

An aerial photograph of the town of Krushevo, showing a dense cluster of buildings with red-tiled roofs. A large, light-colored church with a bell tower is prominent in the center. The town is surrounded by green hills and a winding road is visible in the foreground.

A WALK THROUGH THE LIVING MUSEUM

KRUSHEVO

TOP 10

1 Makedonium

The monument consists of several parts, but the most impressive is the white dome where the tomb of the President of the Krushevo Republic – Nikola Karev is. This symbol is a symbol of resilience, patience and strive for freedom of the Macedonian people.

2 Meckin Kamen

On several kilometres of the city, the road leads to this locality where during the Ilinden Uprising there were a lot of brutal battles. On the very spot, there is a monument of the revolutionary Pitu Guli, with the words "Freedom or Death" inscribed below it.

3 Monastery St. Preobrazenie

The Monastery was built due to the initiative and personal participation of one of the greatest music stars Toshe Proeski, who, before his death, used to go there and stay in the monastery cells. In its vicinity, there is a breathtaking landscape of the surroundings.

4 Lokum

A dessert similar to the Turkish delight which has been made with generations in this city and the one which has a high quality. The people of Krushevo keep its recipe as a treasure. The lokum, whose origins are from Krushevo, is a local privilege and it cannot be found in any other place.

5 Paragliding

Near Meckin Kamen is the most popular place for paragliders in the whole of Macedonia. There are instructors for paragliding who are at your disposal if you want to arrange tandem flight over Pelagonija.

6 N. Martinoski gallery

The art lovers shall find an impeccable tranquility amongst the works of art by the contemporary artist Nikola Martinoski, situated in one of the Krushevo houses with authentic look.

7 10 days Krushevo Republic

This events starts on August, 2nd and every year there is a reading of the Krushevo Manifest as part of the celebration for the Ilinden Uprising. Then, the whole city is turned into the spirit of 1903.

8 Todor Proeski Memorial House

Built posthumously in honour of the great music star, the Centre tells the story of the life and work of the musician, being one of the most attractive destinations in the city.

9 Bullet Foundry

The foundry is by its creation a kind of a museum dating from the Ilinden Uprising and it is the original place where during the time of the uprising, the bullets for the revolutionaries were made.

10 Winter sports

As a third biggest ski centre in the country, it offers a lot of possibilities, especially for beginners.

CITY in the CLOUDS

Have you ever wondered which the highest place on the Balkans is? On 1350 metres above the sea level, Krushevo is the city that proudly carries this title. Situated in central Macedonia, with population of around 5000 citizens, this small city is special for many things, yet the most recognizable are the unique architecture, which is thoroughly in the spirit of the Macedonian tradition. Formed by narrow houses with amphitheatric posture and tiny streets, known for the most important Macedonian uprising against the Ottoman Empire, this calm and silent mountain city is several times per year a centre of cultural and sport happenings.



NUMBERS and FACTS

Area:

190.68 km²

Population:

5.330

Elevation:

1.350 metres

Phone code:

+389 48

Closest airport:

St. Apostol Pavle, Ohrid, 111 km

Average annual temperature:

8.4 °C

Postal code:

7550

Web:

www.krusevo.gov.mk

Important historical dates:

1467 - the name of the city was mentioned for the first time as part of the Husein Bay property

18 century – the Mijaks and the Vlachs inhabit Krushevo and the place was organized as a city settlement

August, 2nd, 1903 – the Krushevo Uprising was organized and risen against the Ottomans which resulted in liberation of the city and formation of the Krushevo Republic, just for 10 days, after which it was devastated in blood

August, 12th, 1903 – two big battles took place at Sliva and Meckin Kamen. This uprising also ended in blood.

September, 8th, 1944 – Krushevo was liberated from the Nazi

EVENTS' CALENDAR

JANUARY

- Music workshops in honour of Toshe Proeski birthday
- Winter book fair

JULY

- Krushevo ethno town
- Manifestation Hot cultural wave

MARCH

- SNOWBOARD FIS
- Celebrating March

AUGUST

- Ten days Krushevo Republic
- Competition for parachutes and kites
- Krushevo through the korija – sport event

JUNE

- Music workshop in the Toshe Proeski Memorial Centre

SEPTEMBER

- “Sweet perspectives“ state competition for and tourism



ROAD TO
ST. PEVOBRAZENIE
MONASTERY



MAKEDONIUM



MUSEUM NOB

TOSHE PROESKI
MEMORIAL HOUSE



ROAD TO
BITOLA

MIJAK
NEIGHBOURHOOD

GORNO
NEIGHBOURHOOD



NIKOLA
MARTINOVSKI
ART GALLERY

NIKOLA KAREV
HOUSE

HOUSE OF
TOMALEVCI

ILINDEN
SQUARE

BUS STATION

ARNAUT
NEIGHBOURHOOD



ROPEWAY

SKI SLOPES



SKI HUT

GIPSY
NEIGHBOURHOOD



HOTEL MONTANA

VLACH
NEIGHBOURHOOD



ROAD TO
MECHKIN
KAMEN

Going upwards through the asphalt road to reach the first houses in Krushevo, one can notice the traces on the sides of the road of the old switchbacks that used to be the macadam route built at the time of the Ottoman Empire. The legend says that the creator of this route was given a certain amount of gold for each kilometer, so, greedy to earn something more, and save material instead, he had been building the route with curves and narrow pathways, meaning narrow up to a point where you cannot pass each other.



UNIQUE ARCHITECTURE

Krushevo is a city-history, a city-museum, a city-story. Krushevo is a fairytale, especially in winter time. A true snowy idyll. There are well-kept buildings from the 15 century, from the formation of the city, as well as the time when the Vlachs and Mijaks settled, the first willing to invest and the second to build. The result of all that are the houses in specific architecture symbols that take your breath away even at the first sight, and their beauty has not left anyone untouched, not even the famous architect Le Corbuiser when visiting this city. The local Krushevo architecture has been constructed in the spirit of tradition, taken into consideration the climate, the citizens' habits, the geomorphology, the functionality and esthetics. The inside walls are usually artistically decorated, whereas the façades are a real glamorous attraction, recognizable for the pediment with masterly implemented floral and zoomorphic elements.



The house of the eminent artist Nikola Martinoski is one of the typical examples of the Krushevo architecture.



ART HERITAGE

Nikola
Martinovski is
the first president
of the Macedonian
Association of Fine
Artists.

Krushevo is a city-art. This is the hometown of many famous Macedonian zoographers, wood carvers and engravers. Amongst them is Petre Filipovski – Garkata whose skillfully made carvings can be seen in the numerous sacral objects in the region, just as the Rila Monastery, the Prizren Monastery, St. Spas in Skopje... What's more, despite zoographers, Krushevo is also famous for the eminent painter Nikola Martinovski, the founder of contemporary art in this country, whose house today is turned into a museum, where visitors are able to see over 70 of his works of art in different techniques (oil paintings, paintings, drafts, techniques on glass). This collection, whose paintings are one of the most expensive by Macedonian authors, is a gift from the artist to the city.



Toshe Proeski entered the society of Mozart, the Beatles, Eric Clapton and others as a musician who has a star in the space named after him. Toshe's star is part of the constellation Pegasus.



If you ask the people in Krushevo about famous people who come from that city, one of the first names that you ought to hear will be Toshe Proeski. This musician with international popularity, who tragically lost his life at the peak of his glory, at the age of 26, is famous not only for his astonishing vocal capabilities, but also for being a great humanist. In his honour, nearby the city, there is a memorial house which is not only a museum of this music icon, but also a place where educational workshops are held every year and where a dozen of young people step into the world of music. The building where the museum is situated is a combination of concrete and glass, representing an architectural attraction by itself and it is also a winner of the prestigious award for architecture "People's Choice Award" in Barcelona in competition with 704 objects from around the world.

A man with a long beard and hair, wearing a white shirt, a black vest with gold buttons, and a black cap, is riding a brown horse. He is holding a red flag high in his right hand. The horse is decorated with a red and yellow headband and a red tassel. In the background, other people in similar traditional clothing are riding horses on a paved street. A tall evergreen tree and a flagpole with a Macedonian flag are also visible.

A PATH to the PAST

August the 2nd in Macedonia is a great national holiday that the people proudly celebrate – the day of the Ilinden Uprising. Still, it is not celebrated more in any other part in Macedonia as it is in Krushevo, the place where in 1903 this Uprising was risen against the Ottomans and managed to turn this city into a free territory, the so called Krushevo Republic, unfortunately just for 10 days. Every year, on this day, the manifestation “10 Days Krushevo Republic” is opened, a day when the whole city is disguised in Komiti clothing and lives in the spirit of that time. Every year the city again revives Ilinden and celebrates the freedom, remembering the great revolutionaries Nikola Karev, Pitu Guli, Dame Gruev, names which are sung in the national anthem.



The monument complex of the Krushevo Republic is called Makedonium and it is placed on the highest spot in the city on an area of 12 hectares, where the main part is the dome decorated with reliefs and stained glass, keeping inside the tomb of Nikola Karev, the president of the ten-day Republic. Before one gets there, they have to pass the “breaking the chains” which symbolizes freedom, the “crypt” where distinguished names of people and terms connected to the Uprising can be read, and the amphitheatre surrounded by colourful mosaics.



By its futuristic look, the “Makedonium” is a symbol of the city, inspired by the head of a mace.

The
Vlach community in Macedonia is most numerous exactly in this city and it is approximately 20% of all the citizens. The National Vlach day is celebrated as a state holiday in Macedonia.



Due
to the numerous
Vlach community, this
is the only municipality in
the country where the Vlach
language is an official
language.



WINTER TALE

The third ski centre "Skaut" in Macedonia, after Mavrovo and Popova Shapka is near the city of Krushevo. Since the place and the cold climate of approximate annual temperature of 8.5 Celsius degrees allow snow in Krushevo, the ski season is often prolonged from late autumn till late spring.



The ropeway, the ski lifts, the equipment for rent and the night skiing on lights are things that Krushevo provides for you proving that it has everything you have expected by a ski centre.



Having in mind the majestic ski slopes, adjustable for Alpine and Nordic skiing, biathlon and snowboard park, Krushevo provides some kind of a winter adventure for everyone. Even those who are not quite keen on winter sports, shall find some special enjoyment while hiking on the smooth snowy fields of the Busheva Mountain or in the tea with rum prepared in the small dairy.

In **SEARCH** of **ADRENALINE**

Anyway, during the summer months, Krushevo again breaks the silence and tranquility by becoming the centre of many sport manifestations and, especially for the bravest whose focus are the extreme sports. The natural beauties of this region challenge the cyclists on a summer marathon through the Krushevo korija, but also gather on one place the professional paragliders as Krushevo has several times been a host of world and European competitions in this sport, so far. The location where the adrenaline hunters set off is the historical Meckin Kamen where the most terrible fights in the time of the Ilinden Uprising took place, and it offers an exceptionally attractive panorama of the Pelagonija Valley which is lost in the horizon.



Due to the elevation, the walks through the Krushevo korija or woodlands are a wonderful way to refresh yourselves in the scorching, summer temperatures.



However, despite the activities for adventurers, Krushevo offers an amazing nature full of forests and mountains that call the tourists of all ages to take some walks on the tracking paths under the oak and beech trees. Also, during the summer months, the city hospitably welcomes the yoga practitioners who are looking for quiet surrounding and here they organize summer schools or seminars.





The **CHARM** of the LOCAL CUISINE

The delicious Krushevo cuisine will satisfy even the pickiest and feed the hungriest. Krushevo people are famous for preparing the traditional Krushevo pie with cheese and leek. Moreover, this is the place where the Komiti dish is prepared, just as chomlek, diverse dips, tikvarnik (pumpkin cake)... When in Krushevo, it is not necessary to choose your lunch in the classic, old-fashioned way, from the menu. The best suggestion comes from the one that serves you, and it is like a rule of thumb to let the restaurant personally take care of the combination, depending on the daily menu of Macedonian specialties. The restaurants are decorated in traditional atmosphere, with Macedonian folk cloths, wood carvings, and in the winter period, a compulsory thing is the cosy-burning fireplace.

Tasting
the Krushevo
Turkish delight is an
inevitable part when visiting
the city. The people from
Krushevo as well are proud
of the most delicious
baked pie.





After the delicious meal, the local desserts come as a must - the Kruševo lokum which is known and recognized afar as well as the celuvka cakes. There are almost no such people who have come in Kruševo and left without taking at least one package of lokum with walnuts that is to be found only there.

In the magical Kruševo, everything is on one place. This living museum warmly opens its arms to every traveller on a unique experience full of history, natural beauties and tranquility which is why it should be placed on the world tourist maps.





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