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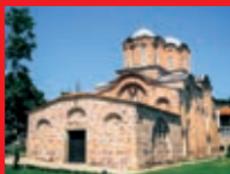
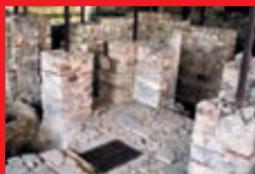
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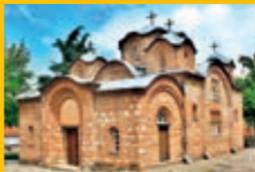
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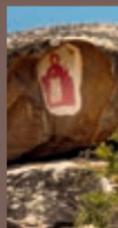
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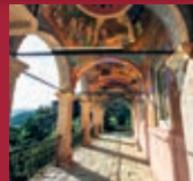
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vand some even international significance.

This vividly illustrated guide aims to provide you with every information you might require to visit and discover any monastery complex in the country. Apart from the tourism related information regarding the historical background of these monasteries, this guide includes description, accommodation possibilities and food, cartographically presented colour maps of the monasteries and their surroundings, contact information, places of significance in their surrounding, recommended tours and other important information. It includes all relevant information for visitors, regardless of the purpose of their visit, whether it would be for religious obedience or purely for tourism.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who participated and assisted the preparation

of this guide, primarily to all monks for giving their support and required information, as well as the employees from the Faculty of Tourism and Business Logistics at the University 'Goce Delcev' Stip, the researchers collecting all relevant literature and electronic sources, priests from the Macedonian Orthodox Church – Ohrid Archbishopric, the photographers, the map draftsmen, the designers of the guide and all remaining who willingly gave a sincere contribution for this edition.

Being the first edition, it might unintentionally lack some important moments from the monastery tourism in the Republic of Macedonia. We are most certainly open for suggestions, for which we would be extremely grateful and take all into consideration for printing a second edition of this guide.

From the authors



forbidding or restricting photography, prior notice of organized tour groups, blessing for spending the night, etc.

Prices given in this guide are valid for the moment but they can be subjected to changes. Most monasteries do not provide the option for credit card payment so be prepared to pay cash. The prices vary from the visitors' personal wish up to 100 euro in a hotel complex within the monastery.

Most monasteries are situated outside urban area, in a beautiful nature, often with no available public transport; therefore you would need a personal vehicle or a taxi.

The rooms in the monasteries are typically clean, comfortable and plainly furnished. Do not expect

modern appliances or devices, such as a phone, radio, TV set or a computer. If you use a sound producing device, use headphones. Food for visitors is offered in most monasteries, as well as the opportunity to prepare your own personally.

This guide will assist you to choose which monastery to visit or stay at and it will provide you with the opportunity to make a close contact with the Macedonian nature, history, culture, art, religion, architecture and local traditions. We do hope that this guide will lead its readers to the holy places throughout Macedonia where they can experience the hospitality in the monasteries and their way of living, find spiritual peace and be closer to God.

