

BULGARIA & GREECE

TOUR DURATION: 12 DAYS/ 11 NIGHTS

AVAILABLE: ANY TIME OF THE YEAR

Bulgaria and Greece are so close to each other geographically and at the same time so different in terms of culture and traditions. Now you have the unique opportunity to discover their differences for yourselves!

Day 1 – Sofia

Arrival at Sofia airport. Transfer to the hotel. Panoramic city tour of Sofia - visits to the Ruins of Serdica, the St. George Rotunda (4th century), the St. Sofia Church (6th century), the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral (1912), the Ivan Vazov National Theatre, the St. Clement of Ohrid University of Sofia and many more places of interest. A welcome dinner. Overnight.

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Day 2 - Koprivshtitsa - Troyan – Veliko Tarnovo

Breakfast. Departure to Koprivshtitsa - a historical town, known for its authentic Bulgarian architecture. You will drive further to the town of Troyan – a renowned Bulgarian craft center. You will pay a visit the Oreshak village - a famous ethnographic complex. You will also visit the Troyan Monastery - the third largest monastery in Bulgaria, founded in 16th century. Then you will continue to Veliko Tarnovo, known as the capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire (12th -14th century). Veliko Tarnovo is one of the oldest settlements in Bulgaria, having a history of more than 5 millennia. The first traces of human presence dating from the 3rd millennium BC are found on the Trapezitsa Hill. Dinner and overnight in Veliko Tarnovo.

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Day 3 – Veliko Tarnovo – Arbanassi – Tryavna

In the morning you will take a sightseeing tour of Veliko Tarnovo – you will see the Tzarevets hill, the Fortress, the



Patriarchal Church, the small churches in the foothill of Trapezitsa and the Samovodska Charshiya Street in the Old Town. Drive further to the village of Arbanassi, known for its rich history and large number of historical monuments such as 17th and 18th century churches. There you will visit the Monastery of Saint Nicholas and the Monastery of the Dormition of the Mother of God. Overnight in the town of Tryavna.

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Day 4 - Tryavna - Bozhentsi - Etara - Kazanlak

In the morning you will take a sightseeing tour of Tryavna. The town is famous for its typical National Revival architecture, featuring 140 cultural monuments, museums and expositions. There you will visit the town square, named Capitan Diado Nikola, with the clock tower, dating from 1814; the St. Archangel Michael Church; the Daskalov house built in the year of 1808. You will continue to Bozhentsi, noted for its well-preserved Bulgarian National Revival architecture and history. Next, you will proceed to Etara - an open-air museum that presents the Bulgarian customs, culture and craftsmanship. Then, you will go to Kazanlak - a town located in the world-famous Bulgarian Rose Valley. You will visit the Thracian Tomb - a masterpiece of the Thracian architecture and painting. It dates back to the 4th century BC and has been on the UNESCO protected World Heritage Site list since 1979. Dinner and overnight in Kazanlak.

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Day 5 – Kazanlak - Plovdiv

After breakfast you will leave for Plovdiv. You will take a guided sightseeing tour of the city - you will visit the St. Constantine and Helena Church, the Roman Amphitheatre, Tsar Simeon's Garden and the Singing Fountains. Dinner and overnight in Plovdiv.

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Day 6 – Plovdiv - Melnik

Breakfast. Continue to Melnik - the smallest Bulgarian town. Melnik is an architectural reserve and 96 of its buildings are cultural monuments. Lunch at a traditional restaurant with wine tasting. Visit to the nearby Rozhen Monastery - one of the few medieval Bulgarian monasteries well-preserved until today. Overnight in Melnik or in the nearby town of Sandanski.

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Day 7 - Sandanski - Thessaloniki – Olympian Riviera

Breakfast. Departure to Greece. Arrival in Thessaloniki. Panoramic sightseeing tour of Thessaloniki – you will visit the White tower, the Rotunda, the Byzantine fortress walls, the catacombs and the Church of Aghios Demetrios. Free time at leisure. Continue to Platamonas located at the foot of the Olymp Mountain. Overnight in Platamonas.

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Day 8- Kalampaka - Delphi

Breakfast. Your journey continues to the village of Kalambaka, located at the foot of Meteora - one of the largest and most important complex of monasteries in Greece. The Meteora is a home to six monasteries and is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Visit to the above mentioned monasteries. Leisure time at Kalambaka - the town of Asklepius. Departure to Delphi. Overnight in Delphi.

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Day 9 - Delphi - Athens

Breakfast. City tour of Delphi - you will visit the Oracle of Delphi, the Theatre, the Stadium and the Archaeological Museum. You will proceed to Athens. Optional "Greek night" (with additional payment). Overnight in Athens.

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Day 10 - Athens - Peloponnese

Breakfast. Continue to Peloponnese – a large peninsula in Southern Greece. There you will visit the Theater in Epidaurus (marveled for its exceptional acoustics) - a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Nafplion - the first capital of Greece, the Archaeological Sites of Mycenae and Tiryns. Return to Athens in the late afternoon. Overnight.

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Day 11 - Athens

Breakfast. Sightseeing tour of Athens - you will visit the Syntagma square, the Greek Parliament, the Kallimarmaro Stadium (the place where the first modern Olympic Games took place), the Athens Planetarium, the Zappeion, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and The Arch of Hadrian, as well as the world famous Acropolis of Athens. Free time at leisure. Farewell dinner. Overnight.

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Day 12 - Athens

Breakfast. Transfer to Athens airport.

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PRICE IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

- **B – breakfast**
- **L – lunch**
- **D – dinner**