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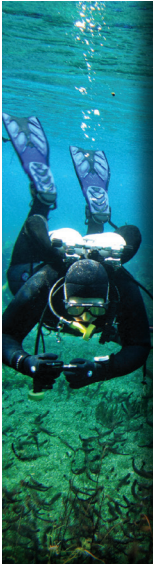
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ABOUT OHRID



Holly and light Ohrid, exceptional and unique, mysterious and exciting that fascinates with its history uniqueness, the biggest touristic center in Macedonia, attractive destination for every good intention visitor, dear friend and family. This is the city – pearl in the reach treasury of world, culture and natural heritage, carrying the label of history and fusion of the nowadays and future, once again generously Ohrid offers for you beautiful moments and enjoyment considering the numerous types of active tourism.

Ohrid, with wide open hart, welcomes the friendly visitors, with its suitable touristic – geographical position without doubt has possibilities to offer unforgettable moments for the sports and recreation fans by emphasizing the essential sport mission for bringing together and understanding the people.

The touristic offer for Active tourism that Ohrid have, includes many interesting fields as for instance: diving /snorkeling, fishing, sailing and canoeing using the wide clear lake water, further, the fun continuous with the foot walking through slopes

and mountains, alpinism, horse riding, speleology and paragliding using the mountain massif “Galičica” and the coastal areas of the Ohrid and Prespa Lake, and the many rural areas, thus, neither for a moment you cannot hold back the passion to give yourself into the colorful space fulfilled with positive energy and of course to obligate you to be our guests again.

This is a town where mysterious royal golden masks have been found, a place where the Goddess of destiny Isis ruled for centuries through her cult and place where were found remains of early Christianity basilicas. Ohrid is a place where the Archbishopric was developed... where the Cyrillic Alphabet, education and Macedonian culture were spread. Ohrid with its heritage has gifted not only Macedonia, but the entire human civilization. Moreover, this town is built at the shores of one of the oldest fresh water lakes in the World. They together make the unconquerable combination of “the Lake and the Town”, that lasts for millennia.

Ohrid is one of those places where timelessness and continuity coexists, the past and the present joins together as time passes forward. Place that glow with spirituality that has been accumulated for centuries. Here in Ohrid life is slow and people are passionate, consequently this place magnetizes everyone who comes here... forever.

In 1979, the Committee of UNESCO decided to inscribe Ohrid Lake on the World Heritage List of outstanding universal values, under natural criteria. In 1980, this property was extended to include the cultural and historical area of Ohrid, and cultural criteria were added. It's worth to be known that from 810 places in 138 States of the UNESCO list; only 24 places are designated as both, natural and cultural heritage sites.



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GALICICA NATIONAL PARK



The Mountain range of Galicica was created by tectonic shifts in the Paleozoic period (300 million years ago) and this range is situated across the border between the Republic of Macedonia and Albania. There is a National park on the Macedonian side of the mountain, situated between the two biggest lakes in the republic: Lake Ohrid and Lake Prespa. It stretches over an area of 227 square kilometers (88 mi²). The main geological surface on the major part of Mount Galicica are Paleozoic metamorphic silicates covered with 500-550 m horizons of massive limestone that have spongy structure and are highly porous. The massif has developed relief with large and deep valleys and a vast mountain crest that in the southern part of Galicica reaches the altitude of more than 2,000 m. Such relief, as well as the vicinity of the two Lakes enables continuous, extremely long and beautiful scenic views for visitors. Galicica enjoys moderate Continental climate influenced by a large quantity of water from both Lakes and the hot Sub-Mediterranean influences that break through

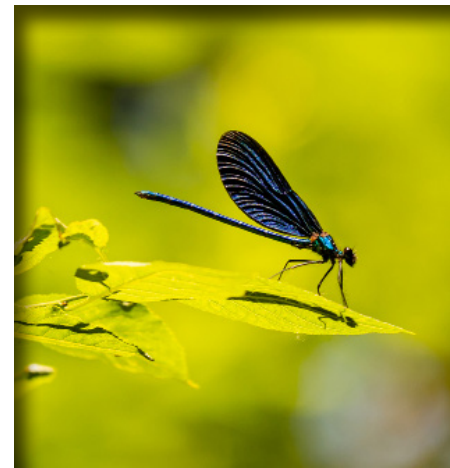
the relatively low mountain saddles in Albania. This unique combine of geology, morphology and climatic conditions resulted in establishing an ecosystem with high biological diversity. Over a thousand plant species can be found in this unique climate, 14 species of them are endemic only to this mountain. Four floral endemic species are remains of the Pliocene epoch (5 million years ago): *Morina persica*, *Stipa mayeri*, *Ramonda nathaliae*, *Phelypaea boissieri*.

There is a plenty of life on the mountain. During the spring and the summer season over 160 species of butterflies flutter around the mountain. The total number of evidenced and studied vertebrates' species is 171. The Mountain is also a shelter for 124 species of birds, 19 mammals, 18 reptiles and 10 amphibians. However until now, the biggest recognizable trademark and the spirit of the mountain is the Lynx (*Lynx martioni*) – Balkan Lynx. This magnificent and elusive animal is indigenous to Macedonia and he is represented with 30 to 35 units. Because the quite small number and diverse threats, on which the lynx population is exposed, mostly resulted from human activities, from July 2006, the Macedonian Ecological Society (MES) began implementation of a project to protect the population of the Balkan lynx in Macedonia titled "Program for Balkan Lynx Recovery".

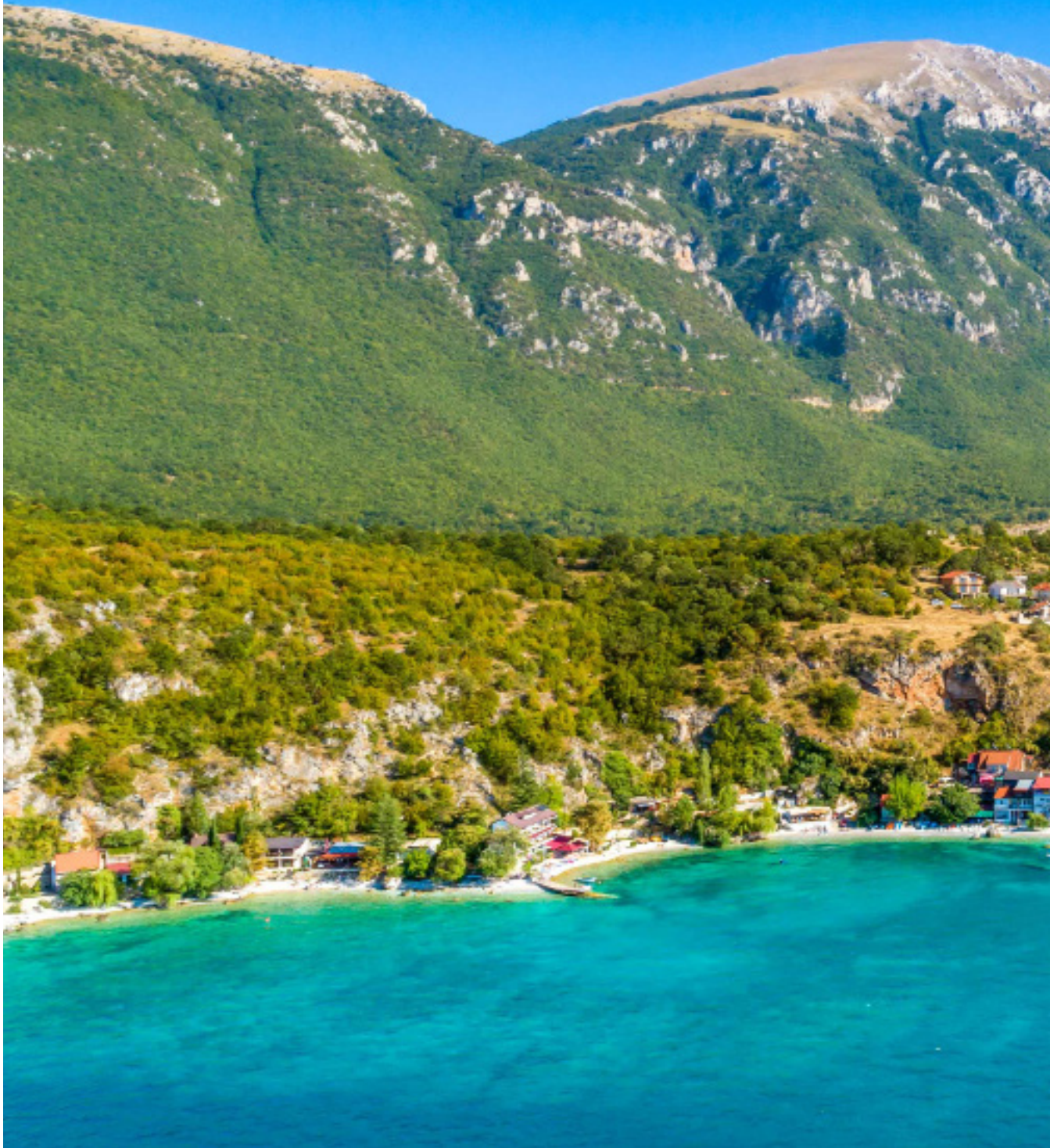
The national park covers an area of 25 000 ha, of which 985 ha are strictly protected zones, making it a place of universal and national significance. The island of Golem Grad, at Lake Prespa has great zoological significance since it is a place of safety and nesting place for a huge amount of endangered birds such as the White Heron, cormorant, pelican and the Alpine Swift. The highest peaks of the mountain like Magaro are shelter for the Golden Eagle, white headed vulture and grey falcon, while the marshes near the village of Stenje (Lake Prespa) are creating an ecosystem which holds prehistoric life dating back to the tertiary period.

Galicica National Park is a natural treasure of immeasurable value. The park is a haven for biologist, botanist, zoologist and ecologist from all over the World, but also for all lovers of nature.

It is worth to mention that there are 400 km of well marked hiking and biking trails, as well as designated places for paragliding funs. The mountain offers excellent conditions for Nordic skiing in winter.



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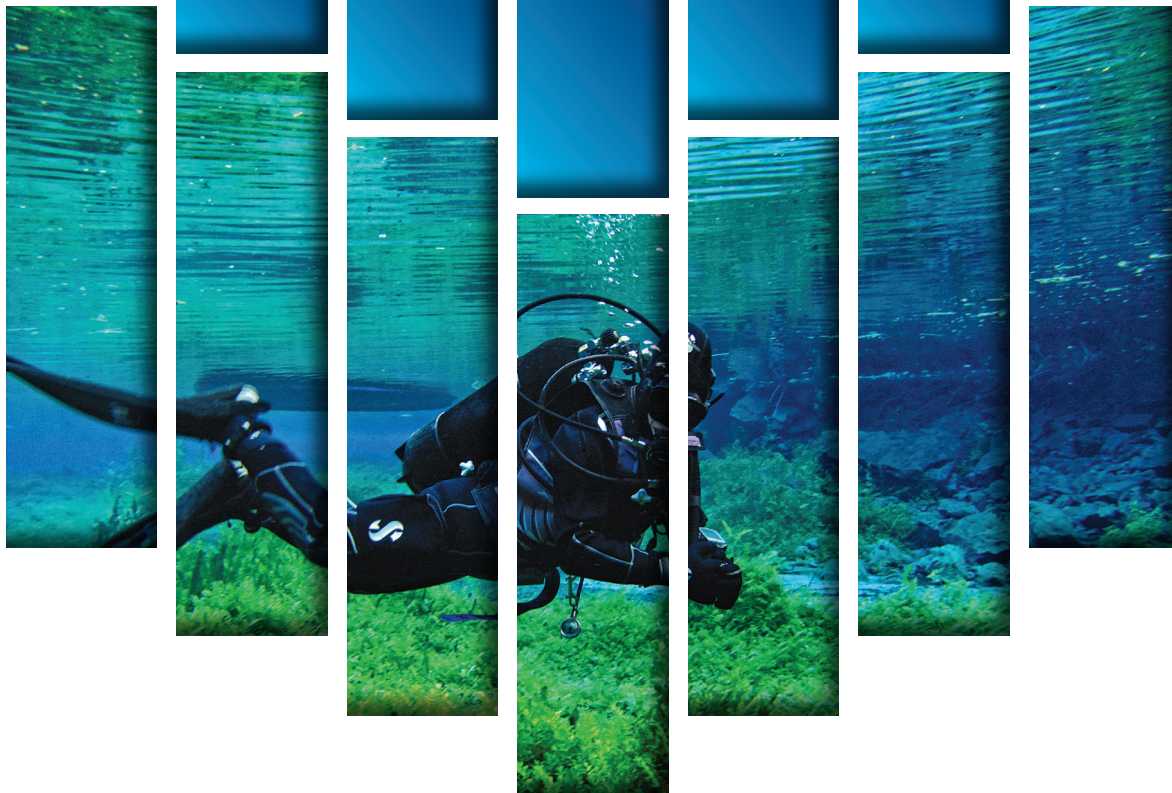




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DIVING



Underwater world adventure into the million year's old tectonic lake knowing that hides thousands of secrets is a pleasure for everyone who loves diving. Water pure as a tear, absorbs the sun's rays breaking the depths and creating spectrum of colors which gives you a sense of being. Without a doubt, Ohrid Lake is the largest reservoir filled with drinking water in the world with clearness of water over 20 m. There isn't a person who has come close to its sandy shores which are part of the picturesque landscape, who doesn't wish for a moment to dive into the depths in a new adventure, an adventure that will take you back three thousand years back in history. Bay of bones – Mico city is a prehistoric Bronze Age settlement. This was a habitat of our ancestors constructed above the water – pile dwellings, furthermore, the underwater researches discovered about 6000 piles dwellings that were based on large platform on which the houses were built.

The age of the lake relates to the age of the flora and fauna that are found under

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the shining water. The lake is plentiful with relict and endemic species of organisms. Taking into consideration that even 146 species out of the existing flora and fauna are endemic, consequently, this fact gives the epithet - the most populous lake in the world, which is the reason why our lake acquire the name “museum of living fossils”, and was declared by UNESCO in 1979 as a world natural heritage site.

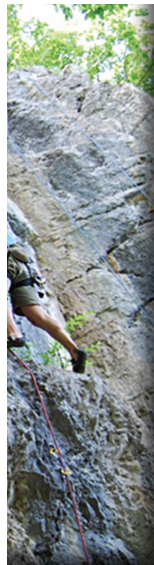
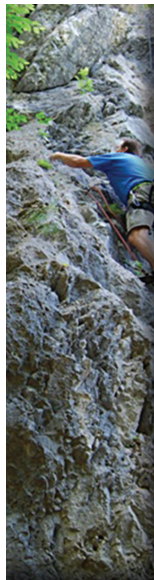
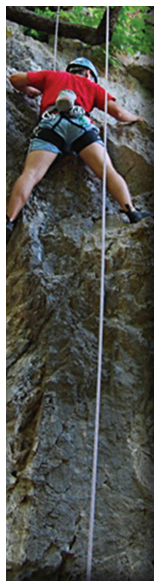
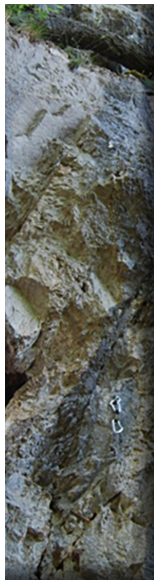
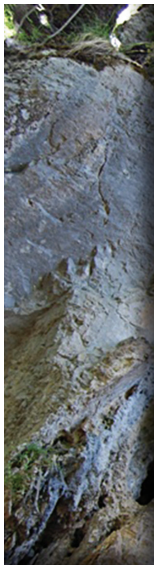
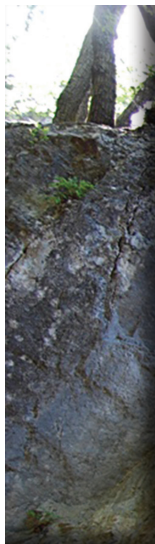
Can you imagine; this entire natural and cultural heritage could be at reach of your hands having the possibility to become part of this lake in its depths. Considering the leading standards of Scuba School International, in the Bay of bones professional Diving center is running, at this center you can take the advantage and the opportunity to learn how to dive. To learn to dive is easy when training is provided by a professional team of international instructors.

Dive with us, live the most exciting moments in your life, the challenge is before you, accept it...





CLIMBING & SPELEOLOGY



To discover the secrets of our beautiful region and to feel the traditions of our people, you will need to travel through the heart of untouched nature, to climb steep rocky verticals, to explore the dense forests, endless plains and sharp mountain ridges, to climb high peaks, to ski steep slopes and long snowy valleys, be reflected in clear glacial lakes, to get fascinated from the smell of countless mountain flowers, to sleep covered with starry skies and be woken up by the warm rays of the morning sun...

And when you will feel the warmth of the snow then the night light will reveal the secret called Macedonian adventure...

Ohrid region offers hidden treasures for all lovers of real adventure, for those with recreational appetites, easy and memorable walks through the magic of mountain ridges and peaks, surrounded by endless valleys, river canyons and lakes, and for those with extreme wishes there are countless of rocky still unexplored vertical frozen waterfalls and kilometers of long mountain trails ideal for trekking and ski touring.



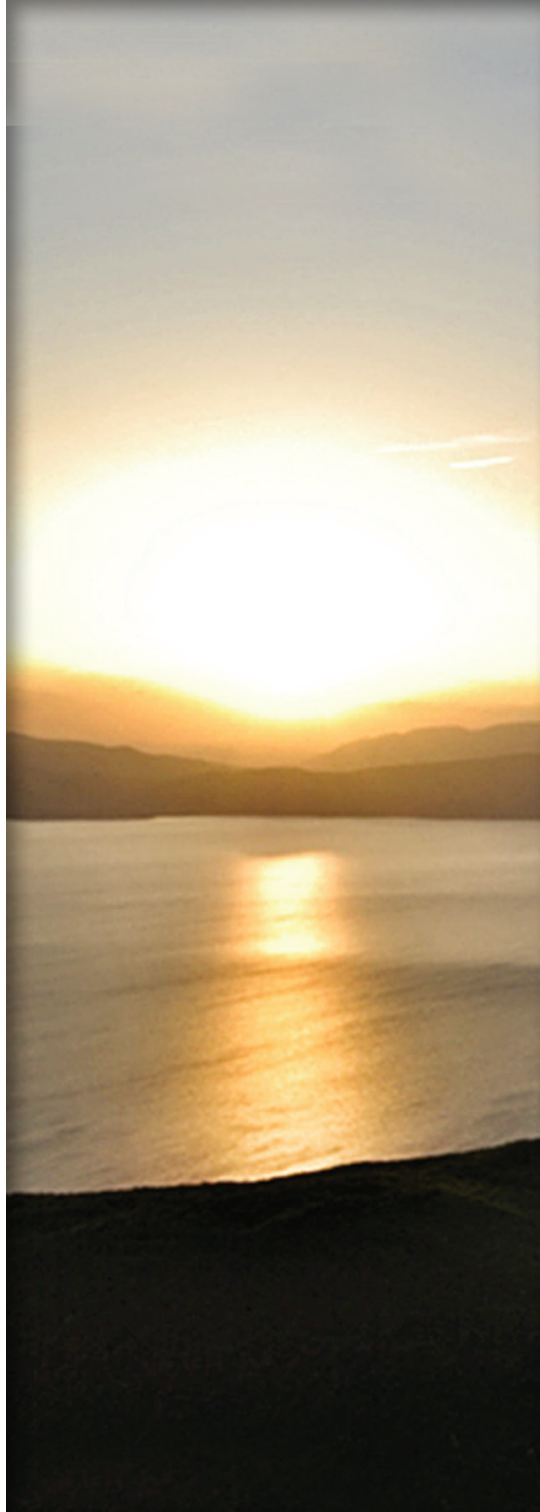
One of the most interesting and examined caves along the coast of Lake Ohrid is the Cave named “Naumova”. It is located south of the village “Trpejca” on hundred meters from the area “Na Dol”. In general the cave has a semi-circular shape. The total length of the cave “Naumova” is 27,7 m with the inside surface of 167 m². A special feature of this cave is the treasure of cave decorations. This cave is also an important habitat for some bat species, especially for the small “Potkovicar” (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*).

Cave named “Prespa” is located near the village Leskoec, or more precisely under the top “Strnina” (1.107 m).

The total length of this cave is 43 m, but, considering the secondary cave channels along the cave, it reaches length up to 48 m.

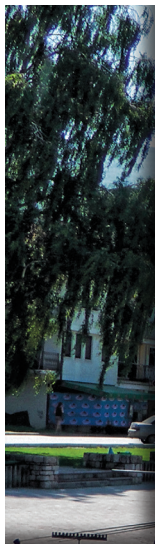
This is a typical example of a cave that had underground water flow which today does not exist and it is completely dried out, thus nowadays represent the type of dry, fossil caves. This cave is also an important habitat for some bat species, especially southern “Potkovicar” (*Rhinolophus euryale*).

Cave -“Samotska Dupka” surpasses the other caves at the Mount Galichica, not only with its length of 224 m, but also with its other natural features. This cave is located on the east side of the valley “Studino”, into the upper part of the ravine which cross descends to the “Studino”. Near the cave entrance, which is positioned on 1.430 m altitude there is a large amount of blocks material. The cave “Samotska Dupka” presents a very simple, but quite open -large cave channel and generally this cave has a way of stretching south-west-northeast. The total length of the main cave canal reaches up to 207 m, while the total length, together with the secondary cave channels reaches up to 224 m. Cave basically represents a fossil river cave i.e. cave in which underground water outflows existed.





FISHING & HUNTING



Humanity has been involved in the practice of fishing for at least 40 000 years ago (early Paleolithic age). Fly fishing is probably the most widespread applied technique of fishing in the world and Macedonia has a very special role in it... In the entire world encyclopedia, at the chapter of fly-fishing, it is clearly mentioned that the first record of artificial fly-fishing originates in Macedonia. This has definitely something to do with the abundance of streams, rivers and lakes in this, “Fairytale country”. This ancient technique of fishing is especially used in the region of Ohrid and is called “blinker”. The Technique is unique because the trout caught at great depths and it is applicable only in Lake Ohrid, which differs from the so called “trolling”. It is also said that the trout is like a golden fish, and it fulfills all the wishes once it is consumed with abundance of delicious Macedonian red wine.

Give in yourselves to the challenge. You are welcomed to catch the golden fish and enjoy its taste with a glass of wine by the lakeside...

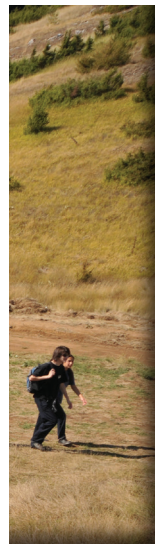
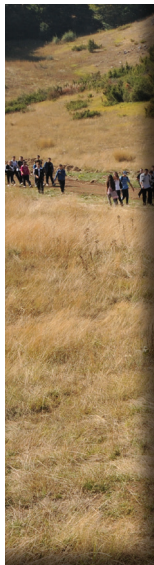


Hunting represents one of the earliest practices for survival in prehistory. The drive and passion of the prehistoric hunter remains ingrained in us today, in a constructive way, as the form of sports, hobbies, and recreation of the modern life. In today's civilization considering the numerous stressful circumstances of living, distancing into the nature is one of the most favorable activities for calming your soul and finding your peace, to return to yourself. Hunting allows temporarily separating yourself from everyday life, forgetting the daily routines and responsibilities. Gives you opportunity for resting and enjoying into the beauty of nature and wild life, gives you opportunity for companionship with other enthusiasts as you.

Hunting is applying according to the rule of modern hunting management. Under optimal conditions it provides the needs measures as are: multiplies, grows, protects and hunts. The numerous of animal species that can be hunted are: ordinary deer, fallow deer, roe deer, goats and wild pigs. The downstream rivers regions abound with rabbits and various species of feathered game, partridges, turtledoves, quail and pheasant.

Do not hesitate to try the hunting as recreation sport. You won't regret.

HIKING & TREKKING



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Our natural heritage will turn your dreams into an unforgettable mountain adventure. For this purpose we organize: Trekking Tours – from all categories (one or more); Camping – for education and for fun; summer and Winter Alpine Ascents; Climbing on artificial cliff halls; Ski Touring Tours; Team Building Activities adapted to the needs and desires of your employees.

Our office has two categories of guides: International mountain leaders, trained according to the highest IML standards, members of the International UIMLA and national climbing and ski touring guides, trained under the regulations and program of the Macedonian alpine climbing Federation.





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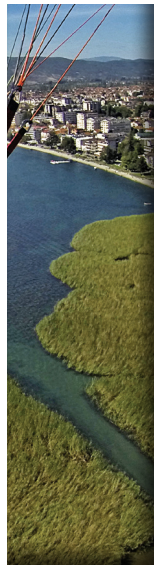
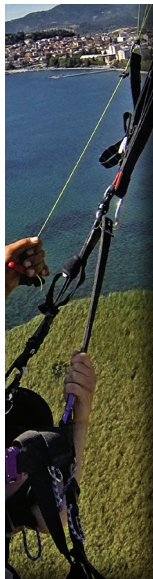
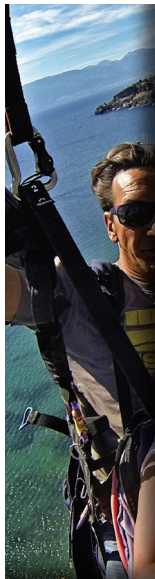
Be prepared to raise the adrenaline in your veins. Ride through the unforgettable picturesque landscapes that can be found from many view points, which are over two thousand meters above sea level. Fall in love with nature, see the blue sky mirrored in the lakes crystal clean water, smell the freshness of the vegetation, ride through dense forests and the golden wheat grain in the valleys, take a quick look at the roused-red sunsets, from which everyone can become totally breathless. Enjoy into the moderate climbs and slopes and get dirty through muddy paths that might make you feel excited. There are no many places in the world where you can experience all this natural beauty created on one place called Ohrid!

Skilled and professional bicycle riders, certified for assistance from the Red Cross and International Organization Florian, will provide for you the needed safety and care while the riding.

Explore the mountains around our lake, and learn to feel the nature...



PARAGLIDING



Paragliding is a different way of experiencing the space around us, and maybe a flight under the sky is just what the doctor suggests for your vacation. The magnificent mountain ranges and ridges around the vast valleys and the lake, with highly active thermal air allows approximately 30 km of flight and several hours floating in the air, and of course allows enjoying into unforgettable countryside, panorama of the lakes and the beautiful green and dense forests. This is a country that lives with the calming smell of pure and untouched nature present in all its land. Let's conquer the sky together and land safely on the banks of the Lake. Let it be our common goal!

Paragliding in Macedonia is promoted and regulated by the Air Federation of Macedonia, a member of the International Federation of Air Sports.

Licensed instructors will help you to master the techniques of flying in tandem, which is the quickest and safest way to experience paragliding for the first time. Open yourself to new friendships and memorable entertainment. With us the adventure never stops, join us and start your adventure today.

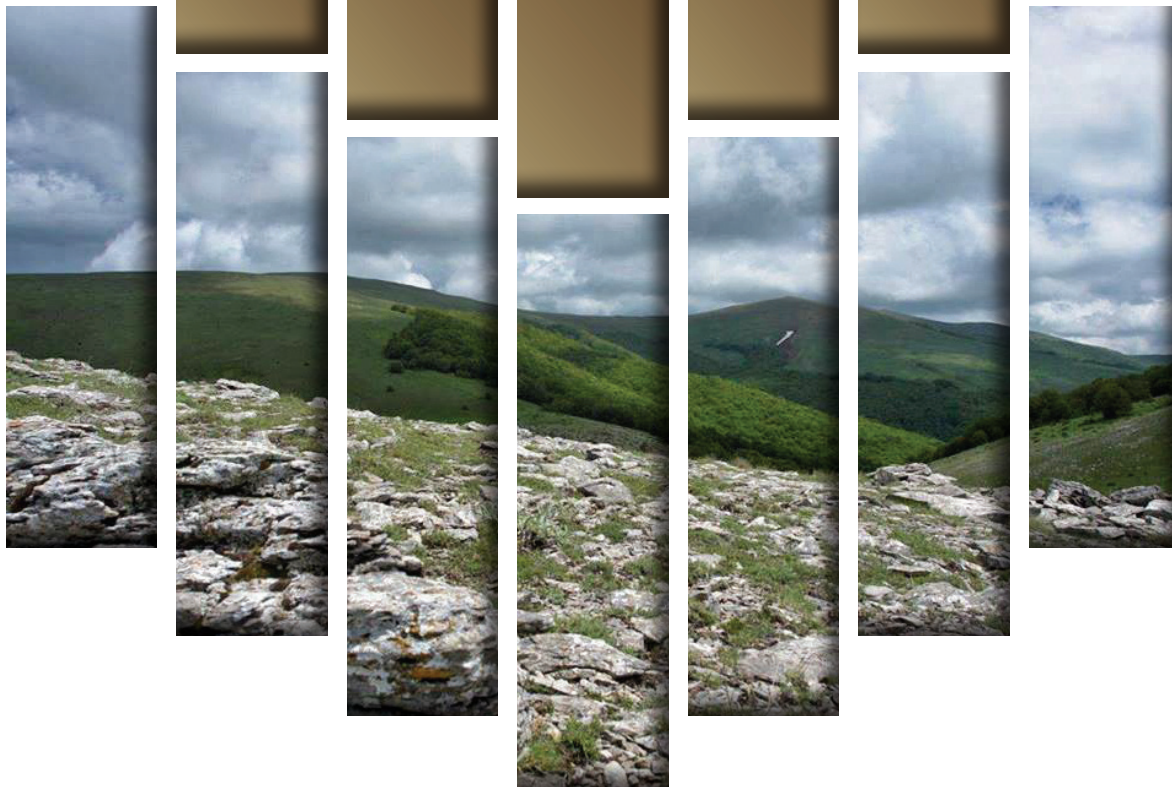


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PLAKENSKA PLANINA & MAZATAR



The mountains “Mazatar” and “Plakenska” are placed in the southwestern Macedonia and they are separating the Demir Hisar region from the Prespa region and Ohrid region. More precisely these mountains are bordering with city of Ohrid at northeast side, go on between the areas of Debarca at northwest side and Demir Hisar at east. “Plakenska Mountain” in south continues to “Bigla Mountain” and both of them separate the region of Demir Hisar from Ohrid-Prespa region. In west, “Plakenska Mountain” branches out with the massif “Mazatar” with the highest peak Bajrak (1700 m). The highest peaks of “Plakenska Mountain” are: “Stalev Kamen” - (2000 m) and “Crn Vrv “ - (1933 m). This highest mountain peaks gives opportunity to enjoy into amazing, fabulous view of the two greatest Macedonian lakes, the Ohrid and Prespa Lake, as well as a view of the whole southwestern Macedonia.

“Plakenska Mountain” is a mountain hidden below the shadows of the centuries old Oak Tree and it is an incomparable embraced space with soft grass. As a visitor at “Mazatar” and “Plakenska” mountains you will be able to listen the music which

starts with the splash of the trout than continues with the song of the lark and the whisper of the wind. These mountains are rich with colorful flowers, on the surface of the water restless streams that are rushing through the river “Golema”, “Brezanska” and “Koselska Reka” can be seen many shining crystals. Moreover, they are decorated with beautiful purple sunset, with smell of thyme and frankincense. Place where you are able to find pleasure in throwing rocks that makes circles in the water. They are challenge for many alpinist funs, thus, each hill and mountain that is conquered is a pleasant success. “Mazatar and Plakenska” Mountains are place where you can find your loneliness, desired easiness and harmony; or place where you can express your anger feelings like the Volcano “Duvalo” in the bosom of the mountain. However, these are spaces where can be heard the echo of Child’s laught that is full of happiness because of the first snow. They could be your fortress in the interior of the mysterious caves.

“Mazatar” and “Plakenska” Mountains are synonyms for life, for soul of everything – from the primula to the silver fir, synonym for a freedom; it is an otter’s game, a lynx’s jump and an eagle’s flight above the “Stalev Kamen”. It is extraordinary legend, story, song of the beautiful mountain villages and their inhabitants, their traditions and customs, their food and their lives.

THE FLYING FLOWERS OF MAZATAR AND PLAKENSKA MOUNTAINS: There are more than 110 species of daily butterflies that is 25 % of all of the European species of daily butterflies and 50 % of the Macedonian species of daily butterflies.

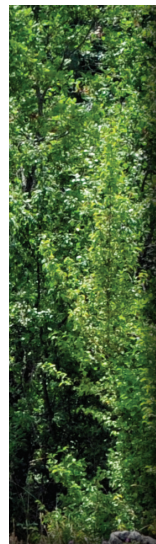
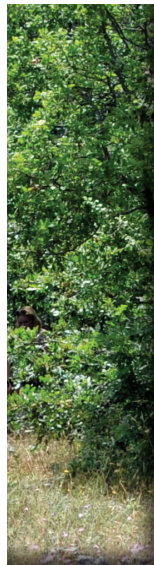
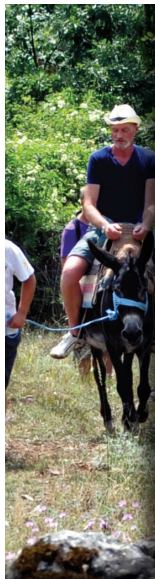
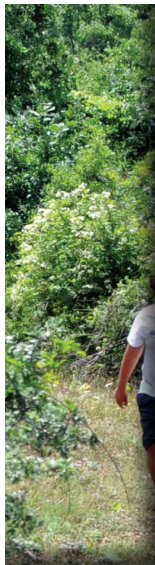
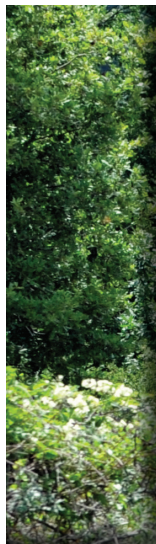
THE WOODLAND BEAUTY – THE BALKAN LYNX – The lynx lives in the western and the southern mountain parts of Macedonia. It’s estimated that in the whole country there are only around 160 Lynxes. In the past the Lynx lived on “Ilinska” and “Plakenska Mountain” and probably this animal is still present there.

WHEN YOU TRAVEL FROM OHRID TO MAZATAR AND PLAKENSKA MOUNTAIN, BE CAREFUL!! BEAR ON THE ROAD!

These mountains are home of the greatest and the most crucial, exclusively important and endangered animal species including same of the largest carnivores like it is the Brown Bear.



DONKEY SAFARI



For centuries, donkeys have played an integral part in Macedonian rural life. A village household without Donkey is like a City household without a car. Therefore, donkeys had played central roll into the humans live at village making the hard works much easier. But, this cult animal these days in our villages is less common because the modern technology has replaced them in every way. Nowadays, they are using them as a touristic attraction. Donkey safari excursion represents a combination of donkey riding and foot walking through the mountains located near the villages.

In our rural areas the local population are mainly dealing with cattle breeding and also large part of their households additional incomes are achieved through the collection, processing and sale of forest fruits and medicinal plants: juniper, moss, mushrooms such as – Chanterelle (*Cantharellus cibarius*), *Boletus edulis* (commonly known as porcini), flowers, smilj – tastes very similar like curry, dogwood, blackberries and etc. As well in their gardens they cultivate various vegetable crops such



as tomatoes, peppers, onions, potatoes, etc. in organic manner using the animal manures instead of using of artificial fertilizers. Moreover, these rural areas are also extremely rich with wildlife. This enormously rich space of waters, forests and mountains has one of the most remarkable combinations of flora and fauna. The villages ambient have preserved the old Macedonian architecture with stone houses. Nowadays, the rural tourism is intensively developing throughout the various offers for the visitors, giving additional opportunity for increasing the rural families' incomes.



LUNCH – PREPARED OF ORGANIC FOOD

People's hospitality that are living in the villages, will give you an opportunity to taste the national traditional food and the old rural specialties, furthermore, you will have the opportunity to try the complete healthy organic food taste. The local population have opened their homes for tourist's accommodation with included possibility the visitors to enjoy into the homemade food. Thus they have created different menus for its guests – visitors. The old rural food specialties are including a number of different homemade pies (with cheese, leeks, nettles, potato ...), homemade lamb meat, "rustic pot" - different kinds of meat prepared in a ceramic pot with lots of vegetables. People in these local areas still produces a variety of homemade food, garden vegetables, fruits from their orchards, mushrooms, herbs and berries from the forest, honey, meat and product from their livestock.



SAILING & KAYAKING



If you got tired of resting on land and wish to feel the lake's light wind on your skin or perhaps wish to get wet, then prepare yourself for some fun on the waves of the Lake Ohrid. Ohrid and Struga are the only places where you can enjoy sailing in the region. Enjoy the moving panorama of the old town, the blue sky and the crystal clear fresh water. You will relax into the unforgettable view of the settlements that look like a necklace of beautiful pearls that are linked next to each other, as well as into the lake's colorful palette from shallow blue to deep turquoise and green tones.

See the sun set over the mountain, romance in the moonlight and feel the wind play with your sail. Let us introduce you the Ohrid Lake from a different view with licensed and experienced skippers by international marine standards to guide you.

It is worldwide known that water heals and rests the soul. With favorable wind behind you and full sails, you will reach the adrenaline pleasure...



SPORTS CENTER



The main sport center “Biljanini Izvori” is located at the edge of Ohrid’s border-line. This sports and recreation center stretches at 150 000 m2 of land, offering use of both outdoor and indoors activities.

The sports center “Biljanini Izvori” provides excellent services in organizing professional sport events such as soccer, sport trainings and events such as concerts, cultural, musical and others. Such cultural events have marked Ohrid as a land for popular international concerts where stars like Lenny Kravitz, David Guetta... have performed here, attracting thousands of locals and tourists from all around countries.





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