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### **Cultural Treasures of Bulgaria** */Seven Days of Bulgarian Wonders/*

**7 days / 6 nights**

*1 night in Sofia – 2 nights in Plovdiv – 2 nights in Veliko Tarnovo – 1 night in Sofia*

*Highlights: Sofia – Rila Monastery – Boyana Church – Plovdiv – Perperikon – Tatul – Bachkovo Monastery – Kazanlak; Valley of the Kings – Etara – Veliko Tarnovo – Tsarevets – Arbanasi – Koprivshitsa*

#### **Day 1: Sofia – Boyana church – Rila Monastery – Sofia**

Visit two UNESCO sites: Boyana Church and Rila Monastery, the largest monastery in Bulgaria and on the Balkan Peninsula. Return to Sofia and stay overnight.



*Rila Monastery*

#### **Day 2: Sofia – walking tour of Sofia – Plovdiv – walking tour of Plovdiv**

Walking tour of Sofia, visit: Alexander Nevsky Cathedral (the second largest in the Balkans), the Rotunda of St. George (the oldest church in the city); St. Sophia Basilica and other significant for the city buildings. Departure to Plovdiv and a walking tour during which we visit the Ancient Theater, it is among one of the best preserved ancient theaters in the world and among the main tourist attractions of the city, a walk along the longest pedestrian street in Europe and viewing houses built in the Renaissance style. Free time in Plovdiv. Overnight in Plovdiv.



*Plovdiv*

### Day 3: Plovdiv – Perperikon – Tatul – Bachkovo monastery – Plovdiv

A full-day tour including a visit to the ancient Thracian sanctuaries – Perperikon and Tatul, each with its own interesting and significant history. Perperikon is the largest megalithic complex on the Balkan Peninsula. Today, you can see the remains of the ancient city of Perperikon, the tomb of the rulers, monuments from antiquity, and the remains of a medieval fortress.

The rock sanctuary near the village of Tatul is associated with the cult of Orpheus. It is carved into a monolithic stone block, the top of which is shaped like a truncated pyramid.

Next, a visit to the Bachkovo Monastery, the second largest and most important monastery in Bulgaria. Return to Plovdiv and overnight stay.



*Perperikon*



*Tatul*



*Bachkovo*

### Day 4: Plovdiv – The Valley of the Thracian Kings – Etyra - Veliko Tarnovo

Departure for Kazanlak known also as The Valley of the Kings or The Rose Valley. Visit to the Kazanlak Thracian Tomb; Burial mounds (Golyama Kosmatka, Ostrusha, Shushmanets, Helvetsia and Griffoni); Historical Museum in Kazanlak. If possible, depending on the time, visit to the Rose Museum. Time for lunch and departure to the open Ethnographic Complex Etara, which was opened in 1964 in Gabrovo. Departure for Veliko Tarnovo. Accommodation in a hotel, free time and overnight.



*Kazanlak Thracian Tomb*



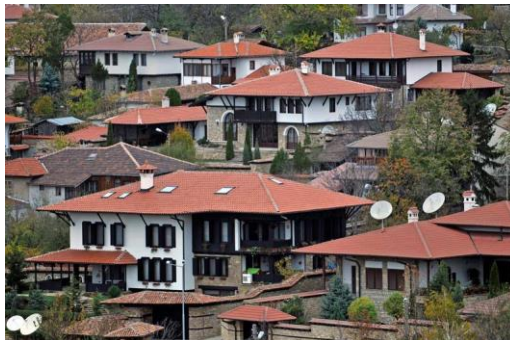
*Etyra*

### Day 5: Veliko Tarnovo – Tsarevets – Arbanasi – Monastery of Holy Mother of God – Veliko Tarnovo

Veliko Tarnovo was the Bulgarian capital during the so-called Second Bulgarian Kingdom between the 12th and 14th centuries. There you will be able to feel the medieval spirit. Veliko Tarnovo is situated next to several large hills and the Yantra River. It is notable for its well-preserved fortress – Tsarevets. There you will be able to discover some of its very old churches and see beautiful panoramic views. Below the fortress are some of the old trading streets, which still present old crafts. Heading to the nearby small village of Arbanasi, an architectural resort, famous for its old stone houses and wonderful places to have lunch. Visit the monastery of Holy Mother of God



*Tsarevets;*



*Arbanasi*

## **Day 6: Veliko Tarnovo – Koprivshtitsa – Sofia**

Departure back to Sofia. On the way, visit Koprivshtitsa, located in the fabulous valley of the Topolitsa River in Sredna Gora. The city has an extremely rich Renaissance history. It was a cultural and revolutionary center during the Ottoman rule. Many significant Bulgarians were born there - writers, educationalists, revolutionaries, politicians. Koprivshtitsa is in Renaissance architecture. Return to Sofia and overnight stay.



*Koprivshtitsa*

## **Day 7: Sofia**

Free time in Sofia