

Excursion 3

Sofia – Borovets - Rila Monastery – Plovdiv

Price: 221 euro / minimum 10 pax /

1day:

14,00h Departure from Sofia. Pick up point – registration desk

15.15h Visiting Samokov town

Guided sightseeing tour – local museum, Nunnery Monastery

/ Samokow is only 10 km from Borovets and 60 km from Sofia. The past of the town is related to iron mining. Once there was a Roman settlement and the present town originated much later - at the beginning of 14th century as an ore mining settlement. The town was famous for its icon painting and woodcarving schools, pottery and iron producing. /

17,30h Accommodation in “Samokov” hotel, Borovets

/ Borovets is the oldest Bulgarian mountain and ski resort dating back to the year of 1896. It was originally established at the end of the 19th Century as a hunting place for the Bulgarian Kings, Borovets gradually developed into a modern ski resort - luxury hotels, restaurants , bars and an average network of ski runs and lifts along the slopes of the Rila Mountains, providing excellent opportunities for a whole range of winter sports. /

19,30h Dinner in “Panorama “ Restaurant in “Samokov” hotel

2 day

08,00-10,00h Breakfast in “Samokov” hotel

10,00h Departure from the hotel to the Rila Monastery

Guided sightseeing tour in the Monastery – monastery’s museum

/ Rila Monastery is the oldest monastery in Bulgaria, dates back to the 10 c a.d. Take a look at over a thousand years of historical, religious and cultural artifacts which have helped shape this region of the Balkans into what it is today /

12,30h Lunch in a restaurant near the Monastery.

14,00h Departure

Visiting the Separeva Banya town

/ The town is known for its hot mineral (103 °C (217 °F) and clear mountain water, as well as the geyser in the town centre that sprang forth in 1957 /

Back to “Samokov “ hotel, Borovets

19,30h Dinner in the club-restaurant “Madarova house” in Samokov town

3 day

- 08,00-9,00h Breakfast in “Samokov” hotel
- 9,30h Departure from Borovets to Plovdiv
- 11,30h Accomodation in hotel in Plovdiv
- 12,00h Lunch in the hotel
- 13,30-16,00h Guided sightseeing tour in the old part of Plovdiv – Ethnographic museum, Balabanov house and the Ancient Romans theatre.

/ Plovdiv is one of the oldest centers of European civilization - older than Rome and Athens and a contemporary of Troy and Mycenae.

Its history spans some 6,000 years, with traces of a Neolithic settlement dating to roughly 4000 BC. Known in the West for most of its history by the Greek name Philippopolis, it was originally a Thracian settlement before becoming a major Roman city. In the Middle Ages, it retained its strategic regional importance, changing hands between the Byzantine and Bulgarian Empires. The town was built on the three hills /i.e.tepe/ that were grouped together - Nebet Tepe, Taksim Tepe and Djambaz Tepe./

- 19,30h Dinner in restaurant in Plovdiv

4 day

- 08,00ч –10,00h Breakfast in the hotel
- 10,30h Departure from Plovdiv to Sofia