



Guest House MILKANA

Gabrovo, 58 Stefana Bogdanchева St.
(opposite the Planetarium)

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Close to town and at the same time secluded, the house is suitable for family and group holidays, celebrations, friends' reunions. It offers 4 two-bed rooms and 3 rooms with large bedroom suites – each with a private bathroom, internet and cable TV. A spacious dining-room seating about 30, a large covered terrace, a big grassed yard with flower garden.

Upon request, dishes and specialties from the Bulgarian national cuisine can be prepared for the guests.

In the bosom of the Central Balkan Mountains

What could feel better than to stand under the woody hill and breathe the fresh scent of green coolness coming from the nearby wood, the intoxicating aroma of fragrant herbs and flowers... Breathtaking views as far as the eye can reach. Original peace and calm as before the Creation, disturbed only by the thin buzz of industrious creatures in the warm sun during the daytime and by the playful tune of crickets in the evenings. And immersed in white silence in winter...

In order to experience this primordial moment you need not retire to impassable recesses where no man has set foot before. All you need is to go to the centre of Gabrovo, then at a distance of one and a half kilometres across unique scenery and wonderful panoramic view of the Balkan Mountains you will find Guest House MILKANA.

There you are anonymous and free.

Civilization is quite close, in fact it is present with all its conveniences in this heavenly nook.



The city

Gabrovo is situated 220 km northeast of Sofia at the foot of the Central Balkan Mountains, along the Yantra river valley. The city sprang up in the Middle Ages as a strategic settlement near the Balkan Range passes, where crafts and trade developed related to the services and protection of the passes. During the years of Ottoman domination it was a big trade and crafts centre. The first textile mill and the first secular school in Bulgaria were opened here. The city has always been famous for the thrift and wit of its inhabitants, therefore the only House of Humour and Satire in the world is here.

If you want to combine your vacation with sightseeing of cultural, historical and natural landmarks or you have invited guests to whom you want to show more of this wonderful part of Bulgaria,

Guest House Milkana is a good starting point

for a whole series of extremely interesting routes. All sites are accessible by car but if you love hiking, the pleasure of walking across wonderful scenery would only add to the charm of some of them.

8 km south of Gabrovo is located the unique open-air museum, The Etar Architectural and Ethnographic Complex, a reconstruction of the old Bulgarian lifestyle, culture and handicrafts. Here you can see the only collection in Bulgaria of folk hydro technology, one of the rich and well-organized technical collections among the European open-air museums. All exhibits are operating as in the past. Walking through the Etar you do not only observe but become part of folk traditions.

Near the Etar is located the Sokolski Monastery, a valuable architectural and historical monument. Founded in 1832, it is a functioning nunnery.

Right next to the guest house is the Gabrovo Zoo. Only 2 km away, by a road with picturesque bends, is Gradishte locality. Here, amidst a cool pine wood, there is a large clearing with swings and a picnic spot. A woodland path above the clearing leads to the excavations of an ancient Thracian fortress.

The Roman Road ecopath starts from Gradishte. It crosses a level woody area by an old Roman road which exists since the early 4th c. and reaches the village of Bozhentsi. The passage is about 5 km. The village was declared an architectural-historical reserve in 1964 and is part of the UNESCO cultural monuments. The Bozhentsi houses are characterized by verandas, stone slate roofs, corner fireplaces, wood-carved ceilings. Everything here, down to the cobblestone pavement and the red pelargoniums on the verandas, preserves the unique atmosphere of the Revival Period.

At a two-hour hike from Bozhentsi by an ecopath you can go to the pretty mountain town of Tryavna, famous for its woodcarving and icon-painting school.

22 km southwest of Gabrovo, at the heart of the Central Balkan Mountains, at the foot of Mt. Ispolin (1524 m) lies Uzana locality. It is the broadest ridge glade, surrounded by wood on all sides. Uzana is a popular winter resort with well kept skiing tracks and facilities. The resort surroundings are suitable for rock climbing and speleology.

The Gabrovo Balkan Mountains will enchant you

with the unique combination of incredible natural beauty and biological diversity, rich cultural-historical heritage and hospitality of the local people. Personal celebration in a close circle, friends' gathering or just a different weekend, the advantage here is you can enjoy yourself to your heart's content, without intruding on anyone or anyone intruding on you, and for the spirit is the abundance of local landmarks.

Make things different!