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Introduction

When you don't have too much time to stay in one place or when you simply consider that one place should not take much of your time, you would like to know in advance what you can visit or taste. A guide, no matter how simple it is, may help you decide.

Since you are here for a brief and valuable period of time, we have prepared for you a short guide with some things you cannot avoid. In order to explain to you why we think that they are necessary, we have made a brief and concise description of each and every one of them, based on accurate and updated information. But don't forget – the best thing awaits you after you come here.

We have selected for you at least one of the interesting things for each municipality of the region, focusing mainly on nature, culture and cuisine.

SHARR MOUNTAINS

Sharr Mountains are the most important nature attraction not only in Prizren region, but in entire Kosovo. These mountains are known for their biodiversity. Flora is rich in various species. Amongst them, 86 are recognized as having international importance, 26 species are included in the European “Red List” of endangered animals and plants and 32 are included in the IUCN “Red List” of endangered plants. According to IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) National Park Sharr Mountains is included in the international list of protected zones.

The climate is continental climate with long winters and heavy snowfalls and with cool summers.

Lakes are special feature and great richness for these mountains. Glacial lakes are situated at an altitude of above 1900 m. Livadica Lake - 2173 m altitude; it is 230 meters long and 120 wide, with depth reaching up to 7.3m. Other lakes are: lakes of Jazhincë, Gornjasellë, Karanikollë, Miskovë, Bezdankë, etc. The Black Lake is the most isolated one in Sharr Mountains. It has the dimensions of a pool 3.5 m deep.

The highest peaks are: Bistra (2.640), Maje Zezë (2.584), Koblica Peak (2.526), Luboten Peak (2.499m), Livadica Peak (2.491), Kulla Peak (2.314m).

The Sharr National Park covers an area of 390km². The touristic village Prevala is also located within this Park, which is known for its climate, landscapes and ecotourism. The sources of rivers Lepenc and Lumbardh is also nested within these mountains.

The biggest ski resort is Brezovica. The resort covers an area of 2500 ha, starting from 1718 and going up to 2522 of altitude. The ski tracks are have approximate length of 4 km.

Detailed information on various activities can be found in the following address:

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MIRUSHA

Mirusha is the main nature attraction of Malishevë.

The Mirusha Waterfall is located alongside the Mirusha River flow, which has carved a canyon 10 km long, thus creating 16 river lakes and 12 waterfalls. The highest waterfall is the one between the sixth and seventh lake, with the height of 21 m. Two km down the river, the canyon composed of 12 karstic river lakes of various sizes connected with waterfalls of up to 21 m high can be seen. The canyon sides in some places are deep and step up to 200 m. The upper lakes have a maximum depth of 6.5 m. At the middle lakes starting from the 13th up to the 8th one the height goes around 100 m. The depths between the waterfall 9 and 10 is 9 m, whereas the height of the wall-like waterfall between the lake 8 and 9 is 21 m and between the lakes 9 and 10 is 9 m. The lower lakes have different width that goes from 50 to 60 m between two banks. The biggest lakes are the 13th and the 16th one (the last lake) with the depth of 5-7 m. After the 13th lake the waterfall is 3 m high with a steep fall to lake 14, thus creating a waterfall 14 m high towards the lake 15, where the water from a same height falls to lake 16, where the Mirusha Canyon ends. The lake dimensions from the first one through to the 16th vary depending on the quantity of water and precipitations in the water basin of Mirusha.

Mirusha Park is located on the both sides of Mirusha river flow starting from the beginning of canyon through to its spill into the Drin i Bardhë river. The surface of the protected area of Mirusha Regional Park is 556 ha.

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BROD

Brod is the main village of Gorani community located eastwardly from Dragash. It is one of the key ecotourism destinations of the region and country in general. It has a magnificent nature, beautiful landscapes, high summits, pastures and a considerable farming development.

Ecotourism is the reason why visiting this place is a must.

For mountain bike lovers there is a specially designated track Brod – Shutman.

Hiking tracks start from Brod to the forest of Çule. Initial altitude from the village is 1384 m, while the end point is in the forest of Çule, at 2220 m above the seal level. The track length is 5.76 km.

Brod – old border crossing with FYROM: long hiking - 15 km. Highest hiking point is at 2265 m.

Baçka – Brod: Baçka has small number of families who live there during the winter, since their relatives work abroad. Starting point is the village of Baçkë; starting altitude is: 1250 m; highest point: 1470 m; length: 7.34 km.

Brod – Shutman Lake: This is one of the most prominent hiking tracks in the region of Brod. This hiking can be combined with two other ones, namely the hiking to the forest of Vracë or the 3 May Hiking, which start and end up in the Shutman Lake. Starting point: “Arxhena” Hotel; starting altitude: 1384 m; highest point: 2120 m; length: 8.82 km.

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SHADËRVAN, PRIZREN

This is the oldest core of the urban part of Prizren city. Over the time, it underwent numerous changes, but nevertheless it continues to have significant importance for heritage and memory of Prizren citizens. In the middle of square the Shadërvan Fountain is located with its four fountains from where the water goes into a circle tube made of stone. Square is paved with carved stone and cobblestone “makadam”. Numerous shops and facilities have been built in it over the previous centuries. Shadërvan is one of the most visited places in Prizren and most frequented promenade.

MAHMUT PASHA CLOCK TOWER – MAMUSHË

Mahmut Pasha's Clock Tower is located in the eastern part of Mamushë, in the court yard of the town mosque. According to the available sources, Clock Tower was built by Mahmut Pashë Rrotulli in XIX century, namely in 1815, which is proven by the inscription on top of the Tower gate. Mahmut Pasha'a Clock Tower building is square-shaped, without façade, made of local carved stone with lime mortar. The upper part of Tower ends with four-pitched roof covered in tin, and above it clock was put which was also covered with four-pitched roof covered in tin. Entry to Clock Tower is made through the wooden door with semi-circled frame made of carved stone. The inside stairs made of wood lead to the upper part of the tower. The clock mechanism exists but is dysfunctional. Mamusha's Clock Tower was operational until 1979. Clock Tower was built to direct the citizens for the prayer time, time of shops opening and closing, etc. The Tower is placed in a strategic position to follow various situations, such as potential fires or security situations.

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SUHAREKA MUSEUM

Suhareka is known as an area with numerous archeological sites. With the purpose of securing a space for the exhibition of these values, the facility built in 1928 as a school was transformed in 2012 into a Museum. This facility that was used for primary school is now the oldest standing object in the municipality of Suhareka. The building was constructed in two stages: initially it used to be smaller but over the time some construction works on top of it were undertaken. In 2012 a decision for its restoration was issued. During the intervention the original condition was preserves, and changes made were minimal and were related to the adaptation to its new function.

Now in its first floor it operates as Archeological Museum, where the artifacts coming from different periods of time and found in the territory of municipality (Kasterc, Hisar and other sites) are displayed. It also had the gallery of paintings, where exhibitions change from time to time. Paintings are made by local and international painters.

There is no admission fee. Working hours: 08 - 16 h (Monday - Friday).

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WINE ROUTES – RAHOVEC

The Wine Routes are located in the areas of two municipalities – Rahovec and Suhareka. Wine Routes are 33 km long. These Routes however cover a large territory, because there are other wine producers and points of interest in this area. Almost every wine cellar has its showroom for the sale of wine. Shops are either located in cellars or in their vicinity. Except for the wine, every cellar produces other products, such as local Rakia and grape juice “Shira”. Wine is sold in different bottles, starting from 1 liter bottles and ending up with the standard packaging composed of 6 bottles, as well as the carton boxes of 3 l and 5 l. Wine cellars, such as: “StoneCastle”, “Bodrumi i vjetër”, “Biopak”, “Eko”, “Agroalf”, “Daka”, “SefaWine” “AgrokosovaHolding” (Suharekë), “Rahovera”, “Bahá “ have small degustation points for the wines, such as: Chardonnay, RhineRiesling, CabernetSauvignon, Merlot, PinotNoir, Shiraz, Vranac, Roseetc, and, of course, the special one “Raki”.

Wine Routes Tours

There are several travel operators providing Wine Routes tours in the southern region:

If in Rahovec, please contact with Tourist Information Centre:

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BOZA, TULLUMBA AND RICE PUDDING

Boza is a healthy and very tasty refreshment drink. It is consumed in winter, too. The drink was firstly made by Gorani community from Dragash from the maize flour. If in Prizren city, you should know that there is a shop where this drink is served specially together with tullumba sweet and rice pudding.



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