



Kriva Palanka is a small mountain town near the borders of Serbia and Bulgaria. This town is rich with Macedonian culture and interesting traditions. The town has a village feel with stunning mountain views.

It is located near the famous Saint Joakim Osogovski Monastery, which is a pearl among the Balkan monasteries.



## KRIVA PALANKA



Kriva Palanka is Dani's hometown, which is located in the Northeast Osogovo Region in Macedonia. Kriva Palanka is a small city with a little less than 20,000 inhabitants. The name of the town derives from the curved riverbed of the river Kriva. The city is fairly mountains sitting on 1700 meters above sea level. The warmest month is July with an average temperature of 25.0 C and the coldest month is January with an average temperature of -0.5 C.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT KRIVA PALANKA,  
PLEASE VISIT THE LOCAL GOV WEBPAGE:  
[HTTPS://WWW.KRIVAPALANKA.GOV.MK/  
EN/ZA-KRIVA-PALANKA](https://www.krivapalanka.gov.mk/en/za-kriva-palanka)

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We are happy to have you here  
and we hope you enjoy your stay.  
Here's a [welcome video](#) by the  
local government.





# ABOUT KRIVA PALANKA

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We are happy to have you visit this hidden gem in Eastern Europe. We hope you enjoy your stay.

[Welcome video](#) - Macedonia; [Welcome video](#) - Kriva Palanka.



Fractured: Park Ginovci & Joakim Osogovski.  
Macedonian Food ([watch this video](#)).

### PLACES TO DINE IN:

We decided to divide the dine-out places in Palanka in **3 categories**: 1) Casual food or Coffee, 2) Sit-down Restaurant, and 3) Make your own.

- **Casual food or coffee:** [Sole](#) (ask for a sandwich with ham, cheese and fries, it's amazing - "sendvic so šumka, kaskaval I pomfrit"); [Select Coffee](#) (they make the best coffee drinks, my favorite is Frapucino); [Slatkarnica Sport](#) (pleasant sit-down desert cafe); and [any pastry shop](#) along the main street (they are not on google maps) - ask for a slice of burek or "cetvrtina burek so meso/meat or sirenje/cheese".
- **Sit-down restaurant:** These restaurants usually have menu in English: [Joakim Osogovski](#); [Restaurant Park Ginovci](#); [Gogo Mond Fish Restaurant](#); [Elite Pizza](#); [Royal Lounge Bar](#); [Vodenica](#) (Vodenica has delicious food but very narrow street to drive on; please get a taxi);
- **Make your own:** There are many small convenient shops everywhere but a broader selection of food and beverages can be found at [My Market](#); [Paket Market](#); or [Kam Market](#) (further away from the city center).

### PLACES TO VISIT:

The [Monastery St. Joakim Osogovski](#) is located 3 km northeast of Kriva Palanka, on the slopes of the Osogovo Mountains. It was built in the time of the Byzantine Emperor Manojlo (1143-1180). After it was damaged by the Ottomans in 1670, the small church "Holly Mother of God" was re-built in the 14th century, and the larger church "Saint Joakim Osogovski" was re-built in the 19th century. This quiet and beautiful place is a must-visit for guests while in Kriva Palanka.



*Saint Joakim Osogovski Monastery*



*Ilmar gazing away at the beautiful sunset*

### THINGS TO DO:

From the Monastery of St. Joakim Osogovski, it is about 9 km to a Lake Kalin Kamen, a small lake in the mountains. Kalin Kamen has an elevation of 1534 meters. To get there, take the asphalt road uphill from the monastery. Many people hike to the lake when the asphalt ends, [here's a map of the terrain](#). Another worthy visit is [Kokino Observatory](#). Kokino is 4th on the list of oldest megalithic observatories in the whole world according to [NASA and UNESCO](#).



*Views of Lake Kalin Kamen in mid June*



*Views from the Ancient Megalithic Observatory Kokino*

### GETTING AROUND:

Palanka is a perfect place to explore on foot. You can easily get around the town since there is only one main road that leads to all attractions (Street Joakim Osogovski). Taxi is safe and it should not cost you more than \$3-\$7 to get around the major destinations ([Joakim Osogovski Monastery - City Center](#)). To view google maps directions of main attractions in Kriva Palanka, [click here](#); after you have explored these attractions surrounding the city, you can visit [Kalin Kamen](#) (45 min drive).



*Taxi cars are not necessarily yellow in Macedonia*



*This is considered a two-way street*