

**BULGARIA - The Three Capitals**  
**(Sofia, Veliko Tarnovo, Varna, Nesebar or Sunny Beach,**  
**Plovdiv)**  
**9 - Day Itinerary**



*Europe's  
Captivating City*

**The program includes 8 nights - 3 nights in Sofia, 1 night in Veliko Tarnovo or Arbanasi, 2 nights in Varna or the surrounding area, 1 night in Nessebar or Sunny Beach resort and 1 night in Plovdiv.**

**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 documentation about the trip. Overnight stay in Sofia.

**Day 2 – Transfer to Veliko Tarnovo**

On the way – sightseeing tour of Lovech, which will include the Covered Bridge built by the craftsman Kolyo Ficheto, Bulgaria’s most famous architect during the Revival period. The tour continues with a visit to the Varosha architectural and historical reserve – the old quarter, which stands in tiers at the right bank of the river Osam. Continuing our journey to Veliko Tarnovo – capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire (1187-1396). There will be a sightseeing tour of the city, including Tsarevets Hill, Samovodska Charshia, and the possibility to attend a “Sound and Light” show on Tsarevets Hill (an additional supplement is payable). Overnight stay in Veliko Tarnovo.

**Day 3 – Depart 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, at 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 sites. In the afternoon, we continue our journey to Varna. Overnight stay in Varna or the surrounding area.

**Day 4 – Sightseeing Tour of Varna**

We shall visit the Dormition of the Theotokos Cathedral and Roman Therms, and in the afternoon, there will be 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 – Depart for Nessebar**

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

**Day 6 – Depart for Plovdiv**

One of Europe's most ancient cities, older than Athens, Rome and Istanbul. 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 – Depart for Sofia**

Sightseeing tour of Sofia – St. Nedelya Cathedral, St. George Rotunda, the Russian church of St. Nicolas, St. Sophia Church, St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Ivan Vazov National Theater.

**Day 8 – A Guided Visit to the National Museum of History and the Boyana Church**

Included in the UNESCO List of World Cultural Heritage sites and which 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 – Sofia and Departure**

Check out and transfer to the Airport for your onward journey.