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This brochure provides the information about the region’s tourism products, sites and attractions. It will enable the tourists to get familiar with the region by consuming its tourism products or visiting its most important sights and localities.

TOURISM OF THE REGION

The Sharra region undoubtedly gives the whole family an opportunity to experience its wonderful characteristics. Whether you enjoy the untouched nature, take deep breath of fresh air in the national park or just set out to conquer nature by bicycle or walk through the forest, you will realise the region’s beauty and charm. Here you can explore biodiversity, familiarise
yourself with the traditional architecture, taste the wonderful food prepared by centuries old recipes and have a specific experience of winter on skis or in snowshoes. With nature so close by, and with a mind-boggling list of activities, you will be able to discover the stunning scenic diversity of the Sharra region.

Conditions are exceptionally convenient for tourism in both winter and summer and are perfect for sports and entertainment for tourists. You can try out the region’s scenic and thematic trails, stroll through bright city streets, hike along quiet river banks, ramble through forests, villages and mountainous sheepfolds, trek along steep ridges and glacial lakes and scramble to the summits each time with smile on your face. The Sharra region offers you a wide variety of activities that will let you discover a breathtaking diversity of its landscapes!

**Nature and biodiversity tourism**

Sharra region boasts a wealth of biodiversity which is an essential part of the tourism offer of the region. With its areas of unique natural beauty, it attracts more and more visitors each year. Biodiversity is one of tourism’s greatest assets. You could spend days or even weeks here and yet not have enough time to explore the vast and wonderful world of the Sharra region.
The region is characterized by considerable wild plant species, and fungus and animal diversity. Furthermore, this mountain is famous for domestic plants and animals, with the local shepherd dog breed - Sharplaninec/Pastori Ilir/Sharplaninac known all over the world, and the sheep as its most famous symbol. Biodiversity is what makes Sharra the beautiful region - it provides a wealth of resources for the tourist: scenic walks, interesting animals and plants and wonderful places to explore. Apart from a unique experience Sharra offers to tourists because of its biodiversity, it also provides an opportunity to get familiar with endemic plants and animals that can only be found here.

**Rural tourism**

The region is mainly rural and rural settlements dominate in the municipalities of the three countries where this region belongs. Old houses, local customs, tradition and clean environment that prevail in these areas, combined with traditionally prepared delicacies, attract large number of tourists. Together with the mountains, canyons, local rivers and springs, the area has ideal conditions and natural resources for the development of rural tourism.

After the buzz of city life it certainly feels good to take a deep breath of fresh air and enjoy the nature’s calming music, lush flora and exciting fauna. The Sharra region offers all that and even more - sneak peek into the world of rural traditions and beliefs, accompanied by sincere hospitality. Look for a rural experience by leaving the city behind and enter a magical world which
will open up to you. You will get to know the rich rural culture of Sharra region in the best possible way: accommodated in authentic village houses, tasting traditional dishes and sipping good wine.

**Mountain and sports tourism**
Shar/Sharri Mountain together with Koritnik Mountain and the mountain Gjalic and Cylen located in Kosovo, as well as the mountains of northern Albania, make one natural mountain system whose characteristics and possibilities greatly contribute to the development of tourism in this beautiful area.

The region attracts a large number of tourists as it offers different characteristics, in terms of climate (clean air, unique landscapes and wildlife), altitude (dozens of peaks over 2000 meters a.m.s.l.), flora and fauna, with numerous rivers, glacial lakes, two artificial lakes that are situated between them. as well as cultural and historical attractions.

Mountains are also suitable for different recreational opportunities and sports like: climbing, mountain biking (four cross, downhill and cross country), skiing, paragliding and other more or less extreme sports that are available to tourists during the whole year. The isolation of the area from the frequent and more populated areas together with the natural conditions is also suitable for the development of recreational and sport-preparation centres where sportsmen can have their trainings.
With dozens of scenic trails for hiking and biking, Sharra mountains offer both leisurely and invigorating way to see the region. What is even better - you do not have to go on your own - guided tours are also available. These interactive and social tours range from self-contained to fully-supported. Riders can choose to camp and make their own meals as a group, or to stay at local hotels. Across the region, Sharra mountains, pastures, wide-open spaces and amazing landscapes offer energizing scenic routes that are sure to please any hiker and biker.

_Cultural and religious tourism_
The Sharra area is a remarkable region steeped in centuries of history. Much of this culture and history still remains, witnessing to the events of many millennia. Every place, every stone, every tree has a story to tell.

Different nations and religions with different customs and traditions make the Sharra area culturally diverse region. The area is rich with history interwoven with the Christian and Islamic culture that prevails in this region.

The area is abundant with many religious monuments. The Islamic impact in the region, represented by a large number of mosques and hamams (baths) from the Ottoman period, is most noticeable. The town of Prizren is known for its multitude of religious and historic monuments. Christian monuments are also a significant part of the Sharra region. Many of the churches have high values in terms of architecture and art and have the status of national cultural monuments originating from XIII to XIX century, such as the ones in the Monastery Complex in Leshok.
Different traditions that originate from different ethnic structures offer diverse customs and holidays. When combined with a selection of traditionally prepared food made from local products, they leave even better impression to every visitor. With all these assets and characteristics tangled together, the region represents an attractive tourist destination.

**Winter tourism**
The region has an extraordinary geographical and climate conditions for the development of winter tourism with primary focus on skiing. The Sharra region has a great potential for the development of winter tourism and is one of the promising resources for the local economy.
The region hosts Brezovica - the skiing centre well known during the period of former Yugoslavia, whose heyday lasted from 1980 to 1987 when it became the favoured ski destination for the ex-Yugoslav elite hosting more than 120,000 overnight stays a year. In 1984 it was an alternative venue for the Sarajevo Winter Olympics, and the ski centre and slopes have been officially registered by the International Skiing Federation (FIS).

Two other promising ski resorts in Prevalla tourist village and in Brod – Arxhena are in the investment phase. Considering the positive terrain characteristics and climate conditions (the ski terrains are covered with snow for more than five months) this type of tourism has the potential of becoming the main generator of the tourism offer.

The Sharra region has numerous characteristics that will bring you back year after year for active winter holidays. You can enjoy fresh air in organised ski centres, while skiing in the snow-white forests makes you wish to stay here as long as possible. This region resorts’ winter season lasts for about 120 days and offers abundant options for relaxing. The mountains also host hotels and rural households that provide accommodations for a wide variety of tastes and preferences.
The Sharra region has a huge potential for more intense development of tourism, which is a growing economic activity in the area. The region’s natural attractiveness a key prerequisite for this, but when natural sites are complemented with a diversity of man-made sites and facilities, historical monuments, cultural heritage and excellent gastronomic offer, they will altogether leave no tourist indifferent. Although any place of the region will totally charm you, here are some of the sites you should definitely visit. When searching for information, they will be provided either in local languages or in English, and ever more frequently in German, Italian and other world languages.
1. **Name**  
Leshok Monastery Complex

2. **Brief description**  
The Monastery Complex buildings date back to the 13th century. The Monastery Church of St. Atanasius, which was built in the year 1335, and the Church of the Holy Mother of God, which was built in the 13th century and it is mentioned in the deed of Stefan Dechanski from the year 1326, are located within the complex. The grave and the memorial room of Kiril Pejchinovikj, one of the most prominent Macedonian reformers, are also a part of the complex. The major monastery celebrations and church gatherings take place on the feasts of St. Athanasius (May 15th) and the Assumption (August 28th).

3. **Address**  
Village Leshok, Tearce, Macedonia

4. **Contact information**  
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**Village Brezno**

### 2. Brief description

This is a traditional Macedonian rural settlement where you can be familiarized with the traditional Macedonian architecture. Village Brezno has a number of such traditional houses and is a pleasant place for picnic and enjoyment.

### 3. Address

Village Brezno, Tearce, Macedonia

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<td>This is the oldest mountain hut in Macedonia which was built in 1931. Its placed above the beech forest and below the peak of Ljuboten at 1630 meters above the sea level. During all these years the structure remained the same, with minor changes only. It is considered a museum of the mountaineering history and mountain tourism in Macedonia.</td>
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<td>At the lower part of the Shar/Sharri Mountain, between the villages Belovishte and Vratnica, just next to river Belovishka, lies the picnic area Petachko Vodiehce. At this picnic area there is small spring of water that according to the local tradition has healing powers, especially for those who have eye problems. At this point the local inhabitants built a small church dedicated to St. Paraskeva (Sv.Petka), which gave the name to the area- Petachko Vodiehce. There are several restaurants where you can taste traditional food from this region situated around the area.</td>
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<td>2. Brief description</td>
<td>Two wonderful glacial lakes (Gorno Dobroshko ezero and Dolno Dobroshko ezero) are situated at 2325 meters above sea level. These mountain eyes are worth seeing by any visitor to the Sharra region.</td>
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1. Name
Livadichko ezero (Meadow Lake)
(2210 meters a.m.s.l.)

2. Brief description
This glacial lake is probably the most beautiful and popular lake and among the most visited lakes and is an important tourist attraction. It is situated at 2210 metres above sea level on the Kosovo* territory, but it is also visited from the Macedonian side. It has a huge depth for a mountain lake, with 7.30 metres being the maximum depth. All in all, a wonderful place to relax.

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1. Name  | Livadica Peak (2514 meters a.m.s.l.)
2. Brief description  | This peak offers a wonderful view of the ski-center Brezovica. There is a breathtaking view of Lake Livadichko Ezero after a slight descent in direction towards the peak of Ljuboten.
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**Ljuboten Peak (2499 meters a.m.s.l)**

2. Brief description

Although not being the highest peak of the range, this is certainly the most attractive peak of the Shar/Sharri Mountain. This peak opens a wonderful view towards the Western part of the mountain, Livadichko Lake, Polog Valley and a part of Kosovo. The oldest mountain hut in Macedonia is placed below this peak.

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<td>Along the River of Belovishka there are two waterfalls situated at 1300 metres above sea level, Gorna and Dolna Ckala, more impressive being the lower waterfall (Dolna Ckala) which is 42 meters high. Recommended period for visiting is between April and May when the waterfall is rich with water. There is a rock nearby that gives an opportunity to enjoy in the wonderful view over the big waterfall.</td>
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1. **Name**  
Brezovica Ski Resort

2. **Brief description**  
Brezovica, a well-known ski centre, is located on the northwestern part of the Shar/Sharri Mountains, 12 km from the village of Brezovica in the municipality of Shtrpce/Štrpce. The climate, duration of snow cover – from November to May – and the length and angle of each slope make it one of the best known alpine ski resorts.

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1. Name  **Prevalla Tourism Village**

2. Brief description  Prevalla is a tourism village located in the Sharra Mountains, on the road from Shterpce to Prizren, at the height of 1515 meters above sea level. The mountainous terrain, amazing landscape and fresh air make it a fantastic area for hiking, skiing and unwinding. Moreover, the Lepenci River derives in this territory, which makes it even more attractive and interesting for the visitors.

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**Prevalla Rock Peak**

2. Brief description

Prevalla Rock Peak is the peak nearest to Pevalla village. It rises above the southern side of the tourist centre and village Prevalla, reaching an altitude of 1991 metres. Prevalla Rock is easily noticeable from the beginning of Zhupa Valley.

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1. Name  **Guri i zi (Black stone) and Sytë e Malit mountain eye-Dragash**

2. Brief description  These are two of the most recognizable landmarks in the area, the Black Stone (Guri i zi) and the Mountain Eyes (Sytë e Malit), two glacial lakes over the border in Macedonia that can be reached along a magnificent walking trail. When viewed from the border above, the two lakes look like eyes peering out of the mountains towards the heavens.

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1. Name | Village Brod and Shutman Lake
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2. Brief description | This village and this lake are among the most important attractions of the region connected by one of the best known hikes in the Brod region. Although the trail goes along a quite damaged path, the stunning views through the Brod Gorge and beauty of alpine fields where Lake Shutman/Sutman lies make you forget about imperfections below your feet. The lake is one of the largest mountain lakes in the Shar/Sharri Mountains, with a maximum length of 160 m and a maximum width of 100 m.
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1. Name | **Gjallica Peak**

2. Brief description | Gjallica Mountain towers above Kukes town, and it maintains a snowcap long into spring. With the elevation of 2489 metres, it is a mountain abundant with the water springs and pine trees. It is possible to see the Peaks of the Shar/Sharri Mountain, Korabi Mountain and many peaks of the Prokletije - Albanian Alps from Gjallica top.

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1. Name
Fierza Lake

2. Brief description
Fierza Lake is one of the largest artificial lakes in Albania. It is around 80 km long, covering an area of 73 ha, with rare natural beauty. The lake is tightly connected with the history of an old town of Kukës which was flooded in 1976 due to the construction of the Fierza Hydroelectric Power Station’s reservoir. The union of two Drini/Drim rivers (White and Black) has provided a nicely shaped peninsula which offers a picturesque view of the lake in every season.

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<td>Shkalla e Keqe canyon is a unique natural monument. 1000 m deep and as narrow as 3 meters, with the springs of healthy water, this place is also known for the legend about its healing water. Apart for the reasons of its beauty and attractiveness, people greatly visit it for health reasons.</td>
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1. Name | **Prizren Fortress (Kalaja)**  
2. Brief description | Situated at the top of a 500-metre high Cvilen hill, strategically dominating the town, Lumbardhi valley and Dukagjin plane, the ancient fortress had been a place for defence and a refuge since prehistoric times. Fortress was significantly expanded and strengthened in Byzantine and Ottoman times and was exclusively used as a fortress until 1915. Due to its long and interesting history, as well as the amazing view of the city, its ruins attract a great number of visitors nowadays.  
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<td>Our Lady of Ljeviš (Bogorodica Ljeviška) is a 14th-century Serbian Orthodox Church situated in the center town of Prizren. The church was built from river rocks as a vault from the inside, while from the outside it has a two-water insulating roof covered with lead plaque. The church has the frescoes dating back to 17th century.</td>
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*Archeological Museum*

2. **Brief description**  
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5. **Open hours**  
08:00-16:00  
closed on Saturday and Sunday

6. **Ticket price**  
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7. **Contents**  
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