



BYALA MUNICIPALITY

RUSE DISTRICT

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Brief information about the town of Byala



The town of Byala is located along the Yantra River in Ruse District, Central Northern Bulgaria. It is the administrative and economic center of the municipality with the same name -Byala.

According to the Civil Registration Office, at the end of 2024, about 14,000 people live on the territory of the Municipality of Byala

at their permanent and current addresses, and in the town of Byala there are 8,724 inhabitants at their permanent address, which makes it the second largest settlement in the district. The Municipality of Byala includes the town of Byala which is the administrative center, the village of Polsko Kosovo, the village of Peychinovo, the village of Koprivets, the village of Dryanovets, the village of Bosilkovtsi, the village of Bistrentsi, the village of Pet Kladentsi, the village of Botrov, the village of Starmen, the village of Lom Cherkovna.

The town is located in the central part of the Danube plain, near the Yantra River, at 54 m above sea level. Roads lead from Byala to Ruse (55 km), Pleven (98 km), Svishtov (48 km), Veliko Tarnovo (55 km) and Popovo (49 km).



7 km away from the city center in the direction of Veliko Tarnovo is located Gara Byala quarter. The railway station, supporting the railway line Ruse - Gorna Oryahovitsa (to the capital Sofia), as well as a number of companies from the industry in the city are situated there.

Byala railway station

Archaeological studies show that organized forms of life existed on the location of Byala as early as the Neolithic. During archaeological excavations around Byala, parts of walls, clay vessels and coins from Roman times were found.

Studies show that around the banks of the Yantra River in the IV – V century there was a Roman fortress named Gradishteto. It is one of the eight fortresses guarding the road from Yatrus (Krivina village) to Nicopolis ad Istrum (Nikyup village). Two of them were situated on the left bank and six of them - on the right bank of Yantra river. The fortress of

Byala was located northwest of the town, on a plateau with a slight slope to the southwest. It ends with a high, rocky and steep cape to the right bank of Yantra river, to the mouth of the Belensko Dere river, opposite the stone bridge of Kolyu Ficheto. An old legend is associated with the fortress, according to which a noble Roman commander, going to fight with the enemy, buried a golden chariot with four golden horses between the fortress walls. This led to treasure hunters' excavations, which found only parts of clay pots, tiles and coins.

During the Russo-Turkish War of Liberation, Byala was the second settlement liberated from Ottoman rule in Bulgaria after the town of Svishtov. Byala was released on July 5, 1877.



The important strategic position of Byala at the crossroads between the cities of Ruse, Tarnovo, Svishtov and Popovo was assessed by the Russian command. From July 29 to August 13, 1877, in the building of today's Museum of the Russo-Turkish War of Liberation in Byala was housed the main headquarter of the Russian Emperor Alexander II. Previously, the building was a harem of Mehmed Bey.

Historical Museum - Byala

Brief information about the Mayor of Byala Municipality

Dimitar Slavov
Mayor of Byala Municipality

Mandate 2015-2019
Mandate 2019-2023
Mandate 2023-2027



Education: Higher education

During the mandas, in which Mr. Slavov is a Mayor, the Municipality of Byala implemented a number of European projects in the field of social services, infrastructure and tourism. Through them, the living environment of the municipality has been improved, conditions have been created for growth and increasing the attractiveness of the region. The street and water supply and sewerage network have been improved, the educational, social and cultural infrastructure has been renovated. All municipal roads on the territory of the Municipality of Byala have been reconstructed, a complete rehabilitation of more than 150 streets in the settlements of the Municipality of Byala has been carried out.

Improvement of the Belenska River, which passes through the city, has been carried out. Sports and playgrounds have been built on the territories of all settlements within the territory of the Municipality of Byala. Social services are also developed. Energy efficiency and environmental protection measures have been implemented, the condition of the existing sports facilities has been improved, and the capacity of the municipal administration has been increased.

Brief information about economy, education, culture, sports in the town of Byala.

Structurally determining sectors for the local economy are agriculture, industry and services, as agriculture has a leading role. Its structure of production and specialization determine the character of the entire territory and the appearance of the settlements. Agriculture is represented in all settlements of the municipality and plays an important role in its overall development. In recent years, the industry has remained the main source of income in the municipality. The prerequisites for this are the favorable geographical position of the municipality, the natural resources it has, soil and climatic conditions, transport infrastructure, human resources, traditions, etc.

Byala is a center of a vast fertile agricultural area, which favors the development of agriculture. In the municipality of Byala there are many farmers who produce fruits, vegetables, perennials, oilseeds and cereals, honey and bee products, raise animals for meat and milk. They sell their products on local markets and abroad. There are meat production companies, a mill for specialized flours and feed, a machine-building factory - a manufacturer of gearboxes, clutches, gears, street lamps, etc., a metalworking workshop, a workshop for tarpaulin covers, awnings and curtains, a manufacturer of bread, pastry and confectionary, a producer of raw sunflower and cold pressed oils, eco briquettes.

In the town of Byala construction activities of residential buildings and facilities are also developed by private construction companies, which are specialized in the field of high, low construction and its adjacent infrastructure, construction and repair services, production of window frames and other plastic products for construction, production and installation of metal structures. On the territory of the town of Byala there are five petrol stations, service stations for cars and trucks, shops selling spare parts for cars and trucks

The children of the Municipality of Byala are educated in two Kindergartens, one Secondary school, one Vocational Educational Training high school, two Primary schools and two Elementary schools. On the territory of the Municipality of Byala there is a Municipal Hospital for Multidisciplinary Treatment, humanitarian, agro- and vet pharmacies, a state psychiatric hospital, a veterinary hospital.

In each settlement of the Municipality there are functioning community centers and clubs for retired people, singing clubs, folk dance clubs, which keep and spread the typical local folklore, traditions and culture through participation in local and national competitions, fairs and events.



A sports hall has been built for the needs of the developing sports in the town and the newly built nearby Secondary School. The municipality of Byala successfully develops handball sport along with football, kickboxing, yoga. The women's team of "Handball Club Byala" became the champion of Bulgaria for the third consecutive year.



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For the first time in a hundred years, an Orthodox church was built in the region. It is named after St. Panteleimon. The idea for its construction is more than 25 years old. Thanks to the initiative taken by the Mayor Mr. Slavov and the established Association, the church was built and consecrated on July 27, 2018. One of the major donors is Mr. Tudor Florea from Gradinari Commune, Romania.



An empty building of a former kindergarten, which was turned into an Art Center, has been restored. At Art Center Byala you can visit an art gallery with wax figures, an ethnographic exhibition of Bulgarian folklore costumes from all over Bulgaria, a 3D cinema, an art café and a children's center. An indisputable attraction are the wax figures.



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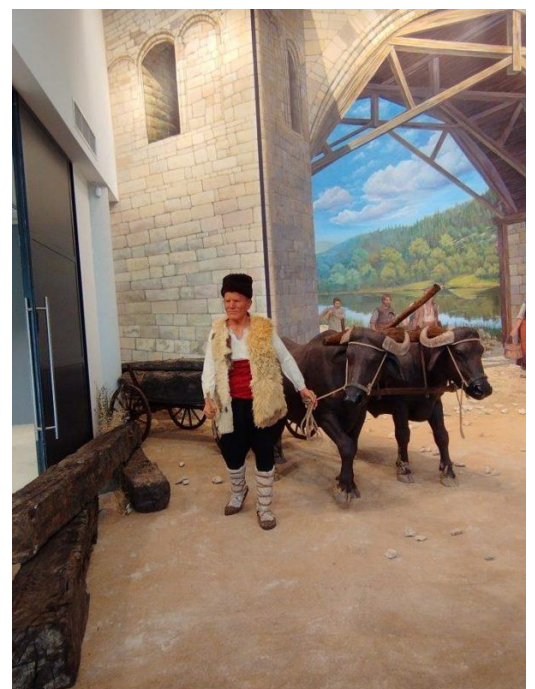
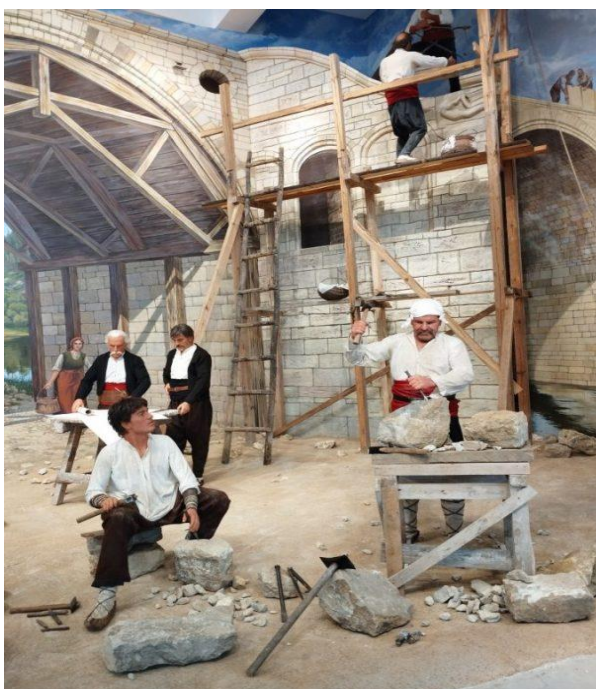


On August 23, 2024, the restored bridge of Kolyu Ficheto near Byala welcomed tourists with new light and visual effects and an innovative Expo center. The bridge of Kolyu Ficheto, built more than 150 years ago, is a symbol of Byala and is recognized as a cultural monument of national importance. Built by order of Midhat Pasha in 1865 – 1867, the facility is 276 meters long and nine meters wide. Its 14 vaults, decorated with relief images of animals, are supported by 13 piers with watercuts and relieving niches.

Over the years, the bridge has suffered significant damage, mostly after a flood in 1897, which destroyed eight arches in the middle part. In 1922 – 1923 the facility was

reconstructed with reinforced concrete piers and vaults, but its original appearance was not changed.

Nearby the bridge is located the newly built Expo Center, which welcomes its visitors with a 3D wax figure of Master Kolyu Ficheto greeting the guests. In the museum section, the most exciting exhibits would be the “scenes” with wax figures depicting the process of the construction of the bridge and the meeting between the Master and Midhat Pasha.



In addition to the restoration of the bridge and the construction of the Expo Center, Byala Municipality also provides a spectacular 3D mapping show, which is projected onto the bridge and offers an incredible audio-visual experience.



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<https://belenskimost.com/>



The House for Elderly People named “Flora” was built under the INTERREG V-A Program. It is located in close proximity to the town park and the sports complex. The facility includes 19 double rooms, 2 single rooms and 1 triple room. Each room is equipped with a private bathroom, television and other amenities. The building is also provided with various rooms such as a large dining hall, a common room, a medical office, a dental office and a gym.

The House for Elderly People is well equipped with modern systems for constant monitoring through video surveillance and telemedicine. Additionally, there is a system available for determining users' locations through a special bracelet, which is equipped with a panic button for emergencies and remote diagnostics.



The town’s public pool has been renovated as well. It is just one part of the sports complex of Byala, which offers both to residents and guests of the town a football stadium, handball and beach handball courts, a mini-football pitch and a street fitness area.

During the summer season, the poolside stage hosts various cultural events every Friday and Saturday evening, including concerts, competitions, contests, and open-air movie nights.



The municipality of Byala is establishing itself as a modern European municipality while keeping the rich traditions and history of its ancestors and passing them on to the future generations.

Byala – For Our Children's Tomorrow!

