BULGARIA CLASSIC TOUR

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

NOTE : this tour can be guided in English only or bilingual (English and French)

A classical tour of Bulgaria

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DAY 1 SOFIA

Arrival in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. Accommodation and overnight in Sofia. (D)*

* Dinner on the day of arrival is according to flight's arrival schedule.

Accommodation: Sofia for 2 nights

DAY 2 SOFIA – RILA MONASTERY – SOFIA
Departure to the Rila Monastery/10th c/, UNESCO World Heritage site, the largest and the most impressive Bulgarian monastery. Tour of the monastery complex, church and museum with its lavish collection of precious old manuscripts, icons, jewellery, masterpieces of woodcarving, ethnographic exhibition of fabrics and carpets. Back to Sofia. (B/L/D)

DAY 3 SOFIA – PLOVDIV
Sightseeing tour of Sofia, city with 7000 years of history, concentrating numerous cultural and historic monuments from different periods. Visit of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the St. George Rotunda from the 4th century, the St. Sofia Basilica, and the Ruins of the ancient city Serdica. Continue to Plovdiv, the second largest Bulgarian city. (B/L/D)
Accommodation: Plovdiv for 2 nights

DAY 4 PLOVDIV - BACHKOVO MONASTERY - PLOVDIV
Plovdiv is one of the most ancient cities in Europe and in the world. Sightseeing of the Old town of Plovdiv with National Revival architecture and excavations from Roman times. Visit of the ancient Roman theatre with impressive marble statues, decorative columns and arcades. Excursion to the Bachkovo Monastery /11th century/ one of the richest galleries of traditional Bulgarian religious art with exquisite murals and medieval icons. Back to Plovdiv. Overnight in Plovdiv. (B/L/D)

DAY 5 PLOVDIV - KAZANLAK – TRYAVNA - VELIKO TARNOVO
Departure for Kazanlak, the capital of the famous Valley of Roses. Visit the Kazanlak Historical Museum to see the Thracian golden treasures. Continue with one of the UNESCO's sites, the Thracian Tomb dating back from the 4th century B.C. Visit the replica of the Thracian Tomb. Departure to the town of Tryavna. Walking tour of Tryavna, where vaulted stone bridges, houses, churches and the square with a clock tower preserve the spirit and talent of the artists from Tryavna School of Art from the 17th century. Visit the Woodcarving Museum**.** Continue to Veliko Tarnovo. (B/L/D)
Accommodation: Veliko Tarnovo for 2 nights

DAY 6 VELIKO TURNOVO - ARBANASSI
Sightseeing tour of Veliko Turnovo, including a walk on Samovodska Charshiya, traditional arts and crafts street and visit to Tsarevets hill, an impressive sight with medieval fortifications and dramatic architecture. Departure to the museum town of Arbanassi boasting a genuine gallery of religious art in its Church of Nativity. Visit Konstantsalieva house, fine example of 17th century house of a wealthy merchant. (B/L/D)

DAY 7 VELIKO TURNOVO - MADARA - SVESHTARI - RUSSE
Departure to Madara. Visit the Madara Rider included in the UNESCO List of World Cultural Heritage. It is an unique relief carved into a 100m high cliff and represents a figure of a knight over a lion. Tour continues to Sveshtari to visit the Sveshtari Thracian Tomb, an UNESCO monument. The unique architectural décor of the tomb includes 10 female figures carved in the walls and painted murals, a remarkable example of the culture of the Thracian people. Arrival in Ruse and walking tour in the city center. Overnight in Russe. (B/L/D)
Accommodation: Russe for 1 night

DAY 8 RUSSE - IVANOVO – SOFIA
Departure to Ivanovo. The Ivanovo medieval rock churches are unique monuments, UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. They consist of churches, chapels and monastic cells, hewn into the craggy gorge of the Roussenski Lom River. Visit of the main church. In the afternoon departure to Sofia . Overnight in Sofia (B/L/D)
Accommodation: Sofia for 1 night

DAY 9 SOFIA
In the morning free time and transfer to the airport. (B)

INCLUSIONS

- 8 night accommodation at tourist 3* class hotels
- 23 meals 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners. Dinner on arrival day will be possible if passengers arrive before 6:30 PM.
- Transportation (according to number of participants , private car , minivan , minibus or coach with air conditioned
- English / French speaking guide throughout (if less than 4 passenger the guide will also drive)
- Entrance fees to museums, monasteries and sites included in the program
- All Bulgarian taxes

Not included: flights, beverages, tips to drivers and guides, porterage, travel insurance, personal expenses, visa (if needed)

Not included · Flights · Photographing or filming fees at the visited sites · Optional excursions · Beverages · Porterage · Personal Expenses · Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers · Travel insurance · Visa (if needed)

Hotel Options or similar (note : we use a mix of 3* and 4* hotels)		
City	**3***	**4***
Sofia	Hotel Budapest	
Plovdiv		Hotel Alafrangite
Veliko Tarnovo	Hotel Alegro	
Rousse		Hotel Dunav Plaza
Sofia	Hotel Budapest	

Price in CAD$, per person starting from, double occupancy	**Land package**
GUARANTEED DEPARTURES for **minimum 2 participants** at the following dates	
Dates in 2021	
May 1, 22	1549
July 10, 31	1549
August 21	1549
September 4	1549
Single room supplement	+430

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Note: We can also add international flights to your package or a stopover in an European city – Please ask your travel agent

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