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PLOVDIV

The city of Plovdiv is the second largest city in Bulgaria and one of the best-preferred travel destinations, not only because of its huge cultural and archaeological heritage, but also due to its central location, offering a variety of tourist attractions and activities.

Due to the diverse opportunities for tourism, the city has been listed in a number of prestigious ranks, among which European Best Destinations 2016. In 2019 Plovdiv will be European Capital of Culture.



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RESTAURANTS AND CLUBS

Plovdiv is a place where one can enjoy a real gastronomic experience with the variety of Mediterranean and traditional Bulgarian meals. What will make such dishes even better, is a glass of wine from the biggest wine region in Bulgaria. The nightlife in the city is something one should explore, whether enjoying wine and discussions on its production in a wine club, get a drink in a cocktail bar, or discover the nightclubs in Kapana District.

PHILIPPOPOLIS GALLERY & RESTAURANT

Attractive food and wine connoisseurs from Plovdiv and around the world, Philippopolis Restaurant-Gallery & Garden, is the place in the Old Town where you can find gourmet pleasures, or stumble upon international movie stars.

The exclusive seasonal menus are a fusion between national flavors and international delicacies. The impressive wine list and welcoming service in this Viennese style restaurant makes you feel as if you were transported to the glorious past of the 1930s' Europe. Richly decorated in turn-of-the-century Viennese style, Tiffany flair stained glass accents, original art displayed between crystal mirrors, and soft music, are the perfect ambience for quiet and romantic dinners.

Its garden, perched on an Ancient Roman wall and overlooking "Kapana" - the creative hub of Plovdiv - is an ideal place to hang out in hot summer days or host your wedding in an extraordinary decor.

29 Saborna Str., Plovdiv 4000

+359 32 624 851

http://philippopolis.com/cs/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=29&Itemid=&lang=en

Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 00:00 a.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/274>

ENOTHEKA BENDIDA

In Enotheka Bandida you can enjoy a perfect selection of Ruby and Mavrud from the Plovdiv region, combined with home-prepared traditional meals.

The club offers tasting menus, made by a sommelier, free lecture about the Thracians and their wine production, as well as organizing wine tasting events for tourist groups.

15 Druzhba Str., Plovdiv 4002

+359 88 791 1188

<http://bendida.eu/>

Monday-Friday: 09:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday: 09:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NIGHT CLUBS IN KAPANA DISTRICT

Club Marmalad – Opening hours: 11:00 p.m. - 05:00 a.m.;

Address: Bratya Pulievi Str., Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

Petnoto na Rorshach (The Spot) – Opening hours: 10:00 p.m. – 04:00 a.m.; Program: Monday: Quiz Night; Tuesday: Book presentations; Wednesday:

Wednesday Stage Arts; Thursday: DJ set night;

Address: 36 Yoakim Gruev Str., Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

Fabric Bar – Opening hours: 6:00 p.m. – 05:00 a.m.;

Address: 31A Otets Paisiy Str., Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

No Sense – Opening hours: 6:00 p.m. – 04:00 a.m.;

Address: 5 Evlogi Feorgiev Str., Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

MEMORY WINE&DINE

Memory Wine & Dine is the perfect place for company parties, business meetings, birthdays, family gatherings, elegant weddings and meetings with friends.

At the heart of the city we've created a place where you will find food prepared with care, skill and passion and be able to enjoy it among the relaxing shades and shapes of the original interior. We make daily efforts to satisfy your appetite for innovative and contemporary cuisine, but will be happy to cook your favourite home-made dish, too. To this we offer to add a few notes of jazz and soul music, breathe in the aromas of a glass of excellent wine from our exclusive wine selection and thus build up our collection of future memories together.

A rich assortment of well-selected wines is available in our exclusive wine shop where you can purchase wines to take home at cost prices.

3 Saedinenie Sq., Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 62 61 03, +359 894 490 637

<http://memorybg.net/en>

Monday - Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 01:00 a.m.

QUATTRO PIANO BAR

Quattro Piano Bar is located right below Memory Restaurant, at Saedinenie Square.

This is the perfect place to enjoy a drink, good mood and perfect music played by the music band Soulmate.

We are expecting you on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 11:00 p.m.

3 Saedinenie Sq., Plovdiv 4000
+359 894 98 44 44

Wednesday - Thursday: 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.; Friday - Saturday: 11:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.

NORIS COCKTAIL BAR

The fully refurbished Cocktail Bar Noris has a modern decor and light effects which you can enjoy 24 hours per day. It is located at the city centre and has a big summer garden with 250 seats.

Cocktail Bar Noris consistently combines luxury, cozy atmosphere and friendly service.

The selection of branded drinks combined with the cozy atmosphere and pleasant music will you forget the fatigue of the hard day. At evening parties a number of promotions are available.

27 Ilarion Makariopolski Str., Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 631 718

<http://noris.bg/en/Coctail-bar.c135>

Round the clock

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2672>

Bus #9, 10

RESTAURANT INDIA

The first traditional Indian Restaurant in Plovdiv is located in the heart of the city, adjacent to Saedinenie Sq. and the Archaeological Museum. The restaurant offers a wide variety of Indian meals and drinks, the recipes for which have been passed from generation to generation. The culture and heritage of India will be delivered to your table, recreating the atmosphere of a real Indian dinner.

34 Petko Karavelov Str., Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 20 71 48

<http://restaurant-india.com/en/>

Monday - Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2796>

MUNDO

Restaurant Mundo offers fabulous dishes from Bulgarian and Mediterranean cuisine.

Enjoy great selection of fresh salads, delicious dishes, deserts and variety of drinks - specially selected to satisfy each connoisseurs' taste.

Whether planning a business lunch, meeting with friends, Gala dinner or just would like to enjoy a glass of good wine - let us turn your occasion into triumph of the senses.

The restaurant's capacity is up to 140 guests. An attractive summer garden with capacity up to 40 guests is a part of the elegant atmosphere of the restaurant.

38 St Peterburg Blvd., Plovdiv 4000

+359 32 811 856, ext.6; +359 877 211 155

<http://www.parkhotelplovdiv.com/en/restaurant-mundo>

Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. -11:20 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/1514>

HEMINGWAY BBQ BAR & GRILL

Hemingway – BBQ&Grill is a place for dining, meeting people, for enjoying wine and music. The smell of delicious meals and freshly baked bread is what entices you in for a glass of wine. The the food is prepared with love,the wines are specially selected there sounds some live piano music. We offer diverse lunch and dinner menus, our wine list includes a selection of classy Bulgarian and imported wines and we strive to maintain high level of service..

Whether you want to grab a bite or have fun with colleagues and friends, Hemingway BBQ Bar & Grill is the place to go for dining, a glass of good wine and music.

10 Gurko str, Plovdiv 4000

+359 894 49 06 36

<http://www.hemingway.bg/en>

09:00 a.m. - 01:00 a.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/3635>

MEGDANA RESTAURANT

Megdana is the place where you get to know the Bulgarian traditions and national folklore. You can feel the unique atmosphere with the Bulgarian cuisine, fine wines and music program.

Delighted with national traditions, culinary tastes and the variety of round dances, our guests from abroad spend unforgettable evenings with their Bulgarian friends. Experience this extraordinary story at the most Bulgarian restaurant Megdana.

11 Odrin Str., Plovdiv 4000

+359 88 596 82 70 ; +359 32 624 694

<http://megdanabg.com/>

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

MONROE

Restaurant Monroe is a place for connoisseurs in the center of Plovdiv with relaxing music and interior.

Here you can start your day with freshly baked snacks end a night out with quality piano music.

5 Antim I Str., Plovdiv 4000

+359 899 838 349

Round the clock

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2914>

ACCOMMODATION

Plovdiv can accommodate each and every traveler, according to their personal needs. The variety of hotels, guest houses and hostels offers all the necessities for both the perfect family holiday and the needs of those on budget.

Some of the Revival houses in the Old Town have been turned into boutique hotels or guest houses, thus combining great service and modern facilities with the unique atmosphere of cultural sites.

PARK HOTEL PLOVDIV

Park Hotel Plovdiv is designed to perfectly meet the needs of both business and leisure travellers. Located in the Lauta City Park, the hotel offers a convenient location in the central part of the city among freshness and greenery of a natural area. The hotel's luxurious rooms and suites designed to create a feeling of coziness and comfort through classic furniture and stylish atmosphere. The conference center of the hotel provides excellent conditions for organized business events.

The restaurant offers first class meals from the Bulgarian and Mediterranean cuisine complemented by an exquisite interior and the Lobby Lounge is available 24 hours per day.

The Spa & Lounge Deluxe Center of the hotel provides the opportunity for relaxation and seclusion, offering a wide portfolio of SPA services. A beauty salon, an easily accessible parking and free Wi Fi are the undeniable amenities for the stay of every guest.

38 Sankt Peterburg Blvd., Plovdiv 4000
 +359 32 811 856; +359 889 990 032
<http://www.parkhotelplovdiv.com/en>
<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/226>

EXPO HOTEL

Expo Hotel is the secret of savvy travelers seeking affordable, attractive accommodations in one of the best locations of Plovdiv. The hotel staff and management are dedicated to superior customer service consistent with our beautiful exterior and interior design.

Located on the central Ruski boulevard in the very heart of Plovdiv, the City of the Seven Hills, Expo Hotel is an ideal choice, as both the business and leisure travelers would agree. Nestled in the foot of the most famous of all Plovdiv hills we are a short walk away from the magnificent historic Old City of Plovdiv. The International Fair Grounds and Central Bus and Train Station are within two very easy – and interesting – walks. City night life and central shopping area are nearby.

38 Ruski Blvd., Plovdiv 4000
 +359 32 63 11 33; +359 887 14 66 14
<http://www.expo-hotel.com/english/>
<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/179>

CITY HOTEL PLOVDIV

City Hotel offers various services and comfort to its guests.

With 43 rooms and 90 beds capacity we offer Internet access / wi-fi/ , central air conditioning , telephone , satellite TV and minibar in order to make our guests all our guests to feel home.

Our guests can start their day with rich and delicious breakfast menu and enjoy your day and evening at our Lobby Bar or Piano bar having a variety of drinks and Snacks.

You can have your lunch or dinner at Brazilia Restaurant and taste unique flavors of Turkish cuisine and enjoy the live music at the same building of the hotel.

After a tiring business day you can relax at our Turkish Bath ,Jacuzzi , Sauna and Massage Rooms at Our Fitness and Spa Center.

The fully high tech equipped Conference Hall is at your disposal at any time.

3 Vladaya Str., Plovdiv 4000
 +359 32 629 783
<http://cityhotelplovdiv.com/>
<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/174>

RAMADA PLOVDIV TRIMONTIUM

Ramada Plovdiv Trimontium is a hotel of international reputation, an outstanding symbol of Plovdiv, located right next to the all green City Garden and the Main Shopping Street.

The hotel offers excellent conditions for accommodation, business meetings, carrying out conferences and various events, sports and entertainment. It has two swimming pools -an outdoor, which is a wonderful place for relaxation during the hot summer days, and an inner one, situated over ancient Roman ruins which have been used as settings in a style preserved by the course of time.

2 Kapitan Raycho Str., Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 60 50 09

<http://www.ramada.com/>

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/232>

LEIPZIG

Hotel Leipzig boasts with its central location on the foot of one of the Liberators Hill and offers sophisticated state-of-the-art interior combined with brilliant service.

Set within the centre of the administrative, business and commercial area of the city, Hotel Leipzig is 650 metres away from the Central Railway Station. The hotel is within a short distance to the city center and the International Fair is only a 10-minute drive away.

The stylish accommodation units present individual decorations and modern amenities.

70 Ruski Blvd, Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 654 000

<http://www.leipzig.bg/>

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/219>

GRAND HOTEL PLOVDIV

Grand Hotel Novotel is all the holiday and business travellers.

The spacious, contemporarily designed rooms provide all the modern comforts, including free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel.

The Novotel houses 3 different restaurants, a cafeteria and 2 bars, where you can taste delicious meals in a friendly and stylish setting.

In the spa center one can have access to a heated indoor swimming pool, hot tub, sauna, steam bath, a gym and massage rooms.

There are 10 meeting rooms and conference halls, as well as parking area.

The city center is within a short distance and the Old Town is only half a mile away.

2 Zlatyu Boyadjiev Str., Plovdiv
00359 32 934 163

www.icep.bg

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/957>

IMPERIAL PLOVDIV HOTEL AND SPA

Perfectly located in a central and quiet area, Imperial Plovdiv Hotel and Spa is an ideal choice for both business and leisure travellers. It is within walking distance of the Old Town and only minutes away from the city's business and shopping districts.

The hotel offers 193 comfortable and well-appointed rooms, as well as apartments with incredible view.

You can choose from a full range of exceptional treatments, massages and body care therapies, saunas, steam baths and a delicate relaxation room in the Spa center of the hotel.

Our friendly staff and professional service will guarantee your comfortable stay.

6 Lev Tolstoy Str./ 1A Arch.Kamen Petkov Str.
+359 32 600 730

<http://www.hotelimperial.bg>

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/199>

LANDMARK CREEK HOTEL

Landmark Creek hotel is the newest four-star hotel complex in Plovdiv.

Located in the greenest and most picturesque city area- the Rowing Canal, the hotel offers an exquisite combination of nature's tranquility and dynamic city environment. It enchants with a remarkable panorama view, elegant atmosphere and special attitude towards every guest.

The hotel offers 52 rooms with panoramic view, a garden restaurant, a lobby bar, spa center and gym, an outdoor pool, as well as conference halls. The discrete luxury, the cosy atmosphere, the high level of service and hospitality can satisfy even the highest demands.

1 St.Valentin Street, Rowing Canal West, Plovdiv
4000

+359 892 20 25 70

<http://www.landmarkhotel.bg/lang-en.htm>

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2896>

STAR HOTEL

In the heart of Plovdiv Star Hotel Bulgaria is steps from the Roman Theatre and all city sights. There is no such location in the whole city. We are so centrally located that you will find all the major attractions around us-the Old Town, the Roman Amphitheater, galleries, museums, and shopping centers. We are also, in the heart of the business center, surrounded by banks, business centers and municipalities.

Star Hotel Bulgaria is the perfect choice whether you are exploring Plovdiv, shopping or travelling on business.

We run a 24 hour Front Desk service, and our staff is always happy and ready to help you.

There is a free wireless internet all over the hotel.

11 Patriarh Evtimii Str., Plovdiv 4000

+359 32 633 599

<http://starhotel.bg>

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/1060>

PARK HOTEL SANKT PETERBURG

Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg is the highest modern complex in Plovdiv.

The hotel fascinates with harmony, elegance, comfort and European style.

Located in the business centre of Plovdiv, the hotel offers a spectacular panoramic view of the city skyline.

Sankt Peterburg Park Hotel is stylishly furnished and designed especially for the needs of both business and leisure travelers. The complex offers spacious suites, studios and rooms, as well as conference halls, Viennese Confectionery, Panorama Café-Bar, Main Restaurant with two levels, a Business Restaurant, Aqua Park and Children's Centre.

97 Bulgaria Blvd, Plovdiv 4003

+359 32 91 03

<http://www.sphotel.net/en/>

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/240>

Buses 4, 11, 16, 18, 20, 21, 99

EVENTS



A huge set of top-class events are annually held in Plovdiv.

The most popular venues include the Ancient theatre, Balabanov House and the newly-constructed Multifunctional Sports Hall Kolodrums.

All the cultural events can be checked on the following page:

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/eventsplodiv>

SOUNDS OF AGES - SEPTEMBER 2016

The annual Rock Festival Sounds of Ages will take place at the Ancient Theatre in September 2016.

On 22nd September the Swedish band Katatonia will perform with the orchestra of State Opera Plovdiv.

The concert of the Spanish rock band Macaco will take place on 23rd of September.

The full program of the festival will become clear soon.

Ancient theatre, Plovdiv 4000

<http://www.soundsoftheages.com/>

Online on www.eventim.bg

OPERA OPEN 2016 - JUNE 18 - JULY 29 2016

The open-air opera festival Opera Open is going to be held for a third year in the magical atmosphere of the Ancient theatre, which has become a dream stage for world famous singers, instrumentalists, orchestras and dance troupes.

Six worldwide-recognized Bulgarian opera performers will attend the stage during the Gala Opening of Opera Open 2016 on June 18 2016.

Program:

June 18 - 9:00 p.m. - Gala Opening

June 21 - 9:00 p.m. - Madama Butterfly

June 24 - 9:00 p.m. - The Flying Dutchman

July 2 - 9:00 p.m. - Carmen

July 6 - 9:00 p.m. - Viva L'Opera, Viva L'Operetta

July 15 - 9:00 p.m. - Turandot

July 19 - 9:00 p.m. - International Ballet Gala

July 22 - 9:00 p.m. - Aida

July 29 - 9:00 p.m. - Pandora

Ancient Theatre, Plovdiv 4000

+359 32 625 553

<http://operaplovdiv.bg/arenaopen/schedule>

9:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/eventsplodiv>

Ticket office in front of the Municipality of Plovdiv; Online on:

http://www.eventim.bg/bg/tursi/?city=%D0%9F%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B4%D0%B8%D0%B2&smode=CONDITIONS_YOURTOWN

INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF TOURISM (IMT)

Since 2012 Plovdiv Municipality organizes International Meeting of Tourism in cooperation with Ministry of Tourism, private companies, local and national authorities. The forum emphasizes on variety aspects of the tourism development in the city and the region of Plovdiv, presenting the diversity of its tourist product. It introduces the opportunities for cultural, religious, weekend, wine, spa and other types of tourism.

IMT Plovdiv gathers heads of local, regional and national tourism authorities, tourism professionals from all around the globe with immense experience within the field and representative of worldwide recognized media.

Plovdiv

<http://imt.visitplovdiv.com/>

XXII INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL - AUGUST 2016

The 22-nd edition of the International Folklore Festival will be held during the first weekend of August, its venues being the Ancient theatre and Stephan Stambolov Sq. (The Main Shopping Street).

By now, dancers from Greece, Turkey, Russia, Georgia, Czech Republic, Italy, Egypt, Nigeria, Mexico, Costa Rica, India and many other countries have taken part in the annual event.

Ancient Theatre, Plovdiv 4000

Free admission

ONE ARCHITECTURE WEEK 2016

One Architecture Week is an annual international festival for architecture.

Having started as a two-day conference in September 2008, it grew into a week-long platform for meeting and exchanging ideas in the field of architecture, interiors, landscape and urban environment. Its diverse program includes presentations, exhibitions, discussions, workshops, screenings and interventions in the urban environment, as well as creative workshops for children.

Every year, One Architecture Week presents the trends in modern architecture with a focus on a specific topic and a new curatorial team.

+359 879 48 95 53

<http://edno.bg/en/event/39/the-festival>

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL - JUNE 10TH-20TH 2016

The International Chamber Music Festival is the oldest festival for chamber music in Europe, held annually in June. The 52nd edition of the festival will be opened on Friday, June 10 in the Ethnographic Museum, which is the traditional venue of all the concerts.

The international prestige of the festival is highlighted by the participation of String Trio (Turkey), Camino Guitar Trio (USA), Vogl String Trio (Austria), Ludens Piano Trio (Romania) and many others.

The full program is available on the official webpage of the event:

<https://chamberfestivalplovdiv.com/program-2016/>

2 Dr. Stoyan Chomakov Str., Ethnographic Museum, Plovdiv 4000

+359 885 378 727

<https://chamberfestivalplovdiv.com/%D0%B5nglish/>

At the door

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

The abundance of art galleries and museums makes Plovdiv a must-visit city, famous as the city of artists.

There are over 300,000 immovable artefacts in the city's museums from all of the 8 archaeological periods of its history.

Temporary expositions also take place to display private collections, or expositions of paintings by young artists.

CITY ART GALLERY - HALLS FOR TEMPORARY EXPOSITIONS

The exhibition spaces are housed in a building with a typical urban architecture from the beginning of the 20th century. In the halls on both floors are presented temporary exhibitions relating to the anniversaries of outstanding Bulgarian artists, as well as the history and problems of the country's cultural life. Exhibitions of foreign artists, experimental exhibitions and children exhibitions are also presented here.

15 Knyaz Alexander Batemberg Str., Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 624221

<http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en>

Monday - Friday: 09:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Weekend: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/832>

Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the expositions: 8 BGN;

MUSEUM CENTER OF MODERN HISTORY

The building was originally an officers club, found in 1895.

In 1951 the building was turned into a Museum of the History of Capitalism, Working Class Movement and Socialist Construction.

Nowadays it accommodates the Museum Centre of Modern History. The permanent exposition of the museum - The Soul of the Japanese Doll, represents the history of the Japanese traditional dolls.

In the large, fully equipped hall there are also arranged art and photographic exhibitions, presentations, seminars and other public events.

14 Angel Bukoreshtliev Str.

+359 32 62 88 86; +359 32 63 45 12

<http://www.historymuseumplodiv.org/>

Monday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/846>

REGIONAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM - EXPOSITION OF BOOK PUBLISHING IN BULGARIA IN 19TH-20TH CENTURY

The exposition of the Bulgarian book publishing took place in the house of the founder of the modern Bulgarian book publishing Hristo Gruev Danov in 1975.

The house was erected in the mid 19th century and is a typical example of a symmetric house from the Revival period. The transition from the ceiling to walls is painted with alternating 12 medallions, four of them depicting Johann Gutenberg.

The section of the exposition holds more than 5000 volumes of books, unique publications, geographic maps and school pictures and aids, items of everyday life, personal belongings and correspondence of Hristo Danov and his publisher's house.

2 Mitropolit Paisii Str., The Old Town, Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 62 94 05

<http://www.historymuseumplodiv.org/>

Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/848>

Adults: 3 BGN; Students: 1 BGN; Children up to 7 years of age: Free admission

REGIONAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM - BULGARIAN NATIONAL REVIVAL EXPOSITION

The Bulgarian National Revival Exposition is hosted in the house of Dimitar Georgiadi in the Old Town, which is a cultural monument of national importance. The house was built in 1848 on commission of the wealthy Bulgarian craftsman Georgi Kendindenoglou and presents the so-called symmetric Revival house.

The exposition traces back the history of Plovdiv in the period 15-19th century and takes ten halls and two salons of the house. The halls on the first floor display the ethnic diversity and economic development of Plovdiv during the Ottoman rule. On the second and third floor there are items presenting the struggle for new Bulgarian education, separate church and national independence.

1 Tsanko Lavrenov Str., Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 62 33 78

<http://www.historymuseumploddiv.org/>

Monday - Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitploddiv.com/en/node/850>

Adults: 3 BGN; Students: 1 BGN; Children up to 7 years of age: Free admission

CITY ART GALLERY - PERMANENT EXPOSITION

The exposition is housed in the building of the Young Girls' College, designed and built under the guidance of architect Joseph Schnitter in 1881.

The collection presents the most diverse artistic works from the early development of Bulgarian art, with over 200 original pieces of artworks.

It is arranged chronologically on two floors.

On display are the works of our great Revival artists before and in the first years after the Liberation.

At present the City Art Gallery of Plovdiv holds 7210 works, of which 2310 – paintings, 2549 – graphic works, 545 – sculptures and applied arts works, 574 – icons and 1234 – works of Mexican art.

14 A Sabona Str., Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 63 53 22

<http://www.galleryploddiv.com/en/>

Monday - Friday: 09:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Weekend: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitploddiv.com/en/node/838>

Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the exhibitions: 8 BGN;

CITY ART GALLERY - EXPOSITION OF ENCHO PIRONKOV

Encho Pironkov's style is typified by strong expressive gesture with a sense of spontaneity and naturalness. It fragments pictorial space and fits in it figures holding ceremonial position. Dealing with these compositions is dramatically enhanced by the peculiar mystique of the message and the typical strong opposition to the cut-off in them. This art has evolved and been enriched contemporary plastic ideas and opinions, thus forming part of a new mythology in Bulgarian painting.

The gallery displays 45 works donated by the artist, covering various periods of his creative development.

1 Vassil Kunchev Str., The Old Town, Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 63 80 55

<http://www.galleryploddiv.com/en>

Monday - Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitploddiv.com/en/node/830>

Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the exhibitions: 8 BGN;

REGIONAL NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The museum displays a variety of exhibitions, including those of Minerals, Fishes, Mammals, Amphibians and Reptiles, Invertebrates, Birds and Plants.

The biggest and the most diversified aquarium in the whole country with over 216 kinds of fish and octopi and a terrarium with living animal species can be explored.

After recent reconstructions, the museum boasts with the first Digital Planetarium in Bulgaria with a capacity of 50 seats, which carries the visitors into the atmosphere of nature and the outer space.

34 Hristo G. Danov Street, Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 633096; Reservations for groups: +359 32 633096

<http://rnhm.org/en/home>

Monday - Sunday: 9:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.; Hours of the projections in the Digital Planetarium: 09:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00, 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/842>

4,00 BGN; Students - 2,00 BGN; Tickets for the projections in the Digital Planetarium: Single: adults - 10,00 BGN; Students - 7,00 BGN

CITY ART GALLERY - EXPOSITION OF MEXICAN ART

Along with decorative monumental painting, Mexican graphic arts cause significant public interest with its thematic engagement, professional skill and advanced plastic solutions with direct impact on the audience.

Since 1981 such visually diverse graphic collections have been presented in out country. The exposition consists of 1,300 drawings, donated to Bulgaria by the National Fund 13 Centuries Bulgaria. This is the first fully equipped art gallery outside of Mexico and a complete overview of modern Mexican graphic. Subsequently received copies of pre-Columbian pottery replicas of musical instruments, artwork and crafts.

11 Artin Gidikov Str., The Old Town, 4000 Plovdiv
+359 32 62 87 45

<http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en>

Monday - Friday: 09:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.;

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/834>

Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the expositions: 8 BGN;

MUSEUM OF AVIATION

The Museum of Aviation in the village of Krumovo was established in 1991. Since 2005 it has been a branch of the National Museum of Military History –Sofia.

The indoor and outdoor expositions display collections of aircraft, aviation engines and equipment, photos, decorations, flags and others. There are two collections devoted to space flights, including the equipment of the first Bulgarian astronaut Georgi Ivanov, as well as photo material of taking off of Sojuz - TM-5 in 1988.

Krumovo Village, Plovdiv Region 4112
+359 32/63 66 77

<http://www.airmuseum-bg.com/eng/>

Wednesday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Adults: 5 BGN; Students: 2 BGN; Children up to 7 years of age: free; Family: 8 BGN; Free admission: The last Wednesday of every month.

CITY ART GALLERY - EXPOSITION OF TSANKO LAVRENOV

In his works Tsanko Lavrenov demonstrates a deep sincere devotion to the monuments of the Bulgarian Renaissance. His compositions with themes from Plovdiv and Veliko Tarnovo, with themes from old monasteries of the Holy Mountain of Athos, Rila and Rhodopes, indicate his desire to connect with the natural architectural forms in the name of their respectable historicity.

Although almost all the characteristics of his art are typical for modernism and are not unknown to European art of that time, put together in his decorative graphic illustrations, they present a different approach to creativity.

11 Artin Gidikov Str., The Old Town, 4000 Plovdiv
+359 32 62 87 45

<http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en>

Monday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/834>

Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the expositions: 8 BGN;

ICON GALLERY

On display are the best examples of icons wealth funds from the gallery's collection of Plovdiv Bishopric, representing the Eastern Christian art from the Plovdiv region and throughout South Bulgaria by the end of the fifteenth century to the late nineteenth century.

Extremely valuable are eight icons from Nessebar - works of masters from the Post-Byzantine Cretan School. Seventeenth century is also presented with a number of icons from Rakitovo. The path of Bulgarian pilgrims who visited the holy places like Jerusalem, Sinai Monastery St. Catherine and the Holy Mountain Athos can be followed by the Eruslimii and the church plate presented. Thematic exhibitions are temporarily displayed, presenting various aspects of symbolic of the Christian art.

22 Saborna Str., The Old Town, Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 626086

<http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en>

Monday - Friday: 09:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday:
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/836>

Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the
expositions: 8 BGN;

REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

The Regional Archaeological Museum is one of the oldest cultural institutions in Bulgaria, founded in 1882.

Seven temporary collections are exposed in the museum: Prehistoric Art, The Panagyurishte Gold Treasure (Thracian Art), Ancient Greek Art, Roman Art, Medieval Art, Bulgarian Revival Art and Numismatic Collection.

The Antiquity Department of the Museum contains more than 5,000 exhibits illustrating the Thracian-Roman Arts

The museum's Numismatic Department displays a collection of 60,000 coins, dated VI c. B. C. - XX c. A. D.

1 Saedinenie Square, Plovdiv
+359 32 624 339

www.archaeologicalmuseumplovdiv.org

Tuesday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/840>

5 BGN

REGIONAL ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

Plovdiv Regional Ethnographic museum is the second largest specialized museum of this type in Bulgaria.

The museum was established in 1917 and since 1938 it has been located in Kuyumdzhieva house - a cultural monument of national significance. The permanent exposition consists of more than 40,000 items and presents Bulgarian crafts, agriculture, clothing, furniture, musical instruments, as well as a photo exhibition.

2 Dr. Stoyan Chomakov Str., Plovdiv
+359 32 625 654

www.ethnograph.info

Tuesday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/844>

REGIONAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM - EXPOSITION OF BULGARIAN UNIFICATION 1885

The exposition of the Unification of Bulgaria of 1885 has been arranged in the building of the Province assembly (the Parliament) of East Rumelia, designed by Architect Pierre Montani. The museum exposition was opened in 1985 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Unification of the Principality of Bulgaria and East Rumelia and represents the period beginning with the Treaty of Berlin (1878), till the Serbo-Bulgarian War of 1885. Five exhibition halls on area of 900 sq.m. show authentic exhibits (personal belongings, award tokens, cold steel and firearms), photos and documents of participants in the Unification and the Serbo-Bulgarian War.

1 Saedinenie Sq., Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 629 409

www.historymuseumplovdiv.org

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/820>

Adults: 3 BGN; Students: 1 BGN; Children up to 7
years of age: Free admission

USEFUL INFORMATION

PHARMACIES

Non-Stop Pharmacies in the city center:

Centralpharm 1

Address: 130A Bulgaria Blvd, Plovdiv 4000

Contact: +359 32 953 373

Day and Night

Address: 150 Hristo Botev Str., Plovdiv 4000

Contact: +359 32 630 983

Malyovitsa

Address: 68 Vasil Aprilov Blvd

Contact: +359 32 643 555

TELEPHONE

There are 3 mobile network operators in Bulgaria providing 2G and 3G coverage to almost the entire country – M-tel, Telenor and Vivacom.

In the big cities there is free WiFi network mainly in the cafeterias, restaurants, hotels, big shopping centers, railway and bus stations.

The Post Offices also provide opportunities for making domestic and international calls.

National Telephone Code: 00359; +359

Plovdiv area code: 032; 00359 32

Emergency number (Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade): 112

POST OFFICES

1 Central Square, Plovdiv 4000

TAXI

All the taxis in Bulgaria are yellow in color. You can stop a taxi, as well as a public shuttle, anywhere by waving your hand.

There are also specifically designed taxi ranks on big boulevards. The normal price of a ride from the airport to the city center is 10-15 BGN and from the city center to the surrounding neighbourhoods it is no more than 5-7 BGN. All of the taxis have their rates per km on the passenger door.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The bus network in Plovdiv covers the whole city, as well as the suburbs. There are public shuttles, as well, which are operating as shared taxis. The price of the ticket in the public transport is 1BGN. Tickets can be purchased by the inspector in the bus and by the drivers in the shuttle.

<http://transport.plovdiv.bg/desktop/>

PLOVDIV INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

International Plovdiv Airport is located next to the village of Krumovo, 15 km away from the city center (about 20 min by car). The airport is served by the low-cost flight company Ryanair, providing direct flights to London Stansted Airport and Frankfurt Haan.

Seasonal flight served by various companies also take place.

Plovdiv International Airport is easily accessible by car and taxi. It is also served by public shared shuttles and private car transfers.

Plovdiv Airport, Krumovo Village, Rodopi Municipality

00359 32 601 134

<http://www.plovdivairport.com/en/home>

Monday - Friday: 08:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FREE TIME AND SHOPPING

Plovdiv is a paradise for everyone willing to indulge in some retail therapy.

The Main Shopping Street, which is one of the longest pedestrian streets in Europe, is not only the perfect starting point for your tour, but also area where shops of any kind are abundant. There are many shopping centers all around the city, most of them located in the close proximity of the modern city sites.

In the Old Town one can visit a number of antique shops, purchase a traditional Bulgarian item, or enjoy hand-made souvenirs made by young artists.

SHOPPING CENTER GRAND

Shopping Center Grand is located in the center of Plovdiv and spreads over a total sales area of over 27,000 square meters. The complex, which is built on six levels, includes an underground parking lot, hypermarket, shopping area, pharmacy, commercial banks and a travel agency; offices and restaurants; All the stores trade with items of famous Bulgarian and the world brands with guaranteed quality. Pleasant environment, stylishly arranged shops and helpful staff makes shopping in shopping center Grand a pleasure.

56 Kapitan Raycho Str., Plovdiv 4000

+359 32 391 350

Monday - Sunday: 09:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/722>

SHOPPING CENTER HALI

Shopping Center Hali is located on the Main Shopping Street. There are 130 shops inside, located on four levels. There you can find Bulgarian and foreign manufacturers of fashion, shoes, accessories, cosmetics, souvenirs and others.

On the ground floor is located hypermarket Billa. There is also a cafeteria, as well as a pastry shop and a children area on the territory of the complex.

8 Rayko Daskalov Str., Plovdiv 4000

+359 32 624 535

SHOPPING CENTER EXCELSIOR

The building, which is housing the shopping center is one of the pearls of the Main Shopping Street, included in the list of the Cultural monuments with local significance.

The curious thing about the building is the ruins of the Roman Stadium found on its foundations.

At the moment it is a shopping center in which one can enjoy various brands, as well as cafeterias, restaurants and a summer garden.

24 Knyaz Alexander Batenberg Str., Plovdiv 4000

MALL PLOVDIV

Mall Plovdiv is the first modern shopping and entertainment center in Plovdiv and the region. The project is a shopping and entertainment complex including the following facilities: a supermarket, more than 110 retail units - branches of banks, mobile operators, travel agencies, a pharmacy, a bookstore, snack bars, cafes and restaurants, Cinema City multiplex with 11 cinema halls, with underground and street parking spots.

The distance from the main shopping street is 2.5 km - about 10 minutes by car and 20 minutes walk from the city center.

8 Perushtitsa Str., Plovdiv 4002

+359 32 25 00 84

Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/721>

MARKET CENTER PLOVDIV

Market Center is a modern shopping facility located in the central part of Plovdiv.

Here you can discover various brands for woman, men and children wear, as well as the shop for cosmetics, domestic products, baby food and other goods DM.

In Market Center you can find Chinese restaurant, Pizza, as well as a beer house (Ale House) and night club Pasha.

54 Kapitan Raycho Str. Plovdiv 4000

MAIN SHOPPING STREET

The Main Street is a pedestrian area in the center of Plovdiv. It starts from Central Square at the Trimotium hotel. Down the Main Street are Stefan Stambolov Square with the Municipality building, the Roman Stadium and Dzhumaya mosque. Here the street joins with the Old Town and The Trap (Kapana District), which is in the close proximity of the so-called Small Main Street (Rayko Daskalov Str.). Here is the Shopping Center Hali, after which the Main Street crosses 6th September Blvd. in underpass at Maritsa Pharmacy and ends at the pedestrian bridge over the Maritsa Rive, which is a shopping area, as well.

There is a number of shops down the pedestrian area-shops for ladies, men and children fashion, cosmetics and accessories, as well as groceries, pharmacies, bookstores and many others.

One can also enjoy the cafeterias, restaurants and some of the historical sites of the city, while indulging themselves in retail therapy.

Rayko Daskalov Str., Plovdiv 4000

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/723>

FORUM TRAKIA

Located in the biggest neighborhood in Plovdiv - Trakia District, the Forum includes over 100 shops and 6 restaurants.

In the Forum you can also find children area, a cocktail bar, beauty center and others.

All the customers are provided with access to a free parking area.

34 Saedinenie Blvd, Trakia, Plovdiv

Every day: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Buses # 4, 9, 99

CITYSCAPE



Plovdiv is a compact city which can be best negotiated on foot. The Main Shopping Street, which is not only a shopping paradise, but also unique in architecture, loosely bounds the Old Town, where the cultural sites from all the millennia of the city's history can be discovered, along with modern museum expositions.

The city located on six hills, which are natural areas with unique animal and plant species, and perfect for leisure activities.

The romantic atmosphere of the city can be felt whether watching the sunset from the top of a hill, or enjoying a cozy restaurant or taking a night walk downtown.

ROWING CANAL

The Rowing Canal (Regatta Venue) in the city of Plovdiv is a sports facility for rowing. This is the largest facility of this kind in the Balkans where rowing competitions can be held. The channel is 2 200 meters long, 120 meters wide and three meters deep. It is located adjacent to the Recreation and Culture Park. The spectators can enjoy the sports events from the renovated 800 seats grandstand.

Other sports facilities are also located at the territory of the sports complex – tennis courts, a swimming pool, a Rope Garden Attraction. Recently, the place has become extremely attractive to both the citizens and the visitors of the city. Here you can enjoy a pleasant walk or rest. Restaurants located around the Rowing facilities look tempting.

TSAR SIMEON'S GARDEN AND THE LAKE WITH THE SINGING FOUNTAINS

Tsar Simeon's Garden in Plovdiv is created in 1892 by the Swiss landscape architect Lucien Chevalas (1840-1921).

Since the summer of 2015 the restored fountain of Goddess Demeter is brought for a new life, and a Viennese pavilion is built in the centre of the park. In addition, new benches and modern children's playgrounds are installed.

The trees and the flowers turn the park in a paradise garden.

The pearl on the crown of the park is the renovated Lake with the Singing Fountains. You can enjoy the light show of the lake intertwined with water effects.

The Fountain's special dance – a spectacular show with music and light can be observed every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 21:00.

Central Square, Plovdiv 4000

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2982>

KAPANA DISTRICT

The district emerged as a centre for craftsmen 5 centuries ago. Nowadays you will not find traditions craftsmen here, but contemporary creative entrepreneurs. This project is also part of the artistic programme of "Together" – the concept and motto Plovdiv won the European Capital of Culture 2019 with. You will find galleries, workshops, ateliers, studios, cozy restaurants and shops, as well as other art spaces, and there is even a vinyl shop! All these places fill Kapana with modern cultural content not only with their daily activities but also organizing events with social, economic and cultural effect for the city, such as concerts, exhibitions, festivals, forums, art installations, screenings, workshops and many more.

Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

Buses # 1,4,7,9,11,20,26,27,44

MAIN SHOPPING STREET

Plovdiv boasts with having one of the longest pedestrian streets in Europe. With its 1750 m. of length, the Main Street is not only a shopping paradise, but also an architectural phenomenon. Most of the houses on the main street were built in the early 20th century, their architecture representing the Classicism, Secession and Postmodernism.

The Main Street loosely bounds the historical center of the city - the Old Town, and is tightly connected with Kapana District and the Tsar Simeon's Garden.

Its location makes it perfect for romantic nightwalks or exploring the nightlife of the city. A number of events take place there, such as the Fair of Crafts, as well as a number of concerts and fairs.

Knyaz Alxandar I Str., Plovdiv 4000

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/723>

DANOV HILL

Danov Hill (Sahat Tepe) is located in the center of Plovdiv, west of the Main Street. In the first modern city plan, drawn by Joseph Schnitter, the hill was named the Hour Hill. Over time, there were numerous changes, the most serious of which was in 1812 (according to the Arabic inscription above the entrance). It is believed that in Roman times on the top of the hill there was a temple of Venus. Near the tower there is also a radio relay television station, built on January 18, 1956 (on July 1, 1960 it started airing radio broadcasts). Its altitude is 210 m.

Main Street, Plovdiv 4000

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/697>

LIBERATORS HILL

It is located to west of the central part of the city. With its height of 108 m it ranks second among the seven hills. Its name comes from the Ottoman word Bunar (a well), because of the numerous water sources. In Roman times it was known as the Hill of Hercules, as there is a large statue of the mythical hero. The hill is a favorite place for relaxation and picnics of Plovdiv citizens and it is declared a natural landmark. The first forestation was carried out alongside the construction of the Monument to the Soviet Army in 1881. In 1901 the first open-air restaurant, known for its 'frog legs' specialty, was built. After World War II the other monument known as Alyosha was erected, along with the Summer theater.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/697>

YOUTH HILL AND CHILDREN'S RAILWAY

Dzhendem Tepe is the highest (altitude (ground level) 307 m) of the present hills (tepes) of the city. Its relative height compared to the average altitude of the city of Plovdiv (164 m) is 143 m. The hill is located in the southwest part of the city. The Youth Hill is the first of the Plovdiv hills declared a protected territory. As early as 1970 the southern part of the hill with an area of 3 ha had adopted the status of a national landmark. Its aim is the preservation of the natural habitat of rare plant species, not typical for our flora, including Bulgarian and Balkan relict endemic tutsan, *Astragalus physocalux*, *Genista rumelica*.

In ancient times it was called the Hill of the Dryad Nymphs. There is evidence that a huge statue of Apollo in bronze stood on the top of the hill until Late Antiquity. In the early Christian era there was located a large three-nave basilica (object of study in the recent past by Plovdiv archaeologist Ivan Dzhambov), which was built on the site of the pagan statue demolished by the Christians. During the Ottoman period it was named Dzhin Tepe (the Hill of the Spirits), which gradually changed to Dzhendem Tepe. It was also called Chigdem Tepe (the Hill of Crocuses).

The children Railway is located on the foot of the Youth Hill. It was found on 23/09/1979 and since then it has been a real attraction for the children and their parents, both citizens and visitors of Plovdiv. Thousands of kids from the region keep the memory of their very first travelling by train on the Youth Hill.

In 2007 the Railway was entirely reconstructed and given its present appearance. The train, which consists of an engine and three carriages, starts its journey from the Pioneer Station, which has a platform, two lines, as well as traffic lights. The duration of the trip is about 25 minutes.

A number of attractions have been created all along the route, which is about 2 km long. During the journey you will cross a bridge, a cross level and pass a 50-meter-long tunnel. When the train goes out of the tunnel, there starts the favorite part of the little ones - a 125-meter-long ascending trestle. Then the train stops at Panorama Station. Here the passengers have the opportunity to walk around the station and enjoy the breathtaking view on the hill, as well as take some photos. After the short break the train leaves back to the Pioneer Station.

Recently, the Pioneer Station was renovated, as well as the surrounding playgrounds. The railway is already accessible for disabled children.

Children's Railway: +359 889 922 388

Train Schedule : 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/691>

1 BGN

THE ANCIENT CITY



The life in the city of Plovdiv has never ceased since its first inhabitants - Thracian tribes, settled down about 8,000 years ago. Due to this fact it has been proclaimed by Daily Telegraph "The Oldest Continuously – Inhabited City in Europe".

The Thracians fortified the city developed during the Iron Age on the territory of Nebet tepe (Nebet Hill). The remains of this fortress can be seen nowadays on the top of the hill.

In the 4th century BC Philip II of Macedon conquered the city and gave it one of its most popular names – Philippopolis. The city played an important role in formation of Hellenistic culture. In 46 AD Thrace became a Roman province and Plovdiv was given the name Trimontium (City on Three Hills). Shortly afterwards it was proclaimed a metropolitan city of the Thracian province. This is the historical period that left the greatest impact on the cultural heritage. After the separation of the Roman Empire, it became part of the Byzantine Empire, until it was first conquered by the Bulgarian Khan Krum in 812.

FORUM OF PHILIPPOPOL

The forum (Agora) of Philippopolis was administrative, merchant and religious center of the ancient city, a square where debates and various public meetings were taking place.

It was situated on the foots of the three hills, in the central part of Philippopolis. With its area of 20 acres, it is the biggest forum complex in Bulgaria, which makes the paramount importance of Philippopolis as a metropolis of the Thracian province.

Remains from the forum can be seen at the Central square, along with the Odeon of Philipppolis.

Central Square, Plovdiv

<http://oldplovdiv.com/en/sights/7>

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/524>

THE ROMAN STADIUM

The Roman Stadium was constructed in II century during the reign Emperor Hadrian, on the model of the Delphic Stadium. It is located in the natural hollow between Taksim Hill and Sahat Hill, which is nowadays crossed by the Main Shopping Street. The facility was approximately 240 meters long and 50 meters wide and could seat up to 30 000 spectators.

The research on the epigraphic and numismatic items found here prove that games similar to the Pythian Games in Greece were held in the city. The Alexandrian games were held here in 214 to honour the visit of the Roman emperor Caracalla, as well as while the Kedrisian Games in 218 for the visit of emperor Elagabalus.

The Roman Stadium was proclaimed a cultural site of national value in 1995.

In the Southern part of the facility, which is exposed nowadays, there is a cafeteria, a Tourist Information Center, as well as a Cinema hall where 3D projections about Plovdiv during II century take place.

Roman Stadium Sq, Main Shopping Street, Plovdiv
+359 876 662 881

www.ancient-stadium-plovdiv.eu

Monday - Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/523>

Free Entry; Tickets for 3D projections: 6 BGN (give free entry to Stambolyan House); with combined ticket: 4 BGN

ANCIENT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING EYRENE

The peristyle building from the end of the III century is located in the heart of the Ancient Philippopol and was spread on nearly 1 600 sq.m. The incredible floor mosaics in this residential building combine pictorial elements from both the Eastern and Western Roman provinces. It is popular as Eyrene because of the excavated mosaics, depicting an image of a woman with the same name.

The renovated Southern part of the building is also a cultural center, a venue of concerts and public discussions.

Archaeological Underpass, Tsar Boris III Obedinitel Blvd.

+359 32 631 303 , +359 882 877 080, +359 888 304 851

<http://trakart.org/en/>

Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/526>

Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 3 BGN;

ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPLEX NEBET HILL

The earliest settlements on the territory of the city are dated back to the 6th millennium BC. There were several Prehistoric settlements on the territory of the modern city, but the oldest and most important one was located on hill known as Nebet tepe.

During the Hellenistic period the town began to grow towards the foot of the hills. At Nebet Hill are found ruins of dwellings and fortifications dating from this period.

The complex of Nebet tepe continued to play an important role as an element of the fortification system of the city until the 14th century. A notable finding of that later period is a reservoir of 350 cubic meters.

The Old Town, Plovdiv 4000

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/521>

ANCIENT THEATRE

Plovdiv is proud of having one of the most well-preserved ancient theatres in the World. Built at the end of 1st – the beginning of 2nd century, under Emperor Trajan, the theater was one of the major public buildings of the ancient Philippopolis. It is situated on the southern slope of Trimontium in the saddle between Dzhambaz tepe and Taksim tepe. In addition to theatrical performances it was used for gladiators' and hunting games. It was active until the fifth century and had capacity of 6000 spectators. In 1981 it was partially restored.

Nowadays, the theatre is a main venue of the cultural life in the city. Top events take place here during the summer, such as the Opera Festival "Opera Open", the International Folklore Festival and the Rock Festival "Sounds of Ages". With its present capacity of 5 000 seats, it is one of the biggest open-air stages on the Balkans.

Tsar Ivaylo Str., Plovdiv

00359 32 634 008

<http://oldplovdiv.com/en/sights/3>

Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/522>

Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN

EARLY CHRISTIAN BASILICA

The basilica was built in the second half of 5th century AD with rich architectural decorations – marble colonnades separating the aisles, marble altar wall, pulpit and synthronos. The floors were covered with rich multicolour mosaic with geometrical motifs.

Two donor inscriptions were found during excavation works. One of them was carved on the lining marble slab from the altar of the basilica. The other was shaped in the mosaic of red tesserae on white background, just opposite to the altar apse. It mentions "patrician" and "winner", but the name was erased. Probably it was the name of Basilisk, a Byzantine Emperor in 475-476 AD.

31 Knyaginya Maria Louisa Blvd
00359 876 662 882

www.romanplovdiv.org/en

Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/675>

Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN

THE ODEON OF PHILIPPOPOLIS

The Odeon of Philippopolis is situated in the Northeast corner of the Forum (Agora) of the city. The existence of a building with this functional use in the central part of the Ancient city gives grounds to assume the great importance of Philippopolis as a cultural and political centre. The building is supposed to have originally served as bouleuterion (town hall), but later construction periods revealed its principal use as a theater building. According to the archaeological findings the building had four construction period between 1st and 4th century AD.

The conducted researches and analyses show that the Odeon comprise all the elements typical for the roofed theatres: skene, orchestra and cavea.

12 General Gurko Str., Plovdiv 4000

<http://oldplovdiv.com/en/sights/7>

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/525>

Free Entry

AQUEDUCT OF PHILIPPOPOL

During Antiquity, transferring water to the cities was difficult, especially if they were located in a plain. To overcome this problem the Romans came to one of the most spectacular achievements in the field of engineering – the aqueducts. These were the most expensive public facilities built during the time of the Roman Empire and such investment was made in very few cities, one of which was Philippopol.

The Ancient Philippopolis was supplied with fresh drinking water from the Rhodope Mountains. The two main water captations were found near the present day villages of Kuklen and Markovo. During archaeological excavations the existence of two aqueducts and a clay water conduit has been proven.

The aqueduct of Philippopol was built in II – III century. It comprises of the two main pipelines which beat off the mountain springs at the foot of the Rhodope mountain and join near the Komatevo neighborhood. In II century Philippopol already had a built pipeline network, which supplied it with approximately 480 liters per second or 43 000 tons of water annually.

The Western Aqueduct was the most impressive and nowadays it is restored and presented to the public.

Komatevsko Shose Blvd, Plovdiv 4000

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/528>

Buses #1, 7, 20

THE OLD TOWN

Ancient Plovdiv Architectural and Historical Reserve (The Old Town) has preserved enormous cultural heritage formed during 8 archaeological periods – Prehistoric, Thracian, Hellenic, Roman, Late-ancient, Medieval, National Revival, and Post-Liberation periods as well as modern culture.

Apart from the Roman sites, The Old Town fascinates with beautifully ornamented Revival houses, most of which have been turned into museums and galleries. These buildings are characterized by a unique national interpretation of the European baroque.

VEREN STAMBOLYAN'S HOUSE - EXPOSITION DIMITAR KIROV

Veren Stambolyan's house, built in the second half of 19th century, is a large two-storey symmetrical building, located on the eastern slope of Dzhambaz Tepe. For many years it was used as a creative center of the Union of Bulgarian Artists and the Society of Plovdiv Artists.

Since May 2010, a permanent exhibition dedicated to the work of the famous Plovdiv's artist Dimitar Kirov /1935-2008/ has been arranged in the house. He belonged to the generation of Plovdiv artists, who modernized the image of Bulgarian art in the 1960s.

15 Kiril Nektariev Str., Plovdiv 4000
+359 32 635 381

<http://oldplovdiv.com/sights/9>

Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/852>

Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN

DR. STOYAN CHOMAKOV'S HOUSE - EXPOSITION OF ZLATYU BOYADZHIEV

The medical doctor and eminent public figure from the National Revival period Dr. Stoyan Chomakov was one of the most active fighters for autonomous Bulgarian Church before the Liberation from Ottoman domination in 1878. The Chomakov House, built in 1862-1865, is his material legacy to the future generations of Plovdiv. In terms of architecture, the Neoclassical style popular at that time, was abandoned. Since 1984 this house has hosted the biggest collection of 72 paintings by the famous Bulgarian artist Zlatyu Boyadzhiev (1903-1976), representing two periods in his professional life.

18 Saborna Str., Plovdiv
+359 32 635 308

<http://oldplovdiv.com/sights/10>

Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/532>

Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN

MUSEUM OF PHARMACY

The house was built in 1872 by Dr. Sotir Antoniadi, one of the first people with medical degree in Plovdiv.

Nowadays, it features the Old pharmacy shop Hippocrates and the Museum of Pharmacy, which are unique for Bulgaria. Here you can have insight of the way medicine and pharmacy were practised during the Bulgarian Revival period, up to the beginning of the 20th century – a period when all the medications and pills used to be made of natural ingredients.

A lot of tools and medical equipment, manufactured mainly in Vienna and Berlin, are displayed inside.

The original book with recipes by the healer St. John of Rila still keeps the memory of the century-old art of making remedies.

16 Saborna Str., Plovdiv
+ 359 32 624 594

<http://oldplovdiv.com/sights/5>

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/533>

Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN

HINDILYAN'S HOUSE

Stepan Hindliyan's represents one of the few houses in Plovdiv, which have preserved their original symmetric design. Its ensemble kindship between this house and its neighbour Balabanov's house is impressive. The owner of the house was a prominent merchant, known as the founder of one of the four wealthiest families of Armenian descent in Plovdiv.

The walls on the second floor of the house impress with paintings of landscapes from Constantinople, Venice, Alexandria, Stockholm and other cities created by memory. A mirror image of the house can be seen above the door of the storage room in the yard, which serves both as decoration and a blueprint of the house.

Many of the cultural events take place in the house.

4 Artin Gidikov Str., Plovdiv
+359 32 628 998

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Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/530>

Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN

NEDKOVICH'S HOUSE

The house of Nikola Nedkovich was built in 1863 and features the most exuberant exterior decoration in the Old Town. The owner was a prosperous fabric merchant, who also held a position to the District Governor of Plovdiv. Today the Nedkovich's House is one of the very few houses that have preserved original artefacts belonging to the primary owners.

The ground floor of the house impresses with its unique ceiling carvings and ornate murals, which have been preserved in their original state without any restoration work. The upper floor is notable for the distinctive style of its decoration. Here the spirit of Western Europe endures a strong presence through a superb collection of period furniture.

Nedkovich House is of the venues for hosting creative activities and initiatives in the Old Town.

3 Tsanko Lavrenov Str., Plovdiv
+359 32 626 216

www.oldplovdiv.com/en/sights/6

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/531>

Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN

BALABANOV HOUSE

The house was built in the early 19th century by the citizen Hadzhi Panayot Lampsha, who was a rich trader and an usurer. The house had three owners, but nowadays it bears the name of the last one - the tradesman Luka Balabanov. The houses's dimensions are impressive with its 546 m² of built area. At present, the ground floor features a permanent exhibition of modern Bulgarian art. The second floor, once having served for inviting guests, exhibits the typical interior of the Revival period.

The house serves as a venue of various cultural events – exhibitions, literature premieres, chamber music concerts, theatre performances, meetings, etc. The traditional Balabanov House Music Days Festival also takes place here.

57 Konstantin Stoilov Str., The Old Town, Plovdiv
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<http://oldplovdiv.com/en/>

Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/529>

Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN

ST. KONSTANTIN AND HELENA CHURCH

The church St. St. Konstantin and Elena is one of the oldest Christian churches in the city of Plovdiv, located in the Old Town, right on the wall of the Acropolis.

In 304, at the place where the church is located today, the martyrs Severin and Memnos were beheaded for professing their Christian faith. Before them, 38 other martyrs of Plovdiv became victims of persecutions against Christianity. According to archaeological researches the first temple of the Lord in the city of Seven Hills was built and it was in honor of the holy martyrs Severin and Memnos.

In the '60s of XIX century, 13 meter bell tower was built in the northwest corner of the yard, which has five floors and two bells. In the southern part of the yard was located the former parish school, which is nowadays converted into an Icon gallery.

Hisar Kapia Sq., Plovdiv 4000

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Monday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/576>

THE HOLY ASSUMPTION CATHEDRAL

The first records of a church, which was originally built in honour of Virgin Mary, date back to IX – X century.

In 1844 - 45, craftsmen from Bratzigovo constructed an entirely church - a three-nave pseudo-basilica with impressive dimensions. After Stoyan Chalakov took the position of churchwarden, the church was entirely reconstructed.

The iconostasis was made by the Debar woodcarvers Andon Stanishev and Dimitar Stanishev in the Empire style and Nikola Odrinchanin created the icons. In 1875 Stanislav Dospevski painted the royal icon of Saint Mary with the Divine Infant by the iconostasis.

The church was fully restored in 2000.

2 Saborna Str., Plovdiv 4000

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Monday - Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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