

My  
hometown

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rich with histo-  
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Chirpan

Chirpan is a small town located in the Centre of Bulgaria, in the heart of Thrace. It is the third largest town in the region after Stara Zagora and Kazanlak. It is the administrative Centre of the municipality of Chirpan and has rich cultural traditions. Our town is known as the hometown of the famous Bulgarian poet and revolutionary Peyo Iavorov.



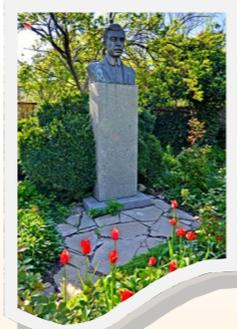
There are a lot of sights and interesting places the guest can visit in our town:

- ☞ The Museum complex "Peyo Iavorov";
- ☞ The Art Gallery "Nikola Manev";
- ☞ The Historical Museum;
- ☞ The Archaeological Site Karasura near the village Rupkite;
- ☞ The Churches "St. Bogoroditsa", "St. Michael" and "St. St. Cyril and Methodius" built at the Age of the Bulgarian Renaissance;
- ☞ Old houses: The Tiankov's and The Manchev's house, the house of the famous local artist George Danchov—Zografina and s.o.;
- ☞ Monuments of eminent people;
- ☞ The oldest active monastery in Europe "St. Athanasium" – village of Zlatna livada—municipality of Chirpan.

## The Museum "Peyo Iavorov"



The Museum complex "Peyo Iavorov" is located in the central part of the town. It was declared a museum on 31 October 1954, on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the poet's death, and in the Official Gazette No27 of 1977 was declared an architectural monument.



In 1973, the museum opened an exhibition hall. It shows images and objects depicting Iavorov's life and works. In 2013 the museum was renovated and declared a Museum Complex.



Iavorov's days in January have become traditional since 1968. They've organized them in the poet's birthday – January 13<sup>th</sup>.



## The Art Gallery "Nikola Manev"



The Art Gallery was created by renowned artist Nikola Manev, who was born in Chirpan.

The Gallery is located in an old house built in 1867—the age of Bulgarian Renaissance in the upper quarter of Chirpan. It was built in typical architectural style of the mid– nineteenth century.



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## The Historical Muse-



The Historical Museum of the town has been founded in 1998 and is one of the biggest Bulgarian museums in the country .

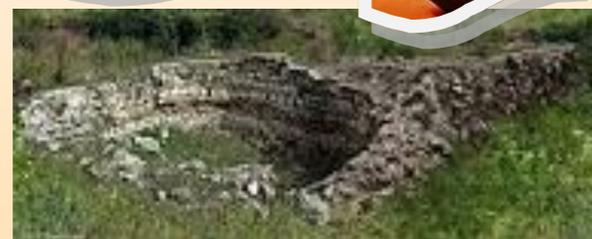


Home and Monument of Georgi Danchov-Zografina - an renowned artist and a close associate to Vasil Levski.



## The Archaeological

Certainly the most important archeological site in the vicinity of Chirpan is called Karasura. It's located 6 km away in the north-east of Chirpan on the southern slopes of the mountain Sredna gora called Chirpan's Hills. This place keeps the unique historical evidence for the life from the Neolithic Age (IV millennium BC) to the late Middle Ages (14<sup>th</sup> century AD)



Old House

## Monuments



Memorial complex devoted to the Union of Eastern Rumelia with the Bulgarian principality in 1885.



Monument of Vasil Levski - a Bulgarian national hero.



Monument of the poet Dimitar Danailov



Monument devoted to the Liberation of the town in 1878.



## Monastery - "St. Athanasius"



The local legends of the healing water in the monastery well which refer to its establishment and patronage of St. Athanasius, the hermitage in the cliffs above the monastery- a miraculous hole inhabited by the Saint and his followers in the days of fasting, prayer and solitude and pilgrims go through for health and prosperity - all these supplement the uniqueness of this holy place.

## The Churches



The Church "St. Bogoroditsa", built in 1835.



The Church " St. Michael", built in 1859.

