

Bulgaria - Balkan Legends

Sofia, Veliko Tarnovo, Kazanlak, Koprivshitsa
8 days / 7 Nights

 Rental Car



The program includes 7 nights BB basis in 3-star hotel – 3 nights in Sofia, 2 nights in Veliko Tarnovo or Arbanasi, 1 night in Kazanlak or surroundings, 1 night in Koprivshitsa; rental car for the whole period.



PROGRAM

—◆ DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT THE SOFIA AIRPORT.

Meeting at Sofia airport by a representative who will supply the clients with a map of Bulgaria, a map of Sofia and some documentation about the trip. Pick up the rental car. Overnight stay in Sofia.

—◆ DAY 2: BREAKFAST. DEPARTURE FOR VELIKO TARNOVO.

On the way a visit to the **Troyan Monastery** - the third biggest monastery in Bulgaria, founded in the 17th century. In 1847 the monks requested that the famous Bulgarian artist Zahari Zograf work on the decoration of the monastery. Late afternoon – arrival in **Veliko Tarnovo** – the capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire (1187-1396). Overnight stay in Veliko Tarnovo or Arbanasi.

—◆ **DAY 3: BREAKFAST. SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF VELIKO TARNOVO.**

A visit to the historical village of **Arbanasi** - the Konstantsaliev's House – one of the biggest and most lavishly decorated houses of the **Bulgarian National Revival** and at the Church of the Nativity of Christ, the oldest church in Arbanasi, unique with its frescoes. Return to Veliko Tarnovo. Overnight stay in Veliko Tarnovo or Arbanasi.

—◆ **DAY 4: BREAKFAST. DEPARTURE FOR KAZANLAK.**

A visit to **Dryanovo Monastery**, established in the 13th century and situated in the picturesque gorge of Dryanovo River. Visit to **Bozhentsi**, a pretty village at the foot of Balkan mountain, where there are a number of preserved houses from the Bulgarian National Revival. The village has been declared an architectural reserve. Visit to the **Etar Architectural-Ethnographic Complex**, which portrays the way of life, traditions, customs and economic background of the Bulgarians during the Revival. Afterwards a visit to the peak **Shipka** - where in August 1877 one of the most crucial battles in the Russo-Turkish war took place. It was part of a series of battles that brought freedom to Bulgarians after five centuries of enslavement. Visit to the Shipka Memorial Church - a Russian church built in honor of the perished Russian soldiers and Bulgarian volunteers in the Russo-Turkish War (1877-1878). Late arrival in Kazanlak. Overnight in Kazanlak or surroundings.

—◆ **DAY 5: BREAKFAST. SIGHTSEEING OF KAZANLAK.**

Departure for **Koprivshitsa** – pretty little town at the heart of Sredna Gora. Visit of Koprivshitsa. Overnight stay in Koprivshitsa.

—◆ **DAY 6: BREAKFAST. DEPARTURE TO SOFIA.**

Arrival in Sofia. Time at leisure. Overnight stay in Sofia.

—◆ **DAY 7: BREAKFAST. SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF SOFIA OVERNIGHT STAY IN SOFIA.**

—◆ **DAY 8: BREAKFAST. DROP OFF THE CAR ON THE AIRPORT. DEPARTURE.**

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