

BUL

THE BEST OF BULGARIA

(LG39) • 8 days: Sofia – Plovdiv – Kazanlak – Shipka Pass – Tryavna – Arbanassi – Sofia



FEATURES

- Accommodation at selected hotels, service charges & hotel taxes, luggage handling
- Breakfast daily, dinners and lunches as per program
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Touring by modern air-conditioned coach
- Professional tour director throughout



HIGHLIGHTS

- Sofia, Rila Monastery, Plovdiv, Bachkovo Monastery, Kazanlak, Shipka Pass, Tryavna, Veliko Turnovo, Arbanassi
- Typical Bulgarian delicacies at local restaurants



ITINERARY

Day 1: Sofia

Arrival in Sofia, transfer to selected hotel and overnight. **(0)**

Day 2: Sofia

Sightseeing tour of 7000-year-old Sofia, exploring many of the fine cultural and historical monuments, including the lovely Nevsky Cathedral, with its rich icon collection, the



fabulous 4th century St George's Rotunda, St Sofia's Basilica and the ruins of Serdica. **(B,D,0)**

Day 3: Sofia – Plovdiv

A visit to the 10th century UNESCO World Heritage Rila Monastery, Bulgaria's largest and most impressive monastery, with a lavish collection of precious antiquities, then on to



PLOVDIV

Plovdiv via Rila, the highest Bulgarian mountain. Overnight in Plovdiv. **(B,D,O)**

Day 4: Plovdiv – Kazanlak

Sightseeing in ancient Plovdiv, with superb architecture and fine Roman ruins, such as the amphitheatre, with impressive marble statues, decorative columns and arcades. On to the 11th century Bachkovo Monastery and Kazanlak in the famous Rose Valley. **(B,D,O)**

Day 5: Kazanlak – Shipka Pass – Tryavna

Visit the newly discovered Thracian golden treasures in Kazanlak Museum. On to Golyamata Kosmatka Tomb and the UNESCO World Heritage 4th century BC Thracian Tomb, then on to lovely Tryavna, via the historical Shipka Pass. **(B,D,O)**

Day 6: Tryavna – Veliko Turnovo

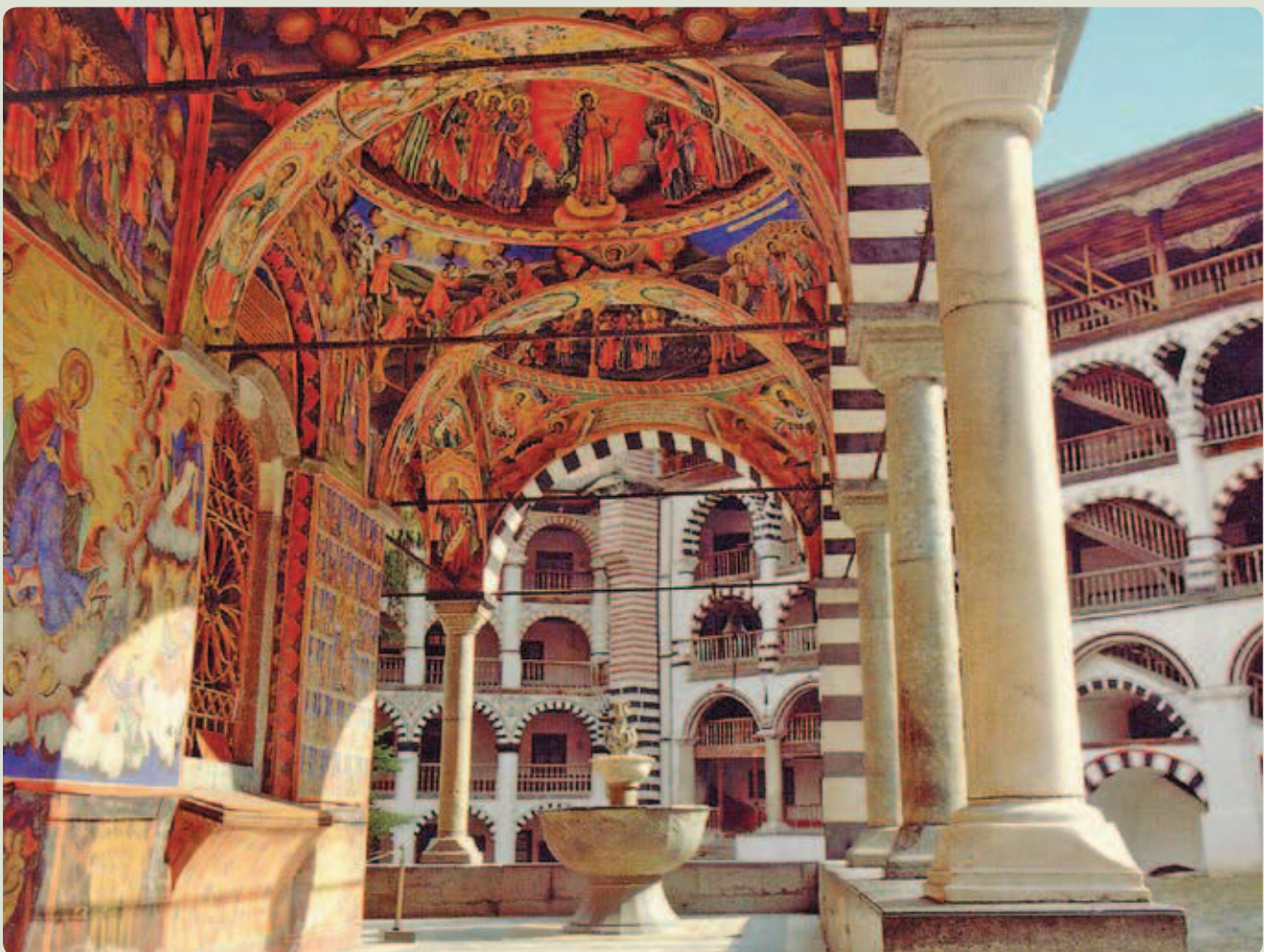
Walking tour of Tryavna, featuring 17th century vaulted stone bridges, houses, churches and a square with a clock-tower. Sightseeing of the royal city of Veliko Turnovo and gorgeous Tsarevets Hill, with amazing views and dramatic medieval fortifications. **(B,D,O)**

Day 7: Veliko Turnovo – Arbanassi – Sofia

After an overnight in Veliko Turnovo, on to the museum town of Arbanassi, boasting a fantastic gallery of art in its Church of the Nativity. Return to Sofia. **(B,D,O)**

Day 8: Sofia

Breakfast, followed by transfer to Sofia airport. **(B)**



SOFIA - RILA MONESTERY