

detailed program - 7 day's hiking trip in Macedonia

Day 1 - Skopje

We will meet at the Skopje airport. Meeting time depends on the arrival flight to Skopje airport. Optional city tour in Skopje depends from the flight schedule. After city tour we will have to transfer to the mountain resort of Popova Sapka on Shar Mountain, situated at altitude of 1700 m. Welcoming dinner will be served in a hotel. Overnight in Popova Sapka.

Day 2 - Shar Mountain

After breakfast we will start hike to Tito's Peak (2747 m). We will climb it by the summer trail passing through areas with endemic flora and one of the best panoramas and landscapes in Macedonia. Short picnic on the altitude of 2747 meters. From Tito's Peak we will hike down to Leshnica Valley, one of the most beautiful mountain areas in Macedonia, where we will have lunch. We will participate in preparing lamb prepared according to a shepherd's recipe on a meadow at Dolna Leshnica Valley at altitude of 1450 meters. After lunch we will have transfer to Popova Sapka resort. Overnight in Popova Sapka.

Hiking tour data - Day 2

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| Difficulty of the tour: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Duration of the tour: | 7 to 9 hours |
| Length of the tour: | 24 km |
| Starting point: | 1700 meters |
| Uphill climbing: | 1100 meters |
| Finish: | 1450 meters |
| Required fitness: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Panoramas and landscapes: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Biodiversity: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |

Day 3 - National Park Mavrovo

After breakfast we will have to transfer to the National park of Mavrovo to central plateau of Mount Bistra, from where we will start the hiking to Medenica Peak (2163 m). From the top of Medenica Peak we will hike down to the village of Galichnik (1400 m) where traditional architecture can be seen and we can test the local food. In the afternoon we will go to get ourselves a cup of coffee at Mavrovi Anovi. Dinner with local specialties will be served in the hotel.

Hiking tour data - Day 3

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| Difficulty of the tour: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Duration of the tour: | 4 to 5 hours |
| Length of the tour: | 12 km |
| Starting point: | 1700 meters |
| Uphill climbing: | 500 meters |
| Finish: | 1400 meters |
| Required fitness: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Panoramas and landscapes: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Biodiversity: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |

Day 4 - National Park Mavrovo

We will start the day with morning transfer to the footstep of Mount Korab (1470 m) to reach the starting point of our hike. We will hike up to the top of Golem Korab (2754 m) through Alpine scenes passing by one sheepfold. Around noon we will reach the peak, which lies on the border between Macedonia and Albania. After obligatory beer at the end of the hike we continue our tour with driving through Canyon of Radika River to visit the Monastery of St. John the Baptist, where we will see one of the largest iconostasis in Europe and have a conversation with the monks. We will finish the day with accommodation in a hotel in the city of Ohrid where traditional fish food will be served.

| Hiking tour data - Day 4 | |
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| Difficulty of the tour: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Duration of the tour: | 7 to 9 hours |
| Length of the tour: | 22 km |
| Starting point: | 1470 meters |
| Uphill climbing: | 1400 meters |
| Finish: | 1470 meters |
| Required fitness: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Panoramas and landscapes: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Biodiversity: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |

Day 5 - National Park Galichica

In the morning we will have forty minutes' drive to the starting point of the hike - Lipova Meadow situated at altitude of 1600 meters on Mount Galichica pass. During the hiking we will enjoy the unforgettable views over the two largest lakes in Macedonia - the Ohrid Lake in the west and the Prespa Lake in the east. The tour to the peak Magaro (2255 m) and back is on a circular trail that passes through the strictly protected zone of the national park where the local endemics can be seen. After downloading to the starting point we go to visit the museum of water - the Gulf of bones, Neolithic settlement. After museum we will have light lunch in the village of Konjsko, after what we start the city tour in Ohrid, town which is under UNESCO protection. Dinner will be in a traditional restaurant with fish specialties.

| Hiking tour data - Day 5 | |
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| Difficulty of the tour: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Duration of the tour: | 4 to 5 hours |
| Length of the tour: | 12 km |
| Starting point: | 1700 meters |
| Uphill climbing: | 700 meters |
| Finish: | 1600 meters |
| Required fitness: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Panoramas and landscapes: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Biodiversity: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |

Day 6 - National Park Pelister

In the morning we have to transfer to the National Park Pelister to the starting point of the hike. First part of the hike is through very density Molika pine forest, which is local endemic. During the hike it is very usual to see the wild life, foxes, rabbits, bears or their traces. We will be at the top around noon, enjoying unforgettable landscape and panoramas over Prespa Lake. Last part of the hike down will be on a historical trail with monuments from the World War One. Transfer to Skopje, accommodation in the hotel and dinner in national restaurant. Overnight in Skopje.

| Hiking tour data - Day 6 | |
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| Difficulty of the tour: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Duration of the tour: | 8 to 9 hours |
| Length of the tour: | 24 km |
| Starting point: | 1350 meters |
| Uphill climbing: | 1300 meters |
| Finish: | 1300 meters |
| Required fitness: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Panoramas and landscapes: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |
| Biodiversity: | 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 |

Day 7 - Skopje

Transfer to Skopje airport and fly back. Depends of the departure time additional activities can be added.