

Painting & sketching

BULGARIA

With Regina Hona

(6th June- 13th June 2025)

Day 1/ SOFIA (Fri 6th) FREE DAY.

Flight to SOFIA, one of the oldest European cities with an iconic mixture of architecture, including St George Rotunda, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Ivan Vazov National Theatre. Our hotel is nestled in the heart of the city within walking distance of all the sites, including the elegant shops lining Vitosha Boulevard and Borisova Gradina. Sofia is one of the most walkable cities in Europe and also has a city sightseeing bus. **Complimentary welcome drink and included dinner.**

Day 2/ MELNIK (Sat. 7th).

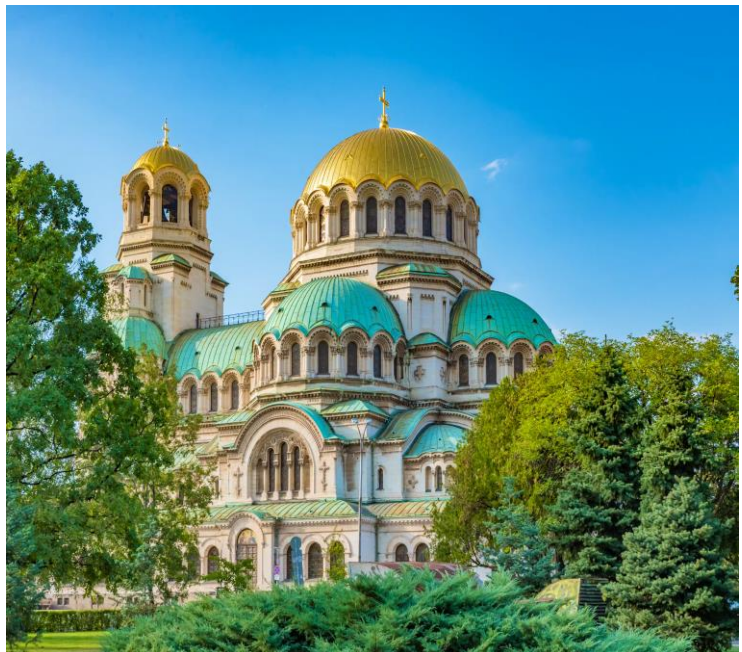
Morning departure for Melnik via Rila Monastery.

Rila Monastery, founded in the 10th century, is a UNESCO Heritage site and is considered one of Bulgaria's sacred jewels with its stunningly beautiful colourful frescoes. In the afternoon, we will continue onto Melnik, surrounded by the Pirin Mountains. **Dinner included.**

Day 3/ MELNIK(Sun. 8th)

The Melnik Sand Pyramids with their incredible formation offers a great opportunity for some landscapes.

Kordopulova House (18th century) is surrounded by beautiful lavish gardens and wine Cellars. Late afternoon wine tasting.



Day 4/ PLOVDIV (Mon. 9th)

Leshten and Kovachevitsa are called The Renaissance Villages with their unique architecture and feeling of the past. On the way to Plovdiv, we will stop to paint at these idyllic places with their cobbled streets and iconic half-timbered, brightly coloured houses. **Dinner included.**

Day 5/ PLOVDIV (Tues. 10th)

Plovdiv, with its picturesque location on seven hills, is a vibrant town, protected by UNESCO. The Old Town and Kapana Arts district is full of interest, including its medieval fortress, the Roman Stadium of Philippopolis (1st century A.D.) the Ethnographic Museum and Tsar Simeon's garden with its fountains.

Day 6/ PLOVDIV (Wed. 11th)

Karzanlak Rose Valley, is carpeted with pink roses spreading throughout the entire valley. An exquisite spot to spend the day, including a visit to the Rose Museum. **Lunch included.**

Day 7/ PLOVDIV (Thurs. 12th) FREE DAY

The Old Town is a living museum, with its distinctive colourful houses, typical of the so-called Bulgarian Revival Style from the 19th century. Afternoon critique with a complimentary farewell drink. **Dinner included.**

Day 8 / DEPARTURE (Fri. 13th)

Morning transfer to Sofia Airport.



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