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Greek demonstration in Bitola (Ottoman:Manastir, Greek:Monastiri), Macedonia region, Ottoman Empire, 1908, about the Ottoman Constitution

Carte postale de l'Empire Ottoman / Ottoman era Post card (1908)

Dear friends,

The False Mirror photography group is delighted to have officially launched its first photo-road trip. Driven by our passion for wandering and exploring the world through photography, a group of photographers set off to the Republic of North Macedonia on 20th April 2024. Our destination was the charming - vibrant and colorful - city of Bitola.

Bitola used to be a cosmopolitan city of commercial, cultural and military importance. The influences of different civilizations are reflected in the monuments, architecture and lifestyle of the so called 'City of Consuls'. It is a perfect blend of modern and old, urban and anti-urban, East and West. The minarets of Bitola's many mosques stand together with Orthodox churches as witnesses to the city's multi-ethnic history and population. The buildings still reflect some shade of Ottoman architecture, while the neo-classical burst that came afterwards still dominates. The city's casual atmosphere and slow-paced life offer a look at a rather raw and ordinary side of the Balkan life.

This two-day-trip provided us with plenty of images and feelings. In an attempt to share with you some of the photos taken during the trip, we created this photobook.

Among other plans related to photography, The False Mirror intends to organize more photo-trips in the future. Everyone is welcome to join! Stay tuned!

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