



code: VBG 0010

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Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Departure dates 2017/2018: every day

Group size: min. 2

Route: Bourgas - Pomorie - Sliven - Kotel - Jeravna - Kazanlak - Strarosel - Plovdiv - Asenovgrad - Harmanli - Haskovo - Bourgas

Price: 2-3 pers. - 890 Euro/pers.; 4 pers. - 720 Euro/pers.; 5 pers. - 639 Euro/pers.; 6 pers. - 584 Euro/pers.; 7 pers - 545 Euro/pers.; 8 pers. - 518 Euro/pers.; Please, enquire for larger groups.

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This wine tour will take you to the land of Thracians in order to discover Bulgaria`s old traditions of wine making.

In old times the Balkan peninsula was home land for the ancient Thracians, who knew how to make wine – a sacred beverage which was used in their rituals and was a part of their spiritual life. Through the centuries wine making and its old traditions was inherited by the tribes who settled the peninsula. Nowadays Bulgaria is one of the world's largest wine producers. The tour takes you to the Southern and Eastern Bulgarian most popular wine regions.

Itinerary:

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Day 1. Arrival

Arrival to Bourgas/Plovdiv airport. Dinner and overnight stay in the area of Bourgas.

Day 2. Bourgas – Pomorie – Pomorie winery - Sliven

Today we explore the Southeast wine region of Bulgaria. [Pomorie](#) is the summer capital of wine. We visit the wine complex Via Pontica. After wine tasting and lunch we depart to the town of Sliven. En-route we visit the winery of Karnobat. Overnight stay in Sliven.

Day 3. Sliven

Situated near the “Valley of the Thracian kings” Sliven is well known for its vineyards. Some of the biggest wineries in Bulgaria are situated in the region of this town. Our 3rd day starts with visit of one of the most popular wineries in the region – Vini Sliven. At noon we travel further to our next stop – Edoardo Miroglio Winery in Elenovo village. Here we enjoy wine tasting of typical for this region wines. Overnight stay in Sliven.

Day 4. Sliven – Kotel – Zheravna - Kazanlak

Today we drive to [Kotel](#) and Zheravna – two unbelievable picturesque highland settlements in the eastern Balkan mountain, beyond the Blue Rocks of Sliven. Then we continue further to Kotel and Zheravna with their historic buildings and traditional houses. Specially interesting is

Zheravna with its pastoral way of life. Drive further to the Valley of Roses. Overnight in [Kazanlak](#)

Day 5. Kazanlak – Thracian Tomb – Starosel – Plovdiv

After breakfast we start with a visit of the richly painted Thracian Tomb. Departure to the winery complex [Starosel](#) which is situated next to another old Thracian tomb which amazes every visitor with its well preserved structure. Starosel winery is a “wine temple” built in Bulgarian national revival style. Here we enjoy a wine tasting. Our next stop is the city of Plovdiv. Overnight stay in Plovdiv

Day 6. Plovdiv – Bachkovo monastery – Asenovgrad – Plovdiv

Today we start with sightseeing in the old town of [Plovdiv](#) with its beautiful old houses from the Revival period, the ancient Roman theatre and the Roman stadium. After lunch we head to Asenovgrad winery – a place too see for every wine tour in South Bulgaria. After a tour in the winery we finish the day with a visit to

[Bachkovo monastery](#)

– one of the oldest monasteries in Bulgaria. Overnight stay in Plovdiv.

Day 7. Plovdiv – Harmanli – Haskovo – Bourgas

Our wine journey continues through another region known for superb red wines – smooth, strawberry-flavored Haskovski Merlot and full-bodied Cabernet. We drive to the towns of Haskovo and Harmanli and visit another two wineries where we get more knowledge about wine making and admire some excellent Bulgarian wines with a “character”. Drive further to Bourgas region where we have our last overnight stay.

Day 8. Departure

Transfer to the airport and departure.

What`s included:

✓ **Accommodation in double room at 3*** hotels**

✓ **Visit to local wineries**

✓ **Wine tastings**

✓ **Half board – breakfast and lunch; dinner on day 1**

✓ **Transport throughout**

✓ **Entrances to sightseeings mentioned in the itinerary**

✓ **English speaking local guide**

What`s not included:

✓ **Tips and meals not mentioned above**

✓ **Flight tickets**

✓ **Health insurances**

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Optional expenses:

✓ Single room supplement

✓ Optional tours not mentioned in the itinerary – to be arranged and paid on spot

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