



HIGHEST HIKING TRAILS
BULGARIA - MACEDONIA

14 days
Tour Code 703

This is a draft program offered for closed groups and tour operators only. Further changes are possible according to the client's wishes and requirements

Day 1 Arrival

Arrival at Sofia airport and direct transfer to Rila NP and the ski center Borovets for dinner and O/N.

Day 2: Borovec - Musala - Borovec

Transfer the cable car up to Jastrebec peak and ascent to the highest Bulgarian and Balkan peak Musala. Duration of the hike in both directions about 5-6 hours. Dinner and O/N at the hotel in Borovets.

Day 3: Borovets - ski center Maljovica - mountain peak Maljovica Borovets

Transfer to the ski center Maljovica, starting point for climbing the mountain summit Maljovica. From the summit, beautiful views of the glacial lakes of Rila. Duration in both directions 7-8 hours. Dinner and O/N in Borovets.

Day 4: Borovets - Rila monastery - Bansko

Drive to Rila monastery, since 1983 under the protection of UNESCO. Continue to Bansko at the foot of the Pirin Mountain. Walk and visit to the small town of Bansko and stay there for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Bansko - MH Vihren - MH Demjanica

Transfer to the MH Vihren. Hike up to the saddle Todorkina Porta, from there along the numerous glacial lakes to MH Demjanica and optional lunch there. The round hike about 7-8 hours. Dinner and O/N in Bansko..

Day 6: Bansko - Goce Delchev MH - MH Bezbog - T'vnoto Lake - MH Bezbog

With the cable car up to Bezbog, the starting point to the first T'vnoto ezero (Silent Sea). Walk next to the largest glacial lake and to Samodivski Ezera. Duration - about 6 hours. Dinner and O/N at the MH Bezbog.

Day 7: Bezbog - Goce Delchev - Rojen Monastery - Melnik - Strumica (MK)

Cable car down to the MH Goce Delchev. Transfer by bus to Rojen monastery and visit. Walk down to Melnik. Crossing the border and proceed to the town of Strumica. Dinner and O/N in Strumica.

Day 8: Strumica - Koleshino and Smolare waterfalls - Demir Kapija - Prilep - Bitola

Morning visit to both Koleshino and Smolare waterfalls. Walks in both directions 2.5 hours. Departure to the largest wine region in Macedonia. Lunch and wine tasting. Afternoon transfer to Pelister NP for dinner and O/N.

Day 9: NP and mountain peaks in Pelister

In a morning hike over the "historical path" to the mountain hut Kopanki. Break there and climb up to the mountain top Pelister. Duration in both directions about 9.5-10 hours. Back to the hotel for dinner and O/N.

Day 10: Bitola - NP Galichica - Ohrid

Transfer to Galichica NP and hike to the top Magaro, with majestic views of both Prespa and Ohrid lakes. In the afternoon Ohrid sightseeing tour with optional sight visits. Dinner and O/N at hotel in Ohrid.

Day 11: Ohrid - Tetovo - Gorge Leshnica - Skopje

Morning departure to the ski center Popova shapka and walk to the beautiful Leschnica Gorge, with breathtaking views of some of the highest peaks in the Shara Mountain. Duration of hike 6 hours. Dinner and O/N in Skopje.

Day 12: Skopje - Vodno - Matka Canyon

Morning transfer to Vodno mountain. With cable car to the summit and hike to Matka Gorge. Descent to the lake and on boats to the cave Vrelo. Duration of the hike 3.5 hours. Transfer back to Skopje for dinner and O/N.

Day 13: Skopje - Megalithic Observatory Kokino - Sandstone forms Kuklici - Sofia

Morning departure to Kumanovo and megalithic observatory Kokino (1800 BC). Continue to the "petrified city" near the village of Kuklici. Afternoon drive to Sofia (BG). Dinner and overnight in Sofia.

Day 14: Departure Depending on the flight schedule, transfer to the airport.

TOUR INFORMATION:

Possible arrival / departure city / APT :
Sofia (Bulgaria)

What is included:

- 13 nights accommodation at chosen by you hotels according the itinerary,
- Bed & breakfast base;
- transportation according the itinerary (coach, minibus, van - depending on the number of participants and further requirements);
- English speaking local professional mountain guide for all itinerary;
- All entrance fees according the program, marked in bold;
- "Visit Macedonia" organization Maps and support.

Not included:

- Single room supplement;
- Half board supplement;
- visits, meals and excursions described as optional
- Guide on other language than English
(Supplement may apply)

Tour price

depends on the number of participants. Confidential prices apply only for tour operators and will be provided upon request. Tour modifications (extension or reduction of tour duration, upgrade to higher class hotels, additional meals, visits and services) are possible.

For more information about this tour, exact prices for proposed services or tailor made tour according your requirements, please contact us on booking@visitmacedonia.mk