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### UNESCO TOUR IN BULGARIA

*/Seven days around the UNESCO Sites in Bulgaria/*

**7 days / 6 nights**

*1 night in Veliko Tarnovo - 1 night in Shumen - 2 nights in Nessebar - 1 night in Plovdiv - 1 night in Sofia*

*There are ten UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Bulgaria, seven of which are cultural monuments and three are natural sites.*

*You will visit 8 of them: Boyana Church, Madara horseman, Kazanlak Thracian Tomb, Thracian tomb in Sveshtari, Ivanovo rock churches, Rila Monastery, the Ancient town of Nessebar, Srebarna Nature Reserve.*

#### **DAY 1: Sofia - Boyana Church (UNESCO site) - Tsarevets - Veliko Tarnovo 245km**

Visit to Boyana Church - a UNESCO site. Boyana Church is of great importance for Bulgaria, magnificently decorated with priceless frescoes, it is not only the most representative monument of Bulgarian church painting, but also of the entire Orthodox art in the 13th century. In 1979 it was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. We continue to Veliko Tarnovo with a stop for lunch on the way. In Veliko Tarnovo we will visit the fortress Tsarevets - an architectural and museum reserve where all the preserved remains of the Great Bulgarian capital "Tarnovo" can be seen. Overnight in Veliko Tarnovo.



Boyana Church /outside and inside/

#### **Day 2: Veliko Tarnovo - Ivanovo Rock Monasteries (UNESCO site) - Madarski Konnik (UNESCO site) - Shumen 245km**

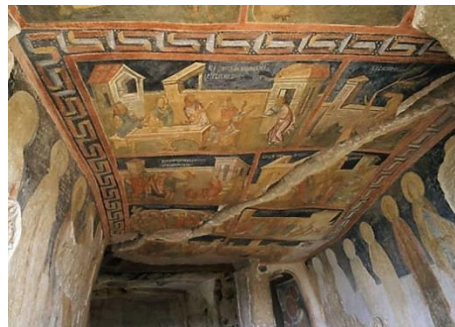
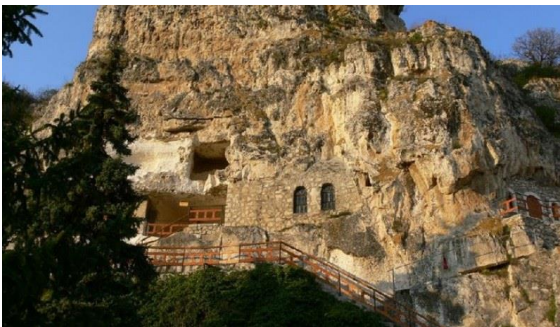
Departure to the Ivanovo Rock Monasteries, they are rock rooms forming a branching network of small rock churches, chapels and cells carved into the picturesque canyon of the Rusenski Lom river. Some of the churches

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have been destroyed by rains, earthquakes, sun and ice, but a considerable number of sacred cloisters have survived, connected to each other by paths and rock stairs and called by local people by different names. All the complexes preserved today form the rock monastery "St. Archangel Michael" - declared by UNESCO as part of the world cultural and natural heritage. Stop for lunch and drive to Madara Historical and Archaeological Reserve, which is also a UNESCO site. It is a unique rock relief dating back to the early 8th century. Overnight in Shumen.



### **Day 3: Shumen - Srebarna reserve (UNESCO site) - Nessebar 380km**

Visit one of the three natural sites in Bulgaria included in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites list - the Srebarna Nature Reserve. Srebarna Nature Reserve is situated near the village of Srebarna and covers the Srebarna Lake and its surroundings. It is located on the main migratory route of migratory birds between Europe and Africa called "Via Pontica". The area was declared a nature reserve in 1948 and has a protected area of about 600 hectares and a buffer zone of about 540 hectares. Free time for lunch and departure to Nessebar. Overnight in Nessebar.



### **Day 4: Nessebar (UNESCO site)**

Visit of the UNESCO "Ancient town of Nessebar". The ancient town of Nessebar is a unique example of the synthesis of centuries of human activity in the field of culture; it is a place where multiple civilizations have left

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tangible traces in a homogeneous whole that harmoniously fits into nature. The different stages of development of its residential vernacular architecture reflect the stages of development of architectural style in the Balkans and throughout the Eastern Mediterranean region. The urban structure contains elements from the second millennium BC, antiquity and the Middle Ages. Time for lunch. The afternoon will be free to spend as you wish (swimming in the Black Sea, shopping). Optional a folklore evening - an evening that will give the opportunity to feel the Bulgarian culture and atmosphere (Ethnographic complex of Gerana, 15 km from Nessebar). Back to the hotel and overnight.



### **Day 5: Nessebar – Valley of the Kings (UNESCO site) – Plovdiv 360km**

Departure for Kazanlak, the valley in which the town is located is known as the Valley of the Kings or also the Rose Valley. Visit to the Kazanlak Thracian Tomb; the Tomb Mounds (Golyama Kosmatka, Ostrusha, Shushmanets, Helvetia and Griffins); the Historical Museum in Kazanlak. If the weather permits, visit the Rose Museum. Departure for overnight in Plovdiv.



A copy of the portrait of a Thracian king found in the mound of Golyama Kosmatka;

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### **Day 6. Plovdiv – Rila Monastery (UNESCO site) – Sofia 345km**

Walking tour of Plovdiv, during which visit the Ancient Theatre, it is one of the best preserved ancient theatres in the world and among the main tourist attractions of the city, walk along the longest pedestrian street in Europe and see houses built in Renaissance style.

Depart for Rila Monastery, the largest monastery in Bulgaria and the Balkan Peninsula and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the monastery and the museum in the monastery. Continue to Sofia.



### **Day 7: Sofia**

Option for a walking tour of Sofia or free time, depending on flight time. Transfer to the airport.