

## ABOUT PIROT-SERBIA

“Being who and what we are, we must be East to the West and the West to the East. This is how Saint Sava described Serbia of his time, but his words are still current and especially relevant for Pirot, the town which connects the East with the West. This very town was mentioned in old Roman maps from the 2<sup>th</sup> century A.D. as Mutatio Turres, the Greeks called it Pirgos, and the Serbs gave it present name in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

Because of its geography, Pirot has always been a transit place, a place where people of different cultures and nationalities meet and pass through. Going from the East towards the West or the other way round, they must pass through this gate on the way to their destination.

**The geography:** The township is situated at the very south-east of Serbia, neighbouring the townships: Dimitrovgrad, Babusnica, Bela Palanka and Knjazevac, and it borders upon the Republic of Bulgaria at the length of 65 kilometers.

**Mountains surrounding Pirot:** Old Mountain, Vlach mountain, Belava.



**Water courses:** the Nisava, the Jerma, the Temstica River, the Gradasnica River, the Visocica River, the Jelovica River, the Topli Do River, Zavoj lake.

**Climate:** temperate continental

**Railway:** International main railroad

**Motorways:** Intercontinental main road, European highway E-70, motorway Nis-Dimitrovgrad (M-1-12).

**Airports:** Belgrade (310 km), Sofia (80 km)