



## EVENTS & FESTIVALS

**Skopje Film Festival** - The film season in Skopje starts in April. From European cinematography to premiere of Macedonian films, guests and workshops, short and animated films, this festival is enough to sate any film lover's thirst for the art of film.

**OFF Fest** - International music festival in late May/early June that focuses on different categories of world music: traditional, ethno, folk, roots, urban, as well as contemporary and experimental music styles. (<http://www.offest.com.mk>)

**Buskerfest** – Each June for 10 days the streets of Skopje transform into one big stage for street performers, live music concerts, bazaars, hand-made creative workshops etc. (<http://www.buskerfestmakedonija.com>)

**“Skopje Summer” Festival** - 40 days long festival that starts on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June (World's Day of Music and beginning of the summer) featuring number of cultural events such as musicals, art performances, movies, theaters, literature readings and other events held on different locations throughout the city. (<http://www.dku.org.mk/mk/skopsko-leto>)

**Pivolend** - A different kind of festival - festival of Beer! This event takes place in September and includes huge amounts of beer, great food (the traditional “Skara”-local BBQ) and live music performances.

**Vinoskop** - Macedonia being the home of great wine it comes as no surprise that there is a special event dedicated to all the wine lovers. Time: every autumn, location: usually the main square. Food and good music guaranteed.

**White Night** - One night of the year (beginning of October) is a night where on various locations around the city many performances take place. The party continues in the night clubs until the early hours of the morning. (<http://www.belanok.mk>)

**Skopje Jazz Festival** - Each year in October jazz lovers from Macedonia and abroad welcome some of the most renowned jazz musicians from all over the world. The festival is known for its quality and diverse contents. (<http://www.skopjejazzfest.com.mk>).

**Cinedays** – All you film lovers do not despair. November is also a film month in Skopje, when for 10 days we celebrate the art of film during this fall film festival.

## MUSEUMS AND OTHER CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

**Museum of the City of Skopje** - [www.mgs.org.mk](http://www.mgs.org.mk) 1  
The museum represents the cultural institution which is founded in 1949. It is located in the former railway station, partly destroyed in the 1963 earthquake. It houses exhibits which represent the history of Skopje and hosts various cultural events such as concerts of classical composers, plays etc.

**Museum of the Macedonian Struggle Skopje** – [www.mmb.org.mk](http://www.mmb.org.mk) 2  
The Museum of the Macedonian Struggle for Sovereignty and Independence - Museum of VMRO - Museum of the Victims of the Communist Regime consists of thirteen sections, each of which represents the history of the Macedonian people from many periods.

**The Museum of Contemporary Art** - [www.msuskopje.org.mk](http://www.msuskopje.org.mk) 3  
The museum consists of international and national art collections of famous artists from Macedonia and abroad. It is located on the City Fortress “Skopsko Kale” and was founded in 1963 after the earthquake.

**Holocaust Memorial Museum** [www.holocaustfund.org](http://www.holocaustfund.org) 4  
The Holocaust Memorial Center for the Jews of Macedonia is a memorial to the holocaust of the 7,148 Jews from Macedonia and the history of the Jews in the Balkans. The Memorial Center is located in the so-called Jewish Quarter of Skopje, which was the center of Jewish life in this city until the deportation of the Jews in 1943.

**Memorial House of Mother Teresa** - [www.memorialhouseofmotherteresa.org](http://www.memorialhouseofmotherteresa.org) 5  
The Mother Teresa Memorial House is dedicated to the humanitarian and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mother Teresa and is located in her hometown Skopje, where she lived from 1910 to 1928. The memorial house was built on the popular “Macedonia Street”, on the very location of the once Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, where Mother Teresa was baptized.

**Museum of Macedonia** is a national institution in the country and one of the oldest museums in the country created by joining three museums in one (archaeological, historical and ethnological museum).It was opened in 1924 and that date is considered as an establishing date of the national museum. 6

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in Skopje is generally inexpensive. We recommend accommodation in hostels or cheaper hotels. The following are a preferable options:

-UNITY hostel located between the Old Bazaar, the Kale Fortress and the Central City Park;  
-URBAN hostel (<http://www.urbanhostel.com.mk>) located near the Universal Hall (“Univerzalna Sala”) 1  
-SHANTI hostel (<http://shanthihostel.com>) located in the so called “Madzir Maalo” near the central bus and train station; 2  
-UNIVERSE hostel;  
-CITY hostel;  
-ART hostel (<http://www.hostel.com.mk>); 3  
-ARS Hostel  
-IGUANA Hostel (<http://iguanahostel.com.mk>); 4  
-Hostel LD (<http://www.hostellid.mk>);  
-Ferijalen dom 5  
-LOUNGE Hostel  
-REKORD Hostel Skopje (<http://rekordhostel.mk>); 6  
-HI Skopje Hostel (<http://hiskopjehostel.com>) etc.  
-Hostel ATLANTIK (<http://www.hostelatlantik.mk>); 7

Prices are relatively low compared to other capitals in Europe and you can also find acceptable hotel accommodations too. Online reservations are possible as well as check up of reviews from other tourists on the most popular booking websites. There is also an option to rent a private apartment for several nights in Skopje, for example, on the following website: <http://www.skopjerejt.mk>.

## WHERE TO ENJOY NIGHT LIFE

The night life of the City of Skopje is rich and entertaining. You can always visit the river bank variety of bars and cafes and restaurants (Irish Pub, Stobi, Cuban restaurant, Mexican bar, Biokrat etc.), then the so-called “Debar Maalo” full of restaurants or traditionally called “meani” where one can taste traditional Macedonian food and be entertained by Macedonian folk bands that play the traditional Macedonian songs. Guests singing along with the musicians while drinking and eating is a common picture of these restaurants. The Skopje's Old Bazaar offers a variety of clubs, cafes and restaurants where you can spend the night such as: “Kapan An”, “Kurshumi An” etc. There are often life performances of local Macedonian punk, rock, pop bands as well as trance, techno, oriental parties and an exciting atmosphere full of young energy and joy. The “City Park” is rich with summer nightclubs which are always full and great to drink and party all night long. The City of Skopje has plenty of casinos located almost in every corner, in the shopping malls, hotels, restaurants and other frequent spots in the city. At the end of a busy workday or the weekend we like to explore what the city has to offer and always find a new place to hang out. The nice atmosphere is upgraded by a good selection of wine, fantastic music and pretty faces. A positive attitude is a must.

**Izlet cafe** - This cafe has an exceptional inside & outside section, where you can enjoy all seasons of the year. One can hear some of the most prominent macedonian bands, like Foltin, playing there. Small paradise in the center of the city. 2

**Concept 37** - If you like to mix having a drink with friends & taking a look at some great art pieces, this is the right place to be. This artsy place offers a great variety of events, starting from tea gatherings and exhibitions to dance performances and movie evenings. 3

**Cresha Bar** – This cosy bar has an amazing music selection with the best DJ's in town. Poetry readings are special for anyone who would like to hear a nice verse. 4

**Menada** - This bar has a different kind of magic that keeps you coming back to it every time you are in the city. Poetry evenings that take place once a month are highly recommend. 5

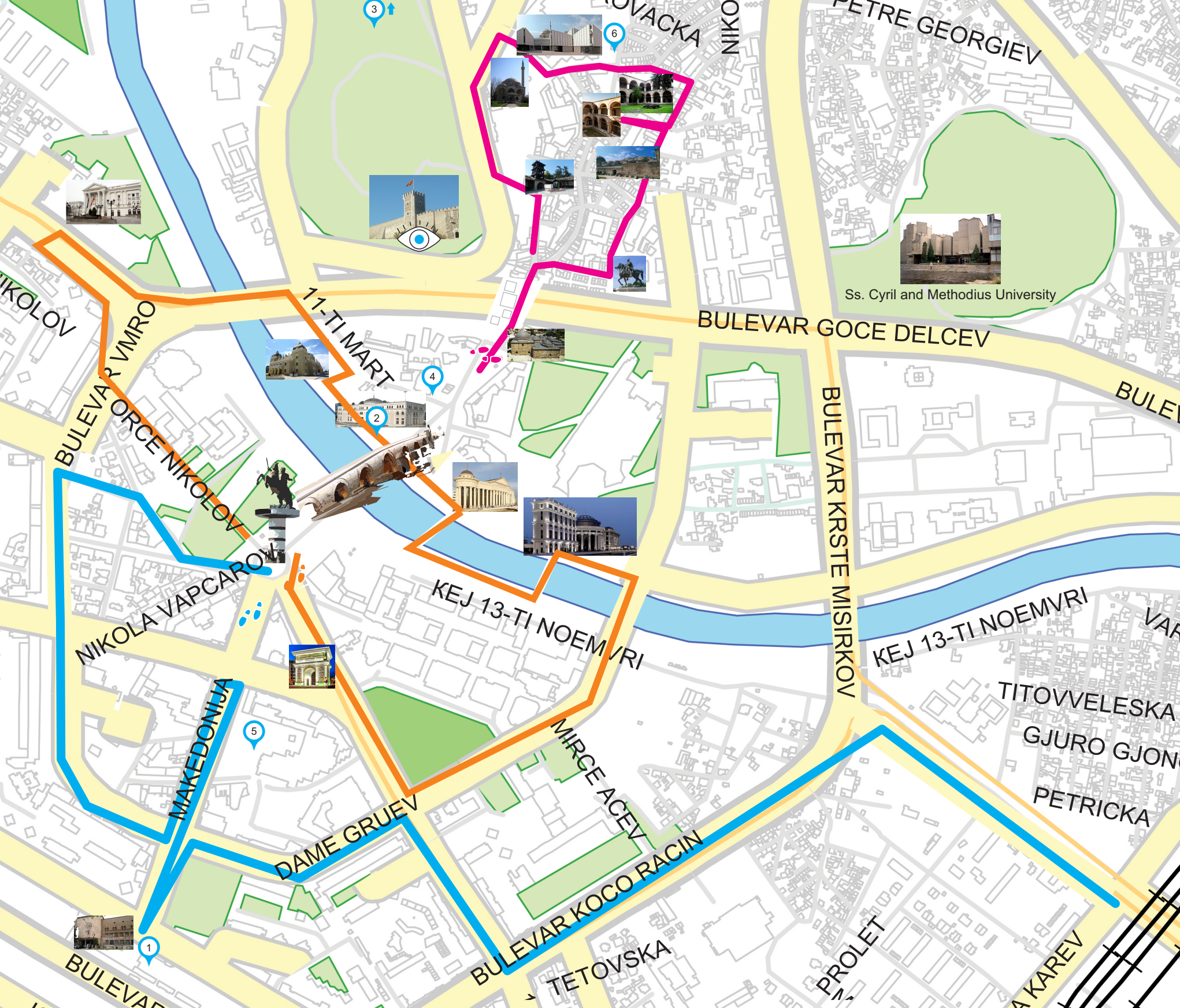
**Pivnica, Old Town Brewery** - This pleasant bar situated in the Old town of Skopje, right next to the Fortress offers live music sessions and huge amounts of beer. Very friendly and popular place to be at. 6

**Cuban bar & restaurant** - The home of the best cocktails in town. During the weekends a lot of Latino music and dancing is on. Always a good choice for a fun night out. 7

**Balet** - This bar is one of those legendary places that every city has. Not so flattering on the inside, but it's very popular and stays open until early in the morning. 8

**Ljubov** - A nice little bar, with good music, overlooking Partizanska blvd. Once a month this bar offers its guests a bazar of lovely handmade jewelry and art. 9

**La KAŃA** – A good place to hang out with fantastic music and atmosphere. 10



## THREE RECOMMENDED WALKING ROUTES

### ROUTES

#### Route 1:

Explore medieval and Ottoman Empire Skopje. It includes the necessary time to experience Christian and Muslim Skopje (Christians go to their churches, Muslims go to their mosques, however occasionally they visit one another and celebrate festivities and events together). Islamic Skopje as a legacy of the Ottoman Empire can be seen in the old town and the Old Bazaar (Bit-Pazar) on the north bank of the river Vardar. Start at the Skanderbeg Square, continues through the old town with its picturesque shops and narrow streets, visit Chifte Hamam, Suli Inn, Kurshumi Inn, continue to the Mustafa Pasha's Mosque, visit the church of the Holy Saviour (“Sveti Spas”) and finish the tour again in the Old Bazaar. Duration: Approximately 3 hours (if you intend to visit all the places).

#### Route 2:

Experience post-earthquake Skopje. In 1963 Skopje was struck by a disastrous earthquake which devastated large swathes of its central part and claimed over 1000 lives. After the earthquake the city was rebuilt in modern style with many concrete buildings. The so called City Wall (“Gradski Dzd”) was created in the center of Skopje following the lines of the fortress Kale. The route starts at the city Square, continues along Nikola Kijusev street, follows the pedestrian street Macedonia, continues to the old railway station (Museum of the city of Skopje) and finishes at the new railway station. Post-earthquake Skopje was reconstructed according to the plans of the famous Japanese architect Kenzo Tange. Duration: Approximately 2 hours.

#### Route 3:

Experience the new face of Skopje (in the course of the rather controversial project Skopje 2014), the capital of Macedonia experienced a complete refurbishment of the city core with neo-classical facades, bridges, colonnades and plenty of monuments of regional and national historic figures. Many more bronze and marble statues are also being erected to adorn the surroundings, including the arch “Macedonia”, some 15 equestrian statues and a memorial complex dedicated to fallen heroes. The tour starts at the arch “Macedonia” goes through the city square, crosses the river over the famous medieval Stone Bridge, continues along the river bank at the recently reconstructed Macedonian National Theater, goes through the museum of national struggle, the archeological museum, follows other institutional buildings and finishes at the recently refurbished government building). Duration: Approximately 3 hours.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- International code for Macedonia - +389  
Police (Policija) – +389 192  
Ambulance (Brza Pomoš) – +389 194  
Fire Department (Pozharna Sluzhba) - +389 193  
Regional Crisis Management Center - +389 195  
Complete phone directory of Macedonia - +389 1188  
Airport Alexander the Great - Aerodrom Aleksandar Veliki – TAV - +389 2 3148333  
Train Station - Skopje (Zheleznichka stanica - Skopje) - +389 2 3164255  
Intercity bus station-Skopje - +389 2 2466313  
AMSM - telephone for roadside assistance and towage - +389 196

## CURRENCY

The official currency of the Republic of Macedonia is the Denar, abbreviated as MKD. You can exchange Euros, US dollars or other currencies in the local exchange offices. 1 Euro equals 61 MKD whereas 1 US dollar equals to circa 56 MKD (the exchange rate can vary). You can freely use credit cards such as: American Express, Diners Club, Visa and Eurocard/Mastercard; and debit cards, such as: Maestro and Visa Electron.

Banknotes: 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000 and 5000 MKD.  
Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 50 MKD.

## EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Delicious food awaits you in Skopje

### KEBABI (OR CEVAPCICI)

This one's for all you meat lovers out there. Kebapi, similar to what we all know and love as sausages, are grilled minced meat composed into the shape of a sausage. Onions, vegeta (which is a very popular mixture of Macedonian herbs) and paprika are what give this dish its savory flavor. Kebapi are usually served with freshly baked flatbread and kajmak, which is similar to sour cream (maybe even tastier?) Best Cevapcici (meat Balkan variation of the Arabic kebab found in most of the national restaurants, made of beef).

### SOPSKA SALAD

Macedonia has its own national salad. How about that? An all-time favorite, this salad consist of big chunks of tomato, peppers, cucumber and onion. The best part! Shopska salata is topped with a generous amount of feta cheese. Yum.

### BUREK

A delicious and savory puff pastry that will full your love/hate relationship with carbs. Some typical fillings for burek include feta cheese, spinach, minced meat and/or potatoes. Yes, the more carbs, the better

### PASTRMAJLIJA

Drop everything you're doing and stop right there. Pastirmajlija is an oval shaped fried dough pie. I don't know about you, but anything that includes the words “fried” and “dough”, already has me sold. Pastirmajlija is usually topped with salted, cubed meat. There's even a national festival for this dish in Macedonia - that's how freakin' good it is.

### AJVAR

Okay, so this is not technically a dish on its own. However, when combined with the magical power of feta cheese and warm, oven fresh bread, ajvar can totally justify as a meal. Ajvar is a delicious relish like blend consisting of roasted red bell peppers, paprika and garlic. If you're in Canada, you can usually find this in the international aisle of your local grocery store.

### SARMA

Okay, so cabbage rolls may not be everyone's idea of delicious, but I can seriously vouch for this particular recipe. Sarma does not necessarily have to use cabbage for the “rolls”. A common substitute for this dish is grape leaves, which are equally as tasty. Minced meat, onion, paprika and chopped veggies compose the filling of this dish. Sarma is typically served with a few heaping spoonfuls of plain yogurt.

### MEKICI

Again, who doesn't love fried dough? Mekici, a popular Macedonian and Eastern European delicacy, are fried kneaded dough that can be served as a savoury dish or sweet. The secret to its chewy and irresistible texture is yogurt.

### KAČAMAK

Because one cannot live life without having tried the exquisite and endless possibilities polenta gives us. Kacamak, a very popular dish in Macedonia, is a thick and creamy mixture of cornmeal that is usually topped with crumbled feta cheese and yogurt.

### PALAČINKI

Palacinki are Macedonia's idea (and many other Balkan countries) take on the French crepe. A little thicker, but just as scrumptious. A variety of serving options are applicable here - Eurokrem (Macedonian Nutella), feta cheese, sweet jam, honey and nuts etc.

### TAVČE GRAVČE

Any child who grew up in a Macedonian household knows very well that this was certainly not your preferred choice of dinner. However, as you grew into the fine, well rounded and cultured adult you are today (one can only dream, right?), you have acquired the taste for this hearty dish. Tavce grave (literally meaning beans cooked in a skillet) is a thick and chunky bean stew that is cooked in the traditional Macedonian earthenware. Tavce grave has a variety of different spices and vegetables that enhance its flavor, including fresh Macedonian paprika.

## SPEAK LIKE A LOCAL

English	Macedonian	Albanian
I am Peter, Eva etc.	Jas sum Petar. Eva etc.	Unë jam Petar. Eva, etj.
What is your name?	Kako se vikash?	Si të quajné?
Hi. How are you? (With a smile)	Zdravo. Kako si?	Përshëndetje. Si je?
Where is the center?	Kade se naogja centarot?	Ku ndodhet qendra?
I am from Brussels, London, Barcelona etc.	Jas sum od Brisel, London, Barselona etc.	Unë jam nga Brukseli, Londra, Barcelona, etj.
I am hungry. Where is the nearest supermarket?	Gladen sum. Kade e najbliskiot supermarket?	Jam i urtur. Ku gjendet supermarketi më i afërt?
I am thirsty. Where is the nearest bar?	Zheden sum. Kade e najbliskiot kafica?	Jam i etur. Ku gjendet lokali më i afërt?
I love you	Te sakam!	Të dua
You are..... beautiful, sweet, wonderful, hot, handsome.	Ti si prekrasen (male)/prekrasna (female), ubav/ubava, zgoden/zgodna.	Je shumë i mirë (maskull) /e mirë (femër), i bukur/e bukur, simpatic/simpatike.
Let's be friends.	Ajde da se družime.	Hajde të shoqërohem.
HELP!	POMOSH!	NDIHME!

Universal words:  
Ok, theater, opera, music, cafe, disco club, transport etc.



## HISTORY IN BRIEF

**4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.** - First settlement by the Paions  
**3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C.** - Skopje invaded by the Dardans  
**146 B.C.** - The Roman occupation of Macedonia with first historical reference to Scupi.  
**1<sup>st</sup> A.D.** - During the reign of Emperor Hadrian, Scupi acquired the right to Roman law and enters chronicles and official documents.  
**313** - Scupi becomes an episcopal see.  
**4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> century** - Under the rule of the Eastern Roman Empire, Scupi developed as a typical late-Roman town with administrative palaces, a Roman theatre, public baths (thermae), fortifications, paved squares and streets, water management system, Christian churches etc.  
**518** - Disastrous earthquake levels Scupi to the ground and devastates almost all of Macedonia.  
**483** - Byzantine Emperor Justinianus I (483-565) born near today's village of Taor, in the immediate vicinity of Skopje.  
**535-534** - the autocephalous archbishopric of Justiniana Prima established.  
**10<sup>th</sup> century** - Tsar Samuil (974-1014) creates the medieval Macedonian state. The tragic end of Tsar Samuil, after the Battle of Belasica (1014) brought a new era of adversity for Skopje. The city was exposed to destruction, retribution and plunder.  
**14<sup>th</sup> century** - Under the military, administrative and spiritual domination of the Serbian dynasty, Skopje develops on the left bank of the Vardar, present areas of Kale - Old Bazaar - Cair - Gazi Baba  
**1346** - The ruler of the medieval Serbian state, Tsar Dusan crowned in Skopje. Skopje becomes a political, cultural and commercial center of key importance.  
**1392** - Skopje fell under the ottoman Turks. The town was given a new name – Üsküb. At the crossroads of important Balkan routes connecting Europe and Asia, Skopje became increasingly important to the Turks as a base for their further conquests. Time again, it grew strong politically and economically.  
**1689** - Austrian forces take Skopje from the Ottomans without much struggle. Due to plague by order of the Austrian General Piccolomini Skopje set on fire, great many houses and shops were destroyed, but the worst damage was brought to the Jewish quarter.  
**1852** - Skopje reaches a population of 20,000  
**19<sup>th</sup> century** - During the last decades of the Turkish domination, Skopje became the administrative center of Skopje (Kosovo) Vilayet.  
**1912-1913** - The first Balkan wars mark the end of the Ottoman Turkish rule for Macedonia. On 26 October, 1913 - Serbian forces occupy Skopje.  
**1941** - Skopje again changed hands: the German occupying troops entered the city, which they had heavily bombed only two days earlier. However, the Nazis do not stay long. They hand over Skopje and most of Macedonia to fascist Bulgaria  
**13<sup>th</sup> November 1944** - After days of street fighting against German forces, units of the National Liberation Army of Macedonia finally liberate Skopje  
**1944 – 1991** - Skopje and Macedonia part of the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia  
**26<sup>th</sup> July 1963** - Skopje struck by a devastating earthquake that claims over 1000 lives and destroys much of the central part of the city. After the earthquake a new modern city rises from the ashes with broad boulevards and modern buildings.  
**1991** - Independence of the Republic of Macedonia declared. Skopje becomes the capital of the newborn state.  
**2011 onwards** - The capital of Macedonia becomes a new face with neo-classical facades, plenty of monuments and new administrative buildings.

## SHOPPING

You can find all sorts of goods to buy at the main shopping centers such as: City Shopping Center (GTC) ①, Vero Center ②, Ramstore Mall ③  
Skopje City Mall ④, Capitol Mall ⑤  
You can find many nice clothes and shoes of famous brands elsewhere in town. Quality is acceptable and prices may vary depending on the brands you are searching for (if you are lucky you may find your desirable cloths with a quite nice seasonal discount and malls also organise their occasional offers). At the Old Bazar, for example prices are below the half of the original, but you can still bargain and get them even cheaper provided you know how to do it. In the tiny shops you can find a luxury replica of your favorite sport shoes, Burkin bag or a Gucci jacket, leather belts or jewelry.

## FIND YOUR TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY!

Transportation in the city of Skopje is inexpensive! Buses in Skopje are color coded. Red buses are state-owned JSP buses whereas the white ones are private.

JSP bus ticket costs 25 MKD (bought in a kiosk) or 35 MKD (bought inside the bus) (≈ 0.5 €). A ticket for 10 rides costs 250 MKD. Buses go every 15 to 30 minutes to almost every location in the city. There is no public transport information centre however you can check the schedule online at <http://www.jsp.com.mk/>. You can also download the mobile app called "Avtobusko"; it provides fast and accurate advices and shows the schedules at a given bus stop (in order to use the app maps you need internet access).

You can also relax and take the SKOPJE CITY TOUR bus. The departure is from the Arch "Porta Makedonija" at 11:00 and 13:00 (in winter), 17:00 (in summer) every day (including weekends and public holidays). Tickets are available inside the bus (35 MKD). Duration: 50 minutes.

Bikes are becoming increasingly popular! You can rent a bike at several locations: parking lot Treska; parking lot City Hospital "Mother Teresa"; parking lot City Hospital "8th of September"; parking lot D3- behind Business Center Biser-Municipality of Aerodrom (more info at <http://gradskiparking.com.mk/rent-a-bike.nspx>.) There are also private companies that offer rental bikes, for example at <http://www.skopjebike.com>.

To arrive at the top of Vodno Mountain (Millenium Cross) you can use the special bus line from the International Bus station to Sredno Vodno. It operates every day (except Monday) from 8:30 until 18:20 (last bus) every hour and the ride takes about 20 min.; schedule differs in winter. Ticket costs 30 MKD (bought in a kiosk) or 35 MKD (bought inside the bus). From Sredno Vodno take the ropeway to the top (ticket costs 100 MKD)! The ropeway is closed on Mondays.

You can also rent an electromobile (at the price of 50 MKD/hour) or an electric scooter (costs 100 MKD/hour) at the main city square.

Taxi prices may vary. Starting rate is usually 40 MKD (≈0.7 €); valid for the first 2 km, after which 20 MKD/1 km (≈0.33 €) are charged. Use public transportation (bus) rather than taxi (some taxi drivers tend to overcharge foreign tourists).

## THEATERS

**Macedonian National Theater (<http://mnt.mk>)** – The biggest and most popular theater in Skopje and Macedonia. The theater now has a new location and a fancy marvelous look with represented by the tremendous new building by the river bank of Vardar. The theater has a dense schedule of plays and one can always spend great and enjoyable time there.

**Drama Theater (<http://www.dramskiteatar.com.mk>)** – well known and eminent theater in Skopje where the quality of the plays and actors keep the audience coming several times for a single play. The Drama Theater is a great place to spend the evening with friends even though it is not a bar or a discotheque.

**Theater for Kids and Youngsters (<http://www.puppet.com.mk>)** – Theater with long history of existence and best plays for the kids and youngsters that are often with a humanitarian character.

**Theatre of Comedy (<http://www.teatarkomedija.com.mk>)** – Most popular theater among the young population with extraordinary comic plays. They show so much fun that often there is tickets shortage and one play is often rescheduled for weeks or even months.

**Macedonian Opera and Ballet (<http://mob.com.mk>)** – This institution represents the pillar of the Macedonian classical music, the opera and the ballet and it is a stage for many eminent and famous international artists. You can also download their mobile app on their website and always check their schedules online!

**Theater of the ethnic groups (Albanian and Turkish Theater)** (<http://www.matheatre.edu.mk>) – This theater enables plays in the languages of the ethnic groups in Macedonia. The Albanian and the Turkish Theater are both placed in the Theater of ethnic groups located near the Skopje's Old Bazaar.  
**Millennium Movie Theater** (<http://kinomilenium.mk>) – This is the city's movie theater located in the "Gradski Trgovski Centar". They often show premieres of most popular and recent movies from around the world but also show 3D movies.

**Cineplexx Cinema (<http://www.cineplexx.mk>)** – Here you can find the best movie premieres and shows but also as direct live shows of the world's most famous opera and ballet plays showing abroad. Best 3D performances is guaranteed.  
**INTERESTING FACT:** Movies in the Skopje movie theaters as well as on many local TV programs are always shown in their original language with under title translation in Macedonian!

## WHERE TO EAT?

- Restaurant Pelister (international and local food) ①
- Destan (local food-kebab) ②
- Amigos (Mexican food) ③
- Chef (local specialites) ④
- Mekicite od Straza (bakery and sweets) ⑤
- Specijal (bakery and sweets) ⑥
- 7 (fast food) ⑦
- Gino (italian food) ⑧
- Irish pub ⑨
- Döner kebab ⑩
- Restaurant Nacional (international and local cuisine) ⑪
- Silbo (bakery and sweets) ⑫

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If you arrive to Skopje from the Alexander the Great Airport you have two options. Option 1: Take the bus marked Vardar Ekspres (one-way ticket costs 175 MKD, ≈ 2,80 €), it operates nine times a day and you will arrive in the city centre at the International Bus station in around 30 minutes). Option 2: Take the airport taxi (fixed price of 20 €). TIP: from the city to the airport you can call a taxi company operating in the city and the ride will cost not more than 800 MKD (≈ 13 €).

Be very cautious when crossing streets and cycling. Car drivers rarely pay attention to pedestrians and cyclists.

Free Wi-Fi places and spots

Many locations, cafes and restaurants in Skopje have free Wi-Fi and you can easily get a password from the staff working in those facilities. Many shopping malls and local buses also have free Wi-Fi accessibility. For more free Wi-Fi and hot spot locations, you can also visit (<http://wifispc.com>) or download their application for android.

Adrijana Ananieva (Law student and freelance artist) - If I were a tourist or just a perfect stranger in this city the City Fortress (Kale) - if I were a tourist or just a perfect stranger in this city the first thing I would do is climb up to the city Fortress. It gives you a special feeling of elevation. A feeling like you are above everything going on the streets of the city. Spend some time there, why not bring a few snacks and have a picnic with your friends on the green laws of the Fortress.

The river bank of Vardar

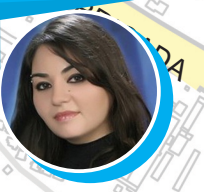
The longest river in the country - Vardar stretches right through the center of the capital city, creating a vast, open space excellent for recreation and sports activities. The paved quay goes from one end of the city to the other. This is the place where most likely you will fall in love with. Magnificent sunrises and unforgettable sunsets.  
Marina Spirova (tourist guide & archaeologist)

Kissing and loving spots in the city

Most popular locations where young people gather to spend a lovable romantic evening with their partners are the park "Woman-warrior" in the center of the city, the "City Park" and of course the "Vodno Mountain" with its great view of the entire city. But don't forget the "Letnikovec" monument located at the Macedonia Square. A sculpture of a young couple in love "Vljubeni" go placed in the center of the "Letnikovec". Newlyweds in Skopje usually go there after their marriage ceremony and kiss in front of the sculpture. It is a good place for making wedding pictures.  
Natalija Taskova Stojanova - Project Manager at Balkan Net

I always prefer to see Skopje from above. I recreate by walking to Sredno Vodno and from there I take the the rope way to the top of the hill and enjoy a fantastic view over the Skopje valley. You can climb even higher 2000 years of Christianity.  
Marina Andeva (Researcher)

- SHOP
- EAT
- DRINK
- SEE
- VIEW POINT
- SLEEP



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