

Program of tour of Bulgaria “TERRA INCOGNITA” part 2 Second Bulgarian Kingdom

First day - 17.09.17 - Tour of Bulgaria “Terra Incognita” will start from Aheloy, after end of 5th Bulgarian Treffen

Start 9:00-10:00h. Group ride to Varna, the sea capital of Bulgaria - **100km.**



10:00-12:00 visiting archaeological and naval museum, we will see one of the oldest gold jewelry of the world.



The archaeological museum shows original finds from the Paleolithic Age /about 100 000 years BC/ to the Middle Ages /7th – 8th/ century, many of which are of great significance to the archaeology of Europe and the world. The largest Mesolithic collection of flint tools in

South-East Europe, the largest collections of ancient terracotta, tombstone reliefs, lamps and glass vessels in Bulgaria are placed here.

12:00-13:00 - Lunch in the city center

13:00-13:40 - Group ride to Madara - **80km**.

13:40-15:00 - Visit Madara national historical-archeological reserve + coffee break

The most notable monument at the Madara reserve is the unique stone relief known as the Madara Horseman. Carved on a massive cliff some 23 meters high, it is representative of early Medieval Bulgarian artistry. The relief depicts a horseman in a natural pose with a sword in his hand. At the feet of the horse is a lion, and



behind the rider is depicted his hunting dog. One legend has it that a Roman emperor was hunting on the plateau when he fell off the cliff and died. His relatives memorialized him by engaging a master to carve his image on the cliff.

Scholarly conjecture has associated the relief with Khan Krum (reign 803 – 814), Tervel (reign 701 – 718), Asparukh (reign 681 – 701), and even with the god Tangra (the supreme deity of the proto-Bulgarians).

The stone relief is the only one of its kind in Europe. In 1979, it was included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and in 2008 it was chosen as the national symbol of Bulgaria.



15:00-16:00 - Group ride and visit of Founders of the Bulgarian State Monument - **30km.**
16:00-17:30 - Group ride to Arbanasi, **140km.**



Accommodation in a hotel "Rachev Residence" 4*

20:00 - dinner at the restaurant "Kaloyanova fortress" rich menu and musical artistic



program

Total distance for day - 340 km.

Second day 18.09.17. - after breakfast we go to Veliko Tarnovo -the capital of the Second Bulgarian Kingdom.



9:00-11:00 - Walk around the city.

Veliko Tarnovo is one of the oldest towns in the country, as its history dates back to more than five thousand years ago, which is proven by archaeological excavations. The upsurge of Veliko Tarnovo is related to the period of the Second Bulgarian Empire (1185 – 1393).

In 1185 the town was declared a capital of the restored Bulgarian State by the brothers Asen and Petar, who declared the end of the Byzantine dominion. After its selection to be a capital, the town developed fast, as within the period 12th – 14th century it was the most unconquerable Bulgarian fortress, as well as a cultural and intellectual center of Bulgaria.



11:00-11:30 - Group ride to Dryanovo Monastery “St. Archangel Michael” - **35 km.**

11:30-12:20 - visit Dryanovo Monastery

The Dryanovo Monastery was established in the 12th century during the time of Tsar Kaloyan (1168– 1207). For the first time the monastery was built 2 km from the place where it is situated now. In 1393 the Ottoman Turks burned it down to ashes; in 16th century the local people restored it on the other bank of the river, but this time the holy monastery was also demolished. On the place where it is situated now, the monastery “St. Archangel Michael” exists from the end of 17th century. In the monastery there was an enormous library, which turned it into one of the largest education centers during the Revival.



12:30-13:30 - Lunch

13:30-14:00 - Group ride to Etar - **25 km.**

14:00-15:30 visit Architectural and Ethnographic Complex Etar.

The museum contains a total of 50 sites – houses with craft workshops, water installations and other buildings. The only





collection in Bulgaria of technical installations driven by water – filling mills, water mills, grindstones, etc., are situated there. 16 houses can be seen on the crafts bazaar (the central commercial street) in the Etar, which are exact copies of buildings existing in the past in Gabrovo and the

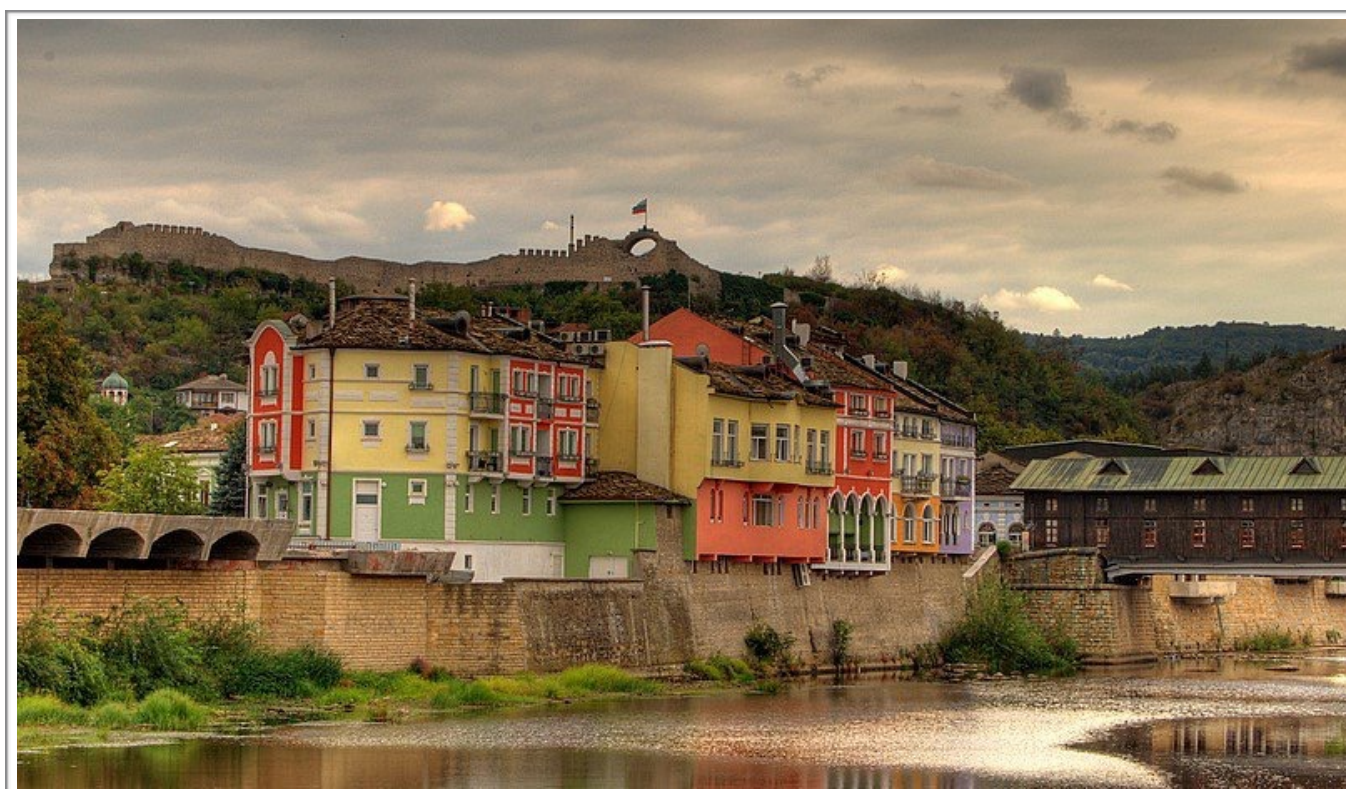
region. On the crafts street the visitors can watch in real time the work of the craftsmen. Multiple crafts are presented – bell-making (manufacturing of wrought bells for animals), pottery-making, sugar-making (manufacturing of sugar articles), furriery, manufacturing of copper vessels, etc. Besides observing the authentic technology which the craftsmen are using, the visitors can purchase the articles made before their eyes. Upon a preliminary request, the people working in the complex can organize trainings in traditional crafts.



15:30 - 16:20 - We will visit the nunnery “the Assumption” and we will tasting the enticing cookies made from the nuns. - **10 km.**



16:30-18:00 - Group ride to Lovech - **80 km.**



Accommodation in a hotel

“Presidivm palace ” 4*



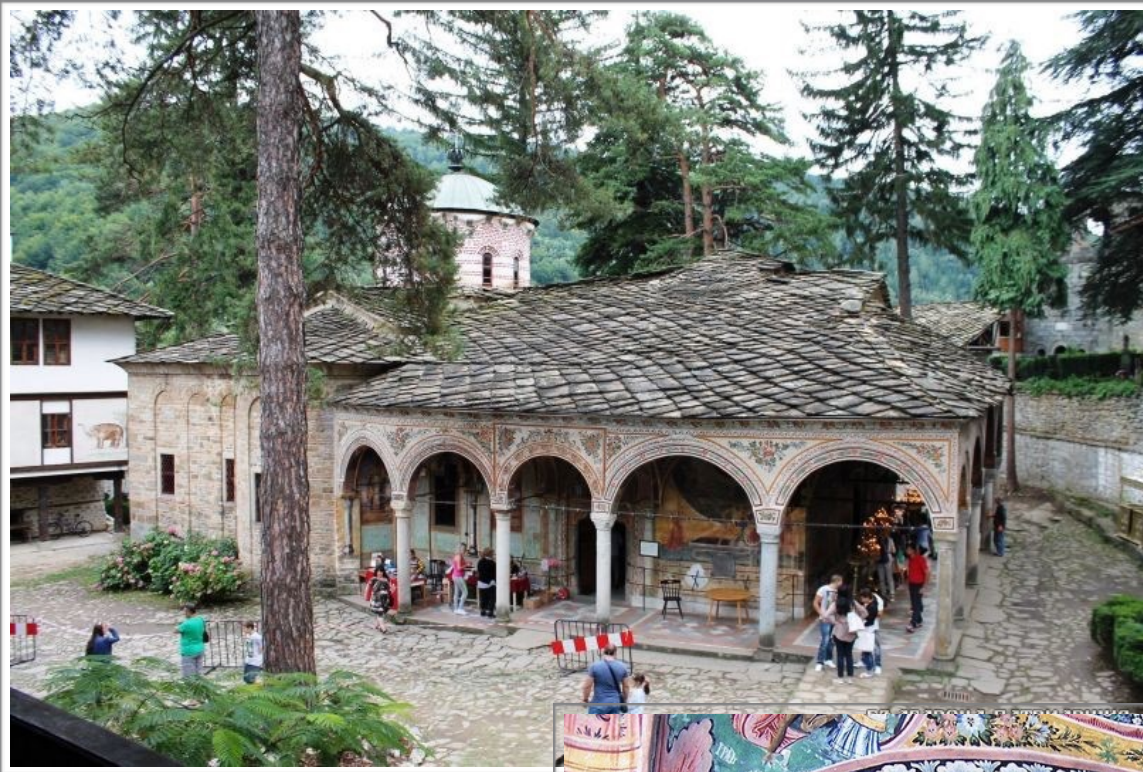
19:30 - walk and dinner in the old quarter of Lovech in traditional Bulgarian tavern. We will enjoy a delicious local food with the best wines of the region, specialties and desserts

with many aged Bulgarian brandy.

Total distance for day - 150 km.



Third day 12.09.2017 – after breakfast we go to Troyan Monastery



09:00-09:30 - Group ride to
Troyan Monastery “The
Assumption of Mary”, village
of Oreshak- **40 km.**

09:30-10:00 - visit monastery

10:00 - 11:00 - visit of
National Exhibition of
Popular and Artistic Crafts –
village of Oreshak.



The exposition includes
ten exhibition halls on an
area of 4,200 square
meters. The exhibition
presents unique fretworks,

traditional Bulgarian handmade rugs, straw-mats, articles made of ceramics, copper vessels, knitting works and embroidery works. Except for the live demonstrations of various crafts, such as pottery and wood-carving, visitors themselves can get involved in the making of some articles with their own hands. Various articles and souvenirs are sold here.



11-00-11:30 - We will pass mountain pass Beklemeto 1560 m. group picture of the Arch of Freedom for our memory :) - **30km.**



12:00-12:40 - Group ride to Karlovo - **40 km.**

12:40 - 13:30 - Lunch

13:30 - 15:30 - Group ride to village Aleksandrovo + coffee break - **150 km.**

15:30 - 16:30 - visit the Aleksandrovo Tomb in the village of Aleksandrovo

It was built during the second half of the 4th century BCE as a final resting place for a wealthy Thracian ruler whose name is not known.

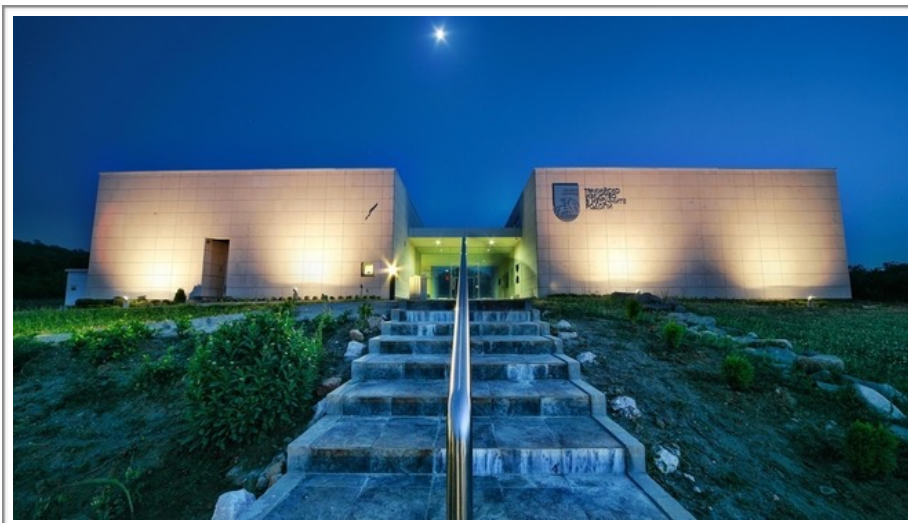
The frescoes in the tomb are unique and relatively well preserved. The tomb's architecture is also remarkable. The



Roshava Chuka burial mound is approximately 15 meters high, with a diameter of 70 meters. The tomb has a 15-meter corridor, and its entrance is to the east. The corridor leads to a rectangular chamber that is 1.92 meters by 1.5 meters. Beyond this chamber there is another circular chamber with a diameter of 3.3 meters and a height of 3.4 meters. The chamber's arch is bell-shaped and begins from the chamber floor. At the southern periphery

there is a stone couch that was already vandalized in antiquity.

It is thought that the tomb had two periods of use, since there are two floor levels in the circular chamber – one made of stone blocks and the other of tamped-down clay.



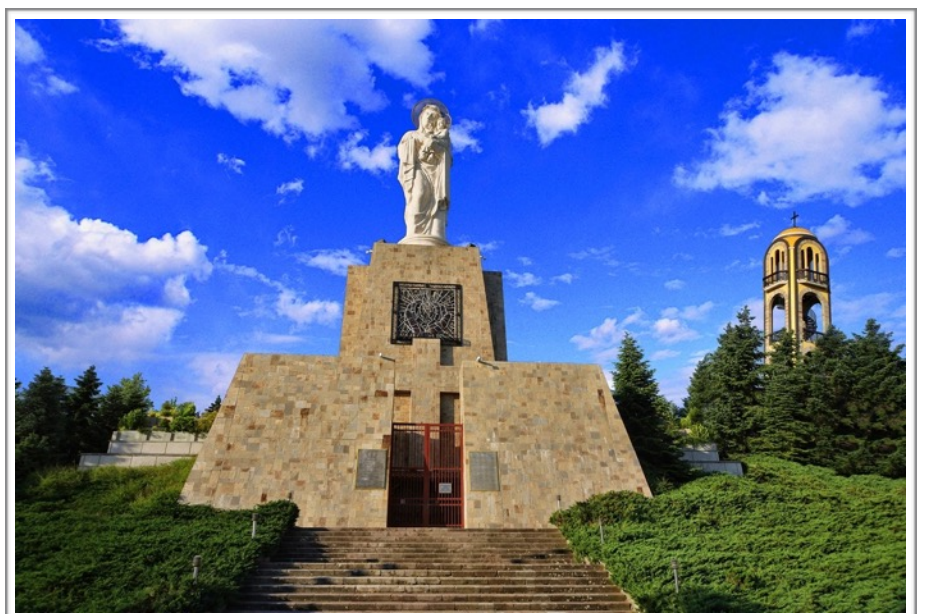
The Aleksandrovo Tomb is one of the largest complexes of its type, and its unique frescoes on a variety of subjects cover the whole tomb, from the corridors to both burial chambers.

The most complex of the frescoes are in the circular chamber. They are arranged in six horizontal strips of different heights, one on top of the other. Most of the images depict hunting scenes.



16:30-17:00 - Group ride to Haskovo - 20 km.

Visit of monument of the
Virgin Mary, Mother of
Jesus, Haskovo



18:00 - accommodation in Park hotel "Europe" 4*



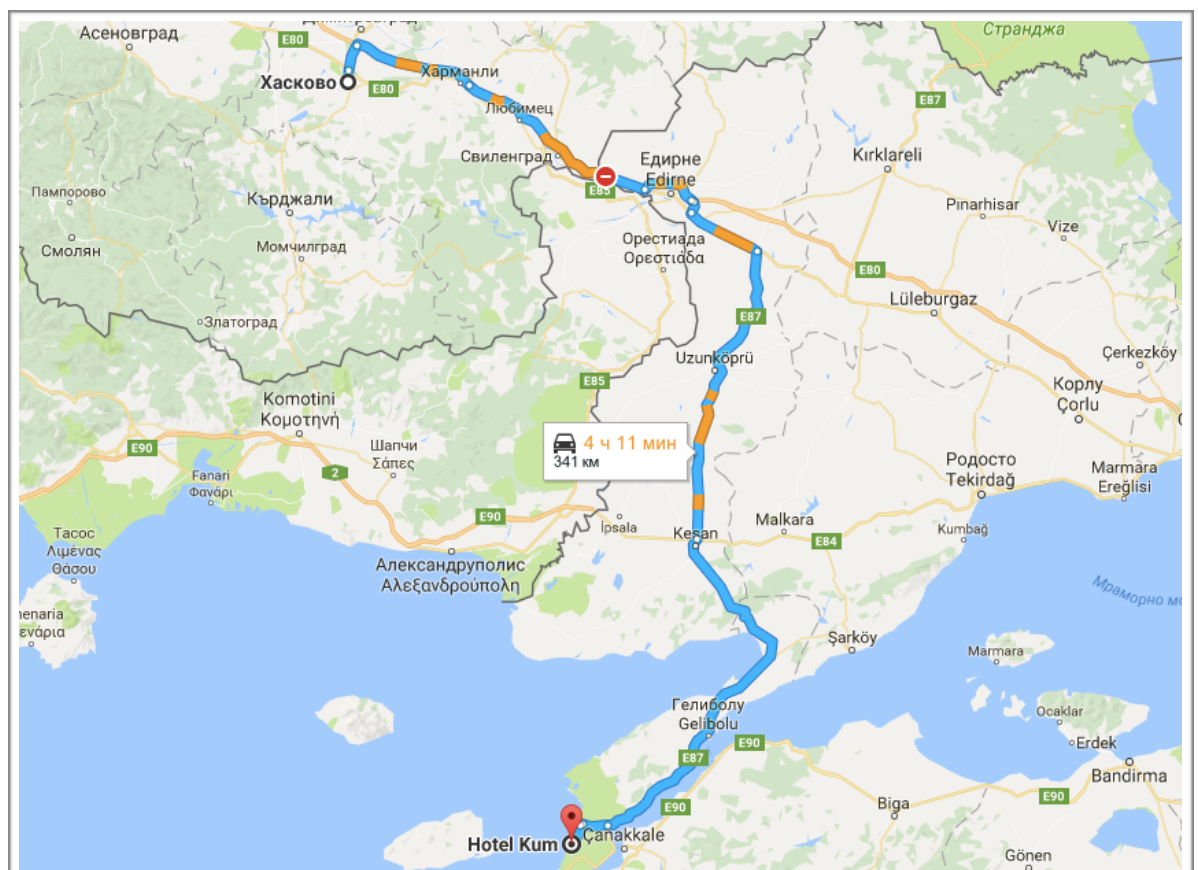
Total distance for day - 280 km.

19:30 - our special gala dinner , awarding certificates and personal gifts.

Fourth day - 20.09.17. - after breakfast we go to Turkey treffen, Canakkale,



Total distance for the day 341 km. or 6 hours.



Pre-registration form tour **Terra Incognita 2017**
Second Bulgarian Kingdom - PART 2

To be sent **before 1st August 2017** to Ivaylo Stefanov, 21 Georgi S. Rakovski Str., Sofia, Bulgaria, or to e-mail: interrep.gwcbg@abv.bg tel. 00359 896 717072

Name (driver)

Address:

City: Country:

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Age T-shirt: (Choose from S to 4XL)

Name (passenger)

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We gladly invite you to join us for special edition of **Terra Incognita-part 2**, tour of Bulgaria after end of **5th Bulgarian treffen** 17-20.09.2017. This year we are going to plunge into a country of ancient legends. We will visit Veliko Tarnovo, the ancient capital of Bulgaria, ethnographic village Etara, socialist monuments 1300 years Bulgaria, Madara Horseman and much more from a different kind of Bulgaria. We will close the days, relaxing in best hotels with delicious Bulgarian cuisine and the best wines from the region. To enjoy the best, we are offering an **All Inclusive trip**. Participation fee covers 3 nights in 4* hotels, breakfast, lunch and dinner, coffee breaks, museum, a unique T-shirt and certificate. Each day **Terra Incognita** will end in a different town with a special local food dinner. The second part of Terra Incognita will finish in Canakkale, Turkey on 3rd Turkish treffen.

The participation fee for one person, one bike and single room is **252€**

The participation fee for two persons, one/two bike and one double room is **431€**

An advance payment amounting to **50%** of the total is required to confirm participation in the tour. Scilicet for one person and single room advance fee is **122€**, for two persons and one double room advance is **222€**. Deadline for registration **1st August 2017**. Hurry up! The number of participants is limited to 30 bikes.

Advans payments have to be received before 15 July 2017 on the following account:
IBAN: BG55FINV915010EUR03Y10 and **BIC: FINVBGSF** **Mr. IVAYLO STEFANOV STEFANOV**, Bank: **FIRST INVESTMENT BANK, Sofia, Bulgaria**. If you cancel your inscription before **10 August 2017**, the total amount will be refunded after deduction of bank charges for transfer.

Date:

Signature: