

# G E S H A V I E W

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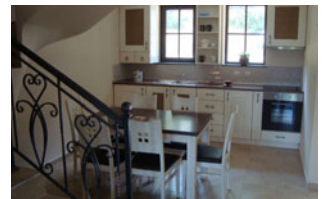
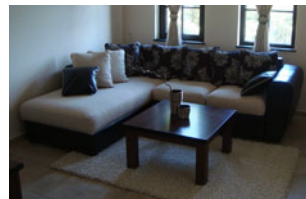
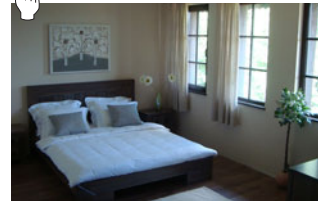
## There are still great opportunities for investment at Geshaview...



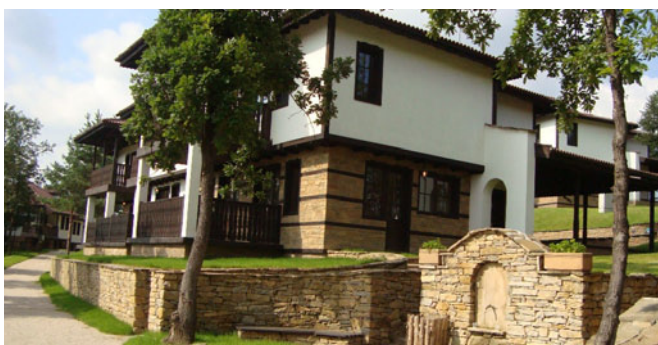
### 2/3 bedroom Townhouses

They are located throughout the village and are designed to maximize the use of space. They include an open plan dining and lounge area, large double bedrooms, rear and front balconies and options for a luxury upgrade to the kitchen. This type of property is a perfect balance of village lifestyle. The approximate size of these properties is between 129sqm for the 2 bedroom Townhouses and 223sqm for the 3 bedroom Townhouses.

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2 bed Townhouses - from €140,000 • 3 bed Townhouses - from €182,000 - fully furnished




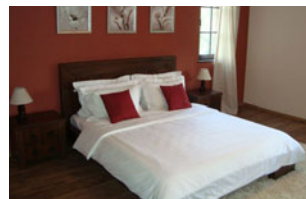
### 2/3 bedroom Mews Cottages

These dwellings, with large bedrooms, are strategically located in the village and designed to maximize internal space. With magnificent views, spacious lounge and dining areas, front and rear balconies these cottages are very special. This type of property is ideal for either young families or less able people because of their ease of access. The approximate size of a 2 Bedroom Mews Cottages is 134sqm.

The 3 Bedroom Mews Cottages are approximately 229sqm.

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2 bed Mews Cottages - from €166,000 • 3 bed Mews Cottages - from €192,000 - fully furnished

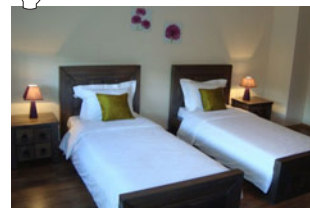
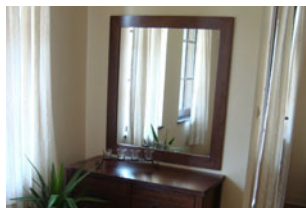


## 2 bedroom Cottage Homes

The Cottage homes are located on the South slope of the village and each one of them has a great view to the mountains. They have 2 en-suite bedrooms and a dining area with fireplace and fitted kitchen. These lovable 118-120sqm Cottage Homes are the perfect holiday home and a great residence for small families.

The approximate size of these properties is between 118 - 120sqm.

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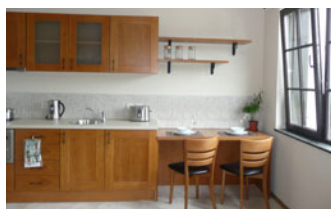
End Cottage Homes - from €136,000 • Middle Cottage Homes - from €128,000 - fully furnished



## Courtyard apartments

Located in the main Courtyard building. These 1 bed apartments are designed to maximise the internal space. Giving views to the forest and to the panoramic views to the mountains, you also have a viewing gallery to the Courtyard festivities.

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## 1 bedroom Courtyard apartments from €100,000

To help you, we are pleased to welcome you to experience a journey to the village, stay a few nights with us and absorb the feeling. Once you have completed this part of your investment, and only then, will you be in a position to decide if Geshaview is right for you and your family's future.

We can assist you in your visit by arranging your travel for you, or if you prefer to book your own flight to Sofia, you can use our transfer options guide on page 4 for the journey to Geshaview.

# The freshest fruit and veg...

...Saturday morning at the bustling Dryanovo market

Situated just a few kilometres from Geshaview you will find, every Saturday morning, the bustling market place in the centre of Dryanovo.

Chickens to chestnuts herbs to hacksaws, fishes to dishes and everything in-between... 'a normal marketplace'.

It takes us about 2 hours to walk the 400 metres or so, stopping every few yards to exchange pleasantries with the locals and friends who appear from behind mounds of fresh fruit and veg.

This summer it has always been a hot Saturday morning so by the time we get to 11 o'clock everyone is flagging, the stalls start to be dismantled and by lunchtime the streets have slowed to almost still... where did they all go to?


Laden with our fish and

fruit for the week we make our way to the coffee bar just at the end of the main street for the usual - sometimes we deserve a beer - but it is normally a large iced glass of Iran (pronounced 'eye ran'). A traditional Bulgarian summer drink of yogurt and water with salt and pepper for taste. Very refreshing.



No matter what the shape - delicious organic tomatoes.



 [www.youtube.com/mikegeshaview#p/u/17/h-uoVuZGn7c](http://www.youtube.com/mikegeshaview#p/u/17/h-uoVuZGn7c)

## Few facts

Most of the vegetables and fruit is as local as possible, I've never seen so many deformed non EU regulation tomatoes, they are fantastic, the more miss-formed the better they taste. Head for the wonky ones is my advice, you can't go wrong.

The livestock is all local and often ends up being a barter - a few bails of something for 3 chickens - all works perfectly everyone gets a good deal and life jogs along at a steady pace.

It's at times like this that the lifestyle and pace seems so very, very sensible.

David Hollands

## TV at Geshaview - again!



Julian answering those awkward questions in a very clever way....

In a continued effort to raise the awareness of Geshaview as a destination to be proud of, Julian is seen here being interviewed by Euro channel TV in Bulgaria.

The subjects were the ones we always have to address - economics, poor tourism and the rest of the negative press approach - but the sun shone, the cameras rolled and the scenery of Geshaview does not lie... so the story was well received and went out on Bulgarian TV in late June.

## British bird watchers flock to Bulgaria!

About 1,500 tourists visit Bulgaria each year to photograph or just to see a rare butterfly, bird, bat, lizard or a flower.



Little Ringed Plover. Source: Wikipedia Commons - Marek Szczepanek

Bulgaria attracts hundreds of Britons who come to see species of birds and wildlife not found in their own country - two types of pelicans - Great White Pelican and Dalmatian Pelican as well as the Eastern Imperial Eagle amongst others.

Among other foreign tourists keen on ornithological tourism to Bulgaria are the Belgians, Dutch, French, Italians, Americans, Canadians, Germans, Swedes and Finns.

For more information about bird watching in Bulgaria visit: [www.holidaybulgaria.com/bird\\_watching\\_bulgaria.html](http://www.holidaybulgaria.com/bird_watching_bulgaria.html)

Source: <http://www.tmbulgaria.com>

# Horse riding at Geshaview

We were delighted to welcome our first horse trekking party to stay overnight at the village in June.

Local and international horse transport and tourism company 'Alfa Centre' were delighted when we agreed to help them with stabling and sleeping their guests during their week long treks across the central Balkans.

Geshaview was host to the first group of Dutch riders who were speechless when they arrived from the wilderness and, like a mirage, Geshaview appeared in front of them.

## Breakfast on the patio

After a well earned lie-in and a breakfast on the patio at this 'half way point' at Geshaview the group saddled up and made their way on their return journey. Only a little clearing up was needed after the group meandered their way through the village, stopping to admire the houses and the nearly completed landscaping before they disappeared into the nearby woodland on their homeward journey.

A great experience for all and we are delighted to say Geshaview is now firmly in the calendar of events and a preferred overnight stay for their riders and guests.



The pictures show the riders from the 'Alfa Centre' making their way through the village.

## Getting to Geshaview from Sofia..

...the table below shows the Transfer Transport Options from Sofia Airport (one way). These options are presented as a guide only and costs may vary and are subject to change.

									
Coach	Cost	Taxi	Train	Cost	Car Hire	Geshaview			
Taxi to coach station	€6	To Geshaview	Taxi to station	€6	Europa Car Hire Rent a Car Hertz Car Hire <i>Available at Sofia Airport</i>	Personally met. Door-to-door service stopping for refreshments as required			
Coach to Veliko Tarnovo	€10		Train to Dryanovo	€10					
Taxi to Geshaview	€13		Taxi to Geshaview	€3					
<b>Time: 5 hours</b>	<b>€29</b>	<b>Time: 3 hours = €130</b>	<b>Time: 8 hours</b>	<b>€19</b>	<b>From €25 per day</b>	<b>Time: 3 hours = €65*</b>			

\*NB: If more than one person shares Geshaview transport then the cost is as follows:

- 2 people - €32.50 per journey each
- 3 people - €22.00 per journey each
- 4 people - €16.25 per journey each
- 5 people - P.O.A.

If you require Geshaview transport for your return journey back to Sofia Airport, please book at least 2 days before your departure. All other non Geshaview transfers must be booked directly with the relevant operator.

# The landscaping continues...

The fine weather meant that we could continue with the landscaping of the village.



The bridge from the main pathway that leads to the lower townhouses.



Natural paths and traditional dry stone walls create a unique sense of tranquillity.



Natural colours with not a piece of tarmac in sight.



The Courtyard Garden Cafe seating area.

## Constructing the roads and pathways...

No tarmac, no concrete, no kerbs, no gutters, no drains...

...using traditional methods to build the roads at Geshaview was a no-brainer.



YouTube

In part one, David Hollands gives an introduction to the roads and the thinking behind their construction. Using materials from a nearby quarry, the methods used take into account the natural drainage of surface water.



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In part two, he explains the thought processes behind the positioning of the roads and the construction method used. The main consideration - in the absence of cars - was ease of use by people walking, riding bicycles, buggies or wheelchairs.



YouTube

Part three sees David talking about the connections between the paths from the houses to the roads and how it has all been carefully designed to create a harmonious blend of natural materials and the colours of nature.



YouTube

In part four of his guide to the road construction at the Geshaview village in Bulgaria, David Hollands reveals what can go wrong when the forces of nature get involved. He also shows the 'tools of the trade' used by the workmen.



All four videos can be watched at: <http://www.youtube.com/mikegeshaview>

# Yoga kicks off at Geshaview

Claire, Tony and the team of yoga fanatics took the opportunity to be the first organized Yoga retreat here at Geshaview.

The 15 strong group experienced the tranquillity (albeit we had to have a curfew on the building machinery for a few hours each day). The food was prepared by our friends at the Park Hotel in Dryanovo, and the day trips between the yoga days was hosted by Plamen and the small team here at the village.

We look forward to seeing them again next year.



Above: A yoga session underway at Geshaview.

Claire Weatherley, for more information go to [www.simplybeinglotus.co.uk](http://www.simplybeinglotus.co.uk)

# Donkey runs for Varna Mayor

A real donkey is a candidate for Mayor of Bulgaria's Black Sea city of Varna in the October 23 local elections.

Marko, aka the Donkey is nominated by a marginal Bulgarian political party called 'Society for New Bulgaria', which presented its candidate to the media in Varna on Wednesday, BGNES reported.

According to the party, the Donkey is "the major competitor" of incumbent Varna Mayor Kiril Yordanov for the position. Yordanov, widely viewed as an establishment candidate, formerly a candidate of the Bulgarian Socialist Party, has recently changed sides, and is now running as a nominee of the ruling center-right party GERB.

The Donkey will lead a "positive campaign aimed at demonstrating that there no difference between him and incumbent Mayor Kiril Yordanov, when it comes to obeying the orders of the master, Prime Minister Boyko Borisov," the party members said.

"But there are also several major



Marko , the donkey

differences. Unlike the other mayor candidates and politicians, the Donkey has a strong character, doesn't steal, doesn't lie, and gets work done," explained Angel Dyankov, head of the campaign headquarters of the Society for New Bulgaria party, as cited by Darik Radio.

The party has already received a

registration with the Central Electoral Commission and the Municipal Electoral Commission for the October elections.

Its Varna Mayor candidate Marko was picked for a number of reasons – including because donkeys are said to be the second domesticated animal after the dog, but also because the particular Donkey was born on November 10, 1989 – the date that marked the end of Bulgaria's communist regime and the dictatorship of Todor Zhivkov.

That also means that the Donkey is of age sufficient to run for mayor (Bulgaria's legislation requires that a candidate be at least 20 years old).

"Marko's life is difficult because the green areas in the Bulgarian sea capital are disappearing," Dyankov said.

"Let the residents of Varna draw the line and decide who has more positive qualities – the Donkey or the incumbent Mayor," urged Doychin Dimitrov, a member of the Society for New Bulgaria.

Source: Sofia Morning News, Sept 2011, issue 3207.



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