

Welcome to Bulgaria

Welcome to one of the oldest European states with 6000-year old gold treasures, a centre of ancient civilizations, a country that hosts the sanctuary of the **mystical singer Orpheus** and gave the world the **first Slavonic letters**.

Bulgaria is a small country by area and population, but it was this precise piece of land that God blessed with unearthly beautiful nature, a proud people and rich culture.

You look for Alps-like beautiful mountains?

They are here in abundance. The highest peak on the Balkans, Mussala (2 925 m) rises in the magnificent Rila Mountain.

You love golden beaches by the sea?

The Bulgarian ones are among the best.

You are captivated by the magic of spa-procedures?

Bulgaria is home to all mineral waters known worldwide (over 600 sources), and the modern spa-centers are competitive to the best European centers.

You are interested in history?

Every corner of the Bulgarian territory is rich in antique excavations and rich Thracian tombs, ancient prehistoric and medieval settlements and castles, along with the invaluable monasteries and churches, which have safeguarded Bulgarian spirit for millennia... Just pick your destination and prepare yourself for an adventure.

You are trying to guess what is Bulgaria's aroma?

No doubt about it, it's the scented Bulgarian rose, known throughout the world.

You want to taste Bulgarian hospitality?

It has the taste of Bulgarian yoghurt, sun-ripe Bulgarian tomato, mature brine cheese... Accompanied by spellbinding wine and the elixir, known as Bulgarian rakia.

Have you heard the music of Bulgaria?

A Bulgarian folk song recording, performed by Valya Balkanska, travelled to Space on board of the American Voyager shuttle. Visit the rich folklore programs at any traditional-style restaurant in the country to sense the magic of Bulgarian colors, song and dance.

Of Bulgarian origin are: the inventor of the first computer **John Atanasov**, the world-renowned opera singers **Boris Hristov**, **Nikolay Gyaurov**, **Rayna Kabaivanska**; **Peter Dunov**, **the Teacher**; the world chess champion **Vesselin Topalov** and many others.

Bulgarians are a hospitable nation – they will greet you like dear guests, will open their hearts and home for you and will see you off with sincere wishes for you to come back again...

Finally, if you need a concise description of Bulgaria, so you may add it to your memories, let it be as follows:

Bulgaria is 13 centuries of heroic history, preserved in monuments, legends and myth; natural beauty that you cannot get enough; a majestic spirit that makes Bulgarian proud to be born here.

And many other things, which we hope you might find out with our help.