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Deadline to sign up for the trips: February 28, 2017

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Reservations are considered confirmed when we receive the full of amount of money at our *PayPal* or bank account. All taxes for money transfer are not included in the cost of the tour and to be paid by the customer.

Please specify your name and the code of the trip.

All money wired are non-refundable.

In case of less than the required minimum of 20 participants on each tour, Lyuba Tours has the right to cancel the tour no later than 2 weeks prior the date. Lyuba Tours will propose another date for the same tour or similar one on a convenient for the participant date.

One day tours from 09h00-17h00

Rila Monastery

(Thursday – CODE BUL1-16)



This day tour is dedicated to the biggest Bulgarian monastery – Rila monastery (UNESCO site). It was founded as a monastic society by St. Ivan Rilski – the national patron of the Bulgarians. We will have a complete tour of the monastery which includes the main church, the Ecclesiastical museum with the amazing wood-carved Rafail cross, the Medieval Hrelyo Tower (14th c.) and the guestrooms with the special folklore and jewellery collections of the monastery. We will also have the chance to visit the newly-opened refectory of the monastery with its state-of-the-art chimney. After a lunch in the area we will drive back to Sofia.

Cost: EUR 52 per person based on minimum 20 people

The cost includes: English-speaking guide, transportation by a 50- seats bus, parking fees, round ticket for Rila monastery, 2 course lunch with water and bread. Wine, beer, coffee or tea during the lunch.

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One day tours from 09h00-17h00

Ploudiv

(Thursday – CODE BUL2-16; Sunday – CODE BUL2-19)



We will drive to the second biggest Bulgarian city, Plovdiv, which is the oldest still inhabited settlement in Europe where life hasn't ceased for more than 7 millennia. We will have a stroll in the Old town with visit to some of the most representative house-museums, which served as elegant homes to some of the richest merchants in 19th c. We cannot miss two of the symbols of the city – the Roman theatre and the Roman stadium both from 2nd c. AD. During our walk we will see layers from many civilizations – prehistory, Thracians, Greeks, Macedons, Romans, Byzantines, Bulgarians, Ottomans... We will also visit the Small basilica which is an early Christian temple with numerous floor mosaics from 5th c. AD. We will have lunch in a selected restaurant in the Old town.

Cost: EUR 54 per person, based on minimum 20 people

The cost includes: English-speaking guide, transportation by a 50- seats bus, parking fees, round ticket for Plovdiv old town and the small basilica, 2 course lunch with water and bread. Wine, beer, coffee or tea during the lunch.

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Koprivshitsa and Starosel

(Sunday – CODE BUL3-19)



The day will start with a drive to one of the most scenically located towns in Bulgaria – Koprivshitsa. It's an open air architectural museum with more than 300 houses from 18 and 19th c. We will have a walk along the cobbled stones and visit some of the most elegant house-museums. After lunch we will drive to Starosel winery where we can have a tour and wine tasting, followed by a visit to one of the most impressive Thracian tomb-temples – the one at Chetinyova mound from 4-3rd c. BC. After our visit we will drive back to Sofia.

Cost: EUR 63 per person, based on minimum 20 people

The cost includes: English-speaking guide, transportation by a 50- seats bus, parking fees, round ticket for Koprivshitsa, ticket for the Thracian tomb near Starosel, 2 course lunch with water and bread, tour of Starosel winery and wine tasting of 3 wines. Wine, beer, coffee or tea during the lunch.

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The Heart of Sofia

(Thu – CODE BUL4-16; Fri – CODE BUL4-17; Sat – CODE BUL4-18; Sun – CODE BUL4-19)



During this tour you will get familiar with the most significant sites of the Bulgarian capital. We will start with St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral, followed by a walk along some of the most famous sites of Sofia – St. Sofia basilica (6th c. AD), the Yellow Brick Road, the Russian church of St. Nicholas, the former Royal Palace (late 19th c.) and the elegant building of the National Theater. We will visit the National Archaeological Museum where some of the most exquisite Thracian golden treasures are on display. We will finish the walk in the historic center of Sofia with the Roman remains there and the Triangle of Tolerance – with temples of Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

The cost is EUR 24 per person, based on minimum 20 people.

Cost includes: English-speaking guide, transportation by a 50-seat bus, ticket for the National archaeological museum.

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Sunday – 09h00 – 13h00

Roman Heritage of Sofia

(Sunday – CODE BUL5-19)



The Roman town of Serdica was one of the most important in the Balkan provinces of the Empire. We will walk past the newly displayed remains from the Roman period – 2 – 4th c., excavated during the recent digs for the extension of Sofia metro. We will walk on original Roman streets and see where some of the most distinguished citizens lived. During a visit to the National Archaeological museum we will see some of the most significant findings from the period. The highlight of our tour will be a visit to the undergrounds of St. Sofia basilica (6th c. AD) with numerous graves and tombs from 2nd – 4th c. AD.

The cost is EUR 29 per person, based on minimum 20 people.

Cost includes: English-speaking guide, transportation by a 50-seat bus, ticket for the National archaeological museum, ticket for the undergrounds of St. Sofia church.

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13h00

Socialist art and architecture

(Thursday – CODE BUL6-16; Sunday – CODE BUL6-19)



We will start the day with exterior of the “People’s Palace” or the National Palace of Culture – the biggest building built during the Communist period. Our next visit will be the Museum of Socialist art where are exhibited some of the most remarkable monuments from the Socialist period, including the Red Star from the former Communist Party House and the statue of Lenin, which dominated the landscape of the one of the main squares of Sofia for years. We cannot miss one almost forgotten monument inspired by the daughter of the communist dictator – Lyudmila Zhivkova, Banner of Peace Complex with numerous bells from all around the world.

The cost is EUR 21 per person, based on minimum 20 people.

Cost includes: English-speaking guide, transportation by a 50-seat bus, ticket for the Museum of Socialist art.

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Friday & Saturday – 15h00 – 19h00

Christian Orthodox Sofia

(Friday – CODE BUL7-17; Saturday – CODE BUL7-18)



This tour is dedicated to the art and different Architectural styles of the Christian Orthodox churches in Sofia. We will start with the biggest one – St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral (early 20th c.) and then we will visit the richest icon collection in Bulgaria – in the crypt of the church, with icons from 9-10th c. till 19th c. Our next visit will be the church of St. Sofia (6th c.), situated over the eastern necropolis of the Roman period of Sofia. Then we will walk to one not very touristic church – the church of Santa Paraskeva (1920-1930s), which is a fine example of the local Art Nouveau. The last one we will see is the oldest still active church in Bulgaria – the Rotunda of St. George (4th c.) and Santa Petka (11th c.).

The cost is EUR 21 per person, based on minimum 20 people.

Cost includes: English-speaking guide, transportation by a 50-seat bus, ticket for the Crypt of St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral

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Thursday – 09h00 – 13h00

Sofia – City of Tolerance

(Thursday – CODE BUL8-16)



In the very heart of Sofia peacefully exist religious temples of different religions. During our walk we will visit the Sofia Synagogue – one of the biggest Sephardic ones in Europe, built by an Austrian in early 20th c. Just across the street is the only one active mosque in Sofia – Banya Bashi Mosque (16th c.). We can continue with two Christian Orthodox churches – the small Medieval church of Santa Petka (11th c.) and the Metropolitan church of Santa Nedelya (1930s). We can finish our tour with the modern Catholic cathedral of St. Joseph, built over the old cathedral which was built over ruins.

The cost is EUR 21 per person, based on minimum 20 people.

Cost includes: English-speaking guide, transportation by a 50-seat bus, ticket for the Sofia Synagogue.

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