



SOFIA

Sofia could be likened to a Sleeping Beauty rousing from her slumbers, reawakening to share her charm with the rest of the world. With relics from Roman times to the Soviet era, a vibrant cultural and entertainment scene, and the breath-taking surroundings of the Plana Zavala Mountain range, Sofia is ready to reclaim her rightful place as one of the leading lights on the European sky.



BARS & NIGHTLIFE



From chic designer bars where you can seriously strut your stuff, to bohemian hideaways reminiscent of the 50's beat scene in San Francisco, Sofia will undoubtedly have a watering hole to satisfy the party animal in you. For the nocturnal animals amongst you, or those suffering from a severe bout of Insomnia, Sofia's nightclubs will not disappoint. Be it hard house, rock or Bulgarian folk, there is always a place to suit all tastes and styles.

MUSIC BAR BLOW

Music Bar Blow is a fun, big bar that turns into a real party place on the weekends. They play a variety of music, from hip hop, rnb, pop, rock and, even, swing.

125 G.S. Rakovski Str., Sofia
+359 877 005 064

PIANO BAR CHICAGO

The Piano Bar Chicago offers a wide range of drinks. Here you can sit down and enjoy a spirit in a comfortable atmosphere.

Dondukov 9 Blvd, Sofia
+359 894 440 540
www.pianobarchicago.com

SENSE HOTEL ROOFTOP BAR

If you think the idea of a rooftop bar sounds nice, this could be the place for you. At the Sense Hotel Rooftop Bar you get a fantastic view while sipping on a nice glass of wine.

16 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd., Sofia
+359 700 20670
www.sensehotel.com

MOTTO

Motto is a cool and contemporary bar that serves a fine selection of cocktails accompanied by chilled out tunes. They also have a nice food menu if you are hungry.

18 Aksakov Street, Sofia
+359 2 987 27 23
www.motto-bg.com

HAMBARA BAR

Hambara Bar is a little hard to find and you have to knock on the door to get in. When inside you will be welcomed by a cosy bar and candle light. This is a great place to hang out with friends in an exceptional atmosphere.

ul. 6 Septemvri, Sofia

TIFFANY

Tiffany has everything you need: a lovely interior, a big bar, DJ and a dance floor. This is a great place just to hang with friends and stay out all night long.

Denkoglu street 12-14, Sofia
+359 896 300 600
www.tiffany-sofia.com

J.J. MURPHY'S

J.J. Murphy's is a cosy pub that was first founded in Cork, Ireland but has expanded all the way to Sofia. Enjoy live music while sipping on a pint, or come here and watch a football match.

ulitsa "Karnigradska" 6, Sofia
+359 2 980 2870
jjmurphys.bg

CHERVILO

Welcome to one of the slickest bars in Sofia, this is where you find the high-end clientele. There are four separate rooms, "White Hall", "Gold Room", "Tech House" and the Terrace, it is just for you to take your pick.

9 Tzar Osvoboditel Blvd, Sofia
+359 892 000 999

CAFES



In Sofia you will find many small cosy cafes. A good cup of coffee and a delicious dessert is always needed after a long day of sightseeing.

ART CLUB MUSEUM

This café is situated at the back of the Archaeological Museum. Here you can choose from lighter snacks to sandwiches and salads.

Str. Saborna 2, Sofia
+359 2 980 6664
www.artclubmuseum.bg

VILLA ROSICHE

This cute little café can be found in the heart of the city. This is a good place for a cup of coffee in the garden on hot summer days or a nice, hot tea for cold winter days.

26 Neofit Rilski Street, Sofia
+359 2 954 3072
www.vilarosiche.com

FLOCAFE

Flocafe is a café chain located at The Mall. Here they serve sandwiches, salads, coffee and great desserts.

115 Tzarigrasko Shose Blvd 1000, Sofia
+359 2 950 6645
www.flocafe.com

CLUB LAVAZZA

Club Lavazza is a nice little cafe located on Vitosha Street. This is the perfect to linger over a cup of coffee after a long day of touring.

Vitosha boulevard 13, Sofia
+359 2 987 3433

TEA HOUSE IN THE FACTORY

This vegetarian cafe has much to offer. The atmosphere at Tea House in the Factory is lovely and so is the food. The homemade cakes are claimed to be the best of all!

ul. Georgi Benkovski 11, Sofia
+359 887 051 080
www.teahousesofia.com

DINING



Due to its geographical location and its history of settlement, Bulgarian cooking is a mixture of several cuisines. Look out for Shopska Salad or the Turkish influenced Kebapcheta and Kyufteta, spiced mincemeat molded and grilled. Do not miss out on a hearty bowl of Kavarma and if there is room left, be sure to try the renowned Bulgarian yoghurt.

IL VIAGGIO

At Il Viaggio you can experience Italy right in the middle of Sofia. This Italian restaurant serves great dishes from the Mediterranean, contemporary cuisine.

116 Alexander Pushkin, Sofia
+359 876 767 647
www.viaggio.bg

THE COMPANY WINE BAR & DINNER

The Company Wine Bar & Dinner can guarantee you a unique experience. Here you can choose a nice glass of wine from the extensive wine list to accompany your dinner.

24 Slavianska Street, Sofia
+359 2 950 4317
www.thecompany.bg

SAGE BISTRO

The popular restaurant Sage Bistro offers a culinary experience. Here you can savour traditional and Italian dishes. The seafood is claimed to be just excellent.

Stefan Stambolov Str. 63, Bistritsa, Sofia
+359 2 992 7140
www.sage.bg

PANORAMA RESTAURANT

At the Kempinski Hotel Zografski you can find the Panorama Restaurant. This is a great place to go if you want an amazing view to accompany your dinner. The menu consists of dishes from the international cuisine.

100 James Bourchier Boulevard, Sofia
+359 2 868 6096
www.kempinski.com

BOOM! BURGERS & STEAKS

Boom! Burgers & Steaks is a small, cosy steakhouse and burger place. If you enjoy a nice steak or gourmet burger, this is definitely a good place to check out.

15 Karnigradska St., Sofia
+359 894 420 440
www.boomburgers.bg

OSTERIA BARBAROSSA

If you enjoy Italian food, you will probably be excited about this authentic Italian restaurant. Here you can choose from typical dishes like pizza, pasta and tasty desserts.

Ulica Hristo Belchev 32, Sofia
+359 2 950 7954
www.barbarossa.bg

SKARA BAR

Skara Bar could be the perfect place to go if you are a meat lover. This is also claimed to be one of the best places if you want to try the local cuisine. It is recommended to book a table in advance during summertime.

2 Dimitar Grekov Str., Sofia
+359 2 483 4431
www.skarabar.com

THE SUSHI BAR

This Sushi Bar is claimed to be a very good restaurant. It serves authentic dishes from the Japanese cuisine and they have a nice selection of sushi at reasonable prices.

18 Denkoglu street, Sofia
+359 2 981 8442
www.thesushibar.bg

CHEVERMETO

If you want to get the full Bulgarian experience you should visit this authentic restaurant which combines both Bulgarian food and dance. Here you can enjoy delicious whole roasted lamb.

1 Bulgaria Blvd, Sofia
+359 2 9 630 308
www.chevermeto-bg.com

SUNMOON

Sunmoon restaurant offers a varied menu with Arabian, Asian and Moroccan dishes. Here you can have dinner in a cosy atmosphere.

6 September street 39, Sofia
+359 899 138 411
www.sunmoon.bg

PIZZARELA

Right in the city centre you can find the cosy Pizzarela. This restaurant offers a varied menu with pizzas, salads, burgers, pancakes and much more.

1 Bulgaria sq., Sofia
+359 88 866 0404
www.pizzarela.bg

DREAM HOUSE

If you are tired of meat and in the mood for great vegetarian food, then this is the place you should visit. They prepare most of their food with bio products.

Alabin 50A str., Sofia
+359 2 980 8163

BULGARI

Restaurant Bulgari is ideally located in the city centre and offers traditional Bulgarian regional cuisine. Here you can enjoy your dinner in an atmospheric Art Nouveau style house adorned with photographs and icons.

71 Dondukov Blvd., Sofia
+359 2 843 54 19
www.bulgary.bg

LAVANDA

This restaurant is highly recommended by its customers that claim this is a hidden gem. At Lavanda you can enjoy a fusion cuisine in a quirky interior.

Ulitsa Tsar Ivan Shishman 12, Sofia
+359 882 249 740

TAJ MAHAL RESTAURANT

If you like Indian food you can go to the Taj Mahal Restaurant, a restaurant ideally located in the city centre. The experienced chefs can prepare your dish based on your personal wishes.

11 August Street, Sofia
+359 2 987 3632
www.tajmahal.bg

DO & SEE



The central downtown district is where you will find the major sights of Sofia's long history, ranging from Roman, Byzantine, 20th century and Neoclassical Stalinist architecture. This is also the city's business and commercial heart, where the major shopping avenues and entertainment areas are located.

NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM

At the National History Museum you can find a great selection of art and archaeological finds. This is a must-see for anyone interested in Bulgarian history.

16 Vitoshko lane, Sofia
+359 2 955 7602
www.historymuseum.org

ROTUNDA OF ST GEORGE

This is the oldest preserved building in the city and is declared a UNESCO World Heritage. The beautiful cupola holds a fourteenth-century portrait of Christ, surrounded by four angels.

5 Ploshtad Sveta Nedelya, Sofia
+359 02 980 9216
www.svgeorgi-rotonda.com

SAINT NEDELJA CHURCH

The Saint Nedelja Church can be found in the heart of Sofia. If you enjoy old icons and beautiful architecture this place is well worth a visit.

Saint Nedelja Church, Sofia
+359 2 987 5748
www.sveta-nedelia.org

MUSEUM OF SOCIALIST ART

The Museum of Socialist Art opened 2011. Here you can find a sculpture park and exhibitions featuring painting and plastic easel works that show examples from the "era of socialism".

Ulitsa Lachezar Stanchev 7, Sofia
+359 2 902 1862

NATIONAL OPERA AND BALLET

If you enjoy opera and ballet you can visit the National Opera and Ballet. This is the place to go for listening to music by great masters like Wagner and Rossini.

30 Dondoukov blvd, Sofia
+359 2 987 7011
www.operasofia.bg

VITOSHA BOULEVARD

Vitosha Boulevard, one of the most popular streets in Sofia, is the place to be on a sunny day. This spacious boulevard has many cafés and shops.

Vitosha Boulevard, Sofia

SNAIL HOUSE

The Snail House is a quirky place and perfect for anyone interested in architecture. This has become one of the most popular places in Sofia and will probably win first prize for being the oddest picture in your photo album when you come home.

Boulevard Simeonovsko Shose 187, Sofia

IVAN VAZOV NATIONAL THEATER

This building is truly beautiful and a perfect place to go for some of your best tourist photos. If you want to you can go and see one of the many shows held here. You can buy tickets online.

Deacon Ignatius' 5, Sofia
+359 2 811 9227
www.new.nationaltheatre.bg

RUSSIAN CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

This gorgeous Russian Orthodox church is located in the central Sofia. It was built by Russia after the liberation of Bulgaria and considered the official church of the Russian Embassy. The grave of Saint Archbishop Seraphim is located under the main floor and still many people visit his grave, leaving notes with wishes and prayers.

3 Tsar Osvoboditel Boulevard, Sofia

ALEKSANDAR NEVSKI MEMORIAL CHURCH

This is the most popular tourist attraction in Sofia. This beautiful orthodox cathedral was built in 1912 and it took 30 years to complete. The cathedral was created in honor for the Russians soldiers that died in the Russo Turkish war and holds up to 10,000 people.

Aleksander Nevski Square, Sofia
+359 2 988 1704

BOYANA CHURCH

Boyana Church is a medieval church is a UNESCO heritage site due to its renaissance style frescoes. In the church you can see 89 scenes with 240 human images.

ul. Boyansko ezero 1-3, Sofia
+359 2 959 0939
www.boyanachurch.org

MOUNT VITOSHA

If you want to escape the pace of the city you can go to Mount Vitosha. Here you can enjoy a hike through the forested slopes or rocky peaks.

Mount Vitosha, Sofia

ETHNOGRAPHICAL MUSEUM

Here you can view excellent displays of folk art and crafts. The museum has several different collections such as clothes, copper objects, woodcarving, ceramics, foreign art and much more.

1 Alexander Battenberg Sq., Sofia

STATUE OF SLAVEIKOV

Right on the Slaveikov Square you can find the famous Statue of Slaveikovs. The statue consists of two poets, a father and son, sitting on a bench, waiting for you to come join them.

Slaveikov Square, Sofia

SOFIA ART GALLERY

The Sofia Art Gallery holds an excellent collection of Bulgarian art. The collections include both past masters and contemporary artists.

1 General Gurko Street, Sofia
+359 2 987 2181
www.sgghg.bg
Closed on Mondays

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



POST

Mailboxes in Sofia are yellow.

Main Post Office:

4 Gurko Street, Sofia
www.bgpost.bg

SOFIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Sofia International Airport is located 10 kilometres from Sofia. There are shuttles running between the two terminals every 30 minutes.

There are two bus lines, 84 and 384, that run between Sofia Airport and they city centre. The journey takes approximately 20 minutes and tickets can be bought in the newspaper kiosks.

Taxis and car rental companies are represented at the airport.

Sofia International Airport, Sofia
 +359 2 937 2211
www.sofia-airport.bg

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Sofia has a network of public transport options that will enable the visitor to easily get around the city and its surrounding suburbs. The most convenient way to travel from one point to another in Sofia metro.

www.bdz.bg / www.sofiatraffic.bg /
www.metropolitan.bg

TAXI

There are a dozen of big taxi companies operating in Sofia. You can call and order a taxi or hail one down the street.

OK Supertrans:

+359 2 973 21 21
www.oktaxi.net

PHARMACY

You can easily find a pharmacy in Sofia. Ask you hotel for assistance if you need help finding one. You can normally find everything from medicine and cosmetics to food and other products.

Pharmacies Adonis:

ul. Han Presiyan 10 A, Sofia
 +359 2 958 6354
 Open 24 hours

TELEPHONE

Country Code: +359
 Area code: 02

ELECTRICITY

220 volts

SHOPPING



Since the end of communist rule, Sofia has blossomed into a shopper's paradise. If you are looking for high-end designer boutiques or simple pleasures at the local market, Sofia is guaranteed to satisfy your shopping needs. Vitosha Boulevard and Graf Ignatiev are Sofia's main shopping areas where you will find the familiar line up of international high street fashion chains.

For one-off originals, then Shipka, Oborishte and San Stefano St, near the Alexander Nevski Church are thronging with small boutiques. The century covered market on Ekzarh Yosif St, is the place to pick up excellent Bulgarian food.

MALL OF SOFIA

This is the first mall in Sofia and currently one of the most popular ones in Sofia. Mall of Sofia is daily visited by hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors of the capital. There are many shops and fast food restaurants here like KFC, McDonalds, Subway, also shops like Playlife, Replay, Bobo Zander, Ceelio, Esprit, Kenvelo, Mango, United Colors Of Benetton, Salsa Jeans, Lee Cooper, Adidas, Speedo and Intersport. You can also watch a movie in the "Cinema City" or "M-Tel IMAX 3D".

101 Al.Stamboliyski blvd., Sofia
+359 2 980 4437
www.mallofsofia.com

ZHENSKI PAZAR (WOMEN'S MARKET)

The Women's market on Stefan Stambolov Boulevard, which is probably the most popular market in Sofia that sells all manner of goods. Check out the verity of fruits, vegetables, cheese and much more.

Stefan Stambolov Boulevard, Sofia

THE BOOK MARKET

The Book market in Slaveikov square is has been here for more than 100 years. Here you will find many interesting books and lovely cafes and restaurants around.

Slaveikov Square, Sofia

SERDIKA CENTER

The Serdika Center opened in early 2010 and is the biggest mall in Sofia. Like "Mall of Sofia", you can find fast food restaurants and shops of famous brands here.

48 Sitnyakovo blvdm, Sofia
+359 2 495 2121
www.serdikacenter.bg

MARKET

If the hustle of the market is more your thing, around the Alexander Nevski Church you will find all manner of antique and craft stalls selling everything from religious icons to lace doilies.

Alexander Nevski Church, Sofia

TZUM

If you are looking for something a little more exclusive you can head for the Tzum department store, located in nearby Sveta Nedelya Square. This mall is home to some of the top designer names in the fashion industry.

Knyaginya Maria Luiza Blvd 2, Metro Serdica, Sofia
+359 2 926 0700
www.tzum.bg

THE MALL

The Mall is located on Tsarigradsko shoes boulevard in Hermes park. At this mall you will find shops like Benetton, Adidas, Intersport, Deichmann and other shops that sell fashion, accessories, toys and beauty. If you feel hungry they have restaurants like Alfredo, Burger King and many more.

115 Tsarigradsko shoes blvd., Sofia
+359 2 8787 920
www.themall.bg