

Elena Region

North Central Bulgaria District VelikoTarnovo - Elena Municipality Find your dream holiday property abroad - visit municipality Elena, North Central Bulgaria

Elena municipality is situated in Central North Bulgaria. It covers the southern part of Veliko Tarnovo Region, the Pre-Balkan and the Balkan Mountains. The municipality is situated from 100 to 1500 sq.m. above sea level. The climate is moderately continental with the typical mountain manifestations. The relief of Elena municipality varies from plain and hilly to emphatically mountain. For the beauty of this region along with the relief and the climate contributes the rivers and The Yovkovtsi Dam built on Veselina River.

Yovkovtsi Dam is located 5 km from the town of Elena. There are two nature reserves situated on the lands of Elena municipality – "Bjala Krava" located in the borders of the village of Kostel, and "Hajdushki Chukar" – the village of Buinovtsi. The highest peak of the mountain near Elena is Chumerna /1536m/. Cities and villages in Elena Municipality. The only town of the 125 settlements is the municipal center Elena. The surrounding villages, some of which are inhabited by only 20 people, are scattered high in the mountain and most of them are difficult to access in winter. Architectural and Natural Landmarks. The town of Elena has preserved its traditional look during ages. The atmosphere of the town and the villages speak of glorious history. Like those times are still here. The Ethnographic complex of Elena offers to all visitors of the town a look back into the period of Bulgarian Renaissance. The most interesting houses/museums are: The Clock Tower built in 1812 by unknown master "Daskalovnitsata" – It is the first Bulgarian civil building in the town of Elena. It was built in 1844 because of the need of First Bulgarian School. "St. Nikola" Church - The oldest church in the town. The church was built secretly from the Turkish rule and according to the legend it was erected only for 40 days. The "St. Nikola" church dates from 16th century. The "Assumption" Church – built in 1837, it was the biggest church in Central North Bulgaria until the Liberation. At present day the Assumption Church is still one of the biggest in the country. The bell tower of the Assumption Church – built separately from the church in 1912. The Bakalova House – built in 1865. This is one of the most impressive buildings in Elena. Today the seat of the Tourist Informational Center of Elena is located there. The Paleontology Museum is a must see site – you can find it on Karshovska Str. Kamburov Inn, Zlatiova House, Guneva House – all are part of the museum complex and represent the Balkan architecture in mid 19th century.

Bulgarian customs and tradition are well preserved in Elena region. Almost every family is still producing home made wine and fruit brandy like in old times. Rural and eco tourism are very popular here. For the admirers of hiking and mountain tourism there are numerous picturesque eco tracks and tourist routes that reveal the natural beauties of Stara planina mountain. Fishing fans have the special chance of fishing in crystal-clear rivers and Yovkovtsi Dam in the region of the villages of Miikovtci, Hanevtzi, Balutsi and Valchovtzi. They can stay overnight in a tent on the bank of the river where are special camping sites with barbecues. Those who favor skiing have the opportunity of climbing the Chumerna peak. There are ski-tracks and rope-lines. Elena municipality is an ideal place for holiday or vacation. There is variety of leisure activities for children and for grown-ups. The fresh mountain air and beautiful nature has made the region very popular place not only to Bulgarians but also to British, Americans, Russians and people from other countries. Foreign people searching for their overseas property in Bulgaria are almost instantly grabbed by the Elena Mountain. The combination of amazing natural beauty and history preserved through architecture contributed for tourist development of the municipality. This is also a reason for property buyers to invest their money in the region, mostly in holiday houses in the villages. The opportunity to make a profit during the tourist season is tempting for everybody. During the last few years Elena municipality has been hot destination for property investors and at present day it has a leading position along with the Sea coast in the real estate business.

Economy and Investments The economy of Elena municipality consists mainly of tourism, trade and services. The greatest investments made are in the field of tourism. Future development of the area is expected to help making the region world famous tourist place. Elena municipality is one of the most beautiful areas of Bulgaria. It is a must see for everyone searching to find their dream property abroad exactly here in Bulgaria.