

STRUGA & MONASTERY KALISHTA



This tour consists of a visit to Struga, the town of poetry, where an international festival of poetry called the Struga Poetry Evenings, takes place from 25th to 29th August every year. It is also the town of the eel and that was why this town was called Enhalion in the past which meant 'the town of eels'. The present name Struga is of Slavic origin and it means 'a hunting ground'. Struga, the second largest city on the shores of Ohrid Lake, through which most beautiful river Black Drim flows and gives vivid and distinct beauty of this city.

The tour will start in the morning from the bridge of poetry. First we will visit the Church of St. Gjorgi is visited, then the Natural History Museum of Dr. Nikola Nezlobinski which has more than 10,000 examples of flora and fauna from the Ohrid and Prespa regions. We can visit also the memorial house of the brothers Miladinovci. Visit Struga market from where you can buy fresh produce and souvenirs.

Excursion continues to the village of Kalishta, which is 5 minutes driving distance from Struga, where we can visit the cave church of St. Bogorodica (the Holy Mother of God) which was built as a hermit's dwelling and has frescoes from three different periods. Within the monastery has shop for souvenirs, brandy and other products that are made by the monks of the monastery. The newly built church is also dedicated to St. Bogorodica. Near this complex, there stands the beautiful hotel built on the shores of the lake. It follows the architectural style of the old town of Ohrid and it has a restaurant set into the cave wall where you can have lunch (on demand) or returning to the hotel.