



Short brief about Berovo

Situated in the Maleshevo Mountains in the area known as "little Switzerland" in the eastern part of the country, there is Berovo. It's the seat of Berovo Municipality. Two versions exist for the name. According to the first, it was named after cattle breeder Bero, who used to have a land in the area nearby. According to the second, the name came out as people started to gathering in this area. The inhabitants of Berovo and Maleshevo region as well, are amusing mostly in the field of agriculture/farming. Due to the specific of the region, Berovo is well known for its potato and the white cheese of Berovo. The Maleshevo region is full of pine and oak trees, which is why Berovo craftsmen well known for their skill in traditional wood crafting.

Female Monastery Sv. Arhangel Mihail

The first female monastery, located at the exit from Berovo leading to the dam and the lake, was built in 1940 in a 19 century architectural opus, twenty years after the construction of the Monastery of the Holy Archangel Michael.

The three gates of the church face the town, the river and the pine forest. Large porch dominates the monastery yard and in the dimness of its interior oil lamps lighten images of saints, painted in a characteristic style that is anatomic to Byzantine canons. Only one icon, that of Noah painted by George Veljanov from Strumica in 1818. From 1897 to 1920 the painter Gavril Atanasov also worked in the monastery. The icon of the Dormition of the Theotooks was painted by Gregory Pecanov from Strumica in 1878. The residential quarters are of a free style construction. They attract with the warmth of the wood used, shaped in 19th century old urban style.

Four sisters who come from the Veljusa monastery live together with the last nun of the previous lineage. The sisterhood of the monastery is active in Byzantine style icon painting. The beginnings of the renewal of fresco painting in Macedonian monasteries were started by the sisterhood.

Nearby Berovo

Berovo Lake

is one of the most popular man - made lakes in the country. Located in the vicinity of the small mountainous town Berovo (6km), this lake is a popular tourist destination year round.

The surroundings of Berovo Lake are quite idyllic throughout the whole year and are home to some of the best hiking trails. With lush and green surroundings, clear mountainous waters and peaceful untouched nature it is no surprise that many Macedonians pick Berovo Lake as a picnic destination during the week-ends.

Berovo Lake is formed by the river Bregalnica and is 2.5 km long and 350 metres wide with a maximum depth of 58 meters. Besides for picnics Berovo Lake can prove a great destination for fishing as well. Here you can find plenty of different fish including carp, trout, kostrez, karas, klen and more

