

Day trip to Plovdiv and Koprivshtitsa (full day)

Tour Description:

Today, depart Sofia with your guide for a lovely day trip into the Sredna Gora Mountains.

Visit **Koprivshtitsa**, a beautiful town famous for hundreds of examples of Bulgarian National Revival architecture. Colorful houses dot the landscape, and many can be explored; you'll witness the daily life and traditions of days gone by. Elements of Bulgarian folkloric culture, such as textiles and jewelry, have been treasured and carefully preserved here for posterity. Koprivshtitsa also marks the location of the first shot fired in the decisive revolt against the Ottoman Turks in 1876.

Next, move on to **Plovdiv**, a major urban center for arts and culture first settled 6,000 years ago by the Thracians. Today, you can still view the Roman City, which includes the **Roman Theater** and the ruins of the enormous 2nd-century Ancient Stadium, built under Emperor Hadrian for the purpose of holding 30,000 spectators during major athletic events.

Later on, spend time touring the fabulous **Ethnographic Museum** in Plovdiv, which features a gorgeous curvilinear roofline and interior ceilings carved of wood. Built in 1847, it was originally a merchant's private home, and now serves as the venue for six beautifully-curated exhibits addressing specific aspects of Bulgarian traditional culture.

In the late afternoon, join your guide for your return to Sofia.

Tour Highlights:

- discover the Bulgarian "National Revival" architecture at its best in the picturesque village of Koprivshtitsa
- walk the streets of Plovdiv's beautifully restored Old Town, one of the most charming towns in Bulgaria
- visit the Ethnographical Museum in Plovdiv, and learn about Bulgaria's rich traditions and folklore
- enjoy the services of a private, licensed tour guide, available for you only during the tour

Included services and features

- the services of a licensed English speaking guide (driving), available throughout the tour
- all guide's expenses (such as meals)
- private transportation in air conditioned car
- all car - related expenses (gasoline costs, parking fees and road tolls)
- pick up and drop off at any location in Sofia
- entrance fees for the Roman Theatre and Ethnographical Museum in Plovdiv (10 euro/person value), with guided visits
- guided walk in Plovdiv's Old Town and Koprivshtitsa

Not included

- meals
- photo fees
- gratuities for your guide (entirely up to your discretion)

Additional information

You can further explore the route of this tour by having a look at the [tour map](#) we created.

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About us



We are Vlad and Zoe Trestian - the owners and managers of Balkan Trails. Vlad is Romanian, Zoe is Bulgarian - we have first hand, local knowledge of the countries our tours explore.

We have been working in the travel industry in Eastern Europe since the late 1990's. In 2009, we decided to set up *Balkan Trails* as a family - owned and managed tour operator business. When trusting us with your travel experience, you will be dealing directly with one of us. Zoe or Vlad will be your single point of contact, so you're always talking to an expert who has an overview of all details related to your tour.

We understand traveling is personal and individual, and no two travellers are alike. That is why the majority of our tours are based on customised itineraries. Your tour is exactly that: YOURS. Just let us know when you'd like to arrive and depart, what your interests are, the type of hotels you prefer, and we'll take care of the rest.

We work with a small number of hand-picked, licensed guides. They all have solid experience as tour guides and speak excellent English. During your time with them, you will get an insider's perspective on the country, its people and culture. They are also the ones who will help you interact with locals - meeting locals is key to truly understanding a country.

Being a small, family - run business and working with a small number of carefully selected guides also means we can only manage so many tours each year. And that's OK. Our focus is not organising lots of "just OK" tours. We are here to create memorable travel experiences. And those do come in limited numbers. Looking forward to showing you our part of the world.

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