree of the Year Contest for 2011.

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RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

St. George Church

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decorated with frescoes. The iconostasis is large, with marble imitation.

St. Parashkeva Church

St. Parashkeva church in Leshten village was built in 1837. The iconostasis and the icons are of great artistic value.

St. Nicholas Church

The St. Nicholas church in Kovatchevitsa village is remarkable with its four-storey tower and the church school. They form an architectural ensemble. The church keeps a few well-preserved paintings and icons.



In the villages of Garmen municipality with Islam population there are mosques. If you want to visit these religious shrines you can contact the local Imam.



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EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

International Folklore Festival Singing and Dancing Together



The Festival Singing and Dancing Together with participants from all over Europe is organized every year during the festival of Garmen Municipality. The artists enthusiastically present songs and dances typical for the region they come from. The audience enjoys the chance to see the folklore of a variety of nations. The festival has a two-day program, during the first day the hosts and groups from Bulgaria give their performances, the next day is for the foreign groups to present their authentic songs and dances.

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ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATION, AND SPORTS

The municipal administration implemented a project for the renovation of parks and squares. Guests who visit Garmen can now walk in the park with its new benches and gazebos, playground, sport field and a small zoo with rabbits, peacocks, pheasants, rock partridges, guinea fowl and partridges. The villages of Dabnitsa and Skrebatno have also modern park areas.

Village of Ognyanovo

Distance from Gotse Delchev: 12 km

Ognyanovo village is 4 km away from Garmen. It is well known in Bulgaria for its favorable climate and curative waters. It is a place for relaxation and spa treatments, with numerous indoor and outdoor pools. The mineral water is believed to cure over 100 diseases, including those of the gastrointestinal tract, musculoskeletal system, endocrine, respiratory and digestive system, metabolism, renal and urological, neurological, gynecological and cardiovascular diseases.

The village Folk group presents peaceful coexistence, and respect for the holidays of the three local ethnic groups - Christians, Muslims and Roma as a tourist attraction. The attraction is available for groups upon request.

Opening Hours: 08:30 - 17:00

Cultural and Community Center Asen Zlatarov - 1924

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Village of Leshten

Distance from Gotse Delchev: 15 km

The restored old houses offer a nice combination of Revival style and modern comfort, suitable for family holidays and cheerful groups. The pub is an attraction itself with its authentic tasting home-made dishes made with local ingredients and products, juices from berries, or to have fun with sweet pleasant stories and jokes while drinking the local brandy.

Visit the art gallery of the famous poet Boris Hristov. There you will enjoy the cultural atmosphere and splendid view.

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Village of Kovachevitsa

Distance from Gotse Delchev: 24 km

The village is astounding with its preserved Revival Period architecture, picturesque scenery and fresh air. The tranquility of the nature, the rippling Kanina River, the flames in the fireplace have given inspiration to many Bulgarian artists who have chosen Kovachevitsa for their home or for recreation. The guest houses are cozy with the capacity to accommodate everyone wanting to get away from their fast daily routine.

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Traditional Handicrafts Workshop (HAW)



Dabnitsa Village

Distance from Gotse Delchev: 10 km

An old technology is used in Dabnitsa to make drums and tambourines, buckles and belts, sandals and decorative pillows. If you are nimble fingered and willing to try crafts, the craftsmen will reveal their secrets to you. You can be involved in making a drum or pair of sandals, but why not leave full of pride in your skills with your own hand-made souvenir.

The attraction is available upon request.

Cultural and Community Center Zora
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PUBLIC TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



The town of Hadzhidimovo

The municipal center Hadzhidimovo is in distance of 212 km from the capital Sofia, 115 km from the town of Blagoevgrad, 15 km from Gotse Delchev, 161 km from Pazardzhik (through Yakorouda and Yundola), 199 km from Plovdiv, and 17 kilometers from the Greek border and the checkpoint Ilinden - Exochi.

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PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Cultural and Community Center Yane Sandanski - 1928

For the dancers of the Cultural Center Yane Sandanski - 1928 each visitor is a dear guest. You could participate in shelling corn with a special traditional tool or be involved in St. George's and pre-wedding rituals. Do not miss their banitsa (special home-made pies). They are really tasty.

The attraction is available for groups upon request.

Opening Hours: 9:00 - 17:00

Address: Hadzhidimovo
44, Dimo Hadzhidimov Square

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touch a free walking deer and roes, rabbits and wild goats, or geese, swans and peacocks is an exceptional experience. They are not afraid of visitors, but meet people in a friendly way and gladly take bread from your hands.

Opening Hours: 09:00 - 19:00

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Small Zoo of Hadzhidimovo

The small municipal zoo is located near the St. George Monastery. To





NATURE

Due to the richness and diversity of its flora Slavyanka Mountain is defined as a natural botanical garden. Alibotush biosphere reserve

is in Slavyanka Mountain. It aims to protect the endemic plants and the largest habitat of black fir in the Balkans. Visit Slavyanka, it will reward you with renewed energy.



Green School Slavyanka

Distance from Gotse Delchev: 35 km

If you want to explore the natural treasure of the Slavyanka Mountain, the Tourist Association Momini Dvori offers all facilities for accommodation, family vacations and trainings. The association have thought about your entertainment - there is a playground, mountain biking, paintball entertainment center where you can feel like a real border guard. They are hospitable and excellent mountain guides: they will regale you with tasty food and can guide you in the mountain.

Tourist Association Momini Dvori

Opening Hours: 07:00 - 19:00

Address: Gotse Delchev

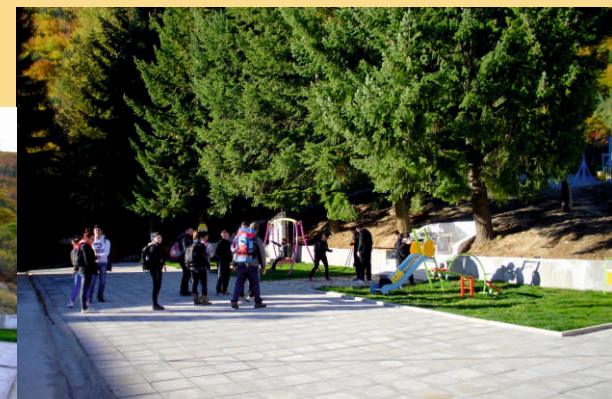
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RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS



St. George Monastery

Towering over Hadzhidimovo, this temple of God keeps an ancient icon of St. George, of whose healing power the locals talk. The most amazing legend tells about the constructing of the temple. People believe that pains and burdens will disappear if you spend a night in the monastery. Of course it is crucial to have strong faith. May 6 is the patron saint's day of the monastery. Pilgrims from the region and Greece come to honor the saint and to pray for health and prosperity.



Nevrokop's Bishop
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St. Dimitar Church

Teshovo Village
Distance from Gotse Delchev: 24 km

At first glance it is an ordinary village, however the clock tower invites you to visit the church of St. Dimitar. The painted walls tell Bible stories and historical events, some of which are unique even in Bulgaria. The icons inspire faith and keep alive the talent of the Bulgarian masters. If you want to stay overnight, the church provides accommodation, but for those seeking more comfort, the local hotel will satisfy them.

Opening Hours 09:00 - 19:00

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EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

May 6 is the holiday of the town of Hadzhidimovo and the Monastery St. George. There is a show-program with local folk groups and guest artists.

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ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATION, AND SPORTS

Gelina / Bride's Face Decoration

Ablanitsa Village
Distance from Gotse Delchev: 21 km

The people from Ablanitsa keep alive old wedding traditions. One of the most attractive is the one called "Gelina". The decoration of a bride's face makes her delicate features more beautiful. Kindly hosts invite you to lunch with traditional dishes cooked in an authentic village house. Zeynep and her assistants will regale you with delicious meals and desserts. The khalva "Roses", and of course baklava are the most enticing among them. The attraction is available for groups upon request.

Cultural and Community Center
Prosveta – 1940

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Hadzhidimovo Municipality

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Village of Gaytaninovo

Distance from Gotse Delchev: 22 km

There are fabulous places with unspoiled nature near Gaytaninovo village. Several fishing ponds tempt you to grab a rod and try for trout, pike or catfish.



Holiday Village Omayo

You can embark on an enchanting walk in Omayo. It is a charming village with fairytale houses made of clay, stone or wood. Outside you are in a prehistoric environment, but inside there are all modern conveniences. The scenery is lovely with meandering paths in the wood alongside ponds and rocks. Everything is made with style and flair. An admission fee is charged, but

well worth it, as it is unique.

Location: Historical and Geographical area Marvashko between the Gaytaninovo village and the Novo Lovcha village, Hadzhidimovo Municipality

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Eco-zone Belite skali

There is another beautiful combination of nature and human desire. Eco-zone Belite skali (White Rocks) is a former marble quarry turned into a wonderful place to relax with a lake where various fish species breed. Besides the opportunity to demonstrate your fishing skills and cook your own catch, you may ride a bike or simply enjoy the sun which plays over the white rocks and lake water.

Location: Sveti Petar area, Gaytaninovo Village, Hadzhidimovo Municipality

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SATOVCHA MUNICIPALITY



Village of Satovcha

The village is an administrative center of the Satovcha Municipality, Blagoevgrad District. It is 134 km southeast of Blagoevgrad, 237 km from Sofia, 22 km west of Dospat, 28 km northeast of Hadzhidimovo and 30 km east of the town of Gotse Delchev. Satovcha is located in the southwestern Rhodopes at an altitude of 1029 m.

Satovcha Municipality is proud to be the first municipality in Bulgaria to have signed a declaration of GM-free territory.

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PUBLIC TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Museum Exhibition Bridging Past and Future



The museum presents several sections, revealing the history of the municipality. You could learn about the Thracian heritage and how the people with different religions live in peace. Amongst the interesting exhibits are the wedding rituals from Pletena and curious suggestions about the mythical Orpheus and Alexander the Great. A record number of fountains (water drinking points) were built in the municipality



of Satovcha. Photographs of all fountains built to date are arranged in albums in the museum.



Numerous Fountains – for Guinness World Records



Over 900 fountains are counted by the Municipal Administration, and all of them are made by local residents. A tradition says that everyone should make a fountain in his life. A lot of fountains are in memory of relatives. So people believe that doing this good thing will accompany them on earth and in the afterlife. Many fountains are found around the main municipal roads for people to stop and take a sip of clear mountain water, while others are a little deeper into the mountains. Each fountain has its own character and has a

carved inscription to say who made it. Most fountains have shelters and hearths for picnics. The municipality has applied for the Guinness Record with 900 fountains.



**Cultural and Community Center
Sv. Sv. Kiril i Metodii – 1926**



The folklore groups preserve and present songs and dances of their ancestors. The specific type of singing, so called 'high singing', has astonished experts.

Attraction is available for groups upon request.

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NATURE



The Wild Game Growing Station Dikchan extends over the area of 20,000 ha, 95% of which is forest. You could see mouflons, populations of grouse, red deer, fallow deer and wild boar. Dikchan provides accommodation and a photo-hunting/ photo safari.

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The largest natural silver birch massif in the Balkans is in the municipality, according to experts. Locals consider the birch gum as the most genuine and very helpful medically.

The other natural resources in the municipality are reserve Konski Dol with its old mixed forest of fir, spruce and beech, the reserve Tamnata gora and protected area Bachishta.



RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

St. Nedelya church in Satovcha was built in 1844, and it is a monument of culture. There is preserved a rare icon with the image of St. Stiliyan. The St. Nicholas church in Dolen was built in 1834.



The Satovcha Municipality has many mosques, as the majority of the population professes Islam.



EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Traditional Fair in Vaklinovo village

The Fair is the most exciting day for the folks born in the Satovcha Municipality, wherever they live now, either in Bulgaria or around the world, they long to participate. Everybody enjoys the folklore, show - program and sport events, the entertainment lasts late into the night.

It is held during the second weekend of July, depending on religious holidays.

Organizer: Satovcha Municipal Administration

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ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATION, AND SPORTS

Folk Music School



in a fun lesson in the musical school even if you do not know how to play. Do not worry, for sure you will learn at least a piece of a folk melody there. If you are curious, select a bagpipe, wooden flute or drum and let the fun begin. Entertainment is guaranteed.

Pletena Village
Distance from Gotse Delchev: 29 km

The performers of Cultural and Community Center Prosveta – 1937 always say “the work goes with a song”. They will show you how to make colorful fabrics and how to make a traditional dish “banitsa”. Join

The attraction is available for groups upon request.

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Satovcha Municipality

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Colorful jewelry

Kochan Village
Distance from Gotse Delchev: 36 km

The love of folklore is strong and is taught from an early age in Kochan village. Several generations present "parvi momari" which is a part of old wedding rituals. Zhana shows the old technology of making jewelry. Enjoy her creativity and if you want, take a souvenir.

The attraction is available for groups upon request.

Cultural and Community Center
Prosveta – 1938
Address: Kochan Village, Satovcha
Municipality

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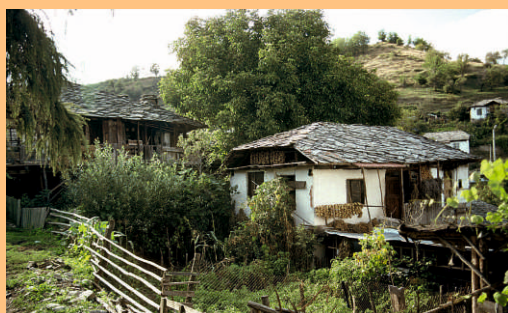




Village of Dolen

Distance from Gotse Delchev: 28 km

If you want to escape from the urban noise, go to Dolen. The winding cobbled streets and houses in the preserved Revival spirit give you solitude and the chance to leave your cares behind you. The Rhodopes Mountain reveals their beautiful scenery in summers and springs, autumns and winters and the locals tell their tales of times past.



TRANSPORT

To all the tourist places and attractions in the region there are roads.

The information and timetables for public transport in Gotse Delchev, Garmen Hadzhidimovo and Satovcha:

Dinamo Bus Station - Gotse Delchev, Byalo more Str.

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The information and timetables for public transport in Bulgaria:

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To get to the Wild Game Growing Station Dikchan in Satovcha Muinicipality is recommended to use the specialized transport provided by them.

ACCOMMODATION



Almost all of the accommodation available has restaurants, taverns or kitchen equipment.

Gotse Delchev Municipality

The town of Gotse Delchev

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Popovi Livadi Resort

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GARMEN MUNICIPLITY

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DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT



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The town of Gotse Delchev

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Delchev in the direction of the
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Garmen Municipality

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Hadzhidimovo Municipality

The town of Hadzhidimovo

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LOCAL PRODUCTS



PIRIN TEX LTD

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A Bulgarian brand Tinger was founded in 2003 as a family business based in South West Bulgaria for sportswear manufacturing. The brand has a high reputation in sports apparel manufacturing. The sportswear is specially designed developed, and laboratory tested to meet the specific needs and requirements of professional sports. The high quality fabrics - long lasting, breathable and materials, combined with quality manufacturing is what make the products fully functional

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The mineral water Pirin Spring gushes out of a catchment area from a depth of 600 meters in the heart of the Pirin mountain near the village of Banichan, municipality of Gotse Delchev.

Pirin Spring water has a very balanced mineral composition and it is suitable for everyday consumption. Because of its unique balanced mineral content Pirin Spring has a pure, refreshing and light taste. This water provides the body with minerals essential to maintain good health. Pirin Spring is low in minerals, carbohydrate-sulphated containing potassium, fluorine and hydrosulphate. It is pure without ever having had contact with surface

water. Drinking Pirin Spring is therapeutic for the treatment of the following diseases: renal-urologic; biliary-hepatic; gastro-intestinal; metabolic-endocrine (gout, diabetes); chronic overwork and for individual substance from the pharmaceutical industry, etc.). When used for inhalation, it is successful for the treatment of diseases of the respiratory tract and lungs.

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Merlini-Danimond LTD are processors of wild mushrooms – fresh, dried, frozen, preserved, as well as frozen and preserved vegetables and wild fruits in Zhizhevo Village, Municipality of Satovcha. They bring high quality and unique taste to a widely diversified range of products

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LOCAL MARKET

There are village producers of milk and milk products, meat and meat products, vegetables, honey, and gatherers of berries in the region that supply their products every Monday and Friday at the local market - Solun Street in Gotse Delchev.



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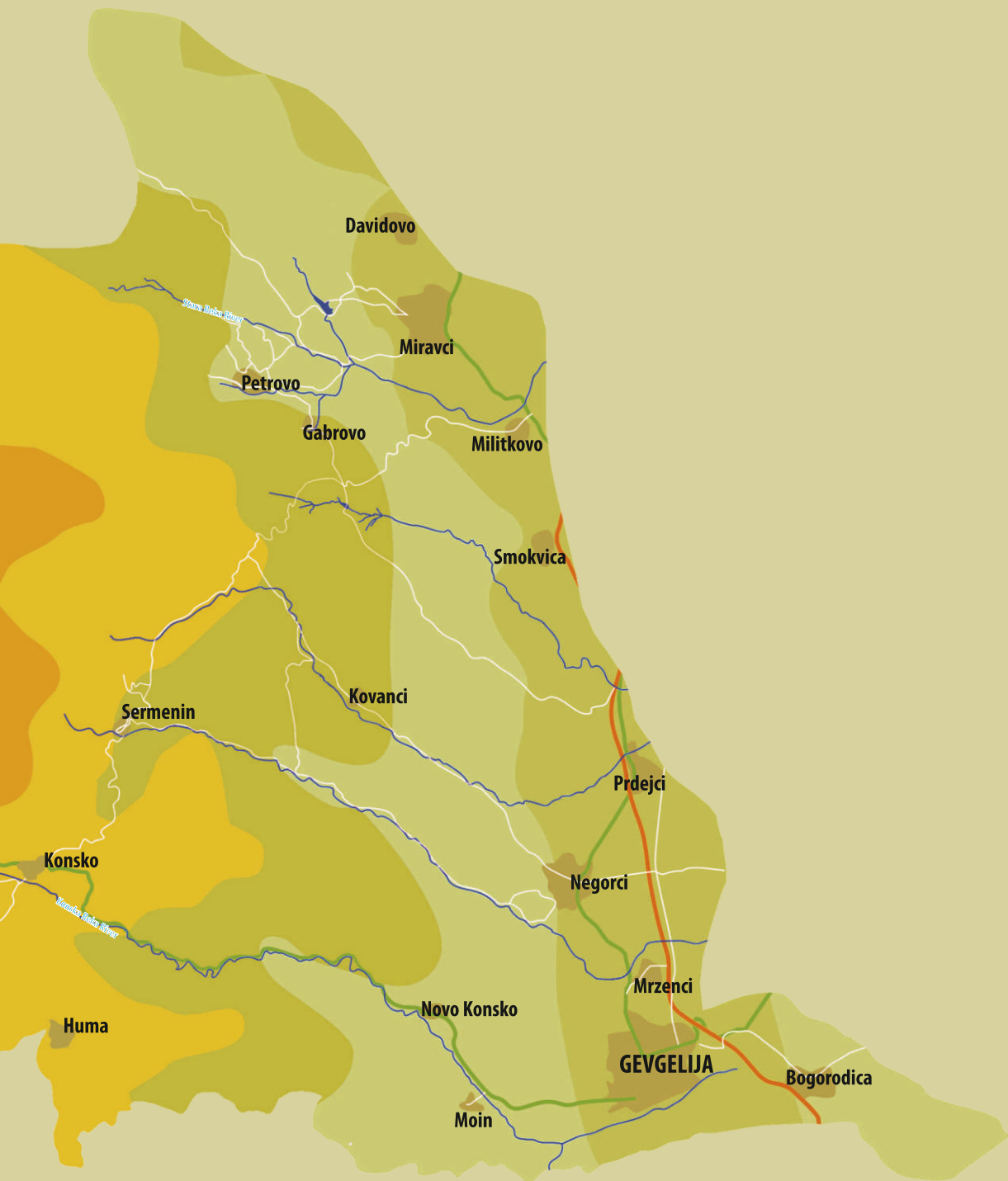
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REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Municipality of Gevgelija



Municipality of Gevgelija



Gevgelija is a source of sunlight, a downtown story, a cobbled street where the years pass. Gevgelija is a song which echoes with trba-trbi rhythm, a lasting thought in the silk life of the cocoon. Gevgelija is a pan where the craftsmanship of our grandfather's hospitality is cooked. The people from Gevgelija know that there is only one life and they live it cheerfully and with a smile on their face. In the following pages we open our hearts to tell about Gevgelija.

The Municipality of Gevgelija is situated in the most southern part of the R. Macedonia, right next to the border with R. Greece, 64 metres above sea level with an area of 485 km². There are 22.988 inhabitants, out of which, around 15.700 live in the town. The others live in the 17 villages of the municipality.

The natural, climatic and geographic advantages, as well as the rich cultural heritage allow the municipality to equally develop transit, spa, mountain and cultural tourism. The nature of Kozuf mountain, the healing powers of the water in Negorski spas, as well as the mountain sites like Smrdliva (Stinky) water, Konsko, Huma and others are just a piece of the beauty of Gevgelija.

The transit tourism, as part of the potential for development of the casino tourism, is an ideal segment of the entertainment industry.

Apart from the Vardar valley, the corridor 10 (motorway E - 75) and the transverse of the railway line West – East pass through the municipality, and it also has a very important position near the border of the R. Greece, with closeness to the Thessaloniki harbor.

The closest airports to Gevgelija are the airport in Thessaloniki (R. Greece) at 70 km, and the airport in Skopje, 163 km away.

The town of Gevgelija is situated in the flat part of the Gevgelija valley whose natural borders are: on the east the river Vardar, on the south Suva Reka, on the west the mountainsides of Kozuf, and on the north the hills Karaorman and Mrzenci. The Gevgelija valley is greatly influenced by the Mediterranean climate. The total number of sun hours per year amount to 2.393 hours, and the average temperature is 14.3 degrees Celsius.

The municipality has rich sources of mineral and thermal water. Of the mineral water springs the most famous is in the tourist area Smrdliva voda. The infrastructure created for the needs of tourism contributes to the rise of local development. At the same time, sustainable tourism plays a key role in the protection and enlargement of the cultural and natural heritage, starting from the art in the local gastronomy, to the craftsmanship, to the protection of biodiversity.

SOCIAL – CULTURAL OBJECTS

There are many objects in municipality Gevgelija where people work in the field of social – cultural activities, or are part of the historic past as social – cultural business sites: the National Theatre, the National Museum, the Library “Goce Delchev”, the House of children, Old Bazaar, the Filatura, Arabian House, Turkish Bath and other objects in town and the other settlements where there are Youth culture houses.

Culture Center “Macedonia”



The Culture Center “Macedonia” (Municipal Theater) is situated in Gevgelija and was built in the beginning of the 50s of XX century.

Many local and foreign theatre troupes have filed through this temple of culture. After the short standstill because of the fire in the beginning of the 90s of last century, it was completely reconstructed and put into function. Numerous theater and other cultural manifestations are held there.

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Museum of Gevgelija

The museum of Gevgelija was founded in 1980. In the beginning it worked as a museum collection, then as a municipality museum, then national museum, until the establishment of the national institution – museum Gevgelija.

Since the establishment of the museum in Gevgelija the systematic explorations and collections of the mobile findings from the numerous archaeological sites in the region has commenced.

There are many departments in the National Museum where the archaeological findings are exhibited, starting from the fifth millennium BC (from the neolith era),

to the late classical period. Most valuable are the findings from the archaeological sites Vardar Hill (with 350 objects), Suva Reka, Milci and the site Paragon. The museum owns a rich and specific archaeological collection which includes 4500 museum objects. The national museum is situated in an old Macedonian house, known as "Vlado's Inn", built in 1906.

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Goce Delchev Library

The Library Goce Delchev is in the town center, next to the town square. The two-storey house where the library is situated is a representation of authentic Macedonian architecture. It was built in 1912, and apart from the recognizable architecture of the Macedonian house from the XIX century, the library owns a significant collection of original works. The library started work in 1945 with a book fund of 500 books. Today the literary fund is vast and significant. The library owns over 70 000 books, 1000 volumes of newspapers and magazines, around 400 rare books and 200 books from regional authors.

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"The Old Bazaar"

"The Old Bazaar" is in the center of town and is maintained under the preservation of monuments of special historic significance. It is distinguishable for its cobbled street, small two-storey stores glued to each other, which depict the Macedonian architecture of the XIX century. These stores were concentrated in one place and were very careful of the robber's gangs. In the Old Bazaar many business', craftsman's and caterer's stores were established, which offered various types of goods, from consumables to craftsman's goods, to the habitants of the town and neighbouring settlements. All the objects in the Old Bazaar are authentic and are historical monuments of Gevgelija.





Filatura

Filatura (*Filandra of spinning silk*) was set in the center of town, right next to what was once the busiest trade part of the town – “The Old Bazaar”. Only one small part of the chimneys of the Filatura is left today and it is maintained under the preservation of cultural monuments of RM. It is assumed that the Filandra as a manufacture workshop was built and opened right after the forming of Gevgelija as a town settlement. There people purchased silk worms, span silk, a product which was obtained from silk worms which were farmed in many settlements in the region. There is a data which says that the

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Hamam

“The Hamam” (*Turkish bath*) is situated in the centre of the town. It was built in the beginning of the XIX century. The Hamam is one of the best preserved significant historic objects from the Ottoman period in the municipality of Gevgelija. The Hamam was renewed, reconstructed and reestablished as an art gallery, which is an integral part of the National Museum. Its original and dominant appearance was kept, with two domes, one small and one big, copper-bottomed, with a main room, where the Turkish bath was set with a great central marble platform and side seats and a small reception room. The reconstructed Hamam managed to resist the tooth of time and to survive for the next generations of the town of Gevgelija.

The art gallery is situated in the Hamam and has an appropriate space

for organizing numerous cultural manifestations like the art shows of the Artists' Society, Multi media Center, the Graphic colony and the International Art Colony “Apolonija”.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

“Vardar Hill”

The archaeological site “Vardar Hill” is along the motorway E – 75, next to the river Vardar, on the east side of Gevgelija on Vardar Hill. The site is multi-layered and dates from the Bronze Age until the Roman domination in the region. The numerous findings, material goods, buildings and objects talk about the development of the settlement in the Vardar valley, which was named Gortinija. The remains of this town on the Vardar Hill are mainly concentrated on the hill itself. From the findings it is concluded that this was an economically and culturally powerful settlement with all the characteristics of town life. During the III and II century BC, over the ruins of the old settlement, another settlement was built which was fully urbanized. From this settlement many buildings, whole blocks and rich archaeological materials were discovered. The archaeological

findings from Vardar Hill are kept in the museums in Gevgelija and Skopje.

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“Raulj”

On the northwestern periphery of Gevgelija the archaeological site “Raulj” (old vineyards) is found, which represents a necropolis from Roman Times (III – IV century). The site is situated on a gradual hill which dominated over the surroundings. The necropolis itself was discovered in 1978 during some diggings for an orchard, in the vicinity of an already built prison. Then four tomb constructions were discovered. On this site systematic research was never conducted. In 1991 only interventional diggings were made, when two new tomb vaults with central graves were discovered. On the surface of the site “Raulj” fragments from vessels and building ceramics, as well as heaps of stones were found. The archaeological site is still in the phase of exploration.



CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES

In municipality Gevgelija, in the town and in almost every settlement there are orthodox churches. The churches and a few monasteries were mainly built from the beginning until the end of XIX century. This is the period when the Ottoman power grew weaker, the timar - sipahis system collapsed and serfdom appeared. This is the period when the Christians of the Municipality (then called Gevgeliska Kaza) started building Christian temples where Christian ceremonies were performed, no

longer fearing punishment from the Ottoman dignitaries for building churches or monasteries. Numerous churches were often demolished, but very often rebuilt again by the settlers themselves.

The church “St. Cyril and Methodius” is situated in the centre of the town, near the south side of the promenade. It was built at the end of XIX century, 1895 and is well kept. There are many frescoes and icons and a magnificent iconostasis. It is used for sermons, weddings, baptism and many other rites, and it is visited by masses for the Easter holidays, when almost every citizen pays visit to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

The church “St. Spas” is near the river Suva Reka in the southern part of the town. It is full with frescoes, icons and iconostasis. It is visited by many Christian orthodox believers, especially for the patron celebration of the town – St. Spas, which is celebrated over two days and visited by numerous visitors from the neighbouring towns and villages.

The monastery “St. Ilija” is in the resort Smrdliwa Voda. It was built on a stone high hill and dominates the resort. It was built in the end of XX century with donations from certain private businessmen from Gevgelija. Its patron saint is the orthodox religious holiday the 2nd of August – Ilinden.

CULTURAL EVENTS

"St. Trifun"

"St. Trifun" is an orthodox Christian holiday which is held on the 14th February, in honour of Saint Trifun, who lived in the middle of the 4th century AD and helped the poor. On St. Trifun in Gevgelija and the other settlements the vines are pruned, and this rite is traditionally done in the settlement Prdejci, where every year the godfathers of the event change. The whole process has a Christian note because it is filled with the belief that on this day an arrangement is made between man, earth, sky and sun. That is why rich food is served, and rakija and wine are drunk after the pruning.

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"For you my love"

The poetry music night "For you my love" is traditionally held in Gevgelija each year on the 8th March, Women's Day. The first manifestation was held under the title "When the man sings for the woman", and was later given its current title. On this poetic manifestation, which is held in the hotel "Apolonija", there are amateur and professional participants who hold the constructive musings and ideas.

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"Gjura Mara"

The folk tradition "Gjura Mara" is held every year in Miravci, which according to the tradition, has existed and borne witness for 200 years. It is connected with real event and tells the story of well-known human destinies. It tells about the brother Gjuro and the sister Mara who was taken from the folk dance while she was dancing with the village girls. The brother Gjuro, with his friends, went to save her from the abductors, but was killed in a heavy fight. The sister was taken back to the village but she was devastated about the loss of her brother. Since then on the third day of Easter only the girls' folk dance is danced, while the elder women, armed with sticks, guard the dance so that no male can dance with the girls. The performance is organised by folk group "Tanets" from Miravci and it takes place on the square in front of the House of Culture. The folk dance "Gjura Mara" is a specific custom organized and held through the years.

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"Smokvijada"

Manifestation "Smokvijada" (Fig day) is organized by the Citizen Association "TERA". It is traditionally held every year in Gevgelija, in the second half of August at the city's Sport Stadium. Apart from the cultural – entertaining programme, a fig jam making competition is held. During the festival, the participants create their stands as best they can in order to win the titles "the best decorated stand" and "the tastiest made jam". The best jam makers are awarded prizes. Apart from these products there are stands of the local producers of traditional Macedonian jams, ajvar, and famous processed vegetable and fruit products from municipality of Gevgelija.

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SPA TOURISM

The mineral spas in Negorci are 4 km from Gevgelija and are one of the most important tourist – recreational centers in the country. This locality is attractive not only for the healing power of the water but also for the woods that surround the spas and offer a challenge to resting. Research made so far and experience confirms that the mineral water treats rheumatism, sterility, gastrointestinal and cardiovascular diseases, inflammations and other illnesses of the peripheral system, as well as dermatological illnesses. The spas are surrounded by ash woods with sports and recreational courts offering a good opportunity for

preparation of sport teams from the country or abroad, even in the winter period because of the mild Mediterranean climate. The spas have 300 beds in 3 hotels, swimming pools, a physiotherapy ward, as well as plenty of drinking water with healing power.

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WINTER TOURISM

Kozuf Mountain, which is on the west side of Gevgelija, offers the opportunity for winter tourism.

Apart from the famous resort Smrdliwa Voda, there is the ski center Kozuf on the mountain Kozuf which has existed for almost ten years. Also in the last two years, rural tourism is successfully developing in the settlements Huma and Sermenin.



Smrdliva Voda

The tourist resort Smrdliva Voda is on mountain Kozuf at 850 meters above sea level. It is 24 km from Gevgelija.

Smrdliva Voda is the oldest settlement and is famous for its eponymous water which is called stinky (smrdliva) because of its strong smell. The mineral water is known for its healing of stomach illnesses, the stomach tract and the kidneys. The area of Smrdliva Voda offers recreation, clean air and welcomes visitors throughout the year. In the area there are around 400 villas and a resort for guests, with capacity of 20 beds and a restaurant with a terrace.

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"Ski-Center Kozuf"

"Ski-Center Kozuf" is on the northern slopes of Kozuf Mountain. It can be divided in two parts – "settlement" of the center and "ski-trails". The settlement is situated from 1550 to 1700 meters above sea level, while the trails are from 1500 to 2200 meters above sea level.

"Ski Center Kozuf" is built on 550 ha. The center has 24 km of ski trails, of which the trail "Marko Lake" has a ski lift with 600 seats and 1.800 meters in length, which is fully covered with systems for snowing.

In the "Ski Center Kozuf" there are two winter cottages for staying overnight, with 50 beds. They have a restaurant and private parking, and the ski trails are near the cottages.

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RURAL TOURISM

The two villages, Sermenin and Huma, on the slopes of mountain Kozuf are well known for their rural tourism in Municipality of Gevgelija.

Village Sermenin

The village Sermenin is northwest of Gevgelija around 600 meters above sea level. The location of the village is very specific; it is on a plain over which the highlands of mountain Kozuf tower.

Today Sermenin has around a hundred cottages and during the summer is visited, not only by the owners of the cottages, but also by guests who love the village and the clean air in Sermenin. The village is known as an "air spa", with a good climate which is good for people with respiratory and pulmonary illnesses.

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Village Huma

The village Huma is south-west of Gevgelija on the mountain Kozuf on the border with R.Greece, around 750 meters above sea level. After WWII the populace of the village emigrated, and only twenty habitants stayed, so that by the end of the last century only one habitant of Huma remained.

As a tourist destination it started to develop in the 1990s when the number cottages built rapidly started to grow. Today there are around 100, and the settlement is mainly visited during the summer.



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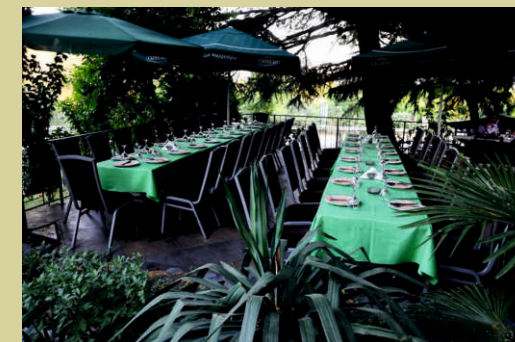
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TRANSIT – SHOPPING TOURISM

The trade, craftsmen and certain business capacities which Gevgelija has to offer to the numerous transit passengers and visitors include different products, starting from fruit, canned goods, vegetable and fruit, to hairdresser's, dentist's, catering and other services. There are 150 shops in Gevgelija, ten of which can be included in the category "modern discounts", with a wide range of food, canned and other products.

At the same time, the shopping tourists in Gevgelija can visit the numerous cafes, restaurants, spas in Negorci (using the benefits of the thermal water), and enjoy entertainment in the casinos and hotels.



The telling about Gevgelija will not end on this page, in this town of the figs, the grapes, the pomegranates, the Japanese persimmon, the kiwi and numerous traditional specialties – even the choosiest tastes will be satisfied. Here commences the journey along the beautiful lowlands, mountains and valleys, here begins the paradise, which does not guard its treasures but offers them to everyone who is willing to commence a new adventure.

*Come and enjoy!
Your experience will open a new page.*

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Networking and transfer of knowledge for sustainable economic tourism development

Overall objective

To contribute to the economic development of the cross-border area through sustainable development of tourism.

Specific objectives

1. To increase competitiveness of SMEs within the cross-border region Gevgelija – Gotse Delchev, working in tourism sector through diversification and added value of tourist products and implementation of good practice;
2. To stimulate cross-border cooperation and develop local capacity by knowledge transfer, exchange of experiences, synergic activities and networking between stakeholders;
3. To promote cross-border region as an attractive tourist destination and
4. To strengthen collaboration between SMEs in tourism sector and other complementary sectors which produce high quality local products and services such as agriculture, food, wine, clothing, transport etc.

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