



## BANSKO

### ***Excursion itinerary***

#### Day 1: Chalkida - Bansko

Gathering at 11:30 PM the previous night and departure for Promachonas with a stop in Lamia and Korinos! Passing through the former borders of Promachonas without identity checks and a short stop at the duty-free. Then we pass through the Kresna Gorge and in Simitli to leave the national highway and travel the last 42 km through the forest of the Eloviko River valley. Ascending to an altitude of 950 m, we will encounter the beautiful Razlog plateau early in the morning and then enter the village of Bansko, which strongly resembles an Alpine landscape. Arrival at approximately 10:30. We go to our hotels to leave our luggage (check-in is a bit later than at the hotels) and head to the famous "GINGER" café to "wake up" with our coffee-breakfast and take a first walk on the streets of Bansko. Then, we head to our hotels to check in. Rest, free time for a first acquaintance with the village or relaxation in the hotels' spas. Tonight, we'll head out to a Bansko club.

#### Day 2: Skiing or Half Day Trip - Baths (optional)

Early morning breakfast at the hotel, and today is the day you'll enjoy the largest and most modern ski resort in the Balkans at an altitude of 2600 meters. Departure is from the gondola, the lift's starting point, and the route is something that will truly thrill you. You'll travel about 25 minutes in a closed-type glass cable car (capacity six people), passing right over the tree tops on the mountain slope, admiring the wild nature of the forest, and ending up at the chalet where the central slope is located! There you can enjoy a hot drink, a meal, or start winter sports! There are trails for all levels, for beginners and professionals, with the longest one ending in the village center at 7 km. On the small slope in front of the chalet, beginners can try their first steps in skiing, perhaps testing their balance on a snowboard. For those who are not fond of snow, we will visit the town of Razlog with its large valley stretching around it, in front of the imposing Pirin mountain! We will walk across the river that divides it in two and find ourselves in the huge, for such a small town, square with its old classical style buildings. Many of these are in the same condition as they were during the Soviet era, while others have been renovated and house cafes, services, and shops! But don't stay there! Go down the stairs of the square opposite to meet a beautiful lake with ducks, little bridges, and small kiosks! There you will be surprised by the artworks they have made on trees and bushes! Beautiful performances that present romantic images of everyday life from another era! You will see that there is even on the central island of the lake! (Optional excursion, cost 10€). Having been transported a little into the past, having also had our coffee in the square, it is time to return because the WATER PARTY that will lift our spirits in another reality is about to begin... In the afternoon, no one wants to miss our visit to the ultra-modern ALPHA SPA. Outdoor pools with different temperatures and bars in them, modern safe changing rooms, equipped and super-economical bar are the ingredients that will lift our spirits... Registration the day before and strict priority order. (Participation cost 20€). Return in the evening around 20:30. A little rest and preparations for our evening out.

### Day 3: Optional Excursion Bansko - Sofia (155KM)

Breakfast buffet, followed by an optional full-day excursion to Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria with 2 million inhabitants. Depart early in the morning at 09:00 (participants meet at the reception). Upon arrival, we will take a panoramic tour (city tour) and then explore the city's attractions. Among other things, we will see the Alexander Nevski Cathedral, the Byzantine Church of St. Irene, the Church of St. Nicholas, the Parliament, the Opera, the Archaeological Museum, the outdoor market with old objects and antiques, the Russian Church, the old palaces, the current art gallery, the monument of Russian soldiers, the old university, the Bridge of Eagles, and more, walking through the entire historic center of Sofia and seeing all the historical monuments up close. Free time for your necessary shopping in the center's shops. Departure at 17:00 in the afternoon for Bansko. (Optional excursion, cost 25€). A little rest in our hotels and we prepare for the last night in Bansko with the farewell party that will be unforgettable!

### Day 4: Bansko - Chalkida

Wake up, breakfast, and at 09:00 we check out (after the room inspection, charges, etc. are completed) and depart for the return journey. After the necessary stops (in Promachonas, Korinos, and Lamia), we will arrive in Athens early in the evening.

SOS: Registration for the one-day trip to Sofia, the excursion to Razlog, and the ESCAPE PARTY must be made on the bus before arriving in Bansko to the bus captains. \*And to not forget the Greek aroma and the flavors of Greece, we recommend Forest cup for your coffee, brunch, and many other snacks, as well as La petite Creperie, for sweet and savory sins from a Greek professional!

#### Included:

- Luxury coach transportation
- Accommodation in hotels of your choice
- Half board with rich buffets
- Free and unlimited use of the heated indoor pool and spas
- Discounts on ski equipment rentals
- Guided tours based on a program
- Greek-speaking leader
- Liability insurance

#### Not Included:

- Entrances to museums and archaeological sites
- Optional excursion to Sofia: 25€/person
- Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included
- Tips, porterage

Boarding Points	Price/person	Time
People's Park (Cantina)	295,00€/person	23:25
Bourko	295,00€/person	23:30

**\*The tourist services provided to you and the related costs are detailed in the Package Travel Contract. If you cannot be present in person (booking by phone, email, etc.), you will receive the Contract by email (in this case, you have the right to withdraw from the contract within 14 days from the date it was sent to your email, taking into account the related cancellation fees mentioned in Article 11).**

\* The program may be modified to better accommodate conditions (Weather, delays, etc.).

\* Prices will be adjusted according to timely notification in the event of fuel, ferry ticket, accommodation, etc. price increases.

\* We kindly ask you to arrive at the boarding points on time (30 minutes earlier) to avoid delays

\* To boarding and gathering times must be observed for the program to function properly.

\* Food consumption is not allowed on the bus

\*In case of late arrival at boarding points, the bus will depart without the agency being responsible, and no refund will be made.

**Seats on the bus are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**All travelers are informed with SMS or phone calls with detailed departure information one day before the trip**



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