

A GUIDE TO THE FAMOUS PRODUCTS, PLACES, LANDMARKS AND EVENTS IN MACEDONIA



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A sunset over the sea with a person's hand visible on the left side. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright reflection on the water. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and some clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and scenic.

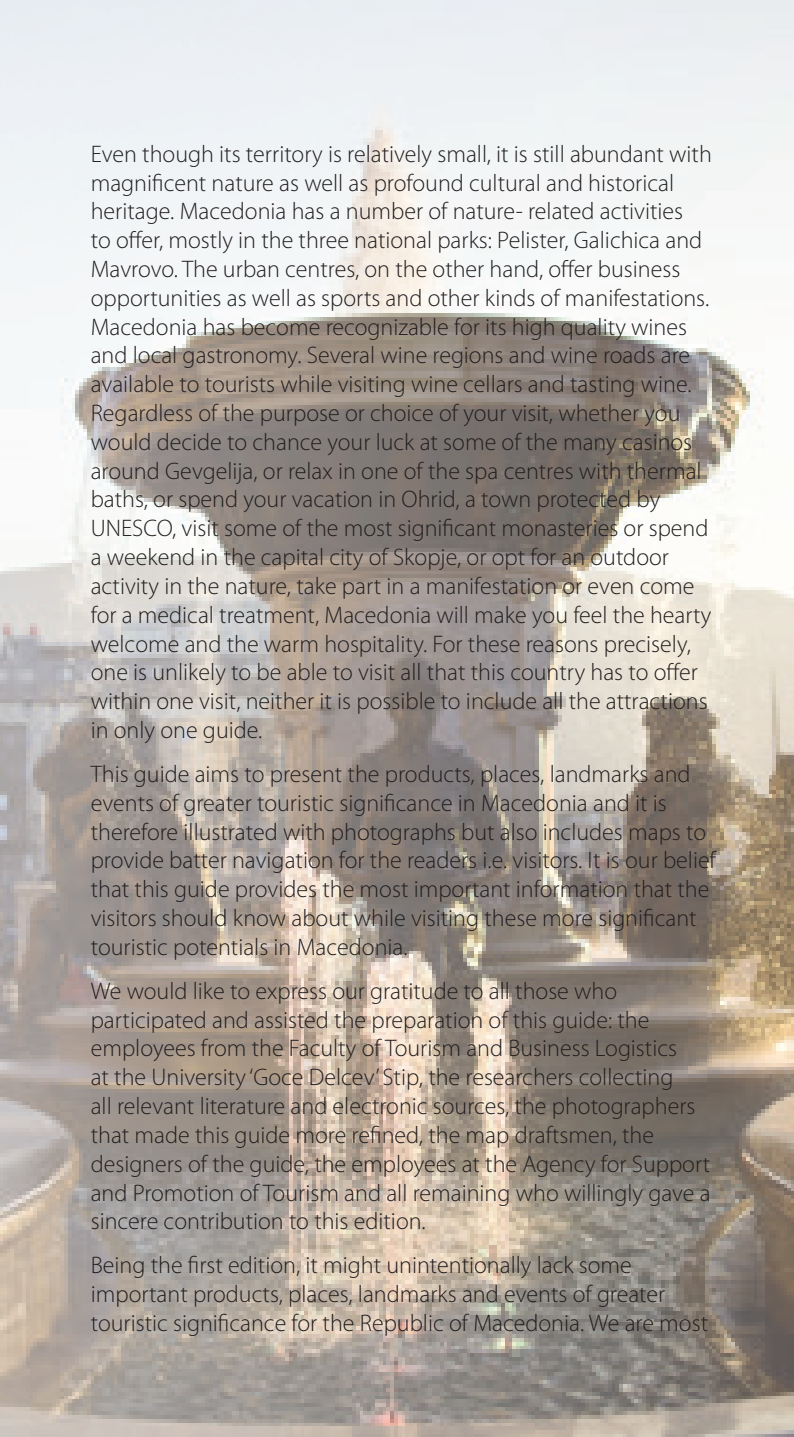
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Prologue

Macedonia is a country with rich history and a great number of various products, places, landmarks and events of significance that have attracted interest and attention of visitors. This country has been the link between the eastern and western worlds for many centuries, not only geographically but also from political and cultural aspect.





Even though its territory is relatively small, it is still abundant with magnificent nature as well as profound cultural and historical heritage. Macedonia has a number of nature-related activities to offer, mostly in the three national parks: Pelister, Galichica and Mavrovo. The urban centres, on the other hand, offer business opportunities as well as sports and other kinds of manifestations. Macedonia has become recognizable for its high quality wines and local gastronomy. Several wine regions and wine roads are available to tourists while visiting wine cellars and tasting wine. Regardless of the purpose or choice of your visit, whether you would decide to chance your luck at some of the many casinos around Gevgelija, or relax in one of the spa centres with thermal baths, or spend your vacation in Ohrid, a town protected by UNESCO, visit some of the most significant monasteries or spend a weekend in the capital city of Skopje, or opt for an outdoor activity in the nature, take part in a manifestation or even come for a medical treatment, Macedonia will make you feel the hearty welcome and the warm hospitality. For these reasons precisely, one is unlikely to be able to visit all that this country has to offer within one visit, neither it is possible to include all the attractions in only one guide.

This guide aims to present the products, places, landmarks and events of greater touristic significance in Macedonia and it is therefore illustrated with photographs but also includes maps to provide better navigation for the readers i.e. visitors. It is our belief that this guide provides the most important information that the visitors should know about while visiting these more significant touristic potentials in Macedonia.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who participated and assisted the preparation of this guide: 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, the photographers that made this guide more refined, the map draftsmen, the designers of the guide, the employees at the Agency for Support and Promotion of Tourism and all remaining who willingly gave a sincere contribution to this edition.

Being the first edition, it might unintentionally lack some important products, places, landmarks and events of greater touristic significance for 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





Some practical advice for using the guide

This guide has been planned and designed to provide visitors with inspiration and directions when planning a trip in Macedonia in order to organize a way to visit the products, places, landmarks and events of significance. This edition has been illustrated with high quality maps and photographs that would bring the included selected segments closer to you. The guide is divided into four parts which comprises all significant local products, places of touristic significance as well as some important events in Macedonia. Each part is marked with a particular icon and different colour to make the navigation through the guide easier to manage. After the four parts, there is a heading named 'did you know..' where you can find engaging and interesting facts and information about the text in the guide.



It is important to mention that for some of the information included in the guide are true for the time being but they might be subjected to changes. The authors and the publisher would not be held responsible for the experiences that the readers will have during their travels. The security of our readers is of great importance to us and for that reason we advise you to use our guide and be careful during your visit and travel.

This guide will assist you to choose from the wide variety of products, places, landmarks and events, what to visit or where to stay and get the opportunity to closely learn about the Macedonian history, nature, culture, art, religion and local traditions. We are convinced that this guide will assist you- our readers, to reach out for the most significant touristic attractions in Macedonia where we hope you would feel pleasant and comfortable by enjoying the Macedonian hospitality and the authentic lifestyle.

