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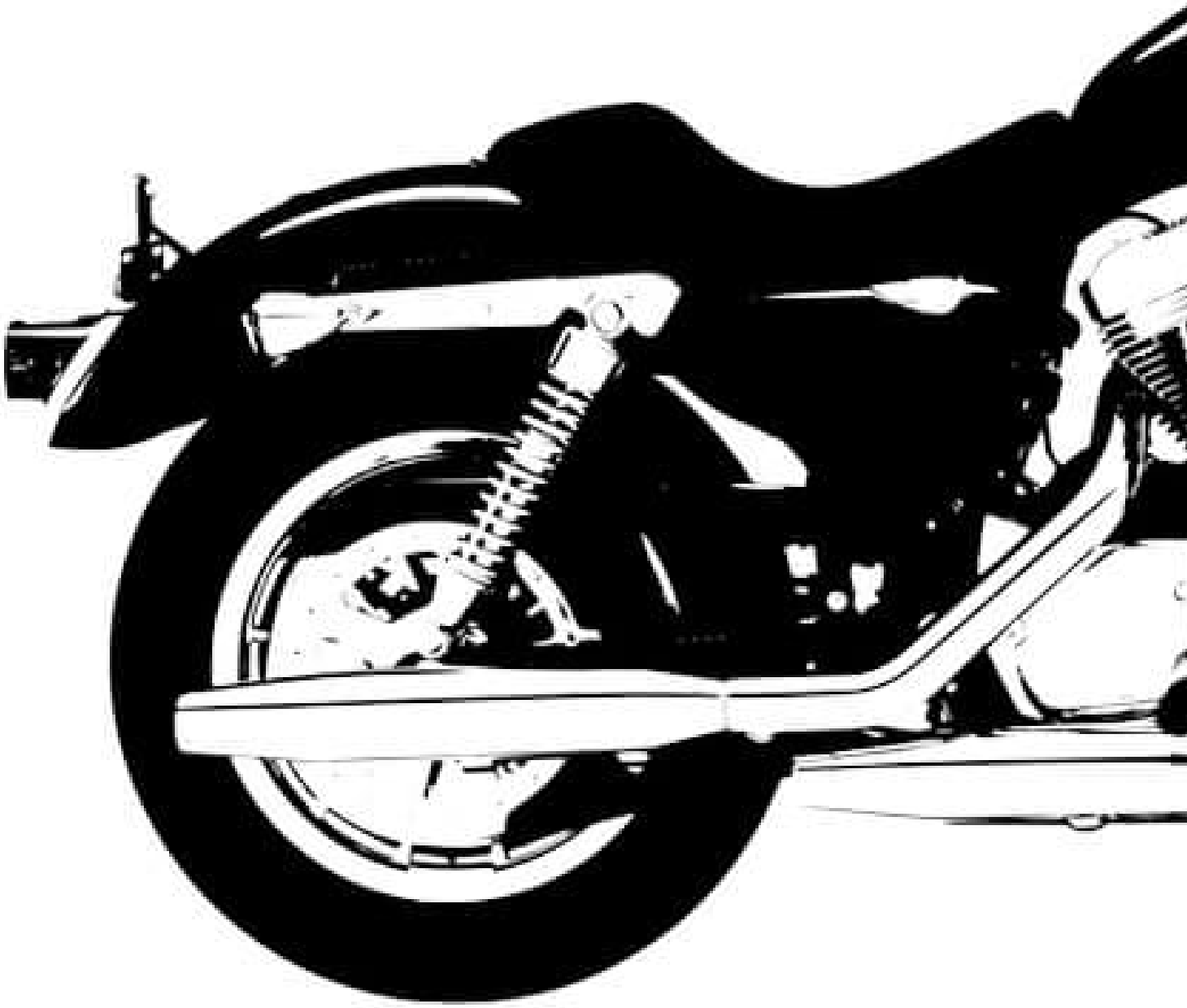

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Duration	Difficulty	Support vehicle
7 días	Easy-Normal	Ja
Language	**Guide**	
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This tour suggestion is oriented towards riders who had dedicated enough time to explore Bulgaria's deep secrets. In these seven days, you will ride on beautiful scenic roads and mountain passages, during which you will be introduced to our less-known but amazing and interesting sights. You will see and learn a lot about off-the-beaten-track places in Bulgaria.







1 - Sofia - Plovdiv - 220

The Cultural Capital of Bulgaria You will start the tour on one of the most popular scenic moto roads in Bulgaria. It is right next to the Central Balkan mountain. It will give you the pleasure of new asphalt and beautiful views. After a couple of hours, you will reach our first stop, where you will have a guided visit to the ancient "Diocletianopolis". The town is still an active spa resort with well-preserved Roman ruins. In this amazing atmosphere, you might have your lunch. After one more hour of riding, we will reach the amazing city of Plovdiv. We will park at the hotel, we will change clothes and the expiration will start. The first stage of the tour will be a walking tour of the ancient ruins of Plovdiv. First, you will visit one of the most impressive archeological sites in Bulgaria- The Bishop’s Basilica of Philippopolis. The basilica is impressive with its size but also with the preserved mosaics which are some of the finest examples of Late Roman art and early Christian traditions. The IV century Christian church replaced the earlier temple dedicated to the cult of the Emperor. You will see and learn how the Christians have implemented and adopted the Classical styles and motives and created something one of the sort. The exposition of this impressive site is very interactive and includes digital 3D reconstructions of the ancient building. Our walk will continue and will lead us to the ancient Forum of Philipopolis and the South Gate. Next to the Forum used to be one of the sides of an impressive Roman stadium. We will see the remains of this amazing sports facility which had a capacity of 30,000 spectators who were watching the chariot races. There we not so many of those buildings in the Empire which can give you a better idea what was the status of the city in the II and the III century AD. The Stadium was constructed during the reign of Emperor Hadrian who actually stayed in the city for a few months. Next to the Roman ruins is standing one of the most beautiful and old medieval mosques- Djumaya Mosque. As Bulgaria was part of the Ottoman Empire for around 5 centuries its heritage has a very strong impact. We can make a visit inside and admire the Ottoman art and the mixture of architectural styles between the Byzantine and Ottoman traditions. When we finish our lunch break, we will continue with our exploration of this amazing city. We will enter the Old Town where you will learn about the Revival period of Bulgaria and the late Ottoman rule. We will see the architecture of the XIX-century upper-class citizens of Plovdiv. We can enter some of those homes. We will see some medieval ruins and the fortification that was built after the Hunic invasion. We will reach the top of the hill where the first prehistorical settlement was established which makes Plovdiv one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe. Our next stop will bring us back to the Roman Empire and the period after the Dacian wars, during the reign of Emperor Trajan. We will visit the Theatre of the ancient Trimoncium which is still an active theatre where performances are still happening. During the II century AD, the theatre was used to entertain the citizens with gladiator fights. When we finish with this spectacular site we will head toward your hotel where you can rest before exploring Plovdiv's vivid nightlife and its amazing restaurants. Approximately 4 hours / 220 kilometers / 137 miles.



2 - Plovdiv - Haskovo - 190

Exploring the East Rhodope After breakfast, we will dive into the Rhodope mountain. First, we will visit one monastery which was established in the XI century. It is the second biggest monastery in Bulgaria. You will also learn a lot about the period of the Second World War and how Bulgaria managed to save the Jewish community from the Nazi camps. The participation of Bulgaria in this war is full of crazy and controversial stories that will fulfill your picture of this horrific period. Our ride will continue through a beautiful mountain pass. Then we will get Off the beaten track and will ride on amazing small roads which will take us to a hidden gem where we can regain some energy with good Turkish coffee and sweets. The ride will continue and we will reach the famous Kurdzhali dam where we can eat fresh fish and enjoy the beautiful nature. After that, our ride will continue North and we will reach our final destination- Haskovo, where we will overnight. Approximately 4 hours / 190 kilometers / 160 miles.

3 - Haskovo - Nessebar - 320

The Black sea In the morning we will start riding East through the Rhodope



until we reach the Black Sea coast. The first city that we will encounter is Burgas- the second biggest city on the Bulgarian coast. There we can visit a place, that is almost capsulated from the modern reality. It is a fisherman settlement that still hosts a lot of fishermen from the region. After that, we will start riding North. We can cross the Central Balkan mountain where it reaches the Black Sea (a lot of fun curves) and reach one of the very beautiful beaches in Bulgaria. After we enjoy the beauty of the sea we will ride back a little bit to reach Nessebar. Nessebar, an enchanting town on Bulgaria's Black Sea coast, stands as a living testament to the ebb and flow of centuries. Its ancient roots date back over 3,000 years, and as you wander through its narrow cobblestone streets, you're traversing the corridors of time. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a tapestry of history, with ancient fortifications, Byzantine churches, and medieval houses that tell the story of Nessebar's evolution through the ages. Each weathered stone whispers tales of empires risen and fallen, of merchants and sailors who once navigated these waters, leaving their indelible mark on this coastal haven. Nessebar's skyline is punctuated by the spires of age-old churches, like the Church of Saint Sophia and the Church of Saint Stephen, bearing witness to the town's Byzantine past. The air is imbued with the spirit of countless generations, from Thracians and Greeks to Romans, Byzantines, Bulgarians, Ottomans, and many more. We will overnight in the historical part of Nessebar. Approximately 5 hours / 320 kilometers / 190 miles.



4 - Nessebar - Varna - 150

The Oldest gold treasure in the World Your journey will continue up to the north part of the coast. We will cross again the Central Balkan Mountain and will reach the Black Sea capital - Varna. It is the biggest city on the Bulgarian coast and the most important trade and military port. The main priority will be to visit two of the most interesting museums in Bulgaria. One is holding a collection from the Communistic period and the other- the oldest gold treasure in the world. This treasure is related to a civilization that is one of the big mysteries of our lands. In the afternoon we will leave the bikes and dive into the atmosphere of one of the viviest cities in Bulgaria. We will walk the alleys of the Sea garden and enjoy some good restaurants. Varna is notoriously famous for its nightlife. We will overnight in the center of the city. Approximately 2 hours / 150 kilometers / 93 miles.



5 - Varna - Ruse - 260

The Pearl of the Danube After breakfast, we will start our ride in the northeast part of Bulgaria. After a very short ride, you will stop to enjoy the beauty of nature and see the so-called Stone Forest. During this day you will see some very interesting places of worship related to completely different cultures. One of them is related to the Old Bulgarians. It is a huge carving high in the rocks. It is astonishing and definitely deserves to be part of the UNESCO list. Another is a Thracian royal tomb, part UNESCO World Heritage list too. The tomb is part of a huge burial complex, situated next to the ancient city of Hellis. On the other side of the IV century BC fortifications, is situated a sanctuary related to a very interesting and rare Islamic society - the Alians. You will visit their Demir Baba Teke. After this full of beautiful sites and knowledge ride you will head north to the Danube River. Our final destination for the day is the so-called "Small Viena". Ruse is definitely one of the most beautiful cities in the Balkans. We will leave the bikes and have a nice walk on the main pedestrian street. You will have a guided tour of the city. After that, we will check in at the hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening. Approximately 4 hours / 260 kilometers / 162 miles.



6 - Ruse - Veliko Tarnovo - 240

The Medieval capital of Bulgaria In the morning, you will start your journey south. One hour of riding will lead us to the medieval capital of Bulgaria- Veliko Tarnovo. You will see the remains of its past and will learn about the downfall of the Bulgarian medieval empire in 1393. When we explore the city we will continue riding West. We can visit Krushuna Waterfalls and Devetaki Cave (one of the most beautiful caves in Bulgaria full of stories from the "Cold War" to Hollywood productions). Also, we can make a stop in Lovech, where there is an interesting 19th-century covered bridge and another Medieval fortress. The bridge was built by a very interesting Bulgarian architect, who without education in engineering had built lots of bridges and buildings which

are still standing and even still used. From there you will enter in one of the most beautiful and less-known parts of the Central Balkan Mountain. You will stay overnight in a small town in the area. Approximately 5 hours / 240 kilometers / 150 miles.



7 - Veliko Tarnovo - Sofia - 120

Glozhen monastery and the house of the last Communist leader In the morning you will ride to one of the most spectacular and out of light of the fame monasteries - Glozen Monastery. Standing at the top of the mountain since the middle ages it is still active and few monks are living there. Before you reach back to Sofia you will stop at the birthplace of the last Communistic leader of Bulgaria and learn the strange history of the transition period and the present political elite. You will visit his house, where there is a museum dedicated to him. The overnight in Sofia is not included. If you need such we can easily book a hotel for you. We can organize an airport transfer if needed. Approximately 4 hours / 120 kilometers / 75 miles.

Motorcycle



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+ $657.02



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Dates & prices

Included

- Guide
- Support vehicle
- Breakfast
- Hotel
  6 nigths
- National parks tickets
- On route snacks
- Parking

Not included

- Alcoholic beverages
- Basic insurance
- Damage deposit
- Dinner







Enduro body protection kit



Extreme cold protection kit



Ferrys



Flights



Local taxes



Lunch



Maps & Roadbook



Mechanic



Motorcycle rental



Motorcycle return to origin



Non-Alcoholic beverages water-coffee



Petrol & oil



Photo-video souvenir



Spare motorcycle



Tips



Transfers



Visas

Other information

Omkostninger for aflysning før tid

Important notice, in case of cancellation:
The flight tickets, supplements and optional services subscribed in this tour regardless of the basic program, are subject to 100% of early cancellation costs.