



BULGARIA
WINE
T O U R S

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The Rose Valley Wine Trail

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Tour Code: RoseA6D

- Tour for 2-3 people
 - Wine & Spa
- Visit to 5 wineries
- Private Tour Leader



Overview

Enjoy a 6-day wine tour in the famous Valley of Roses and Thracian Kings. Indulge in spa and wellness in one of the leading mineral-spa towns of Bulgaria. Visit some of the top wineries in the country. Discover cultural gems such as the ancient town of Plovdiv, Starosel Thracian tomb and Panagyurishte golden treasure, Taste award-winning wines. Learn more about the wines, terroir, winemaking and history of Bulgaria. Sample local foods. Have an unforgettable experience.



Tour Itinerary¹

Day 1

Arrival to Sofia Airport. Welcome by Tour Leader. Transfer to a 4-star spa hotel in Hisarya (2h). Check-in. Time to relax and enjoy the pool and spa. Free evening. Your tour leader can help with restaurant recommendations and bookings.

Day 2

Breakfast. Transfer to Plovdiv – the second largest town in Bulgaria. Visit to the urban Dragomir Winery for a tasting from tanks and barrels. Guided walking tour of Plovdiv and Old Plovdiv. Free time for lunch in one of Plovdiv's cosy restaurants. Tasting of a selection of Bulgarian wines in a local enoteca. Return transfer to Hisarya. Free evening. Your tour leader can help with restaurant recommendations and bookings.

Day 3

Breakfast. Transfer to the town of Panagyurishte. Visit to the Panagyurishte museum to see the acclaimed golden treasure. Visit to Rumelia winery. Tour and tasting of wines. Return to Hisarya to enjoy the afternoon relaxing in the spa or discovering the town by foot or on a bicycle. Free evening. Your tour leader can help with restaurant recommendations and bookings.

¹ Timings may vary and depend on the pace of the tour. Name of wineries and tour leader will be provided in the travel service voucher once the booking is confirmed.

Day 4

Breakfast. Transfer to Midalidare Estate. Tour of the modern winery. Tasting of 8 wines from the enomatic wine dispenser. Lunch at Midalidare Restaurant. Transfer to Kazanluk. Visit to the famous Kazanluk Tomb. Return transfer to hotel in Hisarya. Free evening. Your tour leader can help with restaurant recommendations and bookings.

Day 5

Breakfast. Transfer to Starosel. Visit to the Starosel Thracian Tomb. Tour and tasting at the Starosel Wine & SPA Hotel Complex. Lunch at the Starosel restaurant. Transfer to Chateau Copsa. Tour of the hotel and wine cellar. Tasting of a selection of Chateau Copsa wines. Dinner at the onsite restaurant. Return transfer to Hisarya.

Day 6

Breakfast. Check-out of hotel. Transfer to Sofia Airport (2h) or Sofia Centre.



- End of tour -

Included in the tour

- Airport transfer from/to Sofia Airport or Centre
- All ground transportation mentioned in itinerary
- 5 nights at 4-star spa hotel in Hisarya in shared standard rooms
- Meals: daily breakfast, lunch on day 4 & 5, dinner on day 5
- Tours and tastings at 1 enoteca & 5 wineries
- Guided walking tour of Plovdiv and Old Plovdiv
- Visit to the Panagyurishte Museum
- Visit to the Thracian tomb of Starosel
- Visit to the Thracian tomb of Kazanluk
- Tour leader from Bulgaria Wine Tours
- Tour operator insurance from HDI Insurance in case of non-provision of services

Not included in the tour

- Flight tickets
- Private transfers
- Meals and beverages not mentioned in the tour description
- Travel and medical insurance (please, consult your insurance provider)
- Visa fees, if applicable
- Extras and incidentals
- Single room supplement
- Tips



Prices

- EUR 950 per person
- Single supplement: EUR 105

Recommended Travel Period

The best time to travel to Bulgaria for a wine tour is in the Spring (March-June) or Fall (September – November).

Recommended Packing List

- Cash (BGN)
- Camera, mobile phone, chargers
- Sun lotion, sun hat, sun glasses
- Insect repellent
- Notebook for tasting notes
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Jacket for chilly evenings
- Passport and other important documents

Quick Travel Tips

- In Bulgaria, nodding one's head means "No" and shaking it means "Yes"

- Most young people in Bulgaria speak some English. People of 40+ years of age usually do not speak English, but might speak Russian, German or French. If you need to ask something in English, it is better to approach a young person
- Tipping in restaurants is not mandatory, but usually people leave a tip of around 10% of the total bill
- Most places in the big cities take debit and credit cards, but it is advisable to take some cash with you, especially if you are traveling outside of bigger cities
- Most places do not take American Express credit cards. The most widely used debit/credit cards are Visa and Mastercard
- The exchange rate to Euro is fixed at: 1 BGN (Bulgarian lev) = 1.95583 EUR
- Some international banks such as: Unicredit, Raiffeisen, Societe Generale, Allianz Bank, TBI Bank, Procredit Bank, ING Bank, BNB Paribas have branches or are present in Bulgaria
- There are foreign exchange bureaus in all airports and larger towns
- Wi-Fi coverage is good in Bulgaria and almost any café, hotel or a restaurant (especially in big cities) will have free wi-fi.
- EU citizens do not require a visa for Bulgaria. Schengen Area visa holders do not require visas for Bulgaria for a stay of up to 90 days. For more information on visas, visit <http://www.mfa.bg/en/pages/109/index.html> or contact the respective institutions in your country.



Wine Country

Winemaking in Bulgaria dates back to Thracian times more than 3 000 years ago. In the 1970s, Bulgaria became one of the largest wine exporters in the world. However, demand for Bulgarian wine declined after the fall of the Soviet Union. Since 2007, numerous small and medium-sized wineries have been established, focusing on quality rather than on quantity. They have consistently won awards at prestigious international competitions. These wineries continue the centuries-old tradition of winemaking on these lands and tell the

stories of the skillful Thracians in a modern and unique way. Discover Bulgaria's many local grape varieties. Grab the chance to try many interesting wines from old and modern wineries. Discover the rich tradition of winemaking in Bulgaria.

Thank you for travelling with us!

