

## Geographical Position

*Stara planina* (eng. *Old Mountain*) is a part of the high mountain range which belongs to the group of chain mountains and is situated at the most west part of the Balkan mountain system. The main range is about 600 km long and it stretches from the town of *Zaječar* to the Black Sea. The most eastern part of *Stara planina* is situated in Serbia - on the territories of municipalities of *Zaječar*, *Knjaževac*, *Pirot* and *Dimitrovgrad*. It stretches along the Serbian-Bulgarian border from *Vrška čuka* (*Zaječar*) to *Dimitrovgrad* (about 100 km long). In its middle part (around the peak *Midžor* 2169 m), it is about 1500 m high.



The Balkan mountain range (*Stara planina*)

The whole area of *Stara planina* became a national park in 1997 and from then on, all the mountain reservations are under protection by the state. The most beautiful viewpoint of *Stara planina* is *Babin zub* (1758 m high).

