New Destinations



his section of our Magazines is dedicated to introducing lesser known worldwide locations to; visitors, tourists and investors.

Emerging tourist destinations need investment to ensure the visitor experience is a memorable one. This investment is not only into the tourism industry, but the actual infrastructure itself, therefore both benefiting from the partnership.

All the new destination have the essential requirements for a great place to visit, so all the locations we cover have; attractions, events, history, culture, architecture, scenery and a variety of hospitality venues. They also have the energy and desire to welcome and embrace more tourists and investment.

Individually, these locations are not as well-known as London, Paris, Rome, Hong Kong and New York, but they are destinations that are calling out for more visitors, and as a group, that call is louder.

Each new destination is supported by Mayors, Embassy's, Tourist Boards, Chamber

of Commerce's and/or Investment Organisations. Essential to these locations are also Travel Agents, Tour Operators, Hotels and other private companies. This gives them a solid financial support, which ensures all parties benefit from their involvement.

Liverpool, Prague, Amsterdam, Karlovy Vary and Salzburg are already involved, with Macedonia and Plovdiv joining this summer. Hopefully Rzeszow, Reykjavik and Cologne will soon be added.

Enjoy this section of the magazine and we hope it inspires you to travel to places you may never have not considered before.

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Macedonia

New Wines

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n old proverb says: If you want to get to know a nation well, sit at their table and drink their

Known as the cradle of culture and land of nature, the Republic of Macedonia is a country nested in the heart of Southeast Europe. Throughout the centuries, the geographic region of Macedonia, which represents a natural crossroads, has been contested by various kingdoms and empires. Macedonia has diverse terrain which matches her rich history. Its national parks showcase the true beauty of the country.

Vranec, Temjanika, Traminec, R'kaciteli, Zilavka, Kratosija - It may sound like one is hearing words from another world, but these are actually the main wine grapes of Macedonia. Even though Macedonian wines will be new to many people, wine is not at all new to Macedonia. Since time immemorial, on the soil where the Republic of Macedonia is today, people have been making good wine, the wine that arouses the imagination and fulfils people's dreams.

The beginnings of wine production in the country date back to ancient times, even 4.000 years ago. Development continued into Byzantine times, and the Slavs, who later

settled the territory, also adopted the tradition. Today, there are regions of the country where people live from wine and for wine, where people love and make wine... The Republic of Macedonia is a country with undulating vineyards dispersed between Mediterranean and continental climate, wineries and whole villages dedicated to wine, people whose days and nights are devoted to

growing, cherishing, keeping and enjoying wine.

Currently there are 24.000 hectares of vineyards providing livelihood for several thousand grape growing families dedicated to produce wholesome sun kissed grape clusters of world WELL known but also diversity of indigenous varieties Smederevka, Temjanika, Belan, Zupljanka, Zilavka from whites and Kratoshia, Prokupec and flagship red variety, powerful Vranec.

Last decade marked the commitment of leading producers and wine makers to put Macedonia on the international wine map. Intensive developments in both viticulture and wine-making, transformation of old and emerging of new wineries. Devotion to quality and sincere desire to offer exclusivity and new sensation to the palate of consumers continuously advances the image of our wines making wine the second most important export product. Wines from the Republic of Macedonia are present on the tables of many consumers in EU and all the countries in Southeast Europe.

Coming back to the proverb at the beginning, we invite you to taste wines from Macedonia and to take a wine tour around Macedonia. We are sure that you will be amazed.

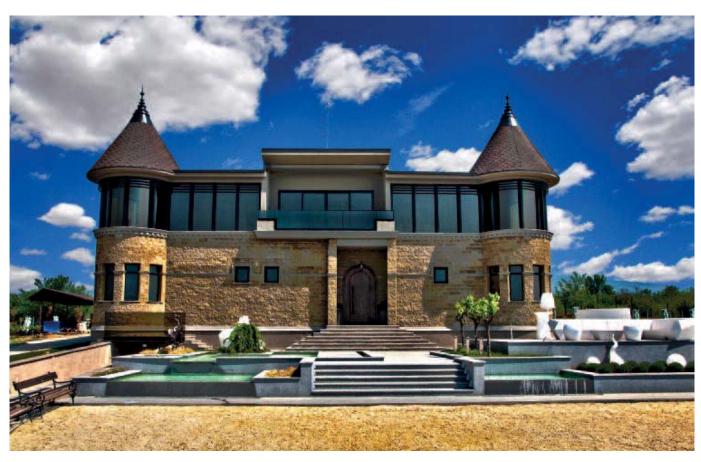






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Macedonia Winery's **Kamnik Winery**



n extravagant boutique winery that combines traditions and science, offers a unique experience for the wine-lovers and for the visitors. On the eastern entrance of Skopje, the winery and its 13ha of carefully groomed vineyards are situated on hills with exposition of the slopes to the south, influenced by all year round air currents coming from the nearby mountains. All these aspects of a fantastic microclimate, the dedicated team, and the main and restless motivation spark that connects all the success elements, "passion for perfection" the Kamnik team says, is what has lead this winery to numerous truly prestigious international recognitions. Just to give you a hint, DWWA (Decanter World Wine Awards UK) for the Kamnik winery means winning the Gold Medal and the Regional Trophy for Best Red wine in Central and Eastern Europe. A curiosity to mention is that most of the Kamnik wines are awarded with gold medals at highly competitive international events.

What else is there? One of the best hunting restaurants in the Balkans region is just nearby the Kamnik winery. Here you can enjoy the magic of combining extraordinary wines and specialties prepared by experienced chefs, in a relaxing atmosphere, a must-feel experience recommended to anyone going for the best. Accommodation capacities available in the Hunter's Lodge Hotel.

Kamnik winery: www.chateaukamnik.com & Hunter's Lodge Hotel & Restaurant: www.kamnik.com.mk





