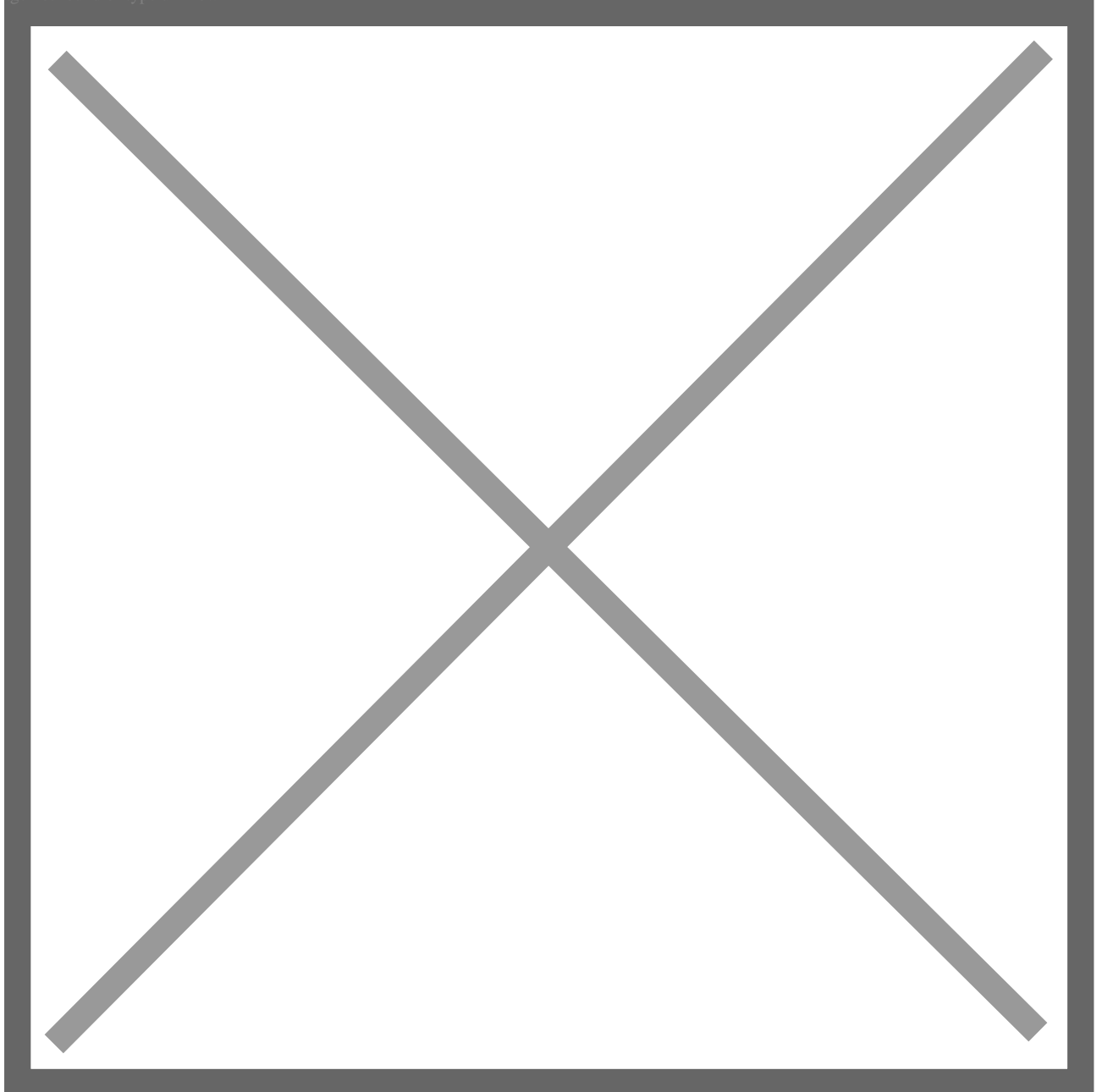


## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 7 Day Greece - Bulgaria Combined Tour

First class service and guided transportation through the historical and picturesque sites of Greece and Bulgaria, First visit to Greece. There are hundreds of archaeological and historical sites to visit in Greece. We will then, head to Bulgaria, to see the best of Eastern Europe. Come and join TravelShop Turkey to enjoy your unforgettable holiday in Greece and Bulgaria.

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

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**DURATION**

7 days

**TOUR ID**

22809

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1 : Greece - Athens - Arrival Day**

Arrive at Athens International Airport and meet our professional driver who will transfer you to your hotel first. It is your free day to explore and enjoy Athens, on your own. You can join some of the optional excursions. Overnight at the hotel in Athens.

### **Day 2 : Greece - Athens Sightseeing Tour with Acropolis & Half Day All in One**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we will start the tour of the city of Athens, visiting Syntagma Square - the center of modern Athens and view the changing of the guard in front of the Parliament building. On the way to Acropolis, we will have a stop to the Panathenaic Stadium-made of white marble- where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. The impressive, work of Art, Stadium was the finish line of the Marathon Race of Athens 2004 Olympics. We will also see the Temple of Olympian Zeus - the largest Temple ever built in Greece. We will view the National Gardens, the Academy, the National Library, the University, and finally we will visit the most magnificent monument in the world - the Parthenon on the Acropolis. Then drive to Piraeus, Greece's main port and continue by the coastal road to Kastella, a picturesque hill area overlooking the Mikrolimano yacht harbour, having the opportunity to see numerous restaurants and cafes by the sea. On the way to Mesoghia and the Winery, enjoy the journey through the southern suburbs of the city, along the coastal avenue of Athens Riviera with its magnificent view to the sea. Arrive at the Winery\* and enjoy the visit. Drive to Porto Rafti Area by the sea to enjoy some free time. Right after, drive to McArthur Designer Outlet shopping village. In continue, we drive at a Pottery workshop to see the craft of making vases and the exhibition of different products. Afterwards, drive back to hotel, passing by the facilities of the Olympic Athletic Center of Athens where the majority of the athletic events were held during the 2004 Olympic Games. Overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 3 : Greece - Athens – Vergina - Thessaloniki**

Breakfast Included

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, drive to Vergina, a small town in northern Greece near Veria, principal of the prefecture of Imathia. Visit the museum which was built to protect the tombs and was inaugurated in 1993, to exhibit the artefacts and show the tumulus as it was before the excavations and right after that tour, departure for Thessaloniki, for overnight accommodation at the hotel.

### **Day 4 : Greece - Thessaloniki Panoramic Tour & Departure to Bulgaria**

Breakfast Included

Breakfast at the hotel. Thessaloniki Panoramic tour the city of great historic importance and a crossed of so many civilizations and cultures. Begin the tour with a panoramic drive around the White Tower, the main landmarks of the city, the Galerius Arch, the Rotunda monument, the Old Town (Ano Poli) and the City

Walks, from where you will have a marvelous view of Thessaloniki. Your escort will provide you with all the information about Thessaloniki's history old and new as you look at these stately buildings. During the tour. There will be a short stop at Agios Demetrius Byzantine church which is the most important church of Thessaloniki for religious, historical and artistic reasons.

The most famous and interesting part of the church, is underground ancient "Crypt". After the tour, departure for the Bulgarian Borders (Promachonas). After the tour transfer from Thessaloniki to Bansko. Bansko is the most famous ski resort in Bulgaria with excellent conditions for winter sports. The town also keeps a special authentic atmosphere with its old houses and traditional restaurants. Overnight in Bansko.

### **Day 5 : Bulgaria - Bansko – Rila Monastery – Sofia**

Breakfast Included

Departure for Sofia, upon breakfast. On the way, we stop for a visit of the beautiful Rila Monastery - the most exquisite example of the monastery art and architecture in Bulgaria. Guided tour of the monastery complex. Visit to Nativity of the Virgin Church with its miracle icon of the Virgin and splendid gilded iconostasis, the old kitchen, the monastery museum where you can learn about the long and heroic history of the monastery, the wood carved cross made for a period of twelve years by a monk called Rafael, Hrelyo's Tower and many spectacular views from the mountain and the surrounding nature. Arrival in Sofia in the late afternoon. Overnight in Sofia.

### **Day 6 : Bulgaria - Sofia – Koprivshtitsa – Sofia**

Breakfast Included

After the breakfast, depart for daily tour to the town of Koprivshtitsa. A town with a special spirit, now turned into a museum where you can feel the unique atmosphere of the Revival Period in Bulgaria. Outstanding ethnographic treasures can be seen together with significant historical monuments: specific architecture, original furniture, old weapons, national costumes, traditional crafts, precious jewelry. In the afternoon, drive back to Sofia.

Guided sightseeing tour of the city centre (2 hours), including visit to Alexander Nevski Cathedral - one of the largest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in Europe, as well as one of Sofia's symbols and a primary tourist attraction; St. George Rotunda, St. Sophia Church, built by the Roman Emperor Justinian in the 6th century, National Theatre, former Royal Palace, today housing the National Revival Art Gallery and the Ethnographic Museum, Presidency, etc. Upon request – dinner at a traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances. Overnight in Sofia.

### **Day 7 : Bulgaria - Sofia – Tour End**

Breakfast Included

Transfer to the airport and departure for your trip back home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- 1 night hotel in Thessaloniki
- 2 nights hotel in Athens
- 6 breakfasts
- 2 Nights' accommodation in Sofia
- Escorted Half All in One Panoramic Tour
- Guided Vergina Tour
- 1 nights hotel accommodation in Bansko
- Guided Athens Sightseeing Tour
- Arrival airport transfer from Athens International Airport
- Escorted Thessaloniki Panoramic Tour
- Guided Rila Monastery Tour
- Guided Koprivshtitsa and Sofia Tour
- Departure transfer to Bulgarian Borders (Promachonas)

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Evening panoramic tour "Sofia by night" and dinner at a traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances
- Greece entry visa
- City tax
- Tipping
- Hotel room taxes
- Bulgaria entry visa

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

29 August, 2020 - 31 March, 2022    Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

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