Almost the entire territory of the country intertwines eastern and western civilization. The country itself has different cultures that intertwine with their own distinctive feature and create a kaleidoscope of history, culture, tradition, customs, architecture, food that makes it uniquely marked by the Middle Eastern and Mediterranean influences.

**RELIGION**

**CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES**

In the Republic of North Macedonia there are:
- Over 950 churches and monasteries
- With around 22,500 frescoes
- 240 iconostases, baldachins, archaeological altars and thrones, wooden carvings and murals

Only in Ohrid and its surroundings:
- Can be seen 364 churches
- The oldest church dates from the 12th century

**MOSQUES**

In the Republic of North Macedonia, there are:
- About 600 mosques
- Most of them from the 15th and 16th centuries

Most famous are:
- The mosques of Jaja-pasha, Isa-beg, Mustafa-Pasha and Sultan Murat are in Skopje
- Sharena mosque and the Saat Mosque in Tetovo
- Isac Mosque, Hajdar Kadi-Pasha and Jeni Mosque in Bitola
- Charshi mosque in Prilep, Saat mosque in Gostivar
- And in Ohrid there are Hajati Baba Teke and Ali Pasha mosque
Macedonia adopted many customs, cultural decor and religion throughout the time. The country has a colorful religious landscape. Orthodox faith, while a sizable minority of people practice the Catholic faith, and there is a modestly-sized Muslim population. The majority of people practice the Orthodox faith, while a sizable minority follows Islam and other religions.