The Old Clocktower in Prilep

Founder: Said-aga

Authors / builders: Kosta Lautz and Riste Taslamiche

Year: 1858

Location: Center of Prilep - Old Bazaar

The Clock Tower was built in the center of the Old Bazaar in 1858, on the site of an older wooden Clock Tower, which burned in a fire that engulfed the entire Old Bazaar in 1854.It was built by the famous masters from Prilep, Kosta Lautz and Riste Taslamice. The tower is built on a hexagonal foundation with massive carved stone blocks in a height of 20.50 meters and a skeletal system of wooden construction. The total height of the building is 38.76 m. An interesting fact about the Clock Tower in Prilep is that it has an inclination of 114.4 cm.

In 1985, by prof. Dr. Boris Chipan has prepared a Clock Tower Conservation Project, which was implemented during 1986.In 2010, the Institute for Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology from Skopje, at the request of the Prilep Museum, prepared a preliminary project for rehabilitation and stabilization of the inclination of the City Clock, which would prevent the progressive process of tilt.In 2013, the City Clock was repaired and stabilized in the amount of 5 million denars

The clock tower has an inscription at the entrance: "The ticking of the clock is not always a sign of the times. For the life and time that passes, the clock regrets and shouts: Ah!

The new clock built in 1275 hegira (11.08.1858-30.07.1859) The fire occurred in 1271 hegira 24.09.1854-12.09.1855) Praise be to Allaah."

Under the clock tower was found the City Fountain. According to the marble slab that can be found in it, it was built in 1826, probably when the wooden tower existed. The fountain was built by Said Aga in 1826, and rebuilt by Esad Aga in 1836, most recently in 1896.

On my first day, it was the first building that caught my attention because it's located in the centre of the downtown and higher than the other buildings and still if I get lost I can always find my way with The Clocktower :)

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