

The Description of the tekija, Evlija Chelebi *Evliya Çelebi*, an Ottoman traveller and writer

The Tekija of Mevlevi order

At the bank of the Miljacka river, on the place resembling the paradise, a vakuf tekija Dzelaludin Rumi is placed. Tekija has *simhana* (the room where rituals of the dervish order were performed), mejdan room – (where dervishes meet to socialize outside of the rituals), seventy to eighty rooms for the poor, mahfil for mutabe (balcony for those who sing and play music), imars (kitchens), and dining hall. Shejh of this tekija is an educated man whose prayers are heard. *Naj-basha* (the lead musician) of this tekija, dervish Mustafa, is a fine calligrapher.