

# SHORT TOURS IN BULGARIA FROM PLOVDIV



## 2023

## CITY BREAKS IN PLOVDIV

### The European capital of culture '2019

**Day 1:** Arrival in Plovdiv. Hotel accommodation for 2 overnights /Friday and Saturday/ on BB basis in 3\* or 4\* hotel. Check in after 14:00 p.m. Free time – you can enjoy the different activities such as walking in the main pedestrian street, shopping and other extra charge activities listed below

**Day – 2:** Plovdiv walking city tour from 09:30 p.m. till 12:30 p.m. with English speaking guide. Free time – you can enjoy the different activities such as walking in the main pedestrian street, shopping and other extra charge activities listed below  
 You can enjoy the following activities, subject of extra charge:

#### Additional activities:

Dinner in typical Bulgarian restaurant in The Old town of Plovdiv /optional/, valid for 1st or 2nd day

Visit of SPA center in Hissarya and SPA procedures /one of the famous SPA resorts in Bulgaria, near Plovdiv/

Transfer Plovdiv – Hissarya – Plovdiv – extra charge

Wine tour in Plovdiv region – 3 wine cellars /description/. Transport for the Wine tour – extra charge

Transfer to the Shopping center – extra charge.

Visit to the Unique Museum of Aviation near Plovdiv, transfer included

Via Diagonalis Half day Tour /included transport and entrance fees to sights / museums/:

Asen's Fortress, Paleontological Museum, Bachkovo Monastery, Museum of Aviation

Starosel Tracian Complex with wine degustation /Half day excursion/, included transport and entrance fee

#### THE PRICE INCLUDES:

Transport with comfort bus

Tourist insurance

Professional guide from agency

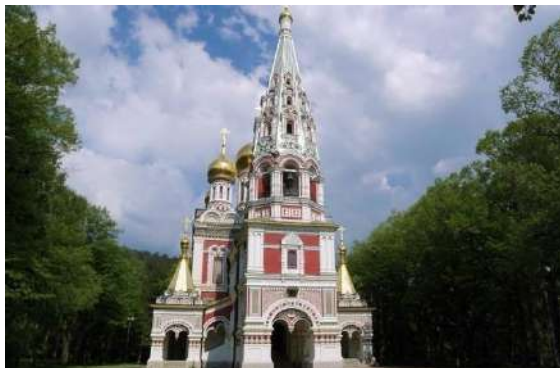
#### THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Meal and beverages

Entrance fees







## **ONE DAY TRIP FROM PLOVDIV TO: ETARA-SKOLSKY MONASTERY-SHIPKA MOUNT-SHIPKA VILLAGE**

### **PROGRAM:**

Departure from hotel at 07:30. At 10:30 arrival in Architecture - Ethnographic museum Etara, near Gabrovo town. Represents the open-air museum, which aims to show what the architecture and lifestyle of Gabrovo and the region during the second half of the eighteenth century and early nineteenth century. Handicraft street visitors can observe in real time the work of the masters. Presents many crafts - hlopkarstvo (made of forged bells - bells for animals), pottery, shekerdzhistvo (making sweets), fur, coppersmith (made of bronze) and others. Free time for walks and pictures.

Here you can taste many typical for this part of the country products - the pestil called Gabrovo chocolate. It is durable product that can stand for years without spoiling. Produced in September of prunes, but the real flavor can be felt only in the next year when it will be ready for consumption. Besides baking plums saves for wool dyeing yarn with natural dyes, visitors will also enjoy the other attractions, such as knitting and crochet braids with corn husks.

After lunch / extra charge/ group heads to the Sokolsky Monastery, where will be about an hour for walk around and take photos.

At 14:00 the group heads to the Shipka monument of freedom. It is 31.5 meters high, and to reach it there are 890 feet. Large bronze lion - a symbol of the Bulgarian state - keeps the entrance to the monument. Planned downtime is about an hour, after which the group heads to the village of Shipka - monument Shipka Monastery Rozhdestvo Hristovo /Birth of Christ/. The church is a cross with a square nave and three apses. The walls of the temple and outside the galleries are placed 34 marble plates with the names of the fallen officers and volunteers in the Russian-Turkish War of 1877-78. The Shipka Monastery is a functioning

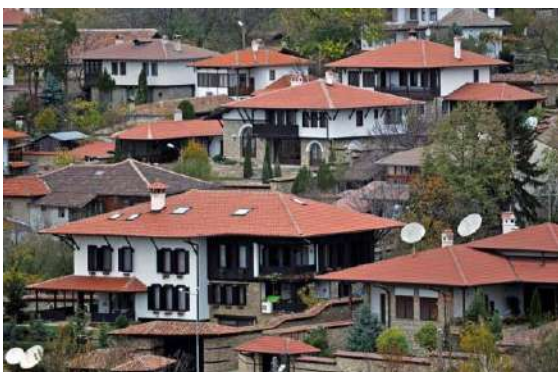


monastery. Near the church can be purchased brochures, souvenirs.  
At 17:45 the group headed to Plovdiv.  
Arrival in Plovdiv around 19:45

There is no minimum number of tourists for the excursion.







## ONE DAY TRIP FROM PLOVDIV TO: ARBANASSI & VELIKO TARNOVO

### PROGRAM:

Departure from your hotel in Plovdiv at 08:00 a.m. At 11:30 arrival in Arbanassi - Monastery Sveta Bogoroditsa /Holy Mother/. The church in the monastery is stored and the miraculous icon "Sveta Bogoroditsa Troeruchitsa," which is studded with silver body of Jesus Christ, and up to him the apostles and the Virgin Mary. These ancient relics and others are gathered in the monastery museum. Time for photos and individual seeing of the monastery for about thirty minutes. Walk through the streets of Arbanassi and lunchtime / not included in the price /.

At 13:30 the group heads to the town of Veliko Tarnovo, where at 14:00 will begin a lecture and examination of Tsarevets citadel. It was the main Bulgarian fortress during the Second Bulgarian Empire (1185-1393) when Tarnovo had been the capital of the kingdom. In the Middle Ages the hill on which it is situated is entirely built with residential and office buildings. Tsarevets is one of the hundred tourist sites of Bulgaria. It conducts the unique show "Sound and Light". The audio-visual show was created by Bulgarian-Czechoslovak team. The best place to watch it is square "Tsar Asen I", located on the main entrance to Tsarevets as well as panoramic site near the Cathedral "Nativity of the Virgin." The show must be booked in advance with extra charge. Follows visit the church "Forty Martyrs Church" and Museum of Wax Figures /entrance payable locally/. Ability to upload tourist train, which departs in front of Hotel Yantra and moves from Square "Velchova Zavera" - Square "Tsar Asen I" - Church "St. St. Peter and Pavel" - parking Kraibrezhna street and vice versa. Full tour can be covered in 20-30 minutes (depending on traffic). Train with two carriages and a capacity of 20 adults or 30 children. It is equipped with a

special ramp for people with disabilities. Free time for a walk on Samovodska Charshiya. At 16:30 the group heads to Plovdiv / if won't see "Sound and Light"



show and at 20:30, when he left for the audio-visual spectacle. Arrival in Plovdiv around 19:30 p.m. or 20:00 p.m. / 23:30 - 24:00 p.m. with the show "Sound and Light"

**THE PRICE INCLUDES:**  
Transport with comfort bus  
Guided tour at Tzarevetz  
Tourist insurance  
Professional guide from agency

**THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**  
Meal and beverages  
Entrance fees

There is no minimum number of tourists for excursion.





## **NESTINARI - FOLKLORE DANCE FIRE SHOW & DETAILED PLOVDIV TOUR**

**Day – 1:** Arrival in Plovdiv – the second largest city in Bulgaria and European capital of culture 2019. Accommodation in central located 3 or 4 \* hotel. In the early afternoon - Walking Tour with a presentation of ancient monuments in Plovdiv with professional guide.

The following sightseeing from the Ancient period will be visited:

1. Roman Forum and Ancient Odeon - The forum is the largest forum complex on the territory of Bulgaria. It was centered administrative, economic, cultural and religious life of the ancient city. Located on the South side of Central post. The North part there are the Forum complex. It is occupied by public buildings. On this place is situated first urban treasure of Misia and Trakia. In the northwest corner is a forum Odeon complex.

2. Ancient building "Eirene" - is located in the underpass "Archaeology" in the cultural center "Trakart." You can see floor decoration of aristocratic house from the end of III century is known as the home "Eirene" because their intentions image of a woman, signed with the name.

The mosaics of the building combine visual elements of the Eastern and Western Roman provinces and are evidence of the existence of local mosaic workshop.

3. Roman Stadium - Ancient Stadium of Plovdiv is located under the main street of the city.

It was built by the model of Delphi Stadium – there are only 12 stadiums preserved in the world. It is about 200 meters long and has so far exposed northern end and sector of the fortress wall of II - IV century. In the past there were held sports competitions and gladiator fights and struggles with animals - famous Pythian, Alexandria and Kendreziyski games.

We found the remains of a hydraulic clock of the central entrance. Plaque shows the overnight stay here on the Olympic torch from Athens to to Moscow in 1980 In ancient times has collected about 30 000 spectators.4. The Ancient Theater - is situated in the Old Town, in the saddle between two hills Dzhambaz and Taksim Tepe. Built in the II century AD, during the reign of Trajan (98-117), it is one of the best preserved ancient theaters in the world. He was very lavishly decorated and



accommodates up to 7 - thousands of spectators.

Today The Ancient Theater is the largest open-air stage in the city with almost 3500 seats

5 . Small Basilica - The newest landmark of the heritage of the ancient Philippopolis is now open as an archaeological museum, exhibition early Christian church from the middle of the V-VI century called "small" as in close proximity are two other Philippopolis basilicas, one of which is considered the metropolitan church of the town (Great Basilica) .

In a three-nave basilica plan. There is an apse and narthex. From the south built a small chapel and the north ship is attached baptistery. The total length of the basilica with apse is 20 meters and the width is 13 meters. The temple was a rich architectural decoration - marble colonnade between ships marble altar screen, pulpit and sintron. The floors have a rich multi-colored mosaic with geometric motifs. There are 110 square meters of the remarkable mosaics restored.

In the evening we will visit a Folklore restaurant with program – Nestinari dance fire show.

Sleep in Plovdiv.

**Day – 2:** Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast we will visit 3 wineries in the region of Plovdiv /extra charge/.

Plovdiv region is famous with its grapes and wine producing. The Mavrud, Rubin and Pamid are local grape varieties that are indigenous to the Thracian Valley of Bulgaria. These are the grapes that make the wine unique to the region.

Due to lack of exposure, many producers have actually started using the more common grape varieties because they sell better.

Lunch at one of visiting wineries with local culinary specialties.

In all visited wineries the wine testing shall be kept by oenologist.

During the wine tour we will discover:

- wine tasting with appropriate appetizers;
- walk through the cellar and a lecture for the history of all types of wine, myths and legends, the technology of producing and storing wine; In the afternoon departure from Plovdiv.







## **WONDERFUL BRIDGES - BACHKOVO – ASEN'S FORTRESS**

### **PROGRAM:**

Departure from the hotel in Plovdiv at 09:00. At 11:00 arrival at Wonderful Bridges. They are a natural phenomenon, which is believed to have formed during the collapse of former cave formed in Proterozoic marbles from the waters of a small river deep gully, probably an earthquake. The first bridge is striking in its grandeur and beauty. Starting with 3 holes of different sizes, and ends with one. Considered the highest cave opening in the country. The second bridge, which is 200 m below the first is longer and narrower. It is about 60 m. Starting with a wide opening, which gradually narrows and becomes finally ordinary crack. Downstream of the second bridge is wild, impassable ravine.

After shooting a little rest for lunch /extra charge/ and rest.

After an hour the group is going to Bachkovo monastery "Uspenie Bogorodichno". The monastery was founded in 1083 by the Georgian Gregory Bakuriani, who made a donation to the building. The church keeps the icon of "Saint. Mary "with silver hardware from 1311, which is believed to be miraculous. Time for rest and walk.

Departure to Asen's Fortress - View of the fortress existed since the time of the Thracians, reconstructed in the IX century in the security office of the White Sea passage.

At afternoon the group headed to Plovdiv. Optional sleep in Plovdiv or departure from Plovdiv.

### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

Transport with comfortable bus  
 Guided tour of Asen's Fortress  
 Travel insurance  
 guide the agency

### **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Lunch, drinks  
 Entrance fees to the sites

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