



# Discover Bulgaria

## Privately escorted tour - 9 days/8 nights

### Inclusions

- 8 nights accommodation with breakfast in 4-star hotels
- Meals - 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- Arrival/departure transfers by car
- Transportation by modern A/C vehicle with **English speaking** driver/guide
- Sightseeing as specified

### Your hotels

- Sofia - BW City Hotel
- Plovdiv - Imperial
- Veliko Tarnovo - Panorama
- Ruse - Dunav Plaza

*Hotel of a similar standard may be substituted.*

### Day 1 Sofia

Arrive Sofia. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Sofia. **D**

### Day 2 Sofia & Rila Monastery

Morning departure for the UNESCO-listed Rila Monastery complex. It was founded in the 10th century by the hermit Ivan Rilsky, who was canonised as a patron

saint of Bulgaria. It is the largest and most famous Eastern Orthodox monastery in Bulgaria. Overnight Sofia. **BLD**

### Day 3 Sofia to Plovdiv

After breakfast, you have a sightseeing tour of Sofia, reflecting its history which dates back 7,000 years. You will see St. Sofia Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the 4th century St. George Rotunda and the ruins of Serdica. Continue to Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second largest city. Overnight Plovdiv. **BLD**

### Day 4 Plovdiv & Bachkovo Monastery

Your morning tour of Plovdiv, one of the most ancient towns in Europe, features the Old Town, with its 19th century National Revival architecture and the 2nd century Roman amphitheatre. Continue your tour with a visit to the 11th century Bachkovo Monastery, one of the richest treasuries of traditional Bulgarian religious art. Overnight Plovdiv. **BLD**

### Day 5 Plovdiv to Kazanlak, Tryavna & Veliko Tarnovo

Depart for Kazanlak, the capital of the famous Valley of the Roses. View the

Thracian golden treasures in Kazanlak's Historical Museum and the UNESCO-listed Thracian Tomb dating back to the 4th century BC. Travel through the historical Shipka Pass to Tryavna, which preserves the spirit and talent of the artists from the Tryavna School of Art from the 17th century. Take a walking tour and visit the Woodcarving Museum. Continue to Veliko Tarnovo. Overnight Veliko Tarnovo. **BLD**

### Day 6 Veliko Tarnovo & Arbanasi

This morning, you have a sightseeing tour of Veliko Tarnovo, the ancient capital of the second Bulgarian kingdom (1185-1396), with a spectacular setting, high above the Yantra River. Take a walking tour of Samovodska Charshiya with its traditional arts and crafts and visit Tsarevets Hill. Continue to the historic museum town of Arbanasi and see its ancient houses and churches. Overnight Veliko Tarnovo. **BLD**

### Day 7 Veliko Tarnovo to Madara, Sveshtari & Ruse

After breakfast, drive to Madara to visit the UNESCO-listed Madara Horseman - a medieval relief carved into a 100m high cliff, depicting a majestic horseman

thrusting a spear into a lion at his feet. Continue to Sveshtari, to visit the Sveshtari Thracian Tomb, also UNESCO-listed. This exquisite three-chamber burial tomb from the 3rd century BC is almost perfectly preserved and includes 10 female figures supporting the ceiling. Continue to Ruse for a walking tour. Overnight Ruse. **BLD**

### Day 8 Ruse to Ivanovo & Sofia

Morning departure for Ivanovo, where you will see the UNESCO-listed rock-hewn churches and Archangel Michael Rock Monastery. Return to Ruse for some time at leisure, before your afternoon departure to Sofia. Overnight Sofia. **BLD**

### Day 9 Sofia

Tour services end after breakfast, with a transfer to the airport. **B**

## Tour price & departures

*Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable Jan-Dec 2019.*

Departures	Twn	Sgl
1 Jan-14 Dec	3935	POA

