



Visit to Krusevo

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the visit of our town on November 5th 2014 to the Ambassadors of Italy, France, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We were honored just to have the presence of Excellencies in our town marking the continued friendship of our countries.

I truly appreciate the opportunity that we had a candid conversation with the Ambassadors about the economic and social situation in the Municipality of Krusevo and the strategies for development as well as the possibilities for use of the European

funds for implementation of projects crucial for strategic development of the municipality. I believe that this meeting will launch a productive cooperation with the municipality and NGO's fostering the tradition and values of our town.

I hope that we can talk again soon about possible next steps that would build on our meeting.

It is my pleasure on this occasion to extend our most cordial greetings to the Ambassadors and wishes for a further collaboration.

Sincerely,
Mayor Gjorgji Damcheski



About Krusevo



Mentioned in documents from the 15th century Krusevo was a small settlement. In 1670 there were only 45 houses. At the end of XVIII c. with Vlach settlement it grew into an urban settlement. Today Krusevo is a living museum, famous for its traditional architecture, and the Ilinden uprising in 1903 against Ottoman domination.

Monument “Ilinden”

Today the Ilinden monument also known as Makedonium marks the dream of the Ilinden revolutionaries. The Makedonium is historical and aesthetic monument that marks the fight, insubordination and aspiration of the Macedonian people to create free and independent state.

Famous monumental complex in Krusevo was first presented on 2 August 1974, on the day of 71 years from the Ilinden Uprising.

The Monument Makedonium is work of the artists Jordan and Iskra Grabulovski.

The monument represents the chronology of events related to the Ilinden Uprising. It spans an area of 12 hectares. The memorial begins with torn chains, followed with Crypt, and continues with picturesque landscape mosaic scene commonly known as the amphitheater and finally ends with the Dome. The Dome is located at 1320 meters above sea level and offers a beautiful view on all four sides. From here can be seen the city of Krusevo, the monuments “Meckin Kamen” (Bear Stone), “Sliva” (Plum) and the 33-meter cross near the Monastery Sv. Preobrazenie (Holy Transfiguration). The interior of the dome impresses with the beautiful reliefs, stained glass and the eternal flame. The sarcophagus of Nikola Karev, the president of the Krushevo Republic, can be found in this museum.



Foundry Museum

The museum exist after it has been re-opened since 2003.

It contains tools that were used for casting bullets for the rebels during the Ilinden Uprising and a large collection of authentic guns used in Ilinden Uprising.

This year thre is a new exhibition with weapons used before and during the Ilinden Uprising, owned by residents of Krusevo.



Gallery of Nikola Martinovski

Nikola Martinovski (1903-1973) one of the most important Macedonian contemporary painters was born in Krusevo and to the town he donated 62 paintings which are now exhibited in this gallery housed in a house that is a unique example of old architectural style from the 19th century.

Also a small ethnological museum has been set up inside the house.

Visiting the gallery gives you a chance to admire not just Martinovski works, but also the beauty of Krusevo houses.



Memorial House of Todor Proeski

Memorial House Todor Proeski is build in memory of late Macedonian singer who died in a car crash. His name means nothing to most of Europe, but international media reported the sudden death of the 26 year-old pop star which plunged the Balkans into mourning.

One of the most popular pop icons in the entire Balkans region the Macedonian government named an honorary citizen for his exceptional achievements in the arts and humanitarian work. In addition to his music career, Proeski had contributed



to humanitarian actions and besides being a winner of Mother Theresa award he was a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations children's agency, UNICEF.

Memorial House has two wax figures of Toshe, one in a standing position, and second in the music studio how playing the piano. It also has over 350 authentic exhibits that are family owned.

In the central part of the object is prayer and philosophies that guided him through life.

Near the Memorial House is his resting place daily visited by a number of fans to pay their respects.

The museum is the "People Choice Award" winning museum for 2011 at the "World Architecture Festival" in Barcelona.

The Old Bazaar of Krusevo

Situated in the heart of the small town, it is still the most picturesque part of the town where life take place. That's was in the past so it is today.

Bazaar consist of a series of small authentic craft and trade shops arranged side by side. Here you can still meet a barrel maker, shoe makers, cooper, carpenter, silversmith and filigrees maker that will remind you of a wonderful guild time.



Stanic



Stanic is known as a top destination for winter sports and the terrain is suitable especially for recreational skiing.

But Stanic is an attractive place to visit in all seasons because it offers pleasant walks in nature and beautiful mountain views

in all directions: to Pelagonija, Pelister, Galichica and the top of Solunska Glava.

There is also a restaurant here where you can drink hot tea and coffee on the fresh mountain air.

What You Must Try: Krushevo Cuisine

Krushevo region is famous for its warm hospitality. Each visitor is welcomed here not only for his curiosity of a contemplator, but also for his will to enjoy the original Krushevo cuisine. Traditional Krushevo cuisine combines Balkan and Mediterranean characteristics, inherited largely from Turkish tastes that prevailed here during long centuries of Ottoman rule.

While you are in Krushevo you must try Krushevo delights and kisses (Macedonian known as "celufki"), Krushevo pie and "placinta", Krushevo "kukuruzi" and sausage and kebab as parts of Krushevo famous cuisine and served in each restaurant in Krushevo.

