

Plovdiv & Bachkovo Monastery

Description: Plovdiv (160 m a.s.l.) is situated in the western part of the Thracian Valley. It ranks as the second Bulgarian city in population and size after the capital. It is also one of the oldest European towns contemporary to Troya and Mikena. It has been existing as a settlement about 8000 years ago, and became a town 3000 years ago during the Trojan war. It was the capital of Ancient Thrace and a big trade centre in the Middle Ages. In the historic quarter of the city you will see beautifully decorated period houses, the ancient fortress-wall, the Roman forum and stadium and magnificent churches. The Old city of Plovdiv with its museums, historical sites, ancient houses and paved streets is a nice play for sightseeing. After transfer to Plovdiv (2 h) we will make a sightseeing tour in the old city of Plovdiv, visiting the most interesting churches, museums and ancient houses. In the afternoon we will visit also

Bachkovo Monastery - the second largest in Bulgaria. On all sides the monastery is surrounded by the hills of the Rodopi Mountains, which together with its size and ancient spirit make it one of the most visited monasteries in Bulgaria. Later in the afternoon we head back to Sofia.

Trek duration (walking only): 2-3 hours

Best period: all year

Price is total for up to 8 ppl and includes private transfer by bus to Plovdiv and Bachkovo Monastery and guidance throughout the trip; the price excludes meals and drinks, things of personal use and entrance tickets.

