

Treasures of Turkey and Bulgaria in 8 Days

(Min 15 Pax-To-Go)

Valid Till : 31 Dec 2017

ITINERARY:

Day 1 Istanbul – Arrive in Istanbul (Breakfast, Dinner)

Upon arrival in Istanbul airport we transfer to your hotel. Take your Dinner and overnight.

Day 2 Istanbul – Old City (Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner)

Today we have a full day tour including Byzantine and Ottoman relics of Istanbul old city such as Blue mosque, Hippodrome of Constantinople, Byzantine columns, Sultanahmed square, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Imperial palace, Grand bazaar. After the lunch we'll witness a traditional carpet weaving show and shop in jewellery and leather shops. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 3 Istanbul / Sofia With Flight (Breakfast, Dinner)

Today we flight to Bulgaria – Sofia (flight tickets are excluded). Our tour guide will welcome you at airport and transfer to your hotel with a luxury coach. Dinner and overnight in Sofia.

Day 4 Sofia – Rila – Sofia (Breakfast, Dinner)

In the morning take a trip to the Rila monastery- one of the biggest orthodox monasteries worldwide, is located in the Rila Mountains. It was founded in the 10-th century and has been UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983. Return to Sofia. The walking tour in Sofia begins at the Sveti Nedelja Square, from where also the large and wide boulevards begin. A few steps away is the George Rotunda, the oldest church in the city, dating back to the 4-th century, where there are still taking place Masses due to the excellent acoustics. Further are to be seen the valuable and interesting buildings of the Banja-Basi-Mosque and of the Presidency. The landmark of the city is the orthodox Cathedral Alexander Nevski from the 20-th century, which was erected in 30 years. Dinner at restaurant with folklore show.

Day 5 Sofia – Golyam Izvor - Veliko Tarnovo (Breakfast, Dinner)

Today morning you drive towards the centre of Bulgaria. On your way make a side trip in an authentic village, where you will meet the locals, who will greet you with brandy and banitsa. After visiting an old school, continue your trip to Veliko Tarnovo. Having an almost 1500 years old history, the town offers you a very interesting walking tour. Visit the ruins of the Tsarevets fortress, where the Palace of Tsars used to be. In the middle of the fortress is the Church of Ascension with its bell tower. Afterwards take a stroll on the crafts street Samovodska charshiya, where you can experience the 200 old buildings and the special atmosphere. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 6 Veliko Tarnovo – Etar Museum – Kazanluk – Plovdiv (Breakfast, Dinner)

In the morning drive to Etar, where you will visit the open air museum. Here you can see houses with workshops, water mills and fulling mills. Afterwards you can see the manufacturing of bells, as well as pottery and coppersmith handcraft on spot. Continue your trip to the Valley of Roses to Kazanluk. Visit here the Tomb of the Thracian Rider, a monument dating back to the 3-rd century, which was listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979. Kazanlak is also the centre of the famous Rose Valley, where the famous Rosa Damascena grows, an oily rose, which has become a national symbol. Visit a distillery where the rose oil is being manufactured and where you can taste rose jam. Continue your drive to Plovdiv. Dinner at restaurant ,check-in and overnight.

Day 7 Plovdiv (Breakfast, Dinner)

The second biggest city of Bulgaria, Plovdiv, is approx. 5000 years old and therefore one of the oldest settlements of Europe. Visit the Ancient Roman Theatre and the Folk Art Museum. In the

afternoon visit the Batchkovo Church. The wonderful monastery from the 11-th century is situated in the Rodopi mountains and is the second biggest monastery of Bulgaria. It's a monk monastery with a botanic uniqueness, the more than 300 years old tree "Dschindschifir" in the inner courtyard. Return to Plovdiv. Dinner at restaurant and overnight.

Day 8 Departure flight (Breakfast, Dinner)

Transfer to airport and say farewell to Bulgaria.

INCLUDED SERVICES:

2 nights accommodation in Istanbul very good 4 * hotels
2 nights accommodation in Sofia very good 4 * hotels
1 nights accommodation in Veliko Tarnovo very good 4 * hotels
2 nights accommodation in Plovdiv very good 4 * hotels

Daily breakfast

Meals as mentioned in the itinerary

All roundtrip and intercity transfers mentioned in the itinerary with de luxe, non smoking, A/C private coaches

All mentioned sightseeing tours mentioned in the itinerary with professional English speaking guides in private basis

Mentioned entrance fees

Autopark fees, gasoline, highway tools

Souvenir box

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

Istanbul – Sofia Flights

Visa

Personal expenses

Optional tours

Drinks at meals

Anything not mentioned in the itinerary

Tour Fares in Euro - Valid Till 31 Dec 2017

Min pax per group

15pax: 755€

20 + 1pax: 725€

25+ 1 pax: 710€

30 + 1 pax: 680€

Price per person sharing double room

HOTELS :

In Istanbul ; 4 * Mercure Taksim Hotel

In Sofia ; 4 * Ramada Princess Hotel

In Veliko Tarnovo; 4 * Hotel Yantra

In Plovdiv ; 4 * Hotel Ramada Trimontium

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