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OHRID - CITY OF THE CENTURIES, INHERITOR OF THE BRIGHT LYCHNIDA

Situated on the shore of Lake Ohrid, a treasure trove of primaevial wildlife about 4 million years old, one of the very few living museums in the world, Ohrid is the legitimate inheritor of the ancient Lychnidos, a city of eternal life and creativity from prehistory until now, interwoven with the achievements of ancient civilisations.

Ohrid represents Macedonian cultural history – an Episcopal centre as early as the classical period and the Jerusalem of the Balkans. Ohrid has been the centre of the literacy and the culture of the Slavic clergy, the capital of Tzar Samuel's kingdom and a centre of the Macedonian renaissance in the 19th century. A town with a unique position in time and in space, a town with very rare and indeed unique natural and culture treasures, it has been inscribed in UNESCO's register of world values.

Sightseeing in the old part of the city provides a unique opportunity to experience Ohrid through the centuries and its treasure of cultural and historical monuments.

Walking through the old streets of Ohrid, passing by its traditional architecture, you will be constantly aware of its monuments to different periods of history.

At every hundred meters you will encounter significant sights such as the following:

The Ohrid Fortress - the Fortress of Tzar Samuel (panoramic view), the crown of Ohrid and of Lychnidos.

Sv. Bogorodica Perivlepta – the Church of the Holly Mother of God Perivleptos dating from 1295, with its remarkable architecture and frescoes is one of the best known monuments of its kind not only in Macedonia, but also worldwide.

The Gallery of icons, belong to the period between the 11th and the 19th centuries.

The Antique Theatre - the oldest antique theatre in Macedonia, built for- among other things – gladiatorial combats, has been reconstructed to house theatrical performances and concerts

Plaosnik – the spiritual and cultural source of Ohrid with preserved, restored and exposed architectural remains from the period of *St. Clement*, as well as before and after him, an *Early Cristian* complex with the rebuilt church of *St. Clement (St. Panteleimon)* and parts of the original monastic complex- the first *Slavonic University*, the cradle of the literacy and culture the Slavonic clergy.

St. Jovan Kaneo - a church dating from the 13th century and situated on a rock above the lake is a symbol of the town, poetry engraved on a rock and well known both in Macedonia and worldwide.

St. Sofia – the chatedral church of the *Ohrid Episcopate*, with its outstanding architectural construction and invaluable frescoes dating from the 11th and 12th centuries.

The House of the Robev Family (panoramic view), a work of art dating from 1863 and housing a significant collection of exhibits from the Ohrid area and prehistory, the antique period and the Middle Ages.

A stroll through the famous *Ohrid Bazaar*, visiting the old craftsmen`s workshops for pearl making, filigree and wood carving.

Dinner in national restauraunt.