


Bulgaria - The Three Capitals

Sofia, Veliko Tarnovo, Varna, Nesebar or Sunny Beach, Plovdiv
9 days / 8 Nights

 Rental Car

 The program includes 8 nights BB accommodation in 3-star hotel 3 nights in Sofia, 1 night in Veliko Tarnovo or Arbanasi, 2 nights in Varna or surroundings (Sveti Sveti Konstantin and Elena or Golden Sands resorts), 1 night in Nesebar or Sunny Beach resort, 1 night in Plovdiv; rental car for the whole period.



PROGRAM

◆ DAY 1 ARRIVAL AT 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 - TRANSFER TO VELIKO TARNOVO

On the way – sightseeing tour of **Lovech**, which will include the Covered Bridge build-up by the craftsman Kolyo Ficheto, Bulgaria's most famous architect during the **Revival period**. The tour goes on with a visit of the Varosha architectural and historical reserve – the old quarter, which stands in tiers at the right bank of the river Osam. Continuing our road to Veliko Tarnovo – capital of the **Second Bulgarian Empire** (1187-1396). Sightseeing tour of the city – Tsarevets hill, Samovodska Charshia. Possibility to attend the show "Sound and Light" on Tsarevets hill (additional payment). Overnight stay in Veliko Tarnovo.

◆ **DAY 3 BREAKFAST - DEPARTURE FOR VARNA**

Bulgaria's sea capital. On the way – sightseeing tour of **Shumen**. Visit to the Tombul mosque, which is the biggest mosque in Bulgaria and the second biggest on the Balkan Peninsula. A visit to the **Madara Rider** – an impressive monument from the early middle ages, the time of the **First Bulgarian Empire**. This stone relief depicts a majestic horseman - 23 m (75 ft) above ground level in an almost vertical 100 m (328 ft)-high cliff on the Northwest slope of the Madara Plateau. It dates back to the year 710 AC. The inscriptions on it tell the story of events that took place in the period of 705 – 831. It is included in the **UNESCO List of World Cultural Heritage**. In the afternoon – resuming the journey to Varna. Overnight stay in Varna or surroundings (Sveti Sveti Konstantin and Elena or Golden Sands resorts).

◆ **DAY 4: BREAKFAST - SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF VARNA**

Dormition of the Theotokos Cathedral and Roman Therms. In the afternoon a visit to the **Archeological Museum**, where the famous Varna golden treasure is exhibited – the oldest processed gold in the world (more than 6000 years old). Free time. Overnight stay in Varna or surroundings (Sveti Sveti Konstantin and Elena or Golden Sands resorts).

◆ **DAY 5: BREAKFAST - DEPARTURE FOR NESEBAR**

Sightseeing tour of Nesebar – the old town, included in the UNESCO List of World Cultural Heritage (churches from the 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th centuries). Free time in **Nesebar**. Overnight stay in Nesebar or Sunny Beach.

◆ **DAY 6: BREAKFAST - DEPARTURE FOR PLOVDIV**

One of Europe's most ancient cities, older than Athens, Rome and Constantinople. Arrival. Sightseeing tour of **Plovdiv** – a tour of the old town which consists of one of the most spectacular ensembles of town houses from the period of the Bulgarian National Revival. Visit to the **Saints Constantine and Helena Church**, Roman Theatre, Regional Ethnographic Museum. Overnight stay in Plovdiv.

◆ **DAY 7: BREAKFAST - DEPARTURE FOR SOFIA.**

Sightseeing tour of Sofia – **St. Nedelya Cathedral, St. George Rotunda, Russian church of St. Nicolas, St. Sophia Church, St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Ivan Vazov National Theater**. Overnight stay in Sofia.

—◆ **DAY 8: BREAKFAST - A GUIDED VISIT TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND BOYANA CHURCH**

Included in the UNESCO List of World Cultural Heritage and has preserved frescoes of an unknown artist, which date back to the year 1259. The frescoes impress with the spirituality and expressiveness of their images, created 7 years before the birth of Giotto di Bondone, considered the **first Renaissance artist**. Free time. Overnight stay in Sofia.

—◆ **DAY 9: BREAKFAST - DROPPING OFF THE CAR ON THE AIRPORT. DEPARTURE.**

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