

## Explore Bulgaria

**Customised Tours**

8 Nights/9 Days



### Itinerary

#### Day 1 SOFIA

Arrival at Sofia airport. Meet and greet by professional English-speaking guide. Transfer to your hotel. Free time at leisure. Dinner at a restaurant. Return back to your hotel.

#### Day 2 SOFIA

After breakfast at your hotel you will first take a walking tour of Sofia starting with Alexander Nevsky Cathedral – the symbol of Sofia, the St. Sophia church, built in 6th century, the former Royal Palace, St. George Rotunda and the ruins of ancient Serdica.

Near Banya Bashi Mosque is located one of the oldest commercial complex – Central Sofia Market Hall also known as „Halite“ or „Tsentralni Hali“ opened in 1911, showing unique architecture and containing many stores for food, clothes, shoes etc. Next to the Ruins of Serdica is one of the remarkable buildings in Sofia where is located the Central Universal Market.

Free time on Vitosha blvd. famous with its many stores of world known brands.

The tour continues to one of the Sofia shopping centers. In Sofia are located the biggest trendy malls in the country. Combine shopping with a brief rest in the cozy restaurants and coffee shops.

Dinner at a restaurant. Return to your hotel.

#### Day 3 SOFIA – PLOVDIV

Pick up from your hotel for transfer to Plovdiv, which is the second largest city in Bulgaria. It is situated at about two hours drive from Sofia near the beautiful Rhodope Mountains. Plovdiv was selected to be the Europe's cultural capital in 2019. The town in its present appearance was built around seven hills –

the hills of Plovdiv.

For a true experience of Bulgaria it is worth touring the sights of tradition and natural beauty in Plovdiv – a town with ancient past, an open-air museum with fascinating architecture. Its Old town preserves examples of Bulgarian Renaissance architecture along with the Roman Antique Theatre and the Roman Stadium.

You will be able to take a walk along the small cobbled streets you will visit the Ethnographic museum where you will see an exhibition representing traditional culture of Thrace, The Rodhopes and the Central Balkan Mountains during the 18th-19th centuries in Bulgaria.

The main street of the city offers excellent opportunities for entertainment and shopping.

In Plovdiv you will discover many opportunities to experience shopping. Whenever you go to Markovo Tepe Mall, Grand Mall or Mall of Plovdiv, you will find anything you want.

Check-in at your hotel. Dinner at a restaurant.

**Day  
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## **PLOVDIV – NESSEBAR – VARNA**

After breakfast transfer to Nessebar - one of the oldest towns in Europe, the successor to the ancient Thracian settlement of Mesambria, founded in the Second century AD. Through the centuries the town has been occupied by Greeks, Romans, Byzantines and Turks. It was added to the UNESCO Heritage List more than 20 years ago for its many churches, old houses and wealth of history. City tour at the old town.

In the afternoon continue to Varna – the Bulgarian Sea capital.

Check in.

Dinner at the hotel.

**Day  
5**

## **VARNA – CITY TOUR – ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM**

After breakfast half day sightseeing tour of Varna. Bulgaria's Sea Capital is full of history, sights and legends. You will visit the Sea Garden – an amazing place for walking along the sea. In the city center you will see the symbol of Varna – Cathedral “The assumption of Holy Mother”. If you want to see the oldest worked golden artefacts you may want to visit Varna's Archaeological museum. Also the Roman Thermae, which are the most valuable monument of culture in Varna, situated in the central part of the city where they were constructed in the late 2nd century AD.

In the afternoon free time at leisure. Dinner at your hotel.

**Day  
6**

## **VARNA – BALCHIK AND THE ROYAL GARDEN**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Balchik. The trip begins with a visit to the Botanical Garden in the picturesque town of Balchik, a tour of the summer residence of the Romanian Queen Maria - a romantic and exquisite architectural mix of Oriental and European styles, located on the beach, in a magnificent botanical garden - hosting over 3000 plants, including the second largest collection of cacti in Europe containing more than 250 species.

Dinner at your hotel.

**Day  
7**

## **VARNA – MADARA HORSEMAN AND PRESLAV**

Breakfast. Feel Bulgaria, discover the picturesque countryside. We will make a full day trip to Shumen, the famous historical sight Madara and the old town of Preslav, get know with the Bulgarian traditions.

In the late afternoon departure in the hotel. Dinner at your hotel.

**Day  
8**

## **VARNA – JEEP SAFARI**

After breakfast get ready for an exciting off road tour. An exotic trip with Jeeps in the unique natural environment, shooting with air rifles, picnic in the forest and entertainment. Includes lunch. Free time at leisure. Dinner at your hotel.

Day  
9

## VARNA

Explore the region of Golden Sands after breakfast. The free tie is a great opportunity to practice your favorite sport – cricket. Free time at leisure until your flight back home.