

# Macedonia real food adventure

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#### **Day-1. Arrival in Skopje (D) (20 km)**

**Pick up from the airport. Accommodation in a hotel in Skopje. Orientation walk and time on your leisure. Welcoming dinner in a national restaurant. Overnight.**

#### **Day-2. Skopje (B, L, D)**

**Breakfast at the hotel. After the breakfast, a walking tour from the centuries-old Kale – Skopje Fortress. Continue to the Old Turkish Bazaar, mingling with the locals, meeting different cultures and religions, old forgotten crafts, as well. After that, go to the “Museum of Macedonian Struggle”, or the “Archaeological Museum of Macedonia” which has one of the biggest ancient coins collection in the world, exclusively from Macedonian territory. Walk across the Stone Bridge, the landmark of the city, and stop in front of the biggest monument and fountain, Alexander the Great. The next stop will be the Memorial House of Mother Teresa, where she was born in 1910. After that, lunch in a national restaurant. Have some free time for exploring Skopje and dinner with wine tasting in the winery & restaurant “Kamnik”. Overnight in the hotel.**

#### **Day-3. Skopje – Kratovo – Berovo (B, L, D) (205 km)**

**Breakfast. Drive to Kratovo (95 km), a little medieval town founded in the middle of a once-volcano crater. Have a guided walking tour around the town, crossing many medieval bridges and towers. See a unique small museum with artifacts from the 20-th century BC until nowadays. Then, have a chance to taste slowly-cooked food by the locals and taste the local home-made wine and rakija (Macedonian brandy). After that, drive towards Berovo (110 km). Accommodation in a hotel. Dinner in a local national restaurant. Overnight.**

#### **Day-4. Berovo (B, L) (20 km)**

**Breakfast at the hotel. Drive (8km) close to Bacilo (tea hut), and have the option to walk to Bachilo (about 800 m) in a steep terrain; or to use a tractor from the main road to the tea hut. It is a private property in the middle of the mountain, where they grow their own fruits and vegetables around the hut, and keep their own cattle. The host will take us around the property and serve us a home-made food. After that, come back to Berovo and have free time to stroll around Berovo Lake. Overnight.**

#### **Day-5. Berovo – Strumica – Demir Kapija (B, L, D) (140 km)**

**Breakfast. Drive to the village of Koleshino (70 km), a rare friendly village with 4 different Christian religions. There, visit the beautiful Koleshino waterfall.**

**Just 4 km from the waterfall is the small village of Gatrovo, and there we have a home-hosted lunch with folk music performance by local musicians. After that, drive to Demir Kapija (70 km) and accommodate in the winery & hotel “Popova Kula”. Have dinner with wine tasting in the restaurant of the winery “Popova Kula”.**

**Overnight in the hotel.**







**Day-6. Demir Kapija –Bitola - Ohrid (B, L, D) (205 km)**

**Breakfast.** Drive to the city of consuls, Bitola (130 km), and have short sight-seeing city tour. After that, have a home-hosted lunch in the mountain village of Dihovo (5 km). Continue to the town of UNESCO, Ohrid (70 km). Accommodation in a hotel. Start the city tour of Ohrid, one of the oldest towns in Europe, full of history, with traces of civilization 4.000 years old. Visit the famous untouched medieval churches, the fortress of King Samuel with a beautiful panorama, the ancient Macedonian-Roman theatre. Sail with small boats on the way back to the town centre. Have some free time on your own. Then, have dinner in a national restaurant with a folk ensemble, performing traditional Macedonian songs and dances. Overnight in a hotel.

**Day-7. Ohrid – Elshani – Bay of bones – St. Naum – Ohrid (B, L) (73 km)**

**Breakfast.** Drive to Elshani (12 km), a beautiful mountain village with excellent view of the Ohrid Lake. There, have a chance to ride donkeys and to mingle with the locals. After that, have home-hosted meal with the locals. In the afternoon, visit the unique prehistoric settlement on water from the Bronze Age – Bay of Bones (8 km). Continue driving to the extraordinary monument of nature – lake springs and the monastery of St. Naum (14 km) from the 9-th century. One of the first Cyrillic and Glagolitic letters were carved on the pillars of this monastery, and are still standing there. Transfer to the hotel (29 km). Have free time for dinner. Overnight.

**Day-8. Ohrid – Vevchani - Janche - Matka - Skopje (220 km)  
(B, L, D)**

**Breakfast at the hotel.** Drive for a visit of the village Vevchani (28 km) and have the chance to enjoy around the Vevchani springs. Continue our tour to the village Janche (62 km), for lunch. See the monastery “St. Jovan Bigorski” (5 km). After that, drive close to the capital Skopje, and visit one of the most beautiful canyons in Europe, Matka (110 km), on the river “Treska”. Set sail with small boats 6 km upstream to visit the cave Vrelo, full of cave decorations. Accommodation in a hotel (15 km). Farewell dinner in a national restaurant. Overnight.

**Day-9. International airport Skopje (B) (20 km)**

**Breakfast at the hotel.** Have some free time. Drive back to the International airport Skopje (30 minutes) for your return flight.

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