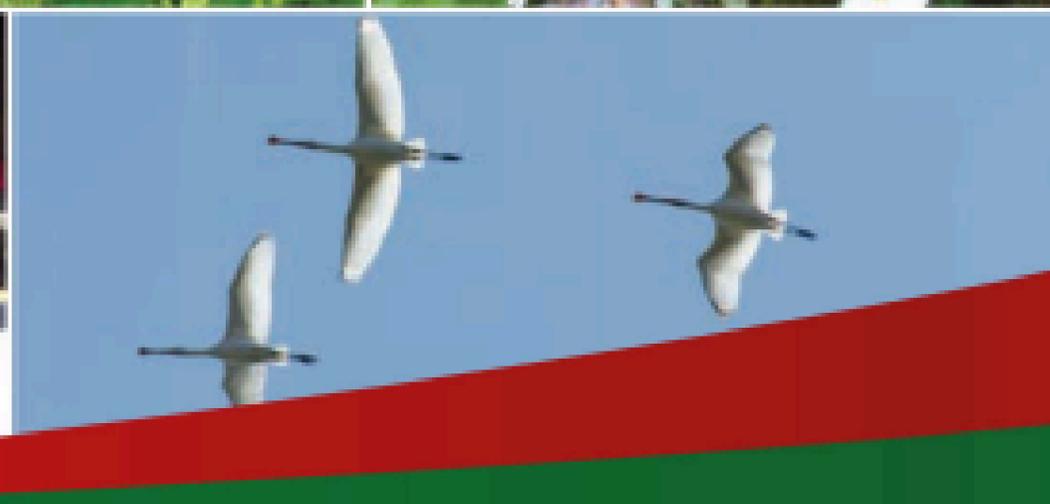
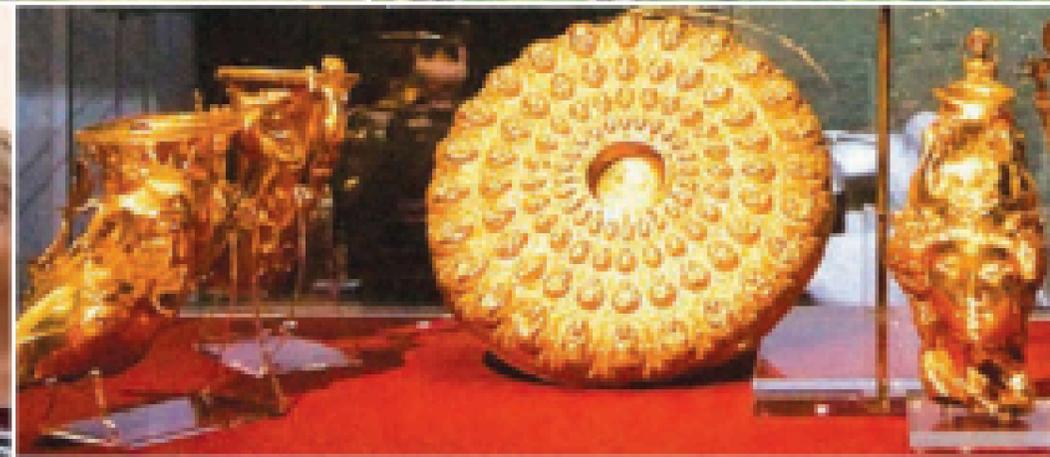


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TOURS WITH A DIFFERENCE



TOURS 2025-26

All prices include flights, early booking strongly recommended.

For 2026 we have to accept and deal with increased flight and land arrangement costs. Nevertheless, we believe we still do offer you the best value for nature and culture tours to Bulgaria and the Balkans.

THE DESCRIPTIONS HERE ARE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOURS, DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARIES ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE ASK.

2025

Ancient Treasures of Bulgaria

5 - 15 October (Tour Code: ATB)

Leader: Yordanka (Dani) Kotseva

Price: £2,300

This tour gives you the perfect opportunity to visit the remains of the Thracian civilization, which is one of the least known in Europe, and which will be our main focus. However Bulgaria has treasures from many other different eras: Neolithic, Roman, Hellenic, Byzantine and Ottoman. We shall visit four of the seven UNESCO World Heritage sites in Bulgaria: Boyana, Kazanluk, Madara and Sveshtari. The tour ends in Varna, home of the oldest worked gold in the world.

2026

Winter Wildfowl Tour

Not a wild goose chase, plus a winter warmer!

Available in 2026 as a bespoke tour, please enquire if interested.

This tour gives you a chance to see Red-breasted Geese, White-headed Ducks and other wintering geese and ducks on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. The one-week tour will have two centres, the first on the northern part of the coast, and then in the south near Burgas Lakes.

Bulgarian Mountains & Greek Wetlands

A tour combining two countries and two distinctive habitats

5 - 15 April (Tour Code: BMGW)

Leader: Assen Ignatov

Price: £2,100

This is an opportunity to combine not only two countries in one tour, but two contrasting habitats. In Bulgaria the Pirin mountains will provide pine forest birds and in Greece there will be visits to wetlands including Kerkini lake, Axios river, lakes Volvi and Langada and the Nestos and Evros deltas, the last is an important bottleneck for migratory birds.

MAY

A glorious month in Bulgaria, choose from the following three bespoke tours:

Early May Birds and Bears

Migrants and Mountain Specialities

Available in 2026, please enquire if interested.

Bulgaria's location where the Balkan mountains meet the Black Sea, not far north of the border with Asia, makes it one of the Western Palearctic's foremost birding destinations. Few other European countries can match its diversity of species and habitats, or its spectacle of mass migration.

Wanderlust and Serendipity

Available in 2026, please enquire if interested.

Spend an 8 day holiday first exploring Sofia's highlights, before travelling to picturesque Koprivshtitsa and its surroundings, looking for birds, butterflies, flowers and other wildlife.



2026

Early Summer Butterflies & Moths Tour

14 - 24 June (Tour Code: SBM)

Leaders: Nick Greatorex-Davies and Mitko Petrakiev

Price £2,200

Eleven days in the beautiful Rhodope Mountains of SE Bulgaria, with contrasting habitats in the east and the west. We expect to see 120 - 130 species of butterfly, as well as moths and dragonflies.

JULY

Midsummer Butterfly and Moth Tour

Available in 2026 as a bespoke tour, please enquire if interested.

July is the peak of the butterfly season in Bulgaria and when most of the alpine species can be found along with many species at lower altitudes. The tour will be primarily in the mountainous regions of SW Bulgaria and is designed to cover a wide range of habitats over a wide range of altitudes from lowlands to alpine meadows and rocky scree, enabling us to see over 130 different species.

As well as butterflies we shall note day-flying moths and run at least one moth trap on most nights during the tour.

Taste of Bulgaria

20 - 28 September (Tour Code: ToB)

Price: £2,800.

(Based on a group of 8 or more, a smaller group will incur a supplement)

Our Bulgarian luxury gourmet tour takes place during the most exciting time of the year for farmers and winemakers - the harvest, or vintage. The tour will also take you to some of Bulgaria's vibrant cities, picturesque villages, magnificent monasteries and stunning archaeological sites to give you an additional taste of Bulgaria.

Ancient Treasures of Bulgaria

4 - 14 October (Tour Code: ATB)

Leader: Yordanka (Dani) Kotseva

Price: £2,300

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FLIGHTS

At the time of publishing, some of the planned flights have not yet been scheduled by the respective airlines. We may therefore have to adjust some of the itineraries' dates at a later stage.

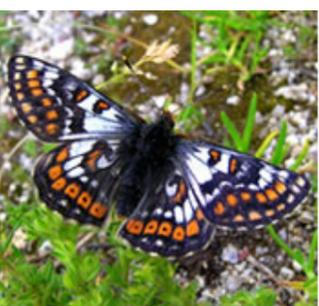
TAILOR MADE TOURS

Or would you like any of our tours adjusted to better suit your particular interests? Don't hesitate to contact us.

We'll be happy to put it together for you!

We have a wide experience of specialist tours, for small or large numbers (the larger the number, the smaller the price) and long or short periods of time.

Recent topics, in addition to what's in this brochure, have included mountain walking, wildflowers, birds and bears, wine festivals, culinary tours, folklore festivals, folk dancing, textiles and embroidery, and photography.



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TOURS CALENDAR 2025-26

2025

OCTOBER

05.10 - 15.10 ANCIENT TREASURES OF BULGARIA
(TOUR CODE: ATB)

2026

FEBRUARY

01.02 - 08.02 WINTER WILDFOWL TOUR
(TOUR CODE: WW)

APRIL

05.04 - 15.04 BULGARIAN MOUNTAINS & GREEK WETLANDS
(TOUR CODE: BMGW)

MAY

A GLORIOUS MONTH IN BULGARIA,
CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING THREE BESPOKE TOURS:

EARLY MAY BIRDS AND BEARS

MIGRANTS AND MOUNTAIN SPECIALITIES
(TOUR CODE: MMS)

WANDERLUST AND SERENDIPITY
(TOUR CODE: WT)

JUNE

14.06 - 24.06 EARLY SUMMER BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS TOUR
(TOUR CODE: SBM)

JULY

MIDSUMMER BUTTERFLY AND MOTH TOUR
(TOUR CODE: BM)

SEPTEMBER

20.09 - 28.09 TASTE OF BULGARIA
(TOUR CODE: TOB)

OCTOBER

04 - 14 ANCIENT TREASURES OF BULGARIA
(TOUR CODE: ATB)

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NEWS FLASH: From 1 January 2026 Bulgaria joins the Eurozone and the Euro becomes the official national currency. Euro will be the only currency acceptable in Bulgarian shops, restaurants and other establishments. Exchange offices will freely exchange British pounds to Euro. Scottish and Irish pounds are not accepted. Cash machines will issue Euros.

