



MUNICIPALITY OF BOGDANCI

Municipality of Bogdanci, or the place given by God, with the suburbs Bogdanci, Gjavoto, Selemli and Stojakovo is part of the southeastern region of Republic of Macedonia and has coverage of 11,438 ha. It borders with Municipality of Gevgelija to the West, with Municipality of Valandovo to the North, and with Municipality of Dojran to the East. The southern border of the municipality overlaps with the state border of Republic of Greece.

Bogdanci field, which is one of the most fertile, is influenced by the Mediterranean and continental climate. Here there is a specific local climate with its own characteristics, with altered Mediterranean and mild continental features, which is manifested through hot summer and relatively COLD winter. The area of Municipality of Bogdanci, with average annual temperature of 14.2°C and 307 sunny days, is one of the warmest areas in the R. of Macedonia.



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The summers are characterized with high values of maximal temperatures. The hottest month is July with an average monthly temperature of 25°C. The average temperature in the 3 winter months is 4.7°C, which indicates that the climate is adequate for cultivating early spring crops even in winter. Apart from the temperature, the soil-climate characteristics of the municipality also offer favorable conditions for cultivating garden crops and vine.



The overall agricultural coverage in the municipality is 10,652 ha. The arable land, out of which 3,199 ha are fields, 83.5 ha are orchards and 631.5 ha are vineyards, lies on plains, and the pastures lie on the hills and slopes.

When we add that an endemic type of walnut-plane unity (*Juglans Plataneum orientalis*) exists at the site Cheste javori, that *Isoetes Phrygia* Hausskin, which exists only at 3 sites in Macedonia, out of which one of them is in Bogdanci, near Paljurci, and that locoweed (*Astragalus physocalus* Ficher), very rare and endangered type of plant, exists only in Paljurci on the territory of Macedonia, we will come to the conclusion that the environment in the Municipality of Bogdanci is ecologically clean. It is also confirmed by the fact that wild fig jam, which has already been declared as presidium by SLOW FOOD, is made on the territory of Municipality of Bogdanci. The jam, as well as many other products, is prepared in a traditional manner according to a recipe which is more than 400 years old.





One of the biggest underground basins of high quality water is located on the territory of Municipality of Bogdanci, in the village Gjavoto, and the municipality has a specific relief which on certain places has the strongest and the most constant wind in the Republic of Macedonia because of the configuration of the land. At the moment, it is a resource which is most attractive and the creation of conditions for its usage is ongoing. It is estimated that Municipality of Bogdanci has a potential to provide about 300 megawatts of this ecological energy.



On the territory of Municipality of Bogdanci, there are several economic entities which deal in: spring gardening, stockbreeding, manufacture of shirts for the European market, milk industry, canning industry etc. Of course, most of the early spring crops are cultivated in greenhouses. Most cultivated crops are: tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, onions, paprika, melons etc. Viniculture is also very much widespread. Several types of wine grapes are cultivated, and those old types of grapes are also present, as well as the old manner of cultivating (on the ground as a type of shrub). The preparation of schnapps in an old and traditional manner is still present. In the stockbreeding, there are milk breeds, French goats, sheep, as well as domestic breeds of goats and sheep.



The local self-government offers exceptional benefits to the potential investors who would find their interest here such as, for instance, exemption of costs for organizing a construction land if the investor decides to build in Municipality of Bogdanci. The exemption is the following:

- for employing 5-20 people - 25%
- for employing 20-50 people - 50%
- for employing 50-100 people - 75%
- for employing 100 and more people - 100%

If the investors use one of these benefits, they are obligated to keep that number of employees for 5 years. Several types of tourism are developed on the territory of Municipality of Bogdanci, among which recreational, hunting, fishing and religious tourism. Sport-shooting club MAGNUM - Bogdanci every year organizes International Grand Prix Tournament in flying targets (clay pigeons). Shooters from the neighboring countries, such as the national teams of Republic of Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina etc, participate on this tournament. It has about 40-60 contestants. The shooting grounds of this club are the only ones of this type in Macedonia and they are rare all over the Balkans as well.



This region has a lot of game, which is very attractive by its composition and it offers an opportunity for further development of the hunting tourism. It attracts the attention of many hunters-tourists from across the Europe. The rich ornitofauna in the region is also very attractive for the fans of the safari tourism. The hunting club has its own repro-centre for wild boars which is located in the region Gramadi.

It was not a coincidence that we emphasized on the beginning that Bogdanci is a place given by God. On his first journey outside of Asia, the apostle Paul stayed on the territory of Municipality of Bogdanci, in the region Paljurci (that's why it is called Pavlurci). It started in 51 AD and ended in 54 AD, when, according to the book Feat of the holly apostles, a Macedonian appeared in his sleep while he was in Troada and asked him to come to Macedonia and help them. After that, the apostle Paul came to Paljurci and started preaching Christianity to the Macedonian people.



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