



**Welcome to  
Vratsa**

**Town like the Balkan –  
ancient and young**



# Geography

**City of Vratsa is one of the most beautiful sights in the country. It is situated in the foothills of Vratsa Mountain with the Leva River calmly crossing the city. The city is only 116 km far from the Bulgarian capital Sofia.**



# History

- Vratsa is an old city found by Thracians. Vratsa was called *Valve* ("door of a fortress") by the Romans due to narrow passage where the main Gate of the city fortress was located. Nowadays, this passage is the symbol of Vratsa and is presented on the Town's Coat of Arms.
- In the 7<sup>th</sup> century the name of the city was changed from *Valve* to the Slavic *Vratitsa*, which has the same meaning as the modern name.



# Vratsa Nowadays

The population of Vratsa is 60 000 inhabitants and there are a lot of sites to visit in Vratsa District and the town where the mountain starts from the main square.



# The treasures of Vratsa

## The thracian treasures

- One after another the Thracian gold and silver were found in the region of Vratsa and the village of Rogozen.



# The jewellery of princess Bella



# Sights and attractions

## Ledenika cave

The Ledenika cave is situated in the Northwest part of the Vratsa Mountain. Its altitude is 830 metres under the sea.



# Ethnographic and Revival Complex

It traces popular culture in Vratsa district, the spirit of the epoch and the most typical livelihood in Vratsa, the domestic occupations and the cultural and local traditions.



# Summit Vola

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June we celebrate the memory of all who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of Bulgaria.



# The days of Vratsa

Every year, the days from 24th May till 2nd June are celebrated and dedicated to them.

These days are commemorated with a cultural program – competitions, exhibitions and concerts.



# An unique panoramic view





We are waiting for you

