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CALENDAR OF CULTURAL EVENTS IN CROSS-BORDER REGION GOTSE DELCHEV - GEVGELIJA

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JANUARY



January 1 St. Vasil's Day - Mummer's Festival in the village of Musomishta, Gotse Delchev Municipality

Let's start the New Year by clearing away the bad and hoping for the best by dancing the Horo dance.

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Surva - the children with survachki (decorated cornel twigs) go from house to house wishing a Happy New Year, health and good luck early in the morning on January 1.

Holidays and Events:

January 21 Babinden - Grandmothers' Day
In olden days, children took their first breath thanks to the skills of the grandmothers who acted as midwives.

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FEBRUARY



Winter Festival of Wine and Love in Delchevo village

Wine is made with love, and love is celebrated with wine. Delchevo welcomes everyone to participate in a contest for the best wine, the traditional cutting of the vineyards and to see the fascinating local customs.

This festival occurs on the first or second weekend of February.

Organizers: Cultural House, Gotse Delchev

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Mayoralty of the village of Delchevo ☎ +359887465026

Holidays and Events:

February 1 St. Trifon's Day the patron saint of wine and vine-growers

February 4 Celebration of the Anniversary of the Birth of the Revolutionary Gotse Delchev

Organizer: Municipal Administration Gotse Delchev,

☎ +359886402322, e-mail: prosvetagd@abv.bg

February 14 St. Valentine's Day

Organizers: Schools in Gotse Delchev

February 19 Anniversary of Death of the Revolutionary Vasil Levski

Organizer: Municipal Historical Museum, ☎ +359887395965,
<http://gotsedelchevmuseum.bg/>, museum@gocenet.net



MARCH



March 1 Creative Workshop Baba (Grandmother) Marta

Making and giving Martenitsa - famous Bulgarian symbol of health and wellbeing.

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Holidays and Events:

March 1 Day of the Folklore Performers - Celebration of Cultural and Community Centers

Organizer: Municipal Administration Gotse Delchev, ☎ +359886402322, e-mail: prosvetagd@abv.bg

March 3 National Holiday of Bulgaria, Bulgaria's Liberation from Ottoman Rule

Organizer: House of Culture, Gotse Delchev, ☎ +359886402322, e-mail: prosvetagd@abv.bg

March 22 Spring Celebration

When nature delights us with warm sunshine and gentle colors

Organizer: Cultural and Community Center Prosveta - 1865, Gotse Delchev, ☎ +359886402322, e-mail: prosvetagd@abv.bg



APRIL



Easter traditions

Let's try some tasty Easter cake and check which colored egg is the strongest. The Easter exhibition of products made by kindergartens and schools is beautiful and delicious. There is a musical program.

Most often Easter is in April, but could be in May depending on the religious calendar of the Bulgarian Orthodox church.

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Holidays and Events:

International Folklore Festival **Let's Sing and Dance Together** in the village of Garmen

Performers from Bulgaria and abroad reveal the beauty of authentic songs and dances.

It takes place in the second or third weekend of April

Organizer: Municipal Administration Garmen, ☎ +35975232040, e-mail: oba_garmen@abv.bg, www.garmen.bg

April 29 International Dancing Day

Resplendent girls and young men from all the dance schools from the Gotse Delchev region present the magic of dance in Macedonia Square, Gotse Delchev. To compete in dancing is such a pleasure.

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MAY



The Night of Museums

Talented young artists present their work amongst history and ethnography in the pleasant May nights. Antique costumes come alive when turned into modern models.

Organized from 14th to 18th of May.

Organizer: Municipal Historical Museum, ☎ +359887395965, <http://gotsedelchevmuseum.bg/>, e-mail: museum@gocenet.net

Holidays and Events:

May 6 St. George's Day - Holiday of the town of Hadzhidimovo
Entertainment program all through the day. This is the patron saint's day of the monastery of St. George, that sits upon the hill above the town. Pilgrims from all over the region and as far away as Greece come to honor the saint and to pray for health and prosperity. St. George's Day is celebrated by all ethnic groups in the Gotse Delchev region.

Organizers: Nevrokop's Bishop, ☎ +35975160469, nevrokop@abv.bg and Cultural and Community Center Yane Sandanski - 1928, Hadzhidimovo, ☎ +359887698359

May 4 Anniversary of Death of the Revolutionary Gotse Delchev
Organizer: House of Culture, Gotse Delchev, ☎ +359886402322, e-mail: prosvetagd@abv.bg

International Classical Guitar Festival in Gotse Delchev
It is held in the first week of the month.

Organizer: Cultural and Community Center Prosveta -1865, Gotse Delchev, ☎ +359886402322, prosvetagd@abv.bg

May 24 Day of the Slavonic Alphabet and Bulgarian Culture
Festive procession in the town of Gotse Delchev

Organizer: House of Culture, Gotse Delchev, ☎ +359886402322, e-mail: prosvetagd@abv.bg



JUNE



Summer Festival of Ancient Mysteries Enyovden in Delchevo village

The mystique of nature at sunrise, beauty, youth and traditions interweave to give a unique colourful experience at Midsummer Day - Enyovden.

It is organized during the weekend of June 24

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Holidays and Events:

June 1 International Children's Day
Concert and contest for the best drawing in the town of Gotse Delchev

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JULY



Traditional Fair in Vaklinovo village, Municipality of Satovcha

The most exciting day for the folk born in the Satovcha Municipality wherever they live now, either in Bulgaria or around the world, they want to come and participate. Everybody enjoys the folklore, show - program and sports events, the entertainment lasts late into the night. It is held during the second weekend of July, depending on religious holidays.

Organizer: Municipal Administration Satovcha

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Holidays and Events:

July 18 Celebration of the Birth of Revolutionary Vasil Levski

Organizer: House of Culture, Gotse Delchev,

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July 20 St. Elija's Day - village celebrations take place in the village of Ilinden, Hadzhidimovo Municipality and Dobrotino village, Gotse Delchev Municipality



AUGUST



The Celebration of the Uprising on St. Elija's Day against the Ottoman domination in Macedonia

Amongst the beautiful nature of the resort area of Popovi Livadi, Gotse Delchev Municipality, the residents and guests of the Gotse Delchev region remember the heroes and celebrate their fight for freedom.

Organized on the first Saturday of the month.

Organizer: House of Culture, Gotse Delchev

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Holidays and Events:

August 15 St. Mary's Day - Religious holiday of many Christian churches in the region of Gotse Delchev.



SEPTEMBER



Traditional Fair in the town of Gotse Delchev

For years Nevrokop (the old name of the town of Gotse Delchev) used to boast of the largest trade fair of the South-West of Bulgaria, a market for local and foreign products. Nowadays the fair gets together the people from the community, mostly for entertainment.

It is held in the middle of the month for a week.

Organizer: Municipal Administration Gotse Delchev,

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Holidays and Events:

September 6 Unification of Bulgaria, official holiday

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September 22 Independence Day in Bulgaria, official holiday

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OCTOBER



Holiday of the Town of Gotse Delchev

October 19 is the day of liberation of Nevrokop from Ottoman rule. The week of 19 October is full of cultural events presenting the talents of local people in music, dance, painting, poetry and prose. It commemorates the welcoming of Peyo Yavorov's liberating battalion by the citizens in 1912. Yavorov, a great Bulgarian poet and revolutionary, was the first mayor of Nevrokop.

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Festival Cultural Mosaic Nevrokop Fair

Enjoy the demonstration of the handicrafts pottery, wood carving, and bell-making. Everybody can try to make a craft product. Folklore and art processions, concerts and forums with celebrities are organized.

It occurs in the third week of the month.

Organizer: Municipal Administration Gotse Delchev,
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NOVEMBER



Craft's Holiday

Skillful masters reveal the secrets of old handicrafts, in the hope of gaining young followers.

Organizer: Municipal Historical Museum,
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e-mail: museum@gocenet.net

Holidays and Events:

November 1 Day of the Enlighteners with a concert in the town of Gotse Delchev

Organizer: Municipal Administration Gotse Delchev,
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DECEMBER



Christmas and New Year Traditions

On the eve of the birth of Christ, people snap off a piece of the Christmas bread in hope of gaining good luck and happiness in the New Year.

It occurs in the third week of the month.

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Holidays and Events:

December 24 Children and young people visit the local houses and sing carols on Christmas Eve in Gotse Delchev, Hadzhidimovo and Garmen.