
PACKAGE TOUR OFFER

A Journey Through The Past

PROGRAM

The most ancient processed gold treasure known on Earth, as well as numerous Thracian tumuli were found in the Bulgarian lands. There still are preserved majestic remains of ancient and middle-aged fortifications. The hundreds of churches, architectural complexes are a memory of bygone times, but they are, nevertheless, still preserved.

We invite you to travel through time!

Day #1 Sofia

Arrival at Sofia airport. Transfer to your hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day #2 Sofia - Plovdiv - Hissar - Starosel - Plovdiv

Breakfast. Transfer to Plovdiv – one of the oldest cities in Europe. It is a contemporary of Troy, and older than Rome, Athens, Carthage and Constantinople. Afternoon sightseeing tour of the Old Town of Plovdiv – you will see the Roman Amphitheatre, the Ethnographic Museum, the Roman Stadium and the St. Constantine and Elena Church. In the afternoon, visit to Hisarya – a small resort town, founded thousands of years ago. There you will see the gate of Hisarya's Late Roman fortifications, one of the best preserved in the country. Continue to the village of Starosel. The recently discovered Thracian cult center in Starosel is the biggest in Southern and Eastern Europe with the largest temple mausoleum. It has been compared to the burial town in Mycenae. Dinner and wine tasting at a special Wine Temple in the Starosel winery. Return transfer to Plovdiv for overnight.

Day #3 Plovdiv - Tatul - Perperikon - Kardzhali

After breakfast you will pay a visit to Tatul - one of the most interesting ancient Thracian monuments in Bulgaria. According to some Bulgarian archaeologists, this site is the sanctuary and tomb of an influential Thracian leader (presumably Orpheus) who was deified after his death. Next, you will continue to Perperikon – a rock-hewn Thracian city. It is believed that the famous sanctuary and oracular shrine dedicated to Dionysus off the Bessi was situated there. Overnight at a hotel near Kardzhali lake.

Day #4 Kardzhali - Alexandrovo - Stara Zagora - Kazanlak

Breakfast. The day starts with visit to the Thracian tomb of Aleksandrovo, dated to early 4th century BC. Continue to Stara Zagora, a town with more than 8000 years of history. Visit the Neolithic dwellings museum, which contains ruins of two of the oldest surviving buildings in the world. Last stop for this day is the town of Kazanlak – famous as the center of the renowned Bulgarian Rose Valley and the Valley of the Thracian Kings. You will pay a visit to the Thracian Kazanlak Tomb dating back to the 4th century BC, under the protection of UNESCO as part of the World Heritage List. Dinner and overnight at Kazanlak.

Day #5 Kazanlak - Nessebar - Varna

After breakfast you will head to the Southern Black Sea Coast. First stop is Nessebar, included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the ancient town. Nessebar offers a unique atmosphere with its romantic narrow streets, the old architecture of its houses and more than 40 churches dating from the Roman Era. Continue to Varna. Dinner at a fish restaurant. Overnight.

Day #6 Varna - Pliska - Madara - Veliko Tarnovo

Following breakfast, take a guided sightseeing tour of the city including the Varna Archaeological museum that exhibits the Gold of Varna, the Roman baths, the Sea Garden and many more interesting places. Afterwards you will head to the ruins of the early medieval city of Pliska, the first Bulgarian capital. Next on the agenda is visit to Preslav - the capital of the First Bulgarian Empire and one of the most important cities of medieval Southeastern Europe. The ruins of the city are a national archaeological reserve. Your next stop is the Madara Rider – an early medieval large rock relief, carved on the Madara Plateau east of Shumen. The relief depicts a majestic horseman 23m. above ground level in an almost vertical 100-metre-high cliff. The monument dates back to circa 710 BC and has been on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1979. Continue to Veliko Tarnovo. Dinner and overnight.

Day #7 Veliko Tarnovo - Arbanassi - Sofia

Morning city tour of Veliko Tarnovo, famous as the capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire. Visit to the historical Tsarevets hill with the Fortress and the Patriarchal Church; the small churches in the foothill of Trapezitsa; the Samovodska Charshya Street; the SS Forty Martyrs Church, where Bulgarian Empire's most significant historical records are stored. Transfer to the village of Arbanassi, known for its rich history and large number of historical monuments, such as 17th and 18th century churches and examples of Bulgarian National Revival architecture. In the afternoon, transfer to Sofia. Overnight.

Day #8 Sofia

Breakfast. Sightseeing tour of the capital (a 7000 years old city!) - visits to the National Museum of History with its unique collection of Thracian treasures; the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral; the St. Sofia Church, built in the 6th century, that gave the city its name; the former royal palace; the Ivan Vazov National Theatre and the National Palace of Culture. Farewell dinner. Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

