

BULGARIA in 12 days/11 nights

◆ **DAY 1: SUNDAY – YOUR DESTINATION - SOFIA**

Transfer and installation at the hotel
Dinner included at the hotel
Overnight in Sofia

◆ **DAY 2: MONDAY – SOFIA – PLOVDIC (147 KM)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Departure by private bus with luggage
Visit to the historic center of Sofia
Central baths and Halls
Sofia Synagogue (int - Mon-Fri 10 am-4pm)
Roman fortifications of Serdica
Churches of St Petka (int) and Nedelya (Sainte-Dominique) (int - daily 9 am-7pm)
Rotonde Saint-Georges (int - daily 8 am-5pm)
Visit of the National Archaeological Museum (daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
Transfer from Sofia to Plovdiv (147 km)
Visit of Plovdiv: Walk in the historic center (Roman forum and stadium, main street, Djumaya mosque)
Dinner included at the hotel.
Overnight in Plovdiv

◆ **DAY 3: TUESDAY: PLOVDIC – BATCHKOVO – PLOVIC (58 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Walk through the historic center
Visit of the Church of Saints Constantine and Helena
Visit of the Kuyumcuoglu House (Ethnographic Museum, Tue-Sun 9 am-5pm, closed Monday)
Visit of the Hindlian House (daily 9 am-6pm)
Visit of the Roman theater (daily 9 am-5.30pm)
Visit to the Archaeological Museum of Plovdiv (Tue-Sun 10 a.m.-6 p.m., closed Monday)
Route Plovdiv - Batchkovo (29 km)
Visit to Batchkovo Monastery (daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Visit to the Church of the Dormition of the Virgin and the Church of St. Nicholas
Visit of the refectory
Visit of the ossuary
Batchkovo - Plovdiv route (29 km)
Dinner included at the hotel. Overnight in Plovdiv

◆ **DAY 4: WEDNESDAY: PLOVDIV – PERPERIKON – ALEKSANDROVO – BOURGAS**
(346 Km)

Breakfast at the hotel

Plovdiv - Perperikon (89 km)

Visit of Perperikon (Thracian city, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Perperikon - Haskovo route (38 km)

Photo stop along the way to the “mushroom rocks”

Route Haskovo - Aleksandrovo (20 km)

Visit to the copy of the painted Thracian tomb and the Eastern Rhodope Museum (Tue-Sun 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed Mondays)

Route Aleksandrovo - Bourgas (214 km)

Dinner included at the hotel

Overnight in Bourgas

◆ **DAY 5: THURSDAY: BOURGAS – SOZOPOL – NESSEBAR – VARNA (205 Km)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Route Bourgas - Sozopol (35 km)

Visit of Sozopol: Walk in the old town, Visit of the Archaeological Museum (daily 8.30am-6pm)

Trip Sozopol - Nessébar (71 km)

Visit of Nessébar: Walk in the ancient city (ramparts, Byzantine churches), Visit of Saint-Stéphane Church (“New Metropolis”) (daily 9 am-8pm)

Nessébar - Varna route (99 km)

Dinner included at the hotel

Overnight in Varna

◆ **DAY 6: FRIDAY: VARNA**

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit of Varna: Walk through the historic center (Dormition Cathedral, pedestrian street)

Visit of the Roman Baths (Tue-Sat 10 am-7pm, closed Sun and Mon)

Visit of the Archaeological Museum (Tue-Sat 10 am-7pm, closed Sun and Mon)

Visit-walk in the maritime garden

Free end of the afternoon

Dinner included at the hotel

Overnight in Varna

◆ **DAY 7: SATURDAY: VARNA – PLISKA – SVESHTARI – RUSE (288 Km)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Trip Varna - Pliska (79 km)

Along the way, photo stop at the “Petrified Forest”

Visit to Pliska: Citadel of the first Bulgarian kings, Basilica undergoing anastylosis

Pliska - Madara route (15 km)

Visit of the Horseman of Madara

Madara - Choumen route (18 km)

Choumen - Sveshtari route (93 km)

Visit to the great tomb of Sveshtari and the two smaller tombs nearby (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Monday and Tuesday)

Route Sveshtari - Ruse (83 km)

Dinner included at the hotel

Night in Ruse

◆ **DAY 8: SUNDAY: RUSE – IVANOVO – ARBANASSI – VELIKO TARNOVO (137 Km)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Route Ruse - Ivanovo (25 km)

Visit of the Notre-Dame rupestrian church and its frescoes (daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Route Ivanovo - Arbanassi (102 km)

In Byala, photo stop at Kolyu Fitcheto bridge over the Yantra

Visit to Arbanassi: Visit of the Church of the Nativity (daily 9 am-6pm), Visit of the

Konstantsaliev house (daily 9 am-5pm)

Route Arbanassi - Véliko Tarnovo (10 km)

Visit of Tarnovo: Visit of the medieval citadel of Tsarevets (daily 8 am-7pm), Walk through the modern Ottoman city

Dinner included at the hotel

Night at Veliko Tarnovo

◆ **DAY 9: MONDAY: VELIKO TARNOVO - KAZANLAK (94 Km)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Veliko Tarnovo - Chipka (81 km) route

Chipka tour: Visit of the Russian Church (daily 9 am-5pm)

Visit of the Thracian tombs “Golyama Kosmatka”, “Ostroucha” and “Choushmanetz”

Chipka - Kazanlak route (13 km)

Visit of Kazanlak: Visit of the copy of the painted Thracian tomb (daily 9 am-5pm)

Visit of the History Museum (daily 9 am-5.30pm)

Dinner included at the hotel. Overnight in Kazanlak

◆ **DAY 10: TUESDAY: KAZANLAK- HISSARIA – STAROSSEL – KOPRIVSHTITZA - SOFIA
(242 Km)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Kazanlak - Hissaria route (68 km)
Visit to Hissaria: Enclosure - South gate known as “Les Cameaux”
Route Hissaria - Starosel (21 km)
Visit of Starosel
Visit of the two Thracian tombs (daily 9 am-8pm)
Starosel - Koprivshitzta route (46 km)
Visit of Koprivshitzta
Visit to Oslekov, Kablechkov, Lyutov and Debélyanov houses
Route Koprivshitzta - Sofia (107 km)
Dinner included at the hotel. Overnight in Sofia

◆ **DAY 11: WEDNESDAY: ZEMEN – RILA (309 Km)**

Breakfast
Sofia - Zemen (74 km)
Visit of the Saint-Jean-le-Théologien church in the Zemen Monastery (daily 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.):
Zemen - Rila route (124 km)
Visit of the Rila Monastery (daily 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.): Visit to the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin
Visit of the monastery museum
Rila - Sofia route (111 km)
Dinner included. Overnight in Sofia

◆ **DAY 12: THURSDAY: SOFIA – YOUR DESTINATION**

Breakfast at the hotel
The program that day will be elaborated depending on your flight details.
Possible visits, if your flight's departure will be in the evening:
Drive to Boyana district
Visit to Boyana Church (daily 9 am-6pm)
Visit of the National History Museum (daily 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
Return to central Sofia
Visit of Saint-Alexandre Nevski Cathedral (daily 7 am-7pm)
Visit of the Hagia Sophia (daily 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
Transfer to the airport
Departure