

MAY IN BULGARIA

May 19 to 31, 2027

Iliana Bozhanova and Todor Yankov invite you to join us on a tour to Bulgaria!

It is not a typical tour. For 13 days you will visit many interesting places, but the most special – you will meet the Bulgarian people through the folklore. We will travel in Thrace folk area and North Bulgaria, we will cross the Old Balkan mountains (Stara planina).

We will be very happy, if you are able to spend this time of your life in Bulgaria with us, meeting fellow travelers who may well become lifelong friends! Discovering Bulgaria together will be very exciting and unforgettable! Life is short - do not miss this opportunity!

Sincerely yours!

Iliana and Todor

Cost:

- Double room occupancy, per person: 1 825 Euro
- Single room: 2 065 Euro
- A deposit of 600 Euro is required with the registration directly to Iliana – iliana33@gmail.com.
- These prices include:
 - Accommodation in 3 and 4 star hotels;
 - Include breakfasts and dinners; Lunch – only for 6 days during the tour you buy your own lunch. For the other days we organize picnics.
 - Include the transportation from and to the airport in Sofia - around the country with our own tour bus. According to the arrival flights from Munich at 13,15 and from Frankfurt at 13,50 – the bus will wait for you at 14,30 on May 19 in Terminal 2 at Sofia airport.
 - Entrance fees for the museums and guides;
 - Tickets for folk concerts;
 - Renting halls for dancing and singing;
 - Dance and singing classes with Iliana and Todor;
 - It DOES NOT INCLUDE your airfare to and from Sofia, Bulgaria

Tour Program Highlights

Dancing, Singing, and Performances

- Dancing with local groups in various villages and having traditional homemade food there
- Dance and singing classes with Iliana and Todor. Enjoying their picnics in the nature
- Folklore performances presented by professional, stage performing, and authentic local groups

Some of the towns we will visit include:

Plovdiv – The Cultural capital of Bulgaria – a town older than 8 000 years. Today, Plovdiv is Bulgaria's second-largest city and continues to be bustling with life. It's much calmer than Sofia but still packed with creative charm.

Kazanlak – The center of the Rose valley and the rose oil industry. Rosa Damascena flower has been cultivated there for centuries. Bulgaria produces close to half (1,7 tones) of the world's rose oil.

Karlovo – The second famous town in the Rose valley. Rosa Damascena flower picking season lasts from May to June and we will be happy to be there!

Veliko Tarnovo – The capital city of the Second Bulgarian Kingdom. Its unique location on the three hills – Tsarevets, Trapezitsa and Sveta Gora, makes the town one of the most beautiful in Bulgaria

Arbanasi – a charming village, located on a high plateau 4 km from Veliko Tarnovo. The village exists since XII century

Museums, and Sightseeing

- **“The life, the people and the charm of Plovdiv”** - in only 2 hours tour in the town with a local guide
- **The Old town of Plovdiv and its Ethnography museum**
- **The Bishop's Basilica and the Roman mosaic heritage of Philippopolis (Plovdiv)**
- **The Archeology museum of Plovdiv**
- **Nebet tepe in Plovdiv** – this is where the existence of the ancient city began
- **Karlovo Old town and its Rose traditions**
- **Visiting a local company** for producing rose oil and natural aromatic products
- **“Damascena”** – the newest Rose Ethnographic Complex in the valley of the Thracian kings
- **Thracian tomb of Kazanlak from the Hellenistic period** – 4th century BC. It is UNESCO heritage
- **Golyama Kosmatka tomb** – the biggest in the Balkan peninsula – a Thracian jewel near Kazanlak
- **The Temple monument Shipka**
- **Sokolski Monastery in the Old mnts.**
- **“Etara”** – old architectural and craft reserve
- **Arbanasi** – the church of the Nativity of Christ, built at XII century
- **Arbanasi** – The house – museum “Konstantsalieve kashta” from XVII century
- **Tsarevets fortress** – a medieval stronghold located on a hill in Veliko Tarnovo. The earliest evidence of human presence on the hill dates from the 2nd millennium BC

Additional Notes

- Non-dance participants are VERY welcome and will find enjoyment in all the activities!
- There will be free time for you to relax and undertake your own explorations

Best regards!

Iliana and Todor

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE TOUR

"MAY IN BULGARIA" with Iliana Bozhanova and Todor Yankov

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Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS !

Name (s) as per passport (s):

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Title Forenames Surname

Gender:.....

Birthday:.....

/ day / month / year

Address for correspondence (of person signing the form):

Telephone:..... E-mail:.....

Booking requirements (Rooms):.....

Double, Twin, Single or Room for 3 persons

If you stay with other person (persons), please, write their names:

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Special requirements: Dietary:.....

If you are vegetarian, can you eat fish, eggs and milk products?

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Allergies:.....

Medical condition(s):.....

Cancellation policy: In case of canceling the tour all your personal expenses will be given back to you 100%. We can not reimburse your portion of the group expenses such as transportation in the country, dance halls and concerts for us. This amount will range from 240 to 345 Euro – depending on the number of the participants in the group. If you have a travel insurance, in case of sickness, they will reimburse amount of money. Please, check it with the Insurance companies in Germany!

VERY IMPORTANT! Please, be sure to arrange your personal travel insurance!

The deposit of 600 Euro must be sent until August 31, 2026 to the Bank account or Revolut account of Iliana Bozhanova. I will send you the information, when you send me your registration form to : iliana33@gmail.com

Signature.....

Date:.....