

**Nina Kavardjikova Tour Bulgaria 2015**  
**August 1-14, 2015**  
 In cooperation with Carpe Diem Travel BG

Date	Day	Overnight	Program
Aug. 1	SA	Sofia	Arrival in Sofia. Hotel check in
Aug. 2	SU	Sofia	Sofia sightseeing : Including Al. Nevsky Cathedral, National History Museum, Boyana Church (UNESCO monument) Trip to the village of Bistritsa Dance/singing lessons and dinner with the village group (on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity)
Aug. 3	MO	Sofia	Trip to Vitosha mountain and walk to "Moreni" rock river Music lessons/Yoga/Free time in Sofia Life music dinner-and-dance with program
Aug. 4	TU	Sofia	Morning dance/instrument lessons with a professional researcher and musicians Trip to a village in Sofia area Workshop and life music dinner-and-dance with our local group
Aug. 5	WE	Sofia	Morning dance/instrument lessons with a professional researcher and musicians Yoga/Free time in Sofia Travel to Bankya to a private house (our tour guide's Dany) Dinner-and-dance in the house with our music teachers's band
Aug. 6	TH	Koprivshitsa	Trip to Koprivshitsa with wine tasting and lunch Koprivshitsa guest houses check-in Free time at the festival
Aug. 7	FR	Koprivshitsa	Free time at the festival
Aug. 8	SA	Koprivshitsa	Free time at the festival
Aug. 9	SU	Shiroka Luka	Morning free time at the festival Departure to Shiroka Luka Sightseeing in Plovdiv and lunch Dinner-and-dance in Shiroka Luka with life music by our music teachers' band After dinner bonfire get-together
Aug. 10	MO	Shiroka Luka	Morning dance/instrument lessons with a professional choreographer and musicians Trip to a village in Smolyan area Meeting and workshop with village group Life music dinner-and-dance with the village group with local village group
Aug. 11	TU	Shiroka Luka	Morning dance/instrument lessons with a professional choreographer and musicians Mountain walk with local herbalist and making green smoothies Trip to Pamporovo ski resort, chairlift to Snezhanka peak Dinner and dance with life music
Aug. 12	WE	Shiroka Luka	Morning dance/instrument lessons with a professional choreographer and musicians Visit to the village of Gela Dance and singing workshop with Gela ethnic folklore group Life music dinner-and-dance with roasted lamb ("cheverme") with the Gela group
Aug. 13	TH	Sofia	Departure to Sofia Visit to Bachkovo monastery and street market with lunch Sightseeing/free time in Sofia Farewell dinner with folklore program
Aug. 14	FR		Transportation to Sofia Airport. Departures

**NB: Some events might shift to another date within the above period subject to local groups availability.**

**Price:**

Land only: EUR 1,798

For single room accommodations: Add EUR 350

Deposit due upon sign-up.

Minimum capacity: 15 people (deposit refundable if minimum capacity not reached).

Maximum capacity: 35 people.

**The tour price includes:**

- All itinerary activities.
- Guest houses and 4-star hotels.
- Double (in exceptional cases - triple) occupancy rooms with private bathrooms with showers.
- Breakfasts and dinners; upfront special food requests.
- Two lunches.
- Ground transportation in an air-conditioned bus equipped with a mini fridge and a DVD player.
- Professional tour guide.

**The tour price excludes:**

- Air fare.
- Private insurances.
- Private instrument and vocal lessons upon upfront request (EUR 15 per person per 60 minutes on one-on-one basis or EUR 10 per person per 60 minutes for a group lesson).
- Koprivshitsa video, equipment or other fees, if any.
- Alcohol consumption.

**NOTES:**

- The idea of this trip is to enjoy Bulgaria's people, history, nature, and living ethnic folklore.
- We will dance and sing with village groups in their villages.
- Most evenings include live music-and-dance dinners in "kafana" atmosphere.
- Professional musician(s) and a dance teacher will travel with us most of the times.
- Dances, songs and music taught will be from all regions of Bulgaria with emphasis on ethnic styles.
- Individual lessons in all singing styles, traditional and brass instruments are possible upon request.
- Instrument borrowing possible upon upfront request.
- This year we will be very lucky to have excellent choice of professional musicians and singers for private lessons – we may choose among Sofia radio orchestra, brass band, professional ensembles and Shiroka Luka Music High School, Smolyan brass Band and Rhodope Professional Folklore Ensemble.
- It is our goal to generate direct benefits for the communities we visit by using local products, and to support folklore groups and professionals by paying fair rates.

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