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Upcoming events in Sofia



Middle Age Collection

From *Jan 1st 2000* until *Jan 19th 2038* , on



Genesis Of The Minerals

From *Jan 1st 2000* until *Dec 19th 2036* , on



Birds

From *Jan 1st 2000* until *Jan 19th 2038* , on

1 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

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Best rated restaurants in Sofia



Hadjidraganovite Kashti

75 Kozlodui St



Hotel Restaurant Geneva

9 Balkandji Iovo St



Pizza Lachoni

Mladost 2, next to ap. build. 202



Da Posednem

51 Sevastokrator Kaloyan Street



Pizzarela

1 Bulgaria sq., NDK



Pod Lipite

1 Elin Pelin Str.



Otvad Aleiata Zad Shkafa

31 Budapest St



The Red House

6 Boris Hristof St

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Most popular pubs & clubs in Sofia



Schweik

1à Vitosha Boulevard



Back Stage

100 Vasil Levski Boulevard



Escape

📍 1 Angel Kanchev St



Swinging Hall

📍 8 Dragan Tzankov Boulevard



Beer Box

📍 38 Alexandar Malinov Blvd, Mladost 1, Sofia, Bulgaria



Hip Hip Library&Bar

📍 Karnigradksa 2A



Music Club SoundWave

📍 Академик Борис Стефанов 4



The Wrong Bar

📍 Sheynovo 18 ST

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Best hotels in Sofia



Hostel Mostel

📍 2 Denkoglu St



YHA Levitt Smart Hostel

📍 55 Vitosha Boulevard



Grand Hotel Bulgaria

📍 4 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd



Hemus Hotel

📍 31 Cherni Vrah Blvd



Hilton Sofia

📍 1 Bulgaria Blvd



Best Sofia Hostel

📍 14 '502' St, Simeonovo



Apartment House Iztok

📍 6 A. Dalchev St



Radisson SAS Grand Hotel

📍 4 Narodno Sabranie Square

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Essential services in Sofia



Central Railway Station

📍 Marie Louise Boulevard



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Digital Marketing Group

📍 София 1407, комплекс Витоша тюлип, ул. Димитър Манчев 1В, офис Г.10



Internet cafe WebZon@

📍 Sofia centre, Vitosha blvd., 40 William Gladstone



COELER Legal Consulting

📍 Benkovski Str. 6



Adis

📍 27, Veliko Tarnovo Str



Avis

📍 Terminal 2, Sofia International Airport



Sofia Airport

📍 1 Christophor Columbus blvd

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Need some culture?



Archaeological Museum

📍 2 Saborna Str.



National History Museum

📍 16 Vitoshko lale str.



Lessedra Art Gallery
📍 25 Milin Kamak Street



Gallery for Foreign Art
📍 1 Alexander Nevsky Square



Czech Cultural Centre
📍 100 Rakovski Str.



Rafaela Art Gallery
📍 12B Vrabcha Str.

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Travel tips

Here are a few things to bear in mind during your stay in Sofia:

Do not exchange [money](#) at the change bureau at the airport; if you need local currency use an ATM instead.

Once you are out of the airport you can choose to [travel](#) downtown by taxi or bus. If you choose the bus make sure you have an extra ticket for your luggage. Tickets are sold at the booth on the bus stop.

The best way to get around central Sofia is on foot. However, be alert when crossing the road and beware the poor state of the pavements.

If you decide to use a car keep in mind that most Bulgarian drivers think of road signs and traffic lights as decorations.

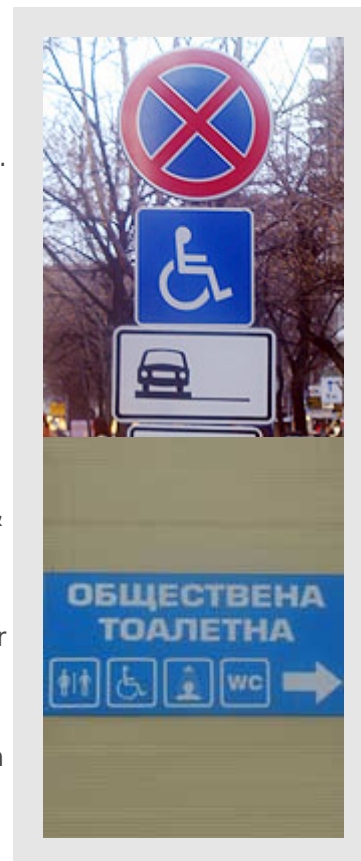
Try to avoid the pedestrian subways located far from the centre at night.

If you need a local mobile phone number you can easily buy a SIM card for prepaid communication with one of the two local mobile phone operators - Mtel & Globul.

Remember that unlike most countries, in Bulgaria, when you want to answer with a "yes," you shake your head back and forth. To answer with a "no," you nod your head up and down. Knowing this will spare you a lot of confusion and embarrassing misunderstandings.

Be careful with beggars - some of them can be bothersome even if you give them money (or especially then) and some are actually skillful little pickpockets.

If possible avoid using public toilets and if not - make sure that you shop for napkins first.



Getting around

By Taxi

One of the easiest ways to travel around Sofia is by taxi. All taxis in Bulgaria are yellow and have a "taxi" sign on the roof: don't believe anyone who tries to convince you otherwise! Here's a tip: the fact that a taxi is old or in bad condition tends to mean that it will be more expensive than the opposite! The newer cars belong to the big taxi companies and are well maintained. Furthermore, their drivers are subjected to all the necessary checks, personality tests included, and the prices are fair and strict. The taxi fares vary between 0,19 /km and 1,50 /km, with a 0,20 to 1,50 starting fee. It is always good to check the price tag under the windshield or the one placed on the glove compartment. You can get a taxi from the stands, hail on the street or order one by phone (the starting fee then would be about 0,20 more). Most drivers do not speak English but are used to foreigners and will find a way to meet your needs!

By Public Transport

The [public transport](#) in Sofia is excellent. Take your pick from buses, trams, trolley buses or the subway. Although most of the public transport vehicles were renewed a few years back, many are still a bit tatty. Still, they are pretty regular (available between 6:30 AM and 11:00 PM) and cheap. Tickets for the public transport are sold at booths at most stops and not always by the driver of the vehicle; to make sure, buy at a booth. A single travel ticket costs 0,50 BGN (0,25) and should be "cancelled" (i.e. stuck in the wee ticket machine) as soon as you



get on the vehicle, and then kept until you get off the vehicle. A combined ticket for two journeys valid for a period of 60 minutes costs 0,80 BGN (0,40). You can also purchase tickets for three or five journeys and they cost about 1,36 BGN (0,68) and 2,00 BGN (1,00) respectively. A passenger without a regular travelling document is charged with a 5,00 BGN (2,5) ticket. You can also buy daily, weekly



or monthly cards.