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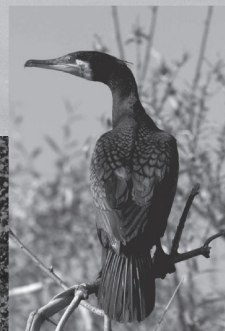


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CATALOGUE OF ECOTOURISM PRODUCTS AND SERVICES INTERNATIONAL BELASITSA REGION



Foreword

Belasitsa Mountain is a mountain range in the southern part of the Balkan Peninsula which is shared by three countries – Bulgaria, Greece and FYR Macedonia. The special geographic location between the Mediterranean and the Continental climate zones, the steep slopes and high peaks, centuries-old forests, lakes and small but beautiful rivers make Belasitsa region a spring of life in the heart of the Balkans. The area is inhabited by rich diversity of plant and animal wildlife.

The cultural and historical heritage of Belasitsa is as unique as that of its nature. Here, one can discover the remains of pre-historic villages and medieval castles, and hear legends about epic battles, the rise and fall of two great empires.

All this makes Belasitsa a site worth visiting and the present catalogue gives you a chance to find summarized details and contacts of the major ecotourism services and products offered in the international region of Belasitsa (Belles) Mountain.

The Catalogue covers three countries Bulgaria, Greece and FYR Macedonia and is meant to inform the visitors of Belasitsa region about available accommodation, places to eat and tourist attractions in the area. Furthermore it gives information regarding specific features and services offered at each location.

All the products and services included offer tourism which is nature friendly and based on the rich environmental and cultural assets of the region. Most of the services are small family scale.

Every tourist product is described in a standard way and points out the major features of the service itself together with contact details.

The Catalogue will also help tourist services providers in contacting their colleagues from the area and tour operators having a broad overview of what is on offer in the region.

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Bulgaria



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Name of service/
product provider

Antika Guest House



Location and contacts

Village of Kolarovo, Petrich Municipality
Stefan Iliev +359 896 831 948



Accommodation facilities

12 beds in
3 twin-bedded and
2 triple rooms



Bath and Shower

3 bungalows with individual bathrooms each
2 rooms with a shared bathroom



Food & Drink

The Guest House has a tavern with a garden with
seating capacity of 55 indoor and 40 outdoor seats



Kids friendly zone

Children can play safely in the back
garden of the guest house



Bicycle-friendly place

There is a shelter for the safe keeping of bicycles





















Tourist attractions



















The village of Kolarovo is a good starting point for hikes: Sveta Nedelia Church (in the village), Sveti Dimitar Solunski & Sveti Mina Churches (in the village), Directorate of Belasitsa Natural Park (in the village), Giolcheto lake (1 hour), Chukata area (40 min), Kameshnishki or "Shy" Waterfall (2 hours), Lopovo area (3 hours 20 min), Kalabak/ Radomir Peak (5 hours 30 min)
Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass through the village







































Specific services/
products offered



















Antika's restaurant can host group events like anniversaries etc.
The guest house offers transfers to tourist sites in the region with their own transportation (up to 10 people) upon request



















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 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Belasitsa Lodge	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Belasitsa and Zino Bungalows
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	<p>Ilievka niva area, Belasitsa Nature Park</p> <p>+359 896 688 378</p> <p>+359 895 516 755</p> <p>info@hija-belasica.eu</p>	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	<p>Village of Kamena, Petrich Municipality</p> <p>+ 359 887 360 913</p>
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	The Lodge has 72 beds in total, in rooms with 2 and more beds	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	<p>21 beds in 7 bungalows (Belasitsa Bungalows)</p> <p>21 beds in 7 bungalows (Zino Bungalows)</p>
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every bungalow has its own bathroom
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	The Lodge has a canteen with a terrace with a seating capacity of 92 guests indoors and 50 guests outdoors. There is a menu à la carte but the hosts can prepare food upon request as well	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Food can be prepared upon guests' request
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Playground facility; the meadow in front of the lodge is an excellent playground too	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	A spacious meadow and a playground available
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Safe place to keep bicycles is available	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	No particular facility, but there are suitable shelters at the guests' disposal
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	Belasitsa Lodge is a good starting point for hikes: Leshnishki Waterfall (45 min), Kongur Lodge (1 hour 30 min), Kongur peak (3 hours 30 min), Kalabak/ Radomir peak (5 hours 30 min) Mountain bike routes pass in the vicinity	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	<p>The village of Kamena is a good starting point for hikes: Old Watermill (in the village), Sveti Boris Church (in the village), Sveta Petka Chapel (15 min), Easter Church (30 min), Kameshnishki or “Shy” Waterfall (45 min).</p> <p>Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass in the vicinity</p>
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	Open all year round. Traditional holidays like Spring, Palm Sunday and Chestnut Night take place every year. The meadows and forests surrounding the lodge are suitable for a wide range of outdoor activities; there are picnic areas as well. In the lodge there is a conference room with 40 seats and an internet café	 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	

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 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Complex Orchidea	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Dinastia Tavern
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Yavornitsa, Petrich Municipality +359 886 435 356 Rukie Izirova	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Klyuch, Petrich Municipality Denka Georgieva +359 878 948 882 police6@abv.bg
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	1 double bedroom with its own bathroom 1 twin-bedded room with its own bathroom 2 twin-bedded rooms with a shared bathroom 2 twin-bedded rooms and 1 triple room with a shared bathroom	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	2 twin-bedded rooms
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	2 rooms with their own bathrooms 5 rooms with 2 shared bathrooms	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	The Guest House has a tavern with a garden and a bar with a seating capacity of 65 indoor and 150 outdoor seats. The hosts can prepare delicious local specialty meals for their guests	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	The tavern has a seating capacity of 100 indoor and 30 outdoor seats in a traditional style venue. The menu à la carte offers delicious specialties
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Children can play safely in the garden of the guest house	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Bicycles can be stored safely in a shelter in the garden	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village of Yavornitsa is a good starting point for hikes: Sv. Sv. Kiril i Metodii Church (in the village), Yavornishki Waterfall (45 min), Kameshnishki or “Shy” Waterfall (1 hour 45 min) Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass through the village	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village of Klyuch is a good starting point for hikes: Markata area (1 hour), Dabitsata Waterfall (1 hour 30 min), Vadioch locality (35 min), Samuil Fortress (1 hour 30 min), Lozen Peak (6 hours), Tumba Peak (6 hours 45 min). Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass through the village
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	The hosts organize group events with folklore performances of the Yavonitsa Female Vocal Ensemble and tasting of local specialty meals upon request	 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	The restaurant can host group events like anniversaries etc. Guided tours to interesting (historical) sites in the region. Folklore performances and local specialty food-tasting upon guest request

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 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Kongur Lodge	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Kostadinovi Guest House
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Charshiite area, Belasitsa Nature Park, Petrich Municipality Georgi Mitsev +359 896 688 382	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Skrat, Petrich Municipality +359 898 467 212
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	The total capacity of the two buildings is 50 beds in rooms with two beds and more	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	2 double bed rooms
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Rooms with shared bathrooms	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Rooms share one bathroom
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	The seating capacity is 30 indoor and 100 outdoor seats. The menu à la carte is moderate but always very delicious	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Food can be prepared upon guests' request
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Playground available; the meadow in front of the lodge is also a suitable playground	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Children can play safely in the garden of the guest house
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Safe place to keep bicycles is available	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Bicycles can be stored safely in a shelter in the garden
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	KongurLodge is a good starting point for hikes: Kongur peak (2 hours), Kalabak/ Radomir peak (4 hours), Belasitsa lodge (1 hour 30 min) Mountain bike routes pass in the vicinity	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village of Skrat is a good starting point for hikes: Ascension of Jesus Church (in the village), Vadioch area (10 min), Dabitsata Waterfall (1 hour), Mangaro Waterfall (1 hour 15 min), Tumba Peak (5 hours 10 min). Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass through the village
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	At an altitude of 1284 meters above sea level the buildings served once as a frontier post meant to “protect” the border with Greece. The main building and the officers' house were turned into a lodge in 2004; at present the lodge is open all year round. The facilities are basic but decent. The meadow in front of the main building is suitable for camping. Upon request an all-terrain-vehicle transfer can be organized from Petrich	 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	

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 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Lopovo Lodge	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Motel Dinko
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Lopovo area, Belasitsa Nature Park, Petrich Municipality +359 896 688 381	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Kamena, Petrich Municipality +359 887 895 849, +359 888 949 337
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	25 beds in rooms with 4 and 6 beds	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	5 twin-bedded rooms
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	2 shared bathrooms	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	There is a kitchen at the guests' disposal to cook their meal. Food can be prepared by the hosts upon request	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	The restaurant has a seating capacity of 65 indoor and 40 outdoor seats. The menu à la carte offers delicious specialties. Additional meals can also be prepared upon guests' request
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Surrounded by meadows and forests, the lodge is suitable for wide range outdoor activities	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Meadow and playground available
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Safe place to keep bicycles is available	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Safe place to keep bicycles is available
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	Lopovo Lodge is a good starting point for hikes: Demir Kapia Pass (1 hour), Kalabak/ Radomir peak (2 hours 30 min), Tumba peak (6 hours). Mountain bike routes pass in the vicinity	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village of Kamena is a good starting point for hikes: Sveti Boris Church (in the village), Sveta Petka Chapel (30 min), Easter Church (45 min), Kameshnishki or “Shy” Waterfall (1 hour), an old Watermill (in close proximity of Dinko Hotel). Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass in the vicinity
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	At an altitude of 1298 meters above sea level the building was once a part of the Lopovo frontier post meant to “protect” the border with Greece. The officers' house was turned into a lodge in 2011 and now it is open all year round. The facilities are basic but decent. Upon request an all-terrain-vehicle transfer can be organized from the village of Samuilovo	 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	There is the possibility to organize group events with live music performances in the restaurant

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 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Nadia Malcheva Guest House	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Nature Conservation Information Centre
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Yavornitsa, Petrich Municipality Nadia Malcheva +359 885 405 274	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Belasitsa Nature Park Directorate Village of Kolarovo, Petrich Municipality, “Belasitsa” Str. ?14 Tel. +359 7423 20 03, Fax: +359 7423 20 33 dppbelasica@iag.bg, dppbelasitsa@abv.bg, dppbelasitsa@mail.bg
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	2 double bed rooms	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	N/A
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	The rooms share one bathroom	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	WC for visitors available
 <p>Food & Drink</p>		 <p>Food & Drink</p>	N/A
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>		 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Exhibition and educational interactive facilities for children
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Safe place to keep bicycles is available	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	N/A
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village of Yavornitsa is a good starting point for hikes: Sv. Sv. Kiril I Metodii Church (in the village), Yavornishki Waterfall (45 min), Kameshnishki or “Shy” Waterfall (1 hour 45 min). Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass through the village	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village of Kolarovo is a good starting point for hikes: Sveta Nedelia Church (in the village), Sveti Dimitar Solunski & Sveti Mina Churches (in the village), Giolcheto Lake (1 hour 15 min), Chukata area (30 min), Kameshnishki or “Shy” Waterfall (2 hours), Lopovo area (3 hours 20 min), Kalabak/ Radomir Peak (5 hours 30 min) Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass through the village
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>		 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	The exhibition includes a wide range of educational and informational materials set against a realistic 3D model of a chestnut forest as a background. Children of different ages can discover and learn interesting things about the chestnut forest and its inhabitants at the Centre. There are interactive boards, a test-your-knowledge corner and many others

Legend	Details	Legend	Details
 Name of service/ product provider	Orbelia Winery	 Name of service/ product provider	Tachevi Guest House
 Location and contacts	Village of Kolarovo, Petrich Municipality +359 886 939 355, +359 884 667 793 wine@orbeliawinery.bg, http://www.orbeliawinery.bg	 Location and contacts	Village of Yavornitsa, Petrich Municipality Valentina Tacheva +359 889 433 520
 Accommodation facilities	N/A	 Accommodation facilities	1 twin-bedded room 3 double bed rooms
 Bath and Shower	WC for visitors available	 Bath and Shower	All rooms share one bathroom
 Food & Drink	The seating capacity of the winery is 35 indoor and about 24 outdoor seats. Appetizers for the wine-tasting can be prepared upon request	 Food & Drink	
 Kids friendly zone	The big garden surrounding the winery is suitable place for children to play	 Kids friendly zone	
 Bicycle-friendly place	Bicycles can be kept safely in the back yard	 Bicycle-friendly place	Safe place to keep bicycles is available
 Tourist attractions	The Winery is a good starting point for hikes: Sveti Prorok Ilia Church in the village of Belasitsa (30 min), Sveta Nedelia Church in the village of Kolarovo (45 min), Giolcheto Lake (1 hour 45 min) Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass in the vicinity	 Tourist attractions	The village of Yavornitsa is a good starting point for hikes: Sv. Sv. Kiril I Metodii Church (in the village), Yavornishki Waterfall (45 min), Kameshnishki or “Shy” Waterfall (1 hour 45 min) Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass through the village
 Specific services/ products offered	Wine tour and wine-tasting for individual guests and groups. The winery's own wine brand production is on sale: a rich variety of red and white wines and rose. A small museum with artifacts from the traditional culture of the region. Special offer “Make your own wine”; the guests are invited to make wine according to their own taste by blending two wines	 Specific services/ products offered	The host is a leader of the Yavornitsa Female Vocal Ensemble who is well-known for their vivid performances of traditional songs

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Welcome

Name of service/
product provider

Yankish Guest House



Location and contacts

Village of Samuilovo, Petrich Municipality
Anton Popov St. 1
Valentin Atanasov – Yankish (Host) +359 896 688 379



Accommodation facilities

The capacity of the guest house is 11 beds in: two twin-bedded rooms, one room with three and one with four beds



Bath and Shower

There are 2 shared bathrooms



Food & Drink

The Guest House has a tavern with a garden and a summer bar with a seating capacity of 25 indoor and 50 outdoor seats. The hosts can prepare delicious local culinary specialties for their guests



Kids friendly zone

Children can play safely in the back garden of the guest house



Bicycle-friendly place

Safe place to keep bicycles is available



Tourist attractions

The village of Samuilovo is a good starting point for mountain hikes: White Fountain area (20 min), the restored Border Gate and Fence (1 hour), Kameshnishki or “Shy” Waterfall (1 hour 30 min), Lopovo Lodge (3 hours), Demir Kapia mountain pass (4 hour 30 min), Kalabak/ Radomir Peak (6 hours). Euro Velo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail and other bike routes pass through the village







































Specific services/
products offered



















Folklore performances can be organized upon request. The meadow in the back garden can be used as a camping ground with a capacity of up to 10 double tents. Hikes with the host to the waterfalls in the area combined with picnics (barbecue and local specialty food) are worth trying. Transfers with an old Soviet truck 4x4 can be arranged to higher parts of the mountain upon request



















Greece







































Legend	Details	Legend	Details
 Name of service/ product provider	Aquarium of Vyroneia	 Name of service/ product provider	Billis Tavern
 Location and contacts	Village of Vyroneia, close to the railway station Tel. +302323031449, +306950339034	 Location and contacts	Village of Neo Petritsi Tel. +302323031314
 Accommodation facilities	N/A	 Accommodation facilities	N/A
 Bath and Shower	N/A	 Bath and Shower	N/A
 Food & Drink	N/A	 Food & Drink	Restaurant Total capacity of 50 people
 Kids friendly zone	N/A	 Kids friendly zone	N/A
 Bicycle-friendly place	N/A	 Bicycle-friendly place	N/A
 Tourist attractions	The village is a good starting point for hikes: foot of Belles Mountain (20 min), river Strymonas (10 min)	 Tourist attractions	The village is a good starting point for hikes: foot of Belles Mountain (5 min), Istibei Fortress (2 hours)
 Specific services/ products offered	The Aquarium has a standing exhibition of fish ad reptiles of the area but also some exotic species like a crocodile. For groups it is advised to have an appointment	 Specific services/ products offered	Parking lot



















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 Name of service/ product provider	Café-Restaurant Oasis	 Name of service/ product provider	Dionysos Tavern
 Location and contacts	Village of Mandraki Mrs. Goutsi Tel. +306938521693	 Location and contacts	Village of Kerkini Mr. Adamidou Tel. +302327041215
 Accommodation facilities	N/A	 Accommodation facilities	N/A
 Bath and Shower	N/A	 Bath and Shower	N/A
 Food & Drink	Café - Restaurant with 100 people seating capacity	 Food & Drink	Restaurant with a 100-people seating capacity
 Kids friendly zone	There is a big yard with a playground for children	 Kids friendly zone	N/A
 Bicycle-friendly place	Open space for bicycle keeping	 Bicycle-friendly place	Open space for bicycle keeping
 Tourist attractions	The village is a good starting point for hikes: foot of Belles Mountain (10 min), lake Kerkini (20 min)	 Tourist attractions	The village is a good starting point for hikes: foot of Belles Mountain (2 hours), lake Kerkini (10 min)
 Specific services/ products offered	Parking lot	 Specific services/ products offered	



















Legend	Details	Legend	Details
 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Elodia	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Epavlis Hotel
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Kerkini, Mr. Gaidatzis Tel. +302327041502 info@elodia.gr, www.elodia.gr	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Ano Poroia Tel. +302327028180, Fax. +302327028190 info@epavlishotel.gr, www.epavlishotel.gr
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	N/A	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	25 twin-bedded rooms triple rooms
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	N/A	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Café -Restaurant with a 150-people seating capacity	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Restaurant and café
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	There is yard and a playground for children to play	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Children can play safely in the courtyard
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Open space for bicycle keeping	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Bicycles can be kept safely in an open space
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village is a good starting point for hikes: foot of Belles Mountain (2 hours), lake Kerkini (5 min)	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	Epavlis Hotel is a good starting point for hikes: lake Kerkini (1 hour), foot of Belles Mountain (10 min), St. George's Chapel (10 min)
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	Small pond Parking lot	 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	Swimming pool Parking lot for cars 10 minutes by foot from the point where horse riding- and hiking trails start



















Legend	Details	Legend	Details
 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Evora Tavern	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Ichnilatis
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Makrynitsa Tel. +302327023395, +302327022283 www.vyroneia.gr	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Koryfoudi, Mr. Alatsidis Tel. +302327041000 ixnilatiskerkini@yahoo.com, www.ixnilatis.gr
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	N/A	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	6 rooms with a total capacity of 20 beds
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	N/A	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Café - Restaurant with a 150-people seating capacity	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Breakfast
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Children can play in the playground in the yard	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Children can play safely in the courtyard
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Open space for bicycle keeping	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Open space for bicycle keeping
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village is a good starting point for hikes: foot of Belles Mountain (20 min), river Strymonas (10 min), lake Kerkini (2 hours 15 min)	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	Ichnilatis is a good starting point for hikes: village of Kerkini (15 min), lake Kerkini (5 min), foot of Belles Mountain (1 hour 30 min)
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	Parking lot	 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	Boat trips, horse riding

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 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Kioski Tavern	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Information Centre of Lake Kerkini Management Authority
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Kato Poroia Tel. +302327022018	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Kerkini village, Sintiki Tel. 00302327028004, Fax. 00302327028005 E-mail: info@kerini.gr, www.kerkini.gr
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	N/A	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	N/A
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	N/A	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	N/A
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Restaurant specialized in meat	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	N/A
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	N/A	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	N/A
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Open space for bicycle keeping	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	N/A
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village is a good starting point for hikes: foot of Belles Mountain (20 min), lake Kerkini (1 hour 30 min)	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	5 minutes walk to lake Kerkini 30 minutes walk to Belles Mountain
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	Parking lot	 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Opening hours: daily 8.00-16.00 weekends/fests 10.00-14.00 Close: 1 st of January, Easter Day <input type="checkbox"/> There is a permanent exhibition with information about Lake Kerkini National Park <input type="checkbox"/> Slideshow after appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Birdwatching after appointment

Legend	Details	Legend	Details
 Name of service/ product provider	Melina Hotel	 Name of service/ product provider	Methoriakos Stathmos (Railway Station)
 Location and contacts	Village of Acritochori, Sintiki Tel. +302323071212, Fax. +302323071213 info@hotelmelina.gr, www.hotelmelina.gr	 Location and contacts	Village of Vyroneia Tel. +302323111205 www.vyroneia.gr
 Accommodation facilities	12 twin-bedded rooms, 1 room for people with special needs	 Accommodation facilities	N/A
 Bath and Shower	Every room has its own bathroom	 Bath and Shower	N/A
 Food & Drink	There is an open café-bar and a restaurant, seating capacity is 40 guests (outdoors or indoors)	 Food & Drink	Café - Restaurant A grocery shop with local products (wine, spirits, honey, marmalades, home-made pasta, sweets, etc.)
 Kids friendly zone	There is a small playground for children	 Kids friendly zone	N/A
 Bicycle-friendly place	N/A	 Bicycle-friendly place	Open space for bicycle keeping
 Tourist attractions	Melina Hotel is a good starting point for hikes: lake Kerkini (15 min), foot of Belles Mountain (15 min), Monastery of John the Baptist (30 min)	 Tourist attractions	The village is a good starting point for hikes: foot of Belles Mountain (20 min), river Strymonas (10 min)
 Specific services/ products offered	Parking At the end of July there is folklore fair in the village of Acritochori which is 5 minutes by foot from the hotel	 Specific services/ products offered	Parking lot Trains stop outside the shop

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 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Morfi Hotel	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Nastou View Hotel
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Kerkini, Mr. Avramidis Tel. +302327041036, www.morfihotel.gr	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Ano Poroia, Mr. Nastou Tel. +302327051586-7, Fax. +302327051581 info@nastouview.gr, www.nastouview.gr
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	Total capacity of 50 beds	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	10 luxurious rooms, each with different character and décor
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Breakfast Restaurant	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Breakfast only
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	N/A	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Children can play safely in the big courtyard
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Open space for a limited number of bicycles (10)	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	The hotel offers bicycles for rent to its guests
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	Morfi Hotel is a good starting point for hikes: lake Kerkini (5 min), foot of Belles Mountain (1 hour)	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	Nastou View Hotel is a good starting point for hikes: lake Kerkini (1 hour), foot of Belles Mountain (30 min), St. George's Chapel (30 min)
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	Parking lot	 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	10 minutes by foot from the point where horse riding- and hiking trails start

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 Name of service/ product provider	Oikoperiigitis	 Name of service/ product provider	Pestrofes Tavern
 Location and contacts	Village of Kerkini, Mr. Reklos Tel. +302327041450, Fax. +302327041476 info@oikoperiigitis, www.oikoperiigits.gr	 Location and contacts	Village of Ano Poroia Tel. +302327051500 www.pestrofes.gr
 Accommodation facilities	Total capacity of 50 beds	 Accommodation facilities	N/A
 Bath and Shower	Every room has its own bathroom	 Bath and Shower	N/A
 Food & Drink	Breakfast Restaurant Café-Bar	 Food & Drink	Restaurant with a 150-people seating capacity offering trout specialties
 Kids friendly zone	A small courtyard for children to play	 Kids friendly zone	There is yard for children to play
 Bicycle-friendly place	Safe place to keep bicycles is available	 Bicycle-friendly place	Open space for bicycle keeping
 Tourist attractions	Oikoperiigitis is a good starting point for hikes: lake Kerkini (5 min), foot of Belles Mountain (1 hour)	 Tourist attractions	The village is a good starting point for hikes: lake Kerkini (1 hour 30 min), foot of Belasitsa mountain (10 min)
 Specific services/ products offered	Parking lot The hotel organizes excursions to the mountain and around the lake: boat trips, mountain bicycle rides, canoe, trekking and hiking, rappel	 Specific services/ products offered	Fish hatchery Small pond Parking lot

Legend	Details	Legend	Details
 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Refanidis Hotel	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Viglatoras Hotel
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Kato Poroia, Mr. Refanidis Tel. +302327028000, Fax. +302327028001 info@refanidishotel.gr, www.refanidishotel.gr	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Ano Poroia +302327051231 info@viglatorashotel.com, www.viglatorashotel.com
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	16 luxurious suites with a small kitchen	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	16 rooms
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom SPA	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	Breakfast Bar near the pools	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	N/A
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Children can play safely in the courtyard	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Children can play safely in the hotel garden
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Bicycles can be kept safely in an open space	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Safe place to keep bicycles is available in the courtyard of the hotel
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	Refanidis Hotel is a good starting point for hikes: lake Kerkini (1 hour), foot of Belles Mountain (30 min), St. George's Chapel (30 min)	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	Viglatoras Hotel is a good starting point for hikes: lake Kerkini (1 hour), foot of mountain Belles (30 min), St. George's chapel (30 min)
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	2 swimming pools Parking lot 30 minutes by foot from the point where horse riding- and hiking trails start	 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	10 minutes by foot from the point where horse riding- and hiking trails start

Legend

Details

Welcome

Name of service/
product provider

Villa Belles Hotel



Location and contacts

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Accommodation facilities

25 rooms:
16 twin-bedded rooms, 3 triple rooms, 5 four-bed rooms,
1 room for people with special needs



Bath and Shower

Every room has its own bathroom



Food & Drink

A café and a restaurant with a 100 guests serving capacity
(outdoors or indoors) offering a standard menu



Kids friendly zone

Children can play safely in the big garden



Bicycle-friendly place

Safe place to keep bicycles is available



Tourist attractions

Villa Belles is a good starting point for hikes: lake
Kerkini (15 min), foot of Belles Mountain (15 min),
Monastery of John the Baptist (30 min)







































Specific services/
products offered



















The hotel has a conference room and a big parking.
At the end of July there is folklore fair in the village
of Acritochori which is 15 minutes by foot from the hotel

FYR Macedonia



Legend	Details	Legend	Details
 Name of service/ product provider	Atlantis Palace Hotel	 Name of service/ product provider	Podgorski An Motel
 Location and contacts	Village of Bansko, Strumica Municipality Sashko Donchovski – owner Sande Kocev – manager +389 78 314 212 sandokocev@yahoo.com, www.atlantis.mk	 Location and contacts	Village of Koleshino, Novo selo Municipality Loran Dimanovski - host +389 70 214 648, +389 34 351 100 podgorski-an@hotmail.com, www.podgorskian.com
 Accommodation facilities	2 twin-bedded rooms 1 triple room 14 rooms with 4 beds	 Accommodation facilities	The total capacity of the motel is 33 beds: 10 rooms with one or more beds
 Bath and Shower	Every room has its own bathroom	 Bath and Shower	Every room has its own bathroom
 Food & Drink	The seating capacity of the restaurant in Atlantis Palace is 350 indoor and 60 outdoor seats (in the garden) The menu is à la carte	 Food & Drink	The seating capacity of the restaurant of Podgorski is 50 indoor and 60 outdoor seats (at the summer terrace). There is an à la carte menu, and the host can prepare delicious local specialties upon request as well
 Kids friendly zone	There is a space where kids can play in the garden	 Kids friendly zone	Children playground at the side of the summer terrace
 Bicycle-friendly place	Safe place to keep bicycles is available	 Bicycle-friendly place	Safe place to keep bicycles is available
 Tourist attractions	The village of Bansko is a good starting point for hikes: Roman Bath (in the village), mountain refuge Dedo Koljo Murtinski (3 hours 30 min), Gabrovo Waterfalls (30 min), Koleshino Waterfalls (1 hour 15 min), Monospitovo Pond (45 min)	 Tourist attractions	The village of Koleshino is a good starting point for hikes: Gabrovo Waterfalls (15 min), Koleshino Waterfalls (30 min), Roman bath in Bansko (40 min), Mokrino Springs (1 hour), mountain refuge Dedo Koljo Murtinski (4 hours)
 Specific services/ products offered	Folklore performance can be organized upon request. Camping site with a capacity for 10 tents. Local culinary specialties are worth tasting	 Specific services/ products offered	Folklore performance can be organized upon request. Local culinary specialties are worth tasting

Legend	Details	Legend	Details
 Name of service/ product provider	Restaurant Panorama	 Name of service/ product provider	Rural tourism Kostadinovi
 Location and contacts	Village of Mokrino, Novo selo Municipality Zoran Tanchev - host +389 70 700 776, +389 34 352 100 info@panorama.mk, contact@panorama.mk www.panoramamokrino.blogspot.com	 Location and contacts	Village of Gabrovo, Strumica Municipality Valentina Kostadinova - host +389 70 310 467, +389 70 310 479 kostadink@live.com kostqadinovigabrovo@gmail.com www.kostadinovi-gabrovo.blogspot.com
 Accommodation facilities	The total accommodation capacity is 8 beds: 2 apartments with a double bed and 2 separate beds each	 Accommodation facilities	N/A
 Bath and Shower	Every bedroom has its own bathroom	 Bath and Shower	N/A
 Food & Drink	The capacity of Restaurant Panorama is 500 indoor and 250 outdoor seats (in the garden) The host can prepare delicious local specialties for his guests	 Food & Drink	The hosts offer a traditional lunch in a rural atmosphere for tourists. The hosts can prepare delicious local specialties for their guests with organic vegetables and home-made bread. The capacity of the garden is 30 guests
 Kids friendly zone	There is a playground for children in the garden	 Kids friendly zone	There is a space where kids can play in the garden
 Bicycle-friendly place	Safe place to keep bicycles is available	 Bicycle-friendly place	Safe place to keep bicycles is available
 Tourist attractions	The village of Mokrino is a good starting point for hikes: Mokrino springs (15 min), Smolare Waterfalls (1 hour 15 min), Koleshino Waterfalls (1 hour), Tromegja/ Tumba Peak (6 hours and 10 min)	 Tourist attractions	The village of Gabrovo is a good starting point for hikes: Gabrovo Waterfalls (10 min), Roman Bath in Bansko (40 min), mountain refuge Dedo Koljo Murtinski (4 hours), Koleshino Waterfalls (40 min), Monospitovo Pond (1 hour and 15 min)
 Specific services/ products offered	Folklore performance can be organized upon request. There is campingsite with a capacity of 6 tents. Guided tour to the waterfalls and the springs. Picnic with local food. Local culinary specialties are worth tasting	 Specific services/ products offered	Folklore performance can be organized upon request. There is a camping site with a capacity of 5 tents. Guided tour to the waterfalls. Picnic with local food. Horse riding. Local products (organic fruit, kiwi/cherry/figs preserve, honey, domestic juices, home-made brandy, ajver etc.)

Legend	Details	Legend	Details
 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Sharena cheshma Lodge	 <p>Name of service/ product provider</p>	Tsar Samuil Hotel
 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Smolari area, Belasitsa, Novo selo Municipality PAOK Entuzijast (Mountaineering Association), Strumitsa Dushko Kjosev +389 77 984 499 Koljo Ristov +389 70 200 848	 <p>Location and contacts</p>	Village of Bansko, StrumicaMunicipality +389 34 377 200 +389 34 377 210 info@hotelcarsamuil.com.mk www.hotelcarsamuil.com.mk
 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	26-bed-dormitory	 <p>Accommodation facilities</p>	60 twin-bedded rooms 10 triple rooms 3 apartments
 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	N/A	 <p>Bath and Shower</p>	Every room has its own bathroom
 <p>Food & Drink</p>	The seating capacity is 10 indoor and 30 outdoor seats The host can prepare delicious local specialties for his guests	 <p>Food & Drink</p>	The hotel restaurant has a seating capacity for 450 guests The menu is à la cart
 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	Surrounded by meadows and forests, the lodge is suitable for wide range outdoor activities	 <p>Kids friendly zone</p>	
 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Safe place to keep bicycles is available	 <p>Bicycle-friendly place</p>	Safe place to keep bicycles is available
 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	Sharena cheshma Lodge is a good starting point for hikes: Smolare Waterfall (2 hours and 30 min hike), Tromegja/ Tumba Peak (2 hours hike)	 <p>Tourist attractions</p>	The village of Bansko is a good starting point for hikes: Roman Bath (in the village), mountain refuge Dedo Koljo Murtinski (3 hours 30 min), Gabrovo Waterfalls (30 min), Koleshino Waterfalls (1 hour 15 min), Monospitovo Pond (45 min)
 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>		 <p>Specific services/ products offered</p>	Folklore performance can be organized upon request Local specialties are worth tasting

Lake Kerkini National Park, Greece

National Park of Lake Kerkini was declared in the autumn of 2006, aiming to protect the national natural heritage and to secure the balanced co-existence between man-made and natural environment. The Park is situated on the borders with Bulgaria and FYR Macedonia and covers the Greek part of Belsitsa Mountain, Lake Kerkini and adjacent areas. The territory of the National Park covers the municipalities of Irakleia, Kerkini, Petritsi, Sidirokastro, Skotousa, Strymoniko, Aggistro and Promaxonas.

With its rich flora and fauna Lake Kerkini National Park is one of the most valuable protected areas in Greece. Lake Kerkini offers the ideal conditions for bird watching. It is one of the best places in Europe for natural watching of about 300 rare and protected bird species that live and breed here. Many scientists and nature lovers from around the world visit the area every year.

The Park is managed by a Board of Directors and since 2008 is run by a Management Authority consisting of 12 employees.

The main tasks of Lake Kerkini Management Authority are:

- ❑ Monitoring and planning of operational programs concerning the ecological parameters of the area;
- ❑ Constant guarding and patrolling of the area;
- ❑ Effective coordination of the responsible authorities;
- ❑ Programs for environmental education, information and sensitization of the public and of the responsible authorities;
- ❑ Ensuring social policy, cohesion and participation.

Specifically, among the main targets of the National Park Management Authority are the constant protection and conservation of the species habitats, protection of the flora and fauna, especially the migratory bird species, protection of the water buffalos as well as promotion of activities like environmental education, bird watching and sustainable tourism.

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Belasitsa Nature Park, Bulgaria

Belasitsa Nature Park was declared on 28 December 2007. The park covers the Bulgarian part of Belasitsa Mountain as the total territory of the protected area is 11732.4 hectares. The Park is situated on the territory of Petrich municipality and managed by Belasitsa Nature Park Directorate consisting of four experts and operating since 1 September 2008.

Belasitsa Nature Park is established to protect:

- ❑ Century old forests of European beech (*Fagussylvatica*) and Sweet Chestnut (*Castaneasativa*) as well as natural Orientalplane (*Platanusorientalis*) habitats;
- ❑ Protected and endemic plant and animal species like Common Yew (*Taxusbaccata*), European holly (*Ilexaquifolium*), Heldreich's Maple (*Acerheldreichii*), Albanian Lily (*Liliumalbanicum*), White-backed woodpecker (*Dendrocoposleucotoslilfordi*), Black woodpecker (*Dryocoposmartius*) and others;
- ❑ Unique ecosystems in the high mountain treeless zone of the Park.

Additionally Belasitsa Nature Park is contributing to the development of ecotourism, environmental education and scientific research.

The Nature of Belasitsa Nature Park is unique. Here are situated the largest chestnut forest massifs on the Balkans as well as a number of rare and endangered plant and animal species dwelling in them. The vascular plants on the park territory are almost 1600, more than 150 bird species inhabit the area as well as 41 different species of mammals. The diversity of butterflies is stunning. These colourful creatures are represented by 140 species, which is 65% of all butterflies in Bulgaria. That is the reason why Belasica has been declared as a Prime Butterfly Area.

The territory of the Park is a NATURA 2000 site too.

The territory of the Nature Park and the surrounding areas offer numerous opportunities for tourism activities. The lovers of hiking can find both easy routes at low altitude and long, challenging trails leading to the main ridge of the mountain. There are eight specialized thematic tourist trails which are situated in the vicinity of the settlements and the mountain huts and offer interesting information. If you prefer the cultural and educational tourism the region of Belasitsa has a lot to offer you as well.

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