

# Đavolja Varoš/ DEVIL'S TOWN

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It is located in Southern Serbia, on mount **Radan** not far from the town of **Kuršumlja**.

It comprises of more than 200 stone formations, 2 to 15 meters high and up to 3 meters wide, with strange stone caps.

Djavalja Varoš consists of two rare phenomena:

- 1. Attractive stone formations created by erosion**
- 2. Two springs of extremely acid water with high mineral content.**



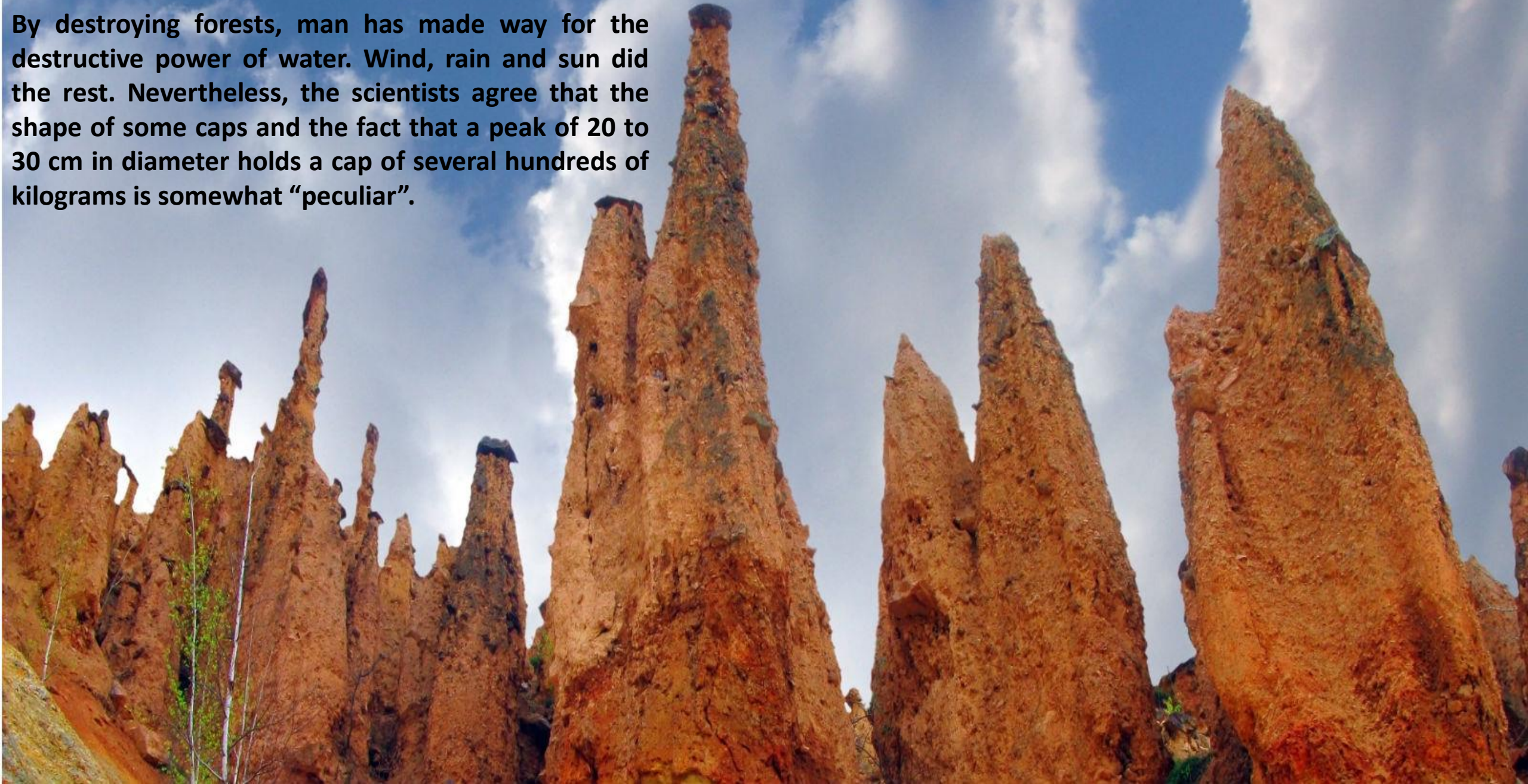
**Đavolja Varoš** was a nominee in the New Seven Wonders of Nature campaign.

Despite not being elected the new wonder, it attracts numerous tourists looking for adventure and mystery.



## **Science, doesn't have fairy-tale explanation – Đavolja varoš was formed by erosion.**

**By destroying forests, man has made way for the destructive power of water. Wind, rain and sun did the rest. Nevertheless, the scientists agree that the shape of some caps and the fact that a peak of 20 to 30 cm in diameter holds a cap of several hundreds of kilograms is somewhat “peculiar”.**





A group of five people (three women and two men) are standing in a line on a dirt path, posing for a photo. They are in front of a hillside with several tall, eroded mud towers. The towers are made of reddish-brown earth and have jagged, pointed tops. The hillside is covered with sparse green vegetation and trees. The sky is overcast. The people are dressed in casual outdoor attire. The woman on the far left is wearing a white t-shirt with a pug face and the word 'FRANGLICIOUS!' printed on it. The man next to her is wearing a grey jacket. The woman in the center is wearing a light green jacket. The woman next to her is wearing a black top. The man on the far right is wearing a black and white striped shirt and a black jacket. A wooden fence is visible in the foreground, and another person can be seen in the background on the left side of the path.

**At this point we have heard legends told through the centuries.  
Are you interested in hearing them too?**

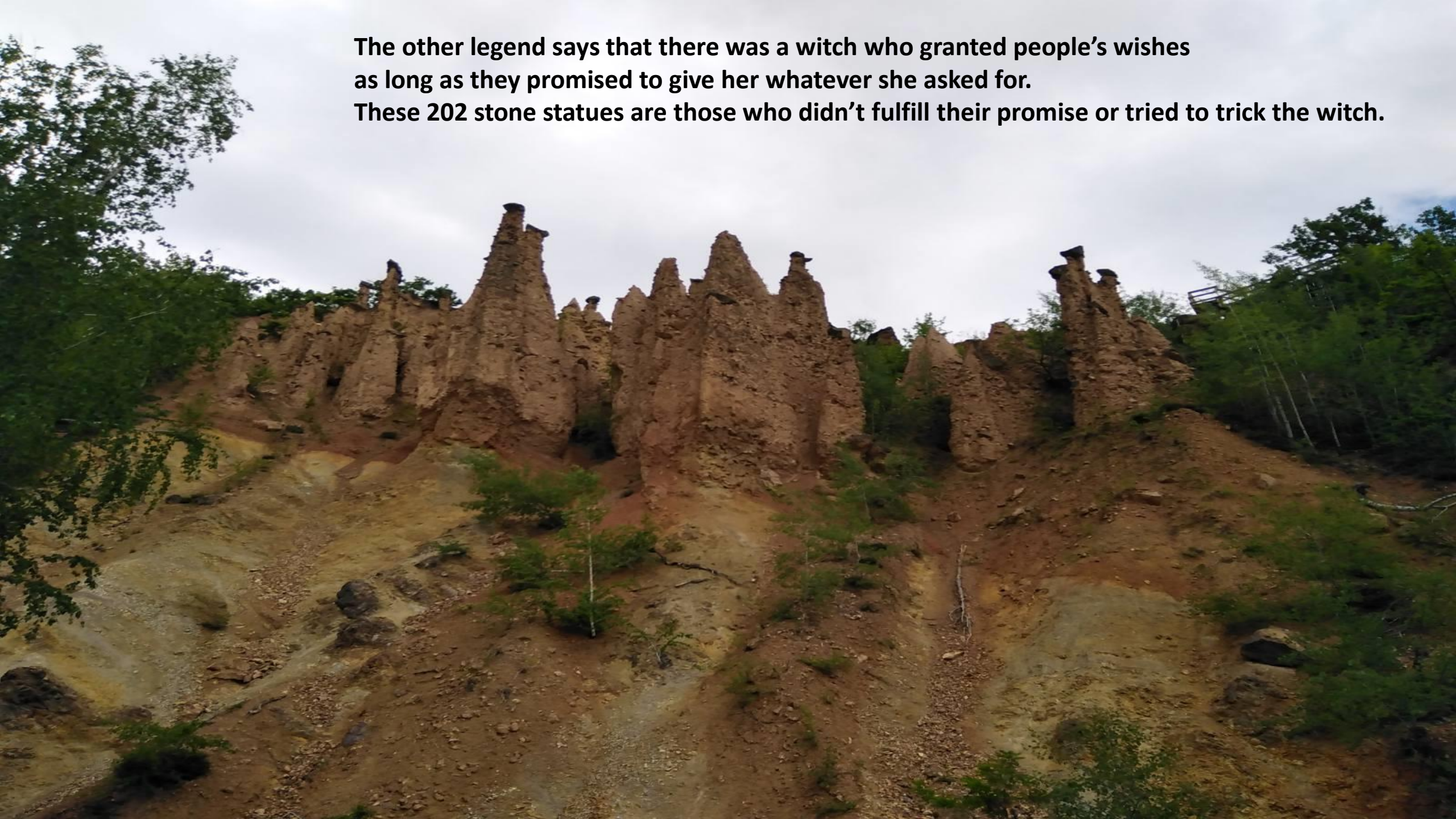




**According to one legend, these formations are actually petrified wedding guests who, on devil's orders, wanted to marry a brother and sister. Then God punished them by turning them into stone to stand as a reminder that no sin goes unpunished.**



**The other legend says that there was a witch who granted people's wishes as long as they promised to give her whatever she asked for. These 202 stone statues are those who didn't fulfill their promise or tried to trick the witch.**





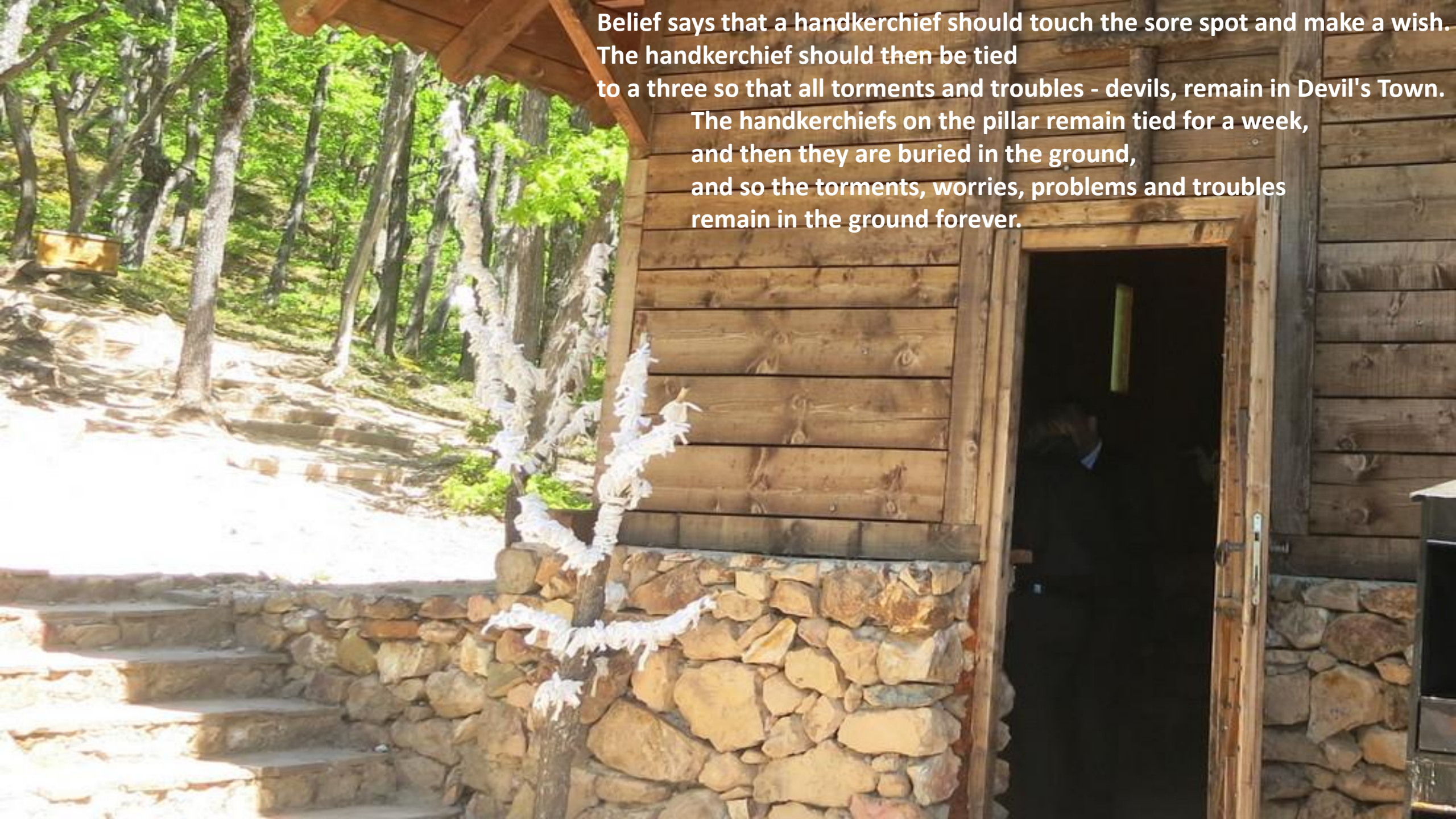


**Church of  
St. Petka**



**It was built in a beautiful place, surrounded by untouched nature. Here you can see icons made on stone slabs. Visitors will also see a tree with countless tied handkerchiefs in the interior of the church, as well as in front of this temple. Namely, people who come to this place believe that they will leave here satisfied and happy.**





Belief says that a handkerchief should touch the sore spot and make a wish. The handkerchief should then be tied to a tree so that all torments and troubles - devils, remain in Devil's Town. The handkerchiefs on the pillar remain tied for a week, and then they are buried in the ground, and so the torments, worries, problems and troubles remain in the ground forever.



Đavolja Varoš is definitely a place to visit. Grandiose and slightly menacing figures in day light, mystical and illuminated by decorative lights at night, these figures will surely leave you breathless. And the legend says that if you drink from one of these springs, you will surely return.

