

Pancharevo – The charming Area near Sofia

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Pancharevo Village and Resort



It is picturesquely situated at the exit of a beautiful gorge in the direction from Sofia to Samokov and Borovets Winter resort in Rila Mountain. The village is a spa resort of local importance and significant sports center. It is surrounded by green hills - parts of the Vitosha and Lozen mountain. The favorable location and its altitude of 600 - 800 metres determined the village as a resort place with a healthy climate and also a little bit foggy days per a year.

Pancharevo mineral springs



They have a rich history. The area was inhabited since ancient times, when Thracians established a settlement called Rilyanik.

In Roman times in this area was built the mineral baths which had seven pools. There are suggestions that in both sources - in Sofia and in Pancharevo has practiced a cult of the god-physician Asklepios and the nymphs, because in both places have found parts of their barelefs

„Urvich“ Medieval Fortress



Urvich is the last and best strong fortress of King Shishman and his brother King Ivan Asen V. Located in a beautiful meander near Pancharevo, about 5 kilometres from the village. In the late 14th century, near the fortress was held a strategic battle for the defense of Sredets by the Ottoman Turks

Recent archaeological studies have shown that Urvich is not only a fortress and a small medieval town

Pancharevo Lake



Pancharevo Lake is a very beautiful artifical lake near Sofia. The Area of the lake offers opportunities for recreation and entertainment. On its shores are situated:

- mineral springs with swimming pool, fitness and SPA centre
- National rowing base with hotel, restaurant, fitness & bar
- several cozy hotels and restaurants with panoramic views



„Sredets“ National Rowing Base



National Rowing Base
is a modern sport centre located on the shore of Lake Pancharevo, near Sofia. Built in 1968. It is specialized to conduct trainings and competitions in rowing events.

In 1977 it hosted the World Cup canoe in the capital, and three years later - in 1981 the World Championships for young people in water sports.

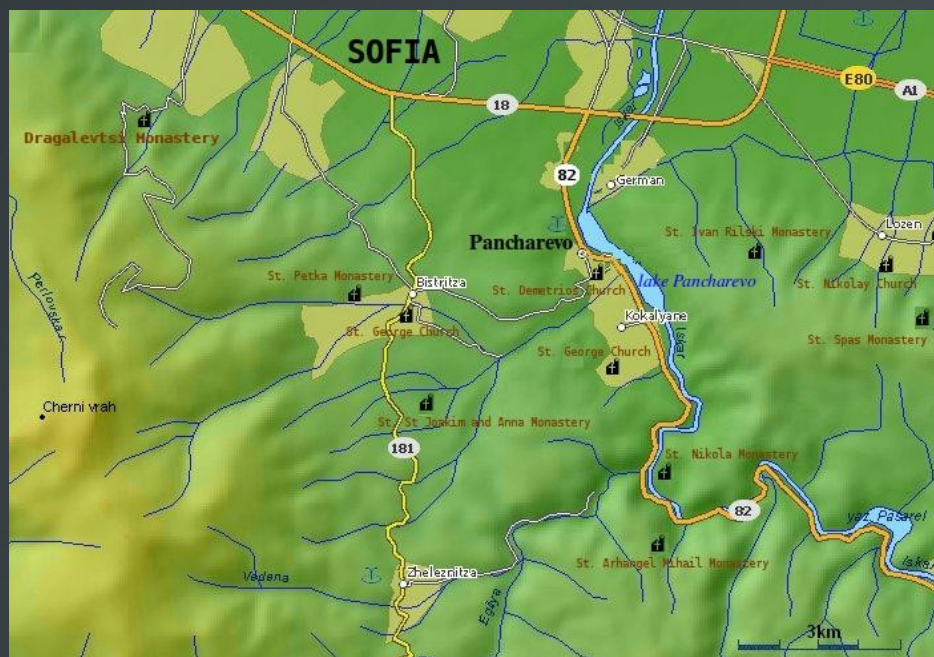


Bistritsa River



Bistrishka River springs from the highest parts of the Vitosha mountain, between the tops of Skoparnik and Golyam Rezen, in the territory of Biosphere Reserve "Bistrishko Branishte". It is composed of several small streams which unite in the area of Bistrica Village. Crosses all the Bistrica and Pancharevo and flows into the Iskar at Lake Pancharevo. In the lower part of its valley has several artificial fountains, which add an extra charm to the area. Its wooded banks are a great place for recreation and outgoing

Location



Distances:

Distance from the capital:
12,9 km. from Sofia,
Bulgaria

Distance from Airport:
11 km. from Sofia Airport

Coordinates:

Latitude: 42.59454N;
Longitude: 23.41238E;
Altitude: 600 – 800 m;
GPS: 42.592806,
23.410363;
Population: 2703
inhabitants/according to
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