

На всяка площадка са поставени каменни скамейки на подходящо уютно, закътано, но с добър изглед и същевременно трудно забележимо за другите място - за разговор и размисъл.

"Тихото гнездо" е неголямо триетажно здание, издигнато на три последователни тераси в ориенталски стил до самия бряг на морето - единствена по рода си сграда с минаре в съчетание и пълна хармония с кубето на православен храм.

От "Тихото гнездо" на изток води алея, стигаща до втория мост, копие на "Моста на въздишките", над вече успокоената река, идваща от водопада. Отсрещта, високо на стръмния бряг, забулена в клоните на дърветата, е кацнала поредната уникална в архитектурно отношение вила "Принц Николай". Покрай преобразените бивши воденици се преминава на отсрещния бряг на реката, откъдето започва друга цветна градина - сякаш към от рая, излязъл изпод четката на художник. В името на красотата тук са събрани цветя, храсти и дървета от Черноморието, Южна Азия, Тихия океан, Азия. "Римската баня" е построена на отделна тераса. Около нея е подредена прекрасна градина, украсена със стари делви, многостепенни каменни вази, водоскоци и малки басейни. По стените са изписани религиозни мотиви.

Недалеч сред дърветата и храстите се намира малък православен параклис, завършек на прекрасната картина. Православната църква е малка еднокорабна сграда, изградена от местни материали в декоративен стил. В духа на християнските традиции до входа е изографисана ктиторката Мария. Малкото дворче наоколо с чешмата и надгробните камъни навяват спокойствие и предразполагат към размисъл.

По стръмни стълби посетителите се изкачват до "Градината на Аллах", осеяна с ярки цветя, старинни делви, водни каскади и кактуси. На изхода на градината се минава покрай постройка, подобна на параклис. На стената има майолика, изобразяваща младежеца Исус и Дева Мария.

Дворецът Балчик е форум на познавателен и културен туризъм, любимо място за разходка на гражданите на белия град. Винаги е бил средище на духовни изяви - певчески и музикални прояви, пленери, художествени изложби. Тук на спокойствие се срещат високопоставени гости. Туристите могат да почиват в покоите на бившата кралска резиденция.

Една от реставрираните мелници превърната във вход на двореца

One of the restored mills turned into an entrance to the Palace



Ботаническата градина с кактусите е запазена марка на двореца в Балчик

The botanical garden with the cacti is a trade mark of the Palace in Balchik

The "Quiet Nest" palace and its park and estate near Balchik are situated in a lowland, which huddles amidst three steep shores and this makes it inaccessible for winds. To the south it touches the sea. This heavenly Bulgarian corner is lavishly endowed with everything that lacks in the neighboring vicinity: age old trees, creeping shrubs, delicate flowers, abundance of water, coolness, and warmth. Besides, the exhilarating music of the sea magically blends with the birds' songs and the whisper of the waterfalls among the steep shores' apparent serenity. All this is so relaxing and invokes the best human feelings.

In 1924 Maria - the Queen of Romania at that time - visited the place. In the middle of the foreign nature she found but a few almost ruined water mills, whose restless song had long been forgotten together with several forsaken stone fountains, the spouts of which had been murmuring ceaselessly as if telling miraculous legends. This made nature's beauty and romanticism even more fascinating. Charmed by what she saw, Maria decided to build a summer place. The architects and builders Augustino and Amerigo came all the way from Italy together with the florist Jules Janie of Switzerland.

Everything that has been created by human thought and talent in the "Quiet Nest" is an expression of serenity, romanticism, intimacy, unpretentiousness and beauty. Human labor was employed to smooth just a few roughness of nature in order to make the environment even nicer, more comfortable and closer to the people.

Anyone who comes to visit this place for the



first time usually expects to see huge monumental buildings with stressed severity and greatness. This is not the case, however. What one sees instead are small and simple buildings, some of which are old reconstructed water mills, with their waterwheels preserved as decoration. The main entrance is a two-storey building with bay windows, resembling a triumphal arch with a hollow basement, through which the palace is entered. Guard niches had been delved to the right and to the left of the entrance in the very stone walls. Here the guards, in full dress, kept watch round the clock, motionless and speechless like statues. Just below the entrance a river flowed in a specially cut bed. The upper floor was used as a watch house. A shady alley begins from here, on both sides of which old poplars' leaves rustle. It leads to the "Bridge of Sighs", from where the river's waters rush into a nine-meter-high precipice. The bridge reminds of the bridge of the same name in Venice.

Going up the stone staircase we reach the "Villa Suite" built in Mauritanian style - one of the highest places in the estate. The complex of the villa is built on a flat platform, surrounded by a number of flowerbeds, low trees and bushes. Ancient Tracian amphorae, Christian tombstones, Arabic inscriptions and roman coats of arms are spread all over the park and here - a material expression of Queen's desire to amalgamate the religions through the Bahai faith.

The place, chosen by Queen Maria for her eternal rest is a humble stone tomb, which can be reached by several downward stone stairs. The gravestone cross with a cramped inscription that makes a summary of a lifetime history was brought here from Bessarabia. A panorama opens from here to almost the whole park, the hillocks and the infinity of the charming sea.

Every one from the nine descending to the sea terraces has its own look and meanwhile is a part from the others. Narrow winding stone steps connect them. On every platform in cosy, sheltered and hardly noticed places with great views the architects have put stone benches - ideal for conversation and meditation.

The "Quiet Nest" is a comparatively small three-storey building built in oriental style on three subsequent terraces, by the very sea

shore. This is the only building combining a minaret with an orthodox Christian cupola in such a close proximity.

The alley starting from here reaches as far east as to the second bridge, a copy of the "Bridge of Sighs" built over the bridled waterfall waters. The next unique in its architecture villa "Prince Nikolai" is on the opposite hill, high on the steep shore, shrouded in the branches of the trees. One can walk pass the transformed old mills to the other bank of the river from where another flower garden begins - it is like a corner of paradise, depicted by a painter. Flowers and trees from the Black Sea, South Asia, the Pacific



Каменният трон на Румънската кралица в близост до вековно дърво


The stone throne of the Romanian Queen close to an age-old tree

and Asia are gathered here in the name of beauty. The "Roman bath" is built on a separated terrace. There is a marvelous garden around it, decorated with old amphorae, polyhedral stone vases, fountains and cascades. Religious motifs can be read on the bath's walls.


Not far from here amidst the trees and the bushes there is a small Orthodox chapel as if built to complete this lovely landscape. The chapel's building is of one transept, made of local materials in a decorative style. Queen Maria has been depicted in the spirit of the Christian traditions near the entrance. The chapel is surrounded by a small yard with a fountain and tombstones which cast tranquility and predispose to meditation.

The visitors can walk up the steep stairs to the "Garden of Allah" - strewn with bright flowers, ancient amphorae, water cascades and cacti. To reach the exit of the garden one passes similar to a chapel building. The infant Jesus and Virgin Mary are depicted on the wall.


The Palace in Balchik is a place for connoisseur and inter-cultural tourism, a favourite promenade spot of the white towns' citizens. It has always been a centre of intellectual performances - vocal and musical concerts, planners, and art exhibitions. Here persons of high standing can meet at ease. Tourists may rest in the chambers of this ex-royal residence.



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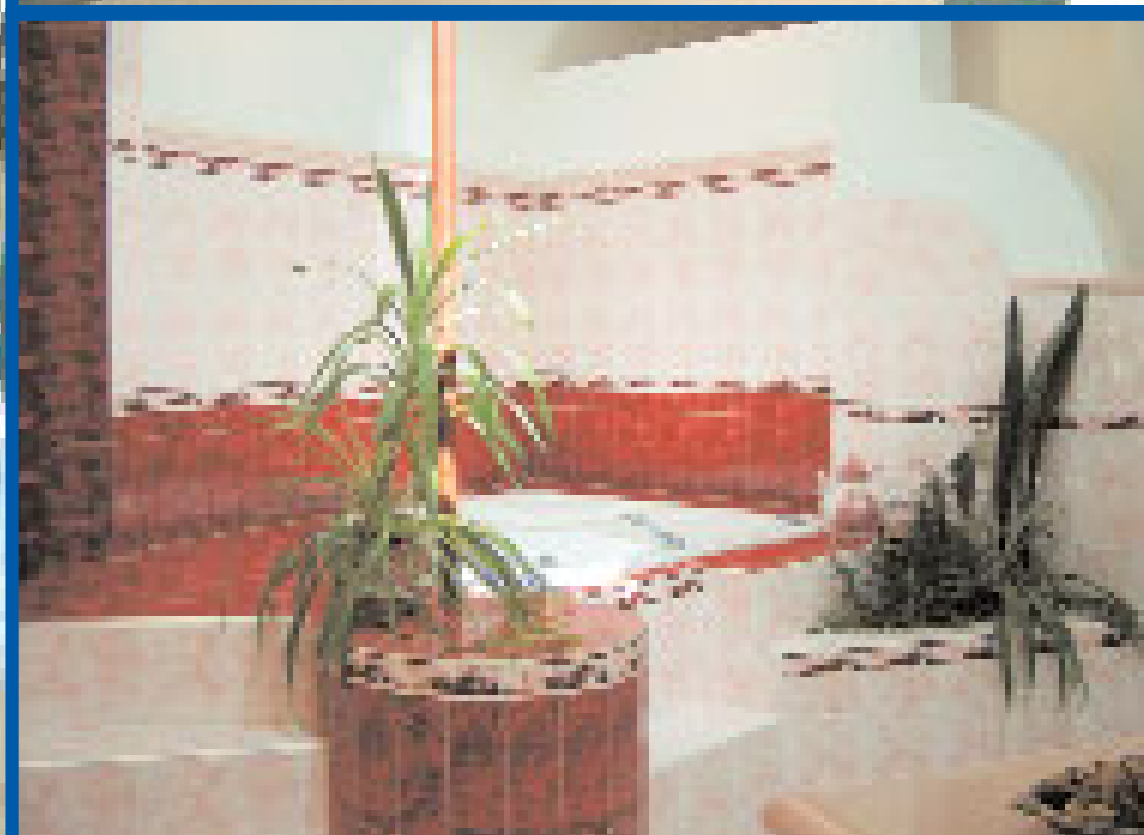


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Месечен наем: EUR 2 600

Simeonovo District, Malinova dolina, Total area: 600 sq.m (6456 sq. ft). Luxury furnished house. **I floor:** 2 living rooms, 2 kitchens, full bathrooms, 3 WC **II floor:** 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms with bathtubs, 2 cabinets **Mansard area:** studio-living room, bedroom and shower bathroom. **Advantages:** indoor swimming pool, sauna, 2 Jacuzzi bathtubs, fire-place, alarm system

Rent: EUR 2 600 per month



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Месечен наем: EUR 1 200



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 bedroom, living room, fully
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Boyana District Luxury two storey apartment, fl.1
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 full bathroom, WC
 II level: bedroom, shower bathroom
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Rent: EUR 1 000 per month



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 перално помещение, баня с вана,
 II ниво: спалня, баня с душ, климатик
Месечен наем: EUR 1 000
Rent: EUR 1 000 per month