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The city of Plovdiv is the second largest city in Bulgaria and one of the best-preferred travel destinations, not only because of its huge cultural and archaeological heritage, but also due to its central location, offering a variety of tourist attractions and activities.

Due to the diverse opprotunities for tourism, the city has been listed in a number of prestigious ranks, among which European Best Destinations 2016.

In 2019 Plovdiv will be European Capital of Culture.

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THE ANCIENT CITY



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Life in Plovdiv has never ceased since its first inhabitants - Thracian tribes, settled down about 8, 000 years ago. Due to this fact it has been proclaimed by Daily Telegraph 'The Oldest Continuously – Inhabited City in Europe'. In IV century BC Philip II of Macedon conquered the city and gave it one of its most popular names – Philippopol. Philippopol played an important role in formation of Hellenistic culture.

In 46 AD Thrace became a Roman province and Plovdiv was given the name Trimontium (City on Three Hills), but citizens often referred to it with its previous name - Philippopol. Later it was proclaimed a metropolitan city of the Thracian province. After the separation of the Roman Empire, it became part of the Byzantine Empire, until it was first conquered by Bulgarians under Khan Krum in 812.

During the Ancient period, Philippopol became a city as significant as it is nowadays. In the ast 8 millenia, representatives of various civilizations left their imprint and created unique of its kind cultural heritage. Doublessly, the cultural sites from the Roman period are among the most well-preserved in the modern city.

As a metropolitan city of the Roman province of Thrace, Phlippopol was gradually equipped with all the commodities, typical for a leading administrative center: a Forum and Odeon, magnificent theatre - venue of cultural life not only in Antiquity, but also in the modern city, a huge stadium, which hosted games, resembling the Olympic games, as well as Aquaducts. Soon after Christianity was legalized in the beginning of VI century, the city became an important religious center.

Archaeological Complex Nebet Hill



The earliest settlements on the territory of Plovdiv are dated back to the VI millennium BC. There were several Prehistoric settlements on the

territory of the modern city, but the oldest and most important one was located on a hill known as Nebet tepe.

During the Hellenistic period the town began to spread towards the foot of the hills. At Nebet Hill there are found ruins of dwellings and fortifications dating from this period. The complex of Nebet tepe continued to play an important role as a part of the fortification system of the city until the XIV century. A notable finding of that later period is a water reservoir of 350 cubic meters.

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Roman Mosaics of Ancient Philippopol -Candidate for the UNESCO World Herritage List



Plovdiv is currently a candidate for the UNESCO World Herritage List with its perfectly-preserved Roman mosaics in 3



different locations - the Bishop's basilica, the Early-Christian Small Basilica and Ancient Residential Building 'Eyrene'. The Bishop's basilica is the biggest early-Christian temple found on the territory of Bulgaria. It impresses not only with its dimensions - 36 m of width and 90 m of lenght, but also with its unique architecture, including nearly 2000 sq. m. of mosaics in two layers. The earliest data for the temple are from IV-VI century. The temple was presumably amont the first early-Christian temples built after the Roman empire adopted Christianity as an official religion.

The temple will be open for visitors in 2019. Diversity of beautiful Roman mosaics can also be explored in the Small Basilica and Ancient Residential Building 'Eyrene'.

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Ancient Theatre



Plovdiv is proud of having one of the most well-preserved ancient theatres in the World, which is also one of the biggest open-air stages

on the Balkans.

The Ancient theatre of Philippopol, which has been built in the 90s of I century, is one of the best-preserved ancient theatres in the World. Located in the saddle between Taksim and Dzhambaz Hills in the Old Town, it was one of the main public buildings in the ancient city. Apart from theatre performances, the theatre was a venue of gladiator and hunting games, with capacity of 6 000 spectators.

Top events take place here during the summer season, such as the Opera Festival "Opera

Open", the International Folklore Festival and the Rock Festival "Sounds of Ages".

Address: Tsar Ivaylo Str., Plovdiv Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: 00359 32 634 008 Tickets: Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN Internet: http://oldplovdiv.com/en/sights/3 Email: info@oldplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/522

Roman Stadium



The Roman Stadium was constructed in II century during the reign Emperor Hadrian, following the model of the Delphic Stadium. Its Southern

part can be seen nowadays, located between Taksim Hill and Sahat Hill.

The facility was approximately 240 meters long and 50 meters wide and could accommodate up to 30 000 spectators.

The epigraphic and numismatic research of the artefacts discoverd there prove that games similar to the Pythian Games in Greece were held in the city. Alexandrian games were held here in 214 to honour the visit of the Roman emperor Caracalla and Kedrisian Games were carried out in 218 for the visit of emperor Elagabalus.

The Roman Stadium was proclaimed a Culutral Site of National Value in 1995.

Address: Roman Stadium Sq, Main Shopping Street, Plovdiv Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 876 662 881 Tickets: Free Entry; Tickets for 3D projections: 6 BGN (give free entry to Stambolyan's House) Internet: www.ancient-stadium-plovdiv.eu Email: info@oldplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/523



Forum of Philippopol



The Forum (Agora) of Philippopol was an administrative, commersial and religious center of the ancient city, a square where debates

and various public meetings were taking place. It was situated on the foots of the three hills, in the central part of Philippopolis. With its area of 20 acres, it is the biggest forum complex in Bulgaria, which corresponds to the paramount importance of Philippopolis as a Metropolis of the Thracian province.

Its ruins can be seen at the Central square on the Main Shopping Str., along with those of the Odeon of Philipoppol.

Address: Central Square, Main Shopping Street, Plovdiv 4000 Internet: http://oldplovdiv.com/en/sights/7 More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/524

Odeon of Philippopol



The Odeon of Philippopolis is situated at the North-East end of the Ancient Forum (Agora). The presence of a such a building in the

central part of the Ancient city gives grounds to assuming the great importance of Philippopolis as a cultural and political centre.

The building is supposed to have originally served as bouleuterion (town hall), but research on later periods of construction indicate it was also used as a theatre. According to the archaeological findings, the building has had four periods of construction between I and IV century AD.

The researches and analyses show that the Odeon has all the elements typical for theatres: a skene, orchestra and cavea.

Address: 12 General Gurko Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Closed for reconstruction Tickets: Free Entry Internet: http://oldplovdiv.com/en/sights/7 Email: info@oldplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/525

Early Christian Basilica



The basilica was built in the second half of V century AD and has diverse architectural decorations – marble colonnades separating

the aisles, marble altar wall, pulpit and synthronos. There is variety of colorful mosaics with geometrical motives covering the whole floor .

Two donor inscriptions were found during excavation works. One of them was carved on the lining marble slab from the altar of the basilica. The other was shaped in the mosaic of red tesserae on white background, just opposite to the altar apse. The name on it has been erased, but it probably refers to Basilisk, a Byzantine Emperor in 475-476 AD.

Address: 31 Knyaginya Maria Louisa Blvd Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: 00359 876 662 882 Tickets: Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN Internet: www.romanplovdiv.org/en Email: info@oldplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/675



Ancient Residential Building Eyrene



The peristyle building from the end of the III century is located in the heart of the Ancient Philippopol and used to cover an are of nearly 1

600 sq.m.

The incredible floor mosaics in this residential building combine pictorial elements from both the Eastern and Western Roman provinces. It is popular as Eyrene because of the excavated mosaics, depicting an image of a woman with the same name.

The renovated Southern part of the building is also a cultural center, a venue of concerts, book presentations and public discussions.

Address: Archaeological Underpass, Tsar Boris III Obedinitel Blvd.

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 631 303 , +359 882 877 080, +359 888 304 851

Tickets: Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 3 BGN;

Internet: http://trakart.org/en/

Email: artcentre@abv.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/526

Aqueduct of Philippopol



Romans have come to one of the most spectacular inventions in terms of water supply during the Antiquiy - the aqueducts. These were the most

expensive public facilities built during the Roman period and such an investment was made in very few cities, including Philippopol. The Ancient Philippopol was supplied with fresh water from the Rhodopes. Two main water captations were found near the present-day villages of Kuklen and Markovo. The aqueduct of Philippopol was built in II – III century. It consists of the two major pipelines beating off the mountain springs at the foot of Rhodopes and joining near the Komatevo neighborhood. In II century Philippopol was already being supplied with 43 000 tons of water annually, which was being gathered on the foot of Taxim Hill.

The Western Aqueduct was the most impressive and nowadays it is restored and presented to the public.

Address: Komatevsko Shose Bvld, Plovdiv 4000 Public Transport: Buses #1, 7, 16, 20 More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/528

Bishop's Basilica



The Bishop's Basilica is and one of the biggest and most significant Early-Christian temples in the Balkans. It was constructed at the end of

V - beginning of VI century on an area of 700 sq. m. and its ruins can be found nowadays in front of St. Louis Cathedral. The basilica fascinates with its mosaics covering the floor and walls, including original images of 'Heracles Knot', 'Spring of Life', as well as various geometrical patterns and bird images, which never resemble one another neither by species, nor by position. A project for its restoration and full exposure is running at the moment and aims to transform the site and the surrounding area into a cultural complex. The Bishop's Basilica will be a candidate for UNESCO World Heritage List after its complete restoration.

Address: 3, Knyaginya Maria Luiza Bldv. Opening hours: Under reconstruction



East Gate of Philippopol



The ruins of the East Gate can be seen nowadays at the Northeast end of the Old Town. It was of great significance to the Ancient city, as two

impotant roads were crossing it - the road to
Byzantium, as well as the one to Danube.
At that particular place, a gate already existed in
the 2nd century AD. Nearby, there was an arch,
at about 18 meters northeast of the gate.
It is presumed that on both sides of the street
there were military barracks, which formed an
entire complex with the East Gate. They were
built in the 4th century directly on the ruins of
the fortifications.

Address: Alexander Malinov Sq. More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/527

PLOVDIV - EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2019



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Plovdiv is the first Bulgarian city chosen to be European Capital of Culture. In 2019, twenty years after the city was a host of the Month of Culture in 1999, it will celebrate the most prestigious cultural initiative of the European Union.

European Capital of Culture is a unique project for Bulgaria which provides new opportunities for the development of the potential of the city and new international visibility and a perspective on Bulgarian culture as a whole. The programme of Plovdiv European Capital of Culture 2019 also includes activities and events in the South Central Region of Bulgaria. The beautiful Italian city of Matera, together with Plovdiv, has been chosen as the twin European Capital of Culture for 2019.

The two cities are collaborating actively and have common projects and initiatives. For 2019 Matera also represents the region of Basilicata.

Together in Plovdiv - 05/09.2018



he Plovdiv 2019 Foundation and the Plovdiv Municipality invite the citizens and guests of Plovdiv to celebrate together the

fourth anniversary of Plovdiv's winning the title to host the European Capital of Culture initiative.

In a series of festive features, the ceremony will present the Plovdiv's programme for 2019 and the highlights and opportunities for a thrilling cultural experience.

The get-together, which will take up the entire day, is directed at people of all ages and will welcome all manner of audiences. It will start at 10 am and will end at 11 pm.

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2018 Selected Events



Opera Open 09.06 - 13.09 International festival spectacularly staged at the Ancient thetre, one of the best preserved in the world. Hills of Rock 20.07

- 22.07

Iron Maiden, Judas Priest, Anthrax and many more will rock Plovdiv for the 2018 edition of the large-scale music festival.

Whispers /Murmures/ of Rhodope fairytales 27.07 - 05.08

A fairy-tale performance - journey from France to Bulgaria.

#together for the Children 05.09

Annual event celebrating the selection of Plovdiv as European Capital of Culture, dedicated to children.

Week of Contemporary Art 10.09 - 30.09 Annual exhibition at the Ancient Bath presenting Bulgarian and international contemporary artists.

Mood for Food 14.09 - 16.09

United by the topic of food, this festival aims to provide an opportunity to enjoy wide variety of delicacies, participate in interactive events.

One Dance Week 21.09 - 14.10 Contemporary dance festival with diverse performances from all around the world.

Love Swing Dance Festival 27.09 - 30.09 Plovdiv is the new swing dance destination - fun days with expressive and dynamic events. Some of the most influential contemporary musicians come to Plovdiv for jazz-filled autumn evenings.

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Museums as Social and Educational Spaces -Seminars in 2018



On September 14, 2018 at The Regional Archaeological Museum -Plovdiv and The Regional History Museum - Plovdiv a 5-hour seminar will take

place with the topic "Internships and volunteers at the museum". The museum in the lives of urban communities; motivating factors for volunteering; and training of interns and volunteers for museum work will be some of the themes.

On October 5, 2018 at The Regional Archaeological Museum - Plovdiv and The Regional History Museum - Plovdiv the last seminar will take place with the topic "Play and Creativity Museum". The lectures will be on games and interactivity in a museum context and - development, use and evaluation of educational games in the museum.

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Plovdiv Jazz Fest 31.10 - 03.11



THE OLD TOWN



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Ancient Plovdiv Architectural and Historical Reserve (The Old Town) has preserved enormous cultural heritage formed during 8 archaeologic periods – Prehistoric, Thracian, Hellenic, Roman, Late-ancient, Medieval, National Revival, and Post-Liberation periods as well as modern culture.

Apart from the Roman sites, The Old Town fascinates with beautifully-ornamented Revival houses, most of which have been turned into museums and galleries. These buildings are characterized by unique national interpretation of the European baroque.

Hisar Gate



The gate exists in its pesent-day appearance since XI century. However, below the level of the street pavement there have been found

foundations from the Roman period (probably from the 2nd century AD).

It served as a crypt for many years. The gate is part of the ensemble, which includes the outdoor quadrangular tower under the altar of St. Konstantin and Elena Church.

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Balabanov's House



The house was built in the early XIX century by the merchant Hadzhi Panayot Lampsha. It has had three owners, bu nowadays it bears the

name of the last one - the tradesman Luka Balabanov. The houses's dimensions are impressive with its 546 m² of built area. At present, a permanent exhibition of modern Bulgarian art takes place on the ground floor. The second floor, once having served for a guest hall, features the typical interior of the Revival period.

The house serves as a venue of various cultural events – exhibitions, literature premieres, chamber music concerts, theatre performances, meetings, etc. The International Chamber Music Festiva l- Balabanov's House Music Days takes place here annually.

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Address: 57 Konstantin Stoilov Str., The Old Town, Plovdiv Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00a.m. - 5:30p.m. Phone: +359 32 627 082 Tickets: Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN Internet: http://oldplovdiv.com/en/ Email: info@oldplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/529

Hindilyan's House



Stepan Hindliyan's house is one of the few houses in Plovdiv representing the the symmetric design of a typical Revival house. The owner of the house

was a merchant and representative of one of the four wealthiest families of Armenian origin in Plovdiv.



The walls on the second floor of the house impress with paintings of landscapes from Constantinople, Venice, Alexandria, Stokholm and other cities, all painted by memory. A mirror image of the house can be seen above the door of the storage room in the yard, which serves both as decoration and a blueprint of the house. Many of the cultural events take place in the house every year.

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Address: 4 Artin Gidikov Sr., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 32 628 998 Tickets: Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN Internet: www.oldplovdiv.com/en/sights/4 Email: info@oldplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/530

St. St. Konstantin and Elena Church



The church St. St. Konstantin and Elena is one of the oldest Christian temples Plovdiv, located right on the wall of the Acropolis in the Old

Town.

In 304, at the place where the church is located today, 38 martyrs of Plovdiv became victims of persecutions against Christians. According to archaeological researches, the very first Christian temple in the city was built in honor of two the beheaded holy martyrs – the Thracians Severin and Memnos.

In the '60s of XIX century, a beautiful 13-meter-high bell tower was built, with five floors and two bells. Next to the church, there used to be a parish school, which nowadays operates as an Icon gallery.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Hisar Kapia Sq., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Services: Friday and Sunday: 8 a.m.; Sunday - 5:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 624 573 More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/576

Dr. Stoyan Chomakov's House - Exposition of Zlatyu Boyadzhiev



The doctor and public official from the National Revival period Dr. Stoyan Chomakov was one of the most active fighters for autonomous Bulgarian

Church before the Liberation from Ottoman domination in 1878.

The Chomakov's House, built in 1862-1865, is his 'testament' to the future generations of Plovdiv. In terms of its architecture, the Neocalssical style popular at that time, was abandoned. Since 1984 this house has hosted the biggest collection of 72 paintings by the famous Bulgarian artist Zlatyu Boyadzhiev (1903-1976), representing the two periods of his professional life.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 18 Saborna Str., Plovdiv Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 32 635 308 Tickets: Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN Internet: http://oldplovdiv.com/sights/10 Email: info@oldplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/532

Street of Crafts



The Street of Crafts is a crafts market where one can explore typical for the Revival period workshops, have a tea or coffee, purchase herbs

from a traditional drug-store, observe works of skillful craftsmen created in front of their eyes.



There can be observed workshops in: ceramics, pottery, bakery, felting, glass engraving and painting, weaving and blacksmithery. Every visitor is able to see, or make by themselves, and purchase a souvenir from Plovdiv.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 1-3, Stramna Str., Old Town Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday: Closed Phone: +359 879 839577, +3598 89361451

Nedkovich's House



The house of Nikola Nedkovich was built in 1863 and features the most exuberant exterior decoration in the Old Town. Nowadays, it is one

of the very few houses that have preserved original artefacts belonging to the primary owners.

The ground floor of the house impresses with its unique ceiling carvings which have been preserved in their original appearance without any restoration work. The upper floor is notable for the distinctive style of its decoration. Here the spirit of Western Europe endures a strong presence through a superb collection of period furniture.

Nedkovich House is of the venues for hosting creative activities and initiatives in the Old Town.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 3 Tsanko Lavrenov Str., Plovdiv Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 32 626 216 Tickets: Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN Internet: www.oldplovdiv.com/en/sights/6 Email: info@oldplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/531

Museum of Pharmacy



The house was built in 1872 by Dr. Sotir Antoniadi, one of the first people with medical degree in Plovdiv. Nowadays, it features the

Old pharmacy shop Hippocrates and the Museum of Pharmacy, which are unique for Bulgaria. Here you can have insight of the way medicine and pharmacy were practised during the Bulgarian Revival period, up to the beginning of the 20th century – a period when all the medications and pills used to be made of natural ingredients.

A lot of tools and medical equipment, manufactured mainly in Vienna and Berlin, are displayed inside.

The original book with recipes by the healer St. John of Rila still keeps the memory of the century-old art of making remedies.

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St. Nedelya Church



The first temple to Saint Nedelya at that venue was built in the early XVII century and is one of the few churches built on this area. The majority of the

icons were painted by Dimitar Hristov Zograph and his son Zafir, later known by the pseudonym Stanislav Dospevski.



Frescoes from 1871 are preserved in the temple. They can be seen on the eastern wall of the altar and in medallions, located high between the arches of the columns. On the west wall under the balcony, on both sides of the entrance, there were found two mural panels depicting St. George and St. Dimitar /Demetrius/ in the typical iconography of horsemen warriors.

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Address: 40 P. R. Slaveykov Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Services: Every day at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 623 270 More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/578

Veren Stambolyan's House - Exposition Dimitar Kirov



Veren Stambolyan's house, built in the second half of XIX century, is a large two-storey symmetrical building, located on the Eastern

slope of Dzhambaz Tepe. Years ago, it used to be a creative center of Union of Bulgarian Artists and Union of Plovdiv Artists.

Since May 2010, a permanent exhibition dedicated to the work of the famous Plovdiv's artist Dimitar Kirov /1935-2008/ has been arranged in the house. Kirov belonged to the generation of Plovdiv artists, who modernized the image of Bulgarian art in the 1960s.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 15 Kiril Nektariev Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.. Phone: +359 32 635 381 Tickets: Individual: Adults - 5 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for 5 sights: 15 BGN Internet: http://oldplovdiv.com/sights/9 Email: info@oldplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/852

Klianti's House



The construction of this residential building started in the middle of the 18th c. It is an asymmetrical two-storey house, which has

undergone several refurbishments in the 19th c., the most significant being that from 1817. Up to the present

time 2/3 of its original substance have been preserved, for over time it had changed several owners.

Of all the Revival period houses in Plovdiv, Klianti House is the oldest and features enthralling interior decoration and unique architecture. The covered yard on the ground level is impressive. The first floor today consists of three rooms and of a spacious hayet with many windows. At the level of the hayet, next to it, a median storage room is built with a height of 1.60 m. It is named himala (meaning "low" in Greek). The ornamentation and decoration on the walls in these two rooms is extremely rich and is matched with preserved wooden elements. The mural paintings are polychrome and include plant ornamentation, bouquets and vases with flowers. The wooden ceilings are adorned with different decorative ornaments, the enclosed wooden recesses (musandras) are painted with bouquets of roses and the doors are richly decorated. On both sides of the alafranga in one of the rooms, unique landscapes from Vienna and Constantinople and the year 1817 were treated and restored.

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Address: 3 A Todor Samodumov Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: April - October: Monday - Sunday: 9a.m. -6p.m.; November - March: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Phone: + 359 (0) 32 660 160



Tickets: Individual: Adults - 10 BGN; Children and students - 4 BGN;

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Chalakov's House



This is one of the many houses in the Old Town that used to belong to the famous house of Chalakovtsi during the Revival period. Valko and

Stoyan Chalakovi were born in Koprivshtitsa, but their left their mark here, in Plovdiv. The churches St. Bogoroditsa and St, Nikolay, which are just next to the house, were built mostly on their donations, as well as the school 'St. St. Kiril and Metodiy'.

The bigger brother - Valko, is donator of the Rila Monastery, and was responsible for the schools, churches and hospitals in Plovdiv.

The house of Chalakovtsi was restored in 2012 by Assosiation 'Trakia' with the help of volunteers and artists from National School 'Tsanko Lavrenov'. The furniture which can be seen in the house is entirely from the Revival period.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Mitropolit Paisiy Str., Old Town Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Virgin Mary Church



The first records of a church, which was originally buit in honour of Virgin Mary, date back to IX – X century. In 1844 - 45, craftsmen from

Bratzigovo constructed an entirely church - a three-nave pseudo-basilica with impressive dimensions. After Stoyan Chalakov took the position of churchwarde, the church was entirely reconstructed.

The iconostasis was made by the Debar woodcarvers Andon Stanishev and Dimitar Stanishev in the Empire style and Nikola Odrinchanin created the icons. In 1875 Stanislav Dospevski painted the royal icon of Saint Mary with the Divine Infant by the iconostasis. The hurch was fully restored in 2000.

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Address: 2 Saborna Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Services: Every day at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 623 265 More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/580

St. Dimitar Church



At this place in the beginning of XIX century there was a dilapidated late medieval church, dedicated to St. Dimitar of Solun the

Thaumaturgus. Funds for the continuation of the construction were donated by wealthy Plovdiv citizens Ivan Politoglu, Valko and Stoyan Teodorovich Chalakovi, Stoyan Kurtovic Chalakov, Iskro Kesyakov, Todor Valkovich, and others. Anton Kamizopulos, merchant of Greek origin in Moscow, born in Plovdiv, donated valuable church-plates for the ordinance of the altar: Four Gospel, decorated with fittings, censers and vestments for the priests.Probably the temple was built by the famous master from Bratsigovo Stoyu Ivanov.

Most impressive is the marble iconostasis, the only monument of its kind in our Revival art. It was created in 1860-1869, by Adrianople and local masons, led by Greek artist A. Calumen. The funds for the expensive and impressive iconostasis were donated by the prominent



resident of the parish, Ivan G. Politoglu. The yard of the St. Dimitar temple is surrounded by high stone walls. In the western part there is the small chapel-holy spring, dedicated to the martyrs St. Kirik and Julita. In the north side of the narthex is the belfry, built in the '80s of XIX century by architect Joseph Shniter's design. The single storey building of the sexton's house fits snugly to the southern fence wall. Next to the chapel, built on the high retaining wall, is the old priest's home.

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St. Nikolay Church



Sveti Nikolay (St. Nicholas) Chapel is located on top of Taksim Tepe in Plovdiv, about 70-80 meters west of The Assumption church. It is

assumed that it was built during the reign of Bulgarian ruler Ivan Alexander around 1355 and was Saint Nikolay even then.

The current building of the chapel dates back to 1835, when it was built with funds donated by Valko Todorov Chalakov from Plovdiv, who lived very near the temple. St. Nicholas Chapel is a small, single nave basilica, with one apse and a size of 17.5m /9.80m/6m. It is built of unshaped stone. Only the east altar wall and the apse are from carved stone blocks.

The iconostasis of the chapel is from the old demolished church and that is why it is the oldest iconostasis in Plovdiv. It dates back to 1733 and has an interesting and original old carving. Presumably, it was made by local craftsmen, who were influenced by the carving in the great church of Bachkovo Monastery. The church icons were painted by Renaissance painters Zahari Zograf and Dimitar Zograf. The royal icons of Jesus Christ, Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist and St. Nicholas are the work of Zahari Zograf. There is a relatively small icon of St. Nicholas on the iconostasis, whose author was Hristo Dimitrov, Zahari Zograf's father.

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Craft Center Bakalova's House



The Early-Revival ensemble of houses of Evdokia Bakalova and Kasandra Bayatova is situated in the northernmost part of Dr.

Chomakov street and shapes the architectural framework of Nebet tepe hill.

In 2012, a crafts center was arranged in the house by Plovdiv Regional Chamber of Crafts. In the studios, visitors can watch the process of making art fabrics, jewelry beads, art ceramics, products from belenitsa /corn leaves/ and embroidery with national patterns. The center is equipped a showroom for handicrafts.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 9 Dr. Stoyan Chomakov Str. Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Tickets: Free entry

Armenian Apostolitic Church



Armenian Apostolic Church Surp Kevork Surp Kevork Church was originally an Eastern Orthodox Church, dedicated to St. George

the Victorious. This is the only church with side compartments besides the central nave: one for



women and another for men. Next to the church there was built a chapel. After several reconstructions the church got its present outlook.

In front of the church and around it there is a large yard that surrounds the church complex in a rectangular shape. Part of it serves as a school yard from the time it was built in the first three decades of XIX century. The yard on the west side rests on a massive, high stone wall. In the past, the yard was intended for graveyard of prominent and wealthy Armenians from the community, as well as priests and prelates, who had died here. In the churchyard, on the empty spot between the church and the erstwhile Surp Hach church, there is a preserved marble sarcophagus with a rectangular shape. The church tower, probably constructed in the second half of XIX century, was semi-destroyed during the earthquake in 1928. The new tower was built on the same spot in the corner. In the courtyard, in front of Tadey and Parteniy chapel to the west side, near the west staircase, still stands a well, made to the order of a noble Armenian, in memory of his deceased son. The well was built on May 5, 1877. In the northern part of the churchyard is the former building of St. Vartanants - Varavaryan School, with an inscription in Armenian on elliptical marble plaque and the year of its construction in 1894.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 2 Turist Sr., Old Town Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 17:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 632 804

Metropolitan Church of St. Martyr Marina



After the Edict of Milan in 313 AD in the ancient city of Plovdiv were built an episcopal basilica and residence of the spiritual head of the diocese. The

temple, existing in the time after this period, was built probably in V century and existed until the end of VI century when it was destroyed by Slavic invasions. According to studies of these researchers the temple was dedicated to St. Paul.

In the middle of XVIII century the church was burned down again. Among the first donors in its recovery were Hadji Andon, Konstantin Mavrudioglu, Costa Atanasov and priest Yani. It was finally completed in 1783 during the time of the Plovdiv Metropolitan Kiril. In 1828 the construction of a new iconostasis for the temple, a pulpit and a canopy for the Holy See started. The woodcarvers who made this were representatives of the Debar carving school. The dome is with polyhedral shape. In the western part of the temple there is an open colonnade - narthex which was inscribed with biblical scenes by painter Nikita Odrinchanin in 1858. The total number of scenes are 29, 24 of which are from the Old Testament. When the construction of the new, bigger temple started, the earlier carved iconostasis was preserved. On the left of the royal doors of the iconostasis was an icon of Virgin Mary with the Divine Infant, and on the right - an icon of Christ the Savior, both painted by Stanislav Dospevski in 1868. Two old places for church singers have octagonal shape and are decorated with encrusted bones and wooden plates. Nowadays, St. Marina is the temple with the biggest number of bells. The church also stores a fraction of the holy relics of Saint Martyr Marina



as a sanctuary.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 7, Dr. Georgi Valkovich Str., Plovdiv Opening hours: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 62 32 76

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES



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The abundance of art galleries and museums makes Plovdiv a must-visit city, famous as the city of artists.

There are over 300, 000 immovable artefacts in the city's museums from all of the 8 archaeological periods of its history.

Temporary expositions also take place to display private collections, or expositions of paintings by young artists.

Panagyurishte Golden Treasure - Regional Archaeological Museum



The treasure consists of nine golden vessels with a total weight of 6.100 kg and was discovered in 1949 near Panagyurishte. The gold beverage set

includes a phiale (a dish) and eight rhytons (cups) in the form of different zoomorphic and anthropomorphic figures. The treasure used to be in possession of an unknown Thracian ruler of the Odryssian tribe who reigned at the end of IV c. and the beginning of III c. B.C. Photo: @archaeologicalmuseum Address: 1, Saedinenie Sq., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tickets: 5 BGN Internet: www.archaeologicalmuseumplovdiv.org Email: ram.plovdiv@gmail.com

Regional Archaeological Museum



The Regional Archaeological Museum is one of the oldest cultural institutions in Bulgaria, founded in 1882. Seven temporary

collections are exposed in the museum: Prehistoric Art, The Panagyurishte Gold Treasure (Thracian Art), Ancient Greek Art, Roman Art, Medieval Art, Bulgarian Revival Art and a Numismatic Collection.

The Antiquity Department of the Museum displays more than 5,000 artefacts illustrating the Thracian-Roman Arts.

Diverse collection of over 60,000 coins dated VI c. B. C. - XX c. A. D. can be seen in the museum's Numismatic Department.

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Address: 1 Saedinenie Square, Plovdiv Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 624 339 Tickets: 5 BGN Internet: www.archaeologicalmuseumplovdiv.org Email: ram.plovdiv@gmail.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/840

Regional Historical Museum - Exposition of Bulgarian Unification 1885



The exposition of Unification of Bulgaria -1885 has been arranged in the building of the Province assembly (the Parliament) of Eastern

Rumelia, designed by the architect Pierre



Montani.

The museum exposition was opened in 1985 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Unification of Principality of Bulgaria and East Rumelia. It represents the period beginning with the Treaty of Berlin (1878), till the Serbo-Bulgarian War of 1885. Original items (personal belongings, award tokens, cold steel and firearms), photos and documents belonging to the participants in the Unification and the Serbo-Bulgarian War are displayed in five exhibition halls on area of 900 sq.m.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 1 Saedinenie Sq., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 32 629 409 Tickets: Adults: 3 BGN; Students: 1 BGN; Children up to 7 years of age: Free admission Internet: www.historymuseumplovdiv.org Email: hm_plovdiv@mail.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/820

Regional Historical Museum - Bulgarian National Revival Exposition



The Bulgarian National Revival Exposition is displayed in the House of Dimitar Georgiadi in the Old Town, which is a cultural monument of

national importance. The house was built in 1848 on commission of the wealthy Bulgarian craftsman Georgi Kendindenoglou and represents the so-called Symmetric Revival house.

The exposition traces back the history of Plovdiv in the period XV-XIX century on the area of ten halls and two salons of the house. The halls on the first floor display the ethnic diversity and economic development of Plovdiv during the Ottoman rule. On the second and third floor there is exposition representing the struggle for

independent church and education.

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Address: 1 Tsanko Lavrenov Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 32 62 33 78 Tickets: Adults: 3 BGN; Students: 1 BGN; Children up to 7 years of age: Free admission Internet: http://www.historymuseumplovdiv.org/ Email: hm_plovdiv@mail.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/850

Regional Historical Museum - Exposition of Book Publishing in Bulgaria in 19th-20th century



The exposition of the Bulgarian book publishing took place in the house of the founder of the modern Bulgarian book publishing Hristo

Gruev Danov in 1975.

The house was erected in the mid-19th century and is a typical example of a symmetric house from the Revival period. The transition from the ceiling to walls is painted with alternating 12 medallions, four of them depicting Johann Gutenberg.

The section of the exposition holds more than 5000 volumes of books, unique publications, geographic maps and school pictures and aids, items of everyday life, personal belongings and correspondence of Hristo Danov and his publisher's house.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com

Address: 2 Mitropolit Paisiy Str., The Old Town, Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 32 62 94 05 Tickets: Adults: 3 BGN; Students: 1 BGN; Children up to 7 years of age: Free admission Internet: http://www.historymuseumplovdiv.org/ Email: hm_plovdiv@mail.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/848



Museum Center of Modern History -Exposition 'The Soul of Japanese Doll'



The building was originally an officers' club, founded in 1895. In 1951 the building was turned into a Museum of the History of Capitalism,

Working Class Movement and Socialist Construction.

Nowadays it accommodates the Museum Centre of Modern History. The permanent exposition of the museum - The Soul of the Japanese Doll, represents the history of the Japanese traditional dolls.

In the large, fully equipped hall there are also arranged art and photographic exhibitions, presentations, seminars and other public events.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 14 Angel Bukoreshtliev Str. Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 32 62 88 86; +359 32 63 45 12 Internet: http://www.historymuseumplovdiv.org/ Email: hm_plovdiv@mail.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/846

Regional Ethnographic Museum



Regional Ethnographic museum is the second largest specialized museum of this type in Bulgaria. The museum was established in 1917

and since 1938 it has been located in

Kuyumdzhieva house - a cultural monument of national significance. The permanent exposition consists of more than 40, 000 items and presents Bulgarian crafts, agriculture, clothing, furniture, musical instruments, as well as a photo exhibition. Address: 2 Dr. Stoyan Chomakov Str., Plovdiv Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 625 654 Tickets: Individual: Adults - 6 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Internet: www.ethnograph.info Email: ethnograph@abv.bg

More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/844

Regional Natural Science Museum



The museum displays a variety of expositions, including those of Minerals, Fishes, Mammals, Amphibians and Reptiles,

Invertebrates, Birds and Plants.

The biggest and the most diversified aquarium in the whole country with over 216 kinds of fish and octopi and a terrarium with living animal species can be explored.

After recent reconstructions, the museum boasts with the first Digital Planetarium in Bulgaria with a capacity of 50 seats, which carries the visitors into the atmosphere of nature and the outer space.

On September 7, 2017, a new tropic hall will be opened. There will be observed 15 living species of butterflies, as well as over 40 exotic plants.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com

Address: 34 Hristo G. Danov Street, Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Hours of the projections in the Digital Planetarium: 09:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00, 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 633096; Reservations for groups: +359 32 633096 Tickets: 4,00 BGN; Students - 2,00 BGN; Tickets for the projections in the Digital Planetarium: Single: adults - 10,00 BGN; Students - 7,00 BGN Internet: http://rnhm.org/en/home Email: pnm_plovdiv@abv.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/842



Regional Natural Science Museum: Opening of Tropical Hall - 18/09/2017



The Tropical Hall of Regional Natural History Museum will open doors at 9:30 a.m. on September 18, 2017. Over 15 living species of

tropical butterflies can be obersed in the new exposition hall, which will be decorated with over 40 exotic plants.

The Tropical hall can be explored alongside the other expositions of the museum, such as the Aqarium, Terrarium and the Digital planetarium.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 34, Hristo G. Danov Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 633 096 Tickets: Individual: 5 BGN, Students: 3 BGN, Children under the age of 7: 1 BGN Internet: http://www.rnhm.org Email: pnm plovdiv@abv.bg

City Art Gallery - Permanent Exposition CLOSED



The exposition is housed in the building of the Young Girls' College, designed and built in 1881, under the guidance of the architect Joseph

Schnitter.

The collection presents the most diverse artistic works from the early development of Bulgarian art, with over 200 original pieces of artwork. It is arranged chronologically on two floors. The works of our great Revival artists before and in the first years after the Liberation are displayed.

At present the City Art Gallery of Plovdiv holds

7210 works, of which 2310 – paintings, 2549 – graphic works, 545 – sculptures and applied arts works, 574 – icons and 1234 – works of Mexican art.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 14 A Saborna Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: The site is currently closed due to repair works Phone: +359 32 63 53 22 Tickets: Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the expositions: 8 BGN; Internet: http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en/ Email: ghgpl1952@gmail.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/838

City Art Gallery - Halls for Temporary Expositions



The exhibition spaces are housed in a building with a typical urban architecture from the beginning of the 20th century. In the halls on

both floors there are presented temporary exhibitions relating to the anniversaries of outstanding Bulgarian artists, as well as the historical events, as well as the cultural life of Bulgaria. Exhibitions by foreign artists, such as one's by children, are also presented here.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 15 Knyaz Alexander Batemberg Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 09:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Phone: +359 32 624221 Tickets: Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the expositions: 8 BGN; Internet: http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en Email: ghgpl1952@gmail.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/832



Icon Gallery



On display are the best examples of icons wealth funds from the gallery's collection of Plovdiv Bishopric, representing the Eastern Christian art

from the Plovdiv region and throughout South Bulgaria by the end of the fifteenth century to the late nineteenth century.

Extremely valuable are eight icons from Nessebar - works of masters from the Post-Byzantine Cretan School. Seventeenth century is also presented with a number of icons from Rakitovo. The path of Bulgarian pilgrims who visited the holy places like Jerusalem, Sinai Monastery St. Catherine and the Holy Mountain Athon can be followed by the Eruslimii and the church plate presented.

Thematic exhibitions are temporarily displayed, presenting various aspects of symbolic of the Christian art.

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Address: 22 Saborna Str., The Old Town, Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 09:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Phone: +359 32 626086 Tickets: Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the expositions: 8 BGN; Internet: http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en Email: ghgpl1952@gmail.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/836

City Art Gallery: Exposition of Georgi Bozhilov - Slona



The Skobeleva house is a Revival house in Plovdiv, built in 1860 by Kostadin Kaftandzhiyata, a prominent Bulgarian from Stara Zagora. After the

liberation the mother of gen. Mihail Skobelev, Olga Skobeleva (1823-1880), lived here until her death. She is known for her charity for helping the bulgarian victims of the Turkish rout in southern Bulgaria during the April Uprising and the Liberation War. At her place of death near Tsarigradsko shose Blvd. stands a memorial park. In 2003 in the Skobeleva house is arranged a constant exposition, devoted to the work of the famous Plovdiv artist Georgi Bozhilov - The Elephant (1935-2001). On the northern side there could be seen a picturesque panel and a mosaic of another famous painter - Dimitar Kirov, which he dedicates to his friend. The turbot of the house from the side of Saborna Str. is decorated with memorial mural, a painting and a mosaic, designed by Dimitar Kirov, engraved in Georgi Bozhilov's memory.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 1 Knyaz Tseretelev, Old Town Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 633 434 Tickets: Individual: 4 BGN; Children and students - 2 BGN; Combined tickets for all expositions: 8 BGN

City Art Gallery - Exposition of Tsanko Lavrenov



In his works Tsanko Lavrenov demonstrates a deep sincere devotion to the monuments of the Bulgarian Renaissance. His compositions with

themes from Plovdiv and Veliko Tarnovo, with themes from old monasteries of the Holy Mountain of Athos, Rila and Rhodopes, indicate his desire to connect with the natural architectural forms in the name of their respectable historicity.

Although almost all the characteristics of his art are typical for modernism and are not unknown to European art of that time, put together in his decorative graphic illustrations, they present a



different approach to creativity.

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Address: 11 Artin Gidikov Str., The Old Town, 4000 Plovdiv Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 32 62 87 45 Tickets: Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the expositions: 8 BGN; Internet: http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en Email: ghgpl1952@gmail.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/834

City Art Gallery - Exposition of Mexican Art



Along with decorative monumental painting, Mexican graphic arts cause significant public interest with its thematic engagement, professional

skill and advanced plastic solutions with direct impact on the audience.

Since 1981 such visually diverse graphic collections have been presented in our country. The exposition consists of 1,300 drawings, donated to Bulgaria by the National Fund 13 Centuries Bulgaria. This is the first fully equipped art gallery outside of Mexico and a complete overview of modern Mexican graphic. Subsequently received copies of pre-Columbian pottery and replicas of musical instruments, artwork and crafts are also on display.

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Address: 11 Artin Gidikov Str., The Old Town, 4000 Plovdiv Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 09:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Phone: +359 32 62 87 45 Tickets: Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the expositions: 8 BGN; Internet: http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en Email: ghgpl1952@gmail.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/834

City Art Gallery - Exposition of Encho Pironkov



Encho Pironkov's style is typified by strong expressive gesture with a sense of spontaneity and naturalness. It fragments pictorial space and fits in

it figures holding ceremonial position. Dealing with these compositions is dramatically enhanced by the peculiar mystique of the message and the typical strong opposition to the cut-off in them.

This art has evolved and been enriched contemporary plastic ideas and opinions, thus forming part of a new mythology in Bulgarian painting.

The gallery displays 45 works donated by the artist, covering various periods of his creative development.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 1 Vassil Kunchev Str., The Old Town, Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: +359 32 63 80 55 Tickets: Individual: 4 BGN; Combined ticket for all the expositions: 8 BGN; Internet: http://www.galleryplovdiv.com/en Email: ghgpl1952@gmail.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/830

Trakart Research Center



Trakart Research Center is a center for cultural tourism and researches on social interactions, providing international experience and

opportunities for carrying out meetings, conferences and discussions.

The expositions are arranged on 4 levels and trace the evolutional development of the former cultures - from palaeolithic fossils to



contemporary artefacts. The expositions feature moveable artefacts gathered in two private collections - the one of Trakart-2000 Foundation, as well as the one of 'Videvi''.

Trakart Research Center is part of a complex that also includes Cultural Center Trakart in the Archaeological Underpass, where the ruins of Ancient Residential Building 'Eirene' can be explored.

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Address: 25, Knyaz Alexandar Batemberg Str. - Main Shopping Str. Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 332 061 Tickets: Individual-5 BGN; Students - 3 BGN; Combined tickets for Trakart Cultural Center and Trakart Research Center - 8 BGN; Students - 5 BGN Internet: http://trakart.org Email: trakartplovdiv@gmail.com

Exhibition Hall of Union of Plovdiv Artists



Union of Plovdiv aritst was established in 1990 with the purpose of promoting the works of its members. It is a successor of the Group of

Plovdiv Artists and currently is integrating about 400 artists.

Its members are occupied in the field of various visual arts: painting, graphics, sculptures, applied arts, alternative forms, currator projects. Union of Plovdiv Artists is the biggest artistic association not only in Plovdiv, bu generally outside the capital.

The exhibition hall of 32, Gladton Str. is a venue of the Union's activities. For the last years there have taken place a number of important events, such as the Inernational workshop in painting, the International workshop in lithography, Symposiums in sculpture, International Art Collage Symposium and periodical exhiitions of artists from Southern Bulgaria.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 32, Gladston Str., Plovdiv 4000 Phone: +359 886 972 737 Internet: www.plovdivartdph.eu

Museum of Aviation



The Museum of Aviation in the village of Krumovo was established in 1991. Since 2005 it has been a branch of the National Museum of Military

History -Sofia.

The indoor and outdoor expositions display collections of aircraft, aviation engines and equipment, photos, decorations, flags and others.

There are two collections devoted to space flights, including the equipment of the first Bulgarian astronaut Georgi Ivanov, as well as photo material of taking off of Sojuz - TM-5 in 1988.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Krumovo Village, Plovdiv Region 4112 Opening hours: Wednesday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32/63 66 77 Tickets: Adults: 5 BGN; Students: 2 BGN; Children up to 7 years of age: free; Family: 8 BGN; Free admission: The last Wednesday of every month. Internet: http://www.airmuseum-bg.com/eng/ Email: airmuseum bg@abv.bg



CITYSCAPE



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Plovdiv is a compact city which can be best negotiated on foot. The Main Shopping Street, which is not only a shopping paradise, but also unique in architecture, loosely bounds the Old Town, where the cultural sites from all the millennia of the city's history can be discovered, along with modern museum expositions. The city located on six hills, which are natural areas with unique animal and plant species, and

perfect for leisure activities. The romantic atmosphere of the city can be felt whether watching the sunset from the top of a

whether watching the sunset from the top of a hill, or enjoying a cozy restaurant or taking a night walk downtown.

Main Shopping Street



Plovdiv boasts with having one of the longest pedestrian streets in Europe. With its 1750 m. of length, the Main Street is not only a shopping

paradise, but also an architectural phenomenon. Most of the houses here have been built in the early 20th century, their architecture representing the Classicism, Secession and Postmodernism.

The Main Street loosely bounds the historical center of the city - the Old Town, and is tightly connected with Kapana District and the Tsar Simeon's Garden.

Its location makes it perfect for romantic nightwalks or exploring the nightlife of the city. A number of events take place there, such as the Fair of Crafts, as well as a number of concerts and fairs.

Address: Knyaz Alxandar I Str., Rayko Daskalov Str. Internet: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/723

Kapana District



The district emerged as a center for craftsmen 5 centuries ago. Nowadays, one will not find craftsmen here, but contemporary creative

entrepreneurs. This project is also part of the artistic program of "Together" – the concept and motto Plovdiv won the European Capital of Culture 2019 with. You will find galleries, workshops, ateliers, studios, cozy restaurants and shops, as well as other art spaces, and there is even a vinyl shop! All these places fill Kapana with modern cultural content not only with their daily activities but also organizing events with social, economic and cultural effect for the city, such as concerts, exhibitions, festivals, forums, art installations, screenings, workshops and many more.

Address: Kapana, Plovdiv 4000 Public Transport: Buses # 1,4,7,9,11,20,26,27,44 Email: redactor@kapana.bg; reklama@kapana.bg

Danov Hill



Danov Hill (Sahat Tepe) is located in the center of Plovdiv, west of the Main Street. In the first modern city plan, drawn by Joseph Schnitter, the



hill was named the Hour Hill. Over time, there were numerous changes, the most serious of which was in 1812 (according to the Arabic inscription above the entrance). It is believed that in Roman times on the top of the hill there was a temple of Venus. Near the tower there is also a radio relay television station, built on January 18, 1956 (on July 1, 1960 it started airing radio broadcasts). Its altitude is 210 m.

Address: Main Street, Plovdiv 4000 More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/697

Liberators Hill



The hill is located western from the city center and is the second highest in the city with its altitude of 234 m. Its old name – Bunardzhik,

which is still in use, originates from the Ottoman word Bunar (a well), and refers to the small spring that flows down the hill. The hill bears its modern name -Liberators hill, from the two monuments on the top – the Monument of Russian Liberators, who set the city at liberty from Ottoman occupation on January 16, 1878, and the one of the Unknown Russian Soldier, popular as Alyosha. The Alley of Astronauts loosely bounds both monuments, the first pine-tree here having been planted by Yuri Gagarin himself back in 1961. On the foot of the hill, there are a number of sport facilities, as well as the Summer theatre, which is a popular venue of concerts.

More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/697

Youth Hill and Children's Railway



The top of Dzhendem Tepe is the highest altitude of the city's seven hills. The hill, which is located in the southwest part of the city,

has the status of a national landmark with the aim of preservation the natural habitat of rare plant species, such as Bulgarian and Balkan relict endemic tutsan, Astragalus physocalux, Genista rumelica.

The hill has been inhabited since 3 000 B.C., and some archaeological sites from the periods have been found, such as statue of Apollo from Late Antiquity and a three-nave basilica from early-Christian times.

The children Railway is located on the foot of the Youth Hill. It was founded in 1979 and since then it has been a real attraction for the children and their parents, both citizens and visitors of Plovdiv. Thousands of kids from the region keep the memory of their very first travelling by train on the Youth Hill. The train, which consists of an engine and three carriages, starts its journey from the Peoneer Station, which has a platform, two lines, as well as traffic lights. The duration of the trip is about 25 minutes per direction. A number of cultural activities regularly take place on the foot of the hill.

Opening hours: Train Schedule : 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Phone: Children's Railway: +359 889 922 388 Tickets: 1 BGN More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/691



Tsar Simeon's Garden and the Lake with the Singing Fountains



Tsar Simeon's Garden in Plovdiv is created in 1892 by the Swiss landscape architect Lucien Chevalas (1840-1921). Since the summer of 2015 the

restored fountain of Goddess Demeter is brought for a new life, and a Viennese pavilion is built in the center of the park. In addition, new benches and modern children's playgrounds are installed. The trees and the flowers turn the park in a paradise garden.

The pearl on the crown of the park is the renovated Lake with the Singing Fountains. You can enjoy the light show of the lake intertwined with water effects.

The Fountain's special dance – a spectacular show with music and light can be observed every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 21:00 during the summer season.

Address: Central Square, Plovdiv 4000 More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2982

Leisure and Culture Park



Leisure and Culture Park is Plovdiv's greenest area, located near the bank of Maritsa river and within a reach from the city center. Within its

borders, there are a number of natural and cultural sites included, such as the Rosarium park, the biggest Rowing Canal on the Balkans, the Common Knoll, and Plovdiv Zoo, which is soon going to open its doors to visitors. The venue is also part of the city's retail area, located within a reach to big shopping centers, residence complexes, restaurants and hotels. The cycling trail network covering almost the whole city, starts from the site.

Sport facilities are abundant in the area, including the biggest stadium in Bulgaria -Plovdiv stadium. A newly-constructed Youth Center opened doors last year and offers variety of youth activities.

Address: Leisure and Culture Park, Plovdiv 4000

Rowing Canal



The Rowing Canal (Regatta Venue) in the city of Plovdiv is a sports facility for rowing. This is the largest facility of this kind in the Balkans where

rowing competitions can be held. The channel is 2 200 meters long, 120 meters wide and three meters deep. It is located adjacent to the Recreation and Culture Park. The spectators can enjoy the sports events from the renovated 800 seats grandstand.

Other sports facilities are also located at the territory of the sports complex – tennis courts, a swimming pool, a Rope Garden Attraction. Recently, the place has become extremely attractive to both the citizens and the visitors of the city. Here you can enjoy a pleasant walk or rest. Restaurants located around the Rowing facilities appear to be tempting for those willing to taste traditional dishes while enjoying calm and peaceful atmosphere.

Address: Leisure and Culture Park



Monument of Bulgarian Unification - 1885



The Monument of Unification in Plovdiv was erected in 1985 on occasion the 100th anniversary of the Unification of Eastern

Rumelia and the Principality of Bulgaria in 1885. Its sculptor is Velichko Minekov. This event is one of the most important in the historical development of Bulgaria. After the Russo-Turkish war for liberation of Bulgaria from Ottoman rule, the Berlin Peace Treaty of 1878 divided Bulgaria into two independent parts (states). The northern half of the present-day territory was called Principality of Bulgaria (under the rule of a Prince) with capital Sofia, and the southern -Eastern Rumelia (under the control of a Governor, the first of whom was the prominent Bulgarian Aleko Bogoridi) with its capital Plovdiv. The Monument of Unification depicts the Mother Motherland with the laurel wreath of victory in her hands. The wings in flight symbolize the two united parts of Bulgaria. Every year on September 6th the historical event of the Unification is noted as an official holiday in Bulgaria and a Day of Plovdiv with a solemn ceremony in the square in front of the Monument.

Photo: OMGWrks - Photography & Digital Art Address: Unification Square, Plovdiv

Maritsa River



Maritsa River is the largest river on the Balkan Peninsula and flows through the city of Plovdiv. The first prehistoric settlement

within the borders of the modern city was

adjacent to the river, the ancient name of which -Hebros, is now associated with legends for city's first inhabitants. The riverbank was an area where traditions in wine production were established more than 5,000 years ago by Thracian tribes and never quit. Nowadays, one can find a number of cozy restaurants, cafeterias and open-air sports facilities along the riverbank. The pedestrian bridge at the end of the Main Shopping Street is part of the city's retail area.

More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/696

International Fair Plovdiv



In 1892, Plovdiv hosted the First Bulgarian Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, which marked the beginning of the

exhibition industry in Bulgaria.

International Fair Plovdiv is the successor of the First Exhibition and its mission, i.e. to contribute to the prosperity of the Bulgarian people by encouraging the development of the national industry.

The exhibition calendar of International Fair Plovdiv comprises multi-branch fairs and trade exhibitions covering key sectors of Bulgarian economy. The Fair is the organizer of the most important trade forums in the country, opening up prospects for the Bulgarian producers to emerge in the international market. The trade fair and exhibition events outline the performance of Bulgarian economy, as well as the interest of the international business in our country and region.

Address: 37, Tzar Boris III Obedinitel Blvd., Plovdiv 4003 Phone: +359 32 902 346 Internet: http://www.fair.bg/en



Email: fairinfo@fair.bg

EVENTS



www.visitplovdiv.com

A huge set of top-class events is annually held in Plovdiv.

The most popular venues include the Ancient theatre, Balabanov's house and the newly-constructed Multifunctional Sports Hall Kolodruma.

The program bellow features some of the top annual events in the city's Cultural calendar, which offers more than 120 world-wide recognized festivals. Over 10 events are taking place on various locations every day. All the cultural events can be checked on the

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http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/eventsplovdiv

International Meeting of Tourism (IMT) 2018



Since 2012 Plovdiv Municipality organizes International Meeting of Tourism in cooperation with Ministry of Tourism, private companies, local

and national authorities. The forum emphasizes on variety aspects of the tourism development in the city and the region of Plovdiv, presenting the diversity of its tourist product. It introduces the opportunities for cultural, religious, weekend, wine, spa and other types of tourism. IMT Plovdiv gathers heads of local, regional and national tourism authorities, tourism professionals from all around the globe with immense experience within the field and representative of worldwide recognized media.

In the present year of 2018 the 10th anniversary edition of the meeting is coming, having the ambition to consolidate the position of Plovdiv between some of the most preferable tourism destinations on world level and to emphasize its role/development as the future EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE in 2019.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Plovdiv Internet: www.imt.visitplovdiv.com Email: imt@plovdiv.bg More Info: www.imt.visitplovdiv.com

OPERA OPEN 2018 - June - September 2018



Opera Open is a big opera festival that annually takes place at the Ancient theatre of Philippopol. Its ambitious and diverse program

includes multiple genres and international participance.

Please find below a draft program for the festival in 2018:

June 9, 2018 - La Forza del Destino (Power of Destiny) / Spare date: June 10, 2018 June 23, 2018 - Edip Tzar' (King Edip) / Spare date: June 24, 2018 June 27, 2018 - The Flying Douchman / Spare date: June 28, 2017 June 30, 2018 - Ballet Show 'Swan Lake' / Spare



date: July 1, 2018 July 7, 2018 - Helen of Troy / Spare date: July 8, 2018 July 11, 2018 - Symphonic Concert July 14, 2018 - Opera Show 'Traviata' - Spare date: July 15, 2018 July 21, 2018 - Opera show 'Ottelo'/ Spare date: July 22, 2017 July 25, 2018 - Opera show 'West Side Story'/ Spare date: July 26, 2018 July 28, 2018 - Opera show 'Aida' / Spare date: July 29, 2018 July 31, 2018 - Ballet Gala August 30, 2018 - Musicle 'Chicago' September 1, 2018 - Opera Gala / Spare date: September 2, 2018

This event is part of the program of Plovdiv -European Capital of Culture 2019. Opera Plovdiv reserves its right to change the program.

Photo: Opera Plovdiv Address: Tsar Ivaylo Str., Plovdiv 4000 - Ancient theatre Tickets: Eventim.bg More Info: http://operaplovdiv.bg/arenaopen/schedule/year/2017

Plovdiv Beer Fest - 5-9/9/2018



Photo: @Plovdiv BeerFest

Address: Youth Hill Plovdiv Phone: +359 877 890 333 Email: office@incubator.bg Wed, September 5, 2018 -Sun, September 9, 2018 Venue: Youth Hill Plovdiv

Fado Violado -15/09/2018



Concert of Fado Violado 15 September 2018, 8pm Fado Violado is a musical concept project that crosses flamenco and fado. Tickets are

available on www.eventim.bg; www.epaygo.bg and Ticket Office Plovdiv Prisez: 20 - 25 BGN

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Ancient Theatre Tickets: Ticket Office Plovdiv; www.eventim.bg; www.epaygo.bg Email: info@jazz-plus.com

Old Town Festival - 17-24/09/2018



Old Town Festival "On the Three Hills Track of Time" Location: Different locations in the Old Town. Official opening om 17th September at the Ancient

Theatre.

September is coming and it is time to celebrate the glory of the Old Town again.

Sink with us into the dance of times, where Antiquity, Middle Ages and Revival meet youth and bloom.

Modern and classical music, exhibitions, workshops, retro cars shining under the autumn sun, happy people saying the sacred "Yes" are just some of the things that are going to happen under the three hills.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Tickets: Free entry More Info: www.visitplovdiv.com



Balabanov's House Music Days -16/09-30/10.2018



"Balabanov's House Music Days" IX International Festival 2018 Autumn edition 16 September - 7.00 pm City House of Culture "Boris

Christov"| PAGANINI STRING QUARTET

17 September, 18.30 pm Balabanov's House CABARET

23 September, 7.00 pm Roman Stadium THE FAMOUS BISTRISHKI BABI

28 September, 6.30 pm The Small Basilica 110 years of the birth of the great Bulgarian composer MARIN GOLEMINOV

9 October, 6.30 pm Balabanov's House ANGEL STANKOV - violin ROSTISLAV YOVCHEV - piano With the special participation of ANATOLI KRASTEV - cello YASEN TEODOSIEV - horn

10 October, 6.30 pm Balabanov's House STRING QUARTET "VECTOR" (Switzerland)

18 October, 6.30 pm PLAMENA MANGOVA PIANO RECITAL 24 October, 7.00 pm City House of Culture "Boris Christov"| MILA GEORGIEVA – violin Concertmaster of the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra ORCHESTRA OF STATE OPERA – PLOVDIV

28 October, 6.30 pm Balabanov's House LIYA PETROVA – violin First prize winner of Carl Nielsen International Competition – 2016 ADRIEN LA MARCA /France/ – viola AURELIEN PASKAL /France/ – cello

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com More Info: www.visitplovdiv.com

Autumn Fair of Crafts - 20/09/2018 -23/09/2018



During the bi-annual fair of crafts, the Main Shopping Street (Rayko Daskalov Str.) turns into a craft center, recreating the atmosphere of past.

Over 100 craftsmen dressed in traditional clothes, demonstrate the minutest details of their works, thus presenting the cultural heritage of Bulgaria and preserving its traditions.

During the crafts fair in Autumn 2018, there will take place a 'Dolls' workshop - masters from all around Bulgaria will produce dolls out of wool, various tissues, corn leaves and other. The items will be donated to children in University Hospital 'St. George'.

Photo: Visit Plovdiv Address: Rayko Daskalov Str., Plovdiv 4000 - Main Shopping Street Tickets: Free Email: rzk_plovdiv@mail.bg



Rock Festival - 21-23/09/2018



Rock Festival - Sounds of the Ages 21 - 23 September 2018 21 September - Imelda May 22 September - Sons of Apollo Location: Ancient

Theatre

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Ancient Theatre More Info: www.visitplovdiv.com

Goran Bregovic - 26/11/2018



Goran Bregovic and his Wedding and Funeral Orchestra with a concert in Plovdiv. 26 September 2018 8pm. - Ancient Theatre Tickets from 40

to 60 BGN, available online on www.eventim.bg

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Ancient Theatre Tickets: 40-60BGN - www.eventim.bg

The Show: A Tribute to ABBA - 27/09/2018



27 September 2018 8pm, Ancient Theatre The Show: A Tribute to ABBA An amazing spectacle under the sky in Plovdiv. Extraordinary modern

sound, visual effects and some of the most favourite all time hits - Money Money Money", "Dancing Queen", "Mamma Mia", "SOS", "Waterloo", "Knowing Me Knowing You" - is what the audience will enjoy.

Tickets can be found online on www.eventim.bg

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Ancient Theatre Tickets: www.eventim.bg More Info: www.visitplovdiv.com

Goran Bregovic - 28/09/2018



Goran Bregovic and his Wedding and Funeral Orchestra with a concert in Plovdiv. 28 September 2018 8pm. - Ancient Theatre Tickets from 40

to 60 BGN, available online on www.eventim.bg

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Ancient Theatre Tickets: 40-60BGN - www.eventim.bg More Info: www.visitplovdiv.bg; www.eventim.bg

KAPANA Fest - 28-30/09/2018



KAPANA Fest - Autumn edition 28-30 September LOCATION: Kapana Creative District What can you find on the streets of Kapana Fast? -

Music, Literature, Cinema, Hadmade and Food bazar and an amazing atmosphere.

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Kapana district Internet: www.visitkapana.bg More Info: www.kapana.bg

Vasko Vasilev - 08/11/2018



Concert by Vasko Vasilev in Plovdiv 08 November 2018 8pm, Complex SILA Tickets available online on www.eventim.bg

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 50 Trakia str, 4000 Plovdiv Tickets: www.eventim.bg



Ishtar in Plovdiv - 24/11/2018



24 November 2018 7pm, Complex Sila For the second time in Plovdiv Ishtar will be singing with bend of 12 musicians. Tickets cost from 40 to 90

BGN Available online on www.eventim.bg

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: 50 Trakia str, 4000 Plovdiv Tickets: 40-90BGN - www.eventim.bg

Young Wine Festival - 23-25/11/2018



Young Wine Festival -10th anniversary edition 23-25 November 2018 Location: Different locations in the Old Town

Photo: www.visitplovdiv.com Address: Old Town of Plovdiv Phone: +359 888 909 960 Internet: http://wineshowplovdiv.events/ Email: info@wineshowplovdiv.events More Info: http://wineshowplovdiv.events/

RESTAURANTS AND CLUBS



Plovdiv is a place where one can enjoy a real gastronomic experience with the variety of Mediterranean and traditional Bulgarian meals. What will make such dishes even better, is a glass of wine from the biggest wine region in Bulgaria.

The nightlife in the city is something one should explore, whether enjoying wine and discussions on its production in a wine club, get a drink in a cocktail bar, or discover the nightclubs in Kapana District.

Restaurant Mundo



Restaurant Mundo offers fabulous mix of Bulgarian and Mediterranean cuisine. Enjoy great selection of fresh salads, delicious dishes, deserts

and variety of drinks - specially selected to satisfy each connoisseurs' taste.

Whether planning a business lunch, meeting with friends, Gala dinner or just would like to enjoy a glass of good wine - let us turn your occasion into triumph of the senses.

The restaurant's capacity is up to 140 guests. An attractive summer garden with capacity up to 40 guests is a part of the elegant atmosphere of the restaurant.

Address: 38 St Peterburg Blvd., Plovdiv 4000



Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. -11:20 p.m. Phone: +359 32 811 856, ext.6; +359 877 211 155 Internet:

http://www.parkhotelplovdiv.com/en/restaurant-mundo Email: mundo@parkhotelplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/1514

Memory Wine&Dine



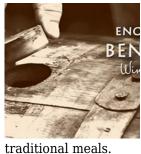
Memory Wine & Dine is the perfect place for company parties, business meetings, birthdays, family gatherings, elegant

weddings and meetings with friends.

At the heart of the city we've created a place where you will find food prepared with care, skill and passion and be able to enjoy it among the relaxing shades and shapes of the original interior. We make daily efforts to satisfy your appetite for innovative and contemporary cuisine, but will be happy to cook your favorite home-made dish, too. To this we offer to add a few notes of jazz and soul music, breathe in the aromas of a glass of excellent wine from our exclusive wine selection and thus build up our collection of future memories together. A rich assortment of well-selected wines is available in our exclusive wine shop where you can purchase wines to take home at cost prices.

Address: 3 Saedinenie Sq., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 01:00 a.m. Phone: +359 32 62 61 03, +359 894 490 637 Internet: http://memorybg.net/en Email: office@memorybg.net

Enotheka Bendida



In Enotheka Bandida you can enjoy a perfect selection of Ruby and Mavrud from the Plovdiv region, combined with home-prepared

The club offers tasting sommelier-made menus of wine and traditional dishes, free lecture about the Thracians and their wine production, as well as organizing wine tasting events for tourist groups.

Address: 15 Druzhba Str., Plovdiv 4002 Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 09:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday: 09:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Phone: +359 88 791 1188 Internet: http://bendida.eu/ Email: wine@bendida.eu

Megdana Restaurant



Megdana is the place where you get to know the Bulgarian traditions and national folklore. You can feel the unique atmosphere with

Bulgarian cuisine, fine wines and music program.

Delighted with national traditions, culinary tastes and the variety of round dances, our guests from abroad spend unforgettable evenings with their Bulgarian friends. Experience this extraordinary story at the most Bulgarian restaurant Megdana.

Address: 11 Odrin Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Phone: +359 88 596 82 70 ; +359 32 624 694 Internet: http://megdanabg.com/ Email: megdana.plovdiv@abv.bg



Philippopolis Gallery & Restaurant



Attractive food and wine connoisseurs from Plovdiv and around the world, Philippopolis Restaurant-Gallery & Garden, is the place in

the Old Town where you can find gourmet pleasures, or stumble upon international movie stars.

The exclusive seasonal menus are a fusion between national flavors and international delicacies. The impressive wine list and welcoming service in this Viennese style restaurant makes you feel as if you were transported to the glorious past of the 1930s' Europe. Richly decorated in turn-of-the century Viennese style, Tiffany flair stained glass accents, original art displayed between crystal mirrors, and soft music, are the perfect ambience for quiet and romantic dinners. Its garden perched on an Ancient Roman, with incredible view towards Kapana District - the creative hub of Plovdiv - is an ideal place to spend hot summer days or host your wedding in an extraordinary atmosphere.

Address: 29 Saborna Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 00:00 a.m. Phone: +359 32 624 851 Internet: http://philippopolis.com/cs/index.php?option=com_c ontent&view=category&id=29&Itemid=&lang=en Email: gallery@philippopolis.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/274

Hemingway BBQ Bar & Grill



Hemingway - BBQ&Grill is a place for dining, meeting people, for enjoying wine and music. The smell of delicious meals and freshly baked bread is what entices you in for a glass of wine. The food is prepared with love, the wines are specially selected there sounds some live piano music. We offer diverse lunch and dinner menus, our wine list includes a selection of classy Bulgarian and imported wines and we strive to maintain high level of service. Whether you want to grab a bite or have fun with colleagues and friends, Hemingway BBQ Bar & Grill is the place to go for dining, a glass of good wine and music.

Address: 10 Gurko str, Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: 09:00 a.m. - 01:00 a.m. Phone: +359 894 49 06 36 Internet: http://www.hemingway.bg/en Email: office@hemingwaybg.net More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/3635

Rahat Tepe Restaurant



Rahat Tepe Restaurant is located just on the foots of Nebet Hill in the Old Town and offers 100 seats indoors and 350 outdoors during the

summer season.

The newly-constructed indoor area is hosted within a reach from the top of the hill and the outdoor summer garden offers picturesque view in the hot summer.

The restaurants offers diverse assortment of beer and traditional cuisine.

Address: 18-20 Dr. Stoyan Chomakov Str., Old Town, Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 00:00 a.m. Phone: +359 878 450 259 Internet: www.rahat-tepe.com Email: info@rahat-tepe.com



Restaurant India



The first traditional Indian Restaurant in Plovdiv is located in the heart of the city, adjacent to Saedinenie Sq. and the Archaeological Museum.

The restaurant offers a wide variety of Indian meals and drinks, the recipes for which have been passed from generation to generation. The culture and heritage of India will be delivered to your table, recreating the atmosphere of a real Indian dinner.

Address: 34 Petko Karavelov Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 20 71 48 Internet: http://restaurant-india.com/en/ Email: info@restaurant-india.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2796

Monroe Bar Food&Friends



Restaurant Monroe is a place for connoisseurs in the center of Plovdiv with relaxing music and interior. Here you can start your day with

freshly baked snacks end a night out with quality piano music.

Address: 5 Antim I Str., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Round the clock Phone: +359 899 838 349 More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2914

Quattro Piano Bar



Quattro Piano Bar is located right below Memory Restaurant, at Saedinenie Square. This is the perfect place to enjoy a drink, good mood

and perfect music played by the music band Soulmate.

We are expecting you on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 11:00 p.m.

Address: 3 Saedinenie Sq., Plovdiv 4000 Opening hours: Wednesday - Thursday: 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.; Friday - Saturday: 11:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m. Phone: +359 894 98 44 44 Email: quattropianobar@gmail.com

Noris Cocktail Bar



The fully refurbished Cocktail Bar Noris has a modern decor and light effects which you can enjoy 24 hours per day. It is located at the city

center and has a big summer garden with 250 seats.

Cocktail Bar Noris consistently combines luxury, cozy atmosphere and friendly service. The selection of branded drinks combined with cozy atmosphere and pleasant music will you forget the fatigue of the hard day. At evening parties a number of promotions are available.

Address: 27 Ilarion Makariopolski Str., Plovdiv 4000 Public Transport: Bus #9, 10 Opening hours: Round the clock Phone: +359 32 631 718 Internet: http://noris.bg/en/Coctail-bar.c135 Email: hotel_noris@abv.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2672



Night Clubs in Kapana District



Club Marmalad - Opening hours: 11:00 p.m. - 05:00 a.m.; Address: Bratya Pulievi Str., Kapana, Plovdiv 4000 Petnoto na Rorshach (The Spot) -

Opening hours: 10:00 p.m. – 04:00 a.m.; Program: Monday: Quiz Night; Tuesday: Book presentations; Wednesday: Wednesday Stage Arts; Thursday: DJ set night;

Address: 36 Yoakim Gruev Str., Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

Fabric Bar - Opening hours: 6:00 p.m. - 05:00 a.m.;

Address: 31A Otets Paisiy Str., Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

No Sense – Opening hours: 6:00 p.m. – 04:00 a.m.;

Address: 5 Evlogi Feorgiev Str. , Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

Address: Kapana, Plovdiv 4000

FREE TIME AND SHOPPING



Plovdiv is a paradise for everyone willing to indulge in some retail therapy.

The Main Shopping Street, which is one of the longest pedestrian streets in Europe, is not only the perfect starting point for your tour, but also area where shops of any kind are abundant. There are many shopping centers all around the city, most of them located in the close proximity of the modern city sites.

In the Old Town one can visit a number of antique shops, purchase a traditional Bulgarian item, or enjoy hand-made souvenirs made by young artists.

Youth Center Plovdiv



Located in the city's greenest area - Leisure and Culture Park, the Youth Center provides first-class conditions for organizing events - team

buildings, trainings, conferences, sports events, camps and others.

The complex is equiped with its own accommodation place, conference hall, sports area and a restaurant.

Services provided by Touth center Plovdiv:

- Dragon boats
- Lessons in rowing and canoeing
- Rent-a bike

Address: 18, Yasna Polyana Str., Plovdiv Public Transport: Buses # 10, 15 Phone: +359 888 900 676 Internet: http://youthcentre.plovdiv.bg/en/ Email: ycpreservation@gmail.com

Ice Rink



Plovdiv has the biggest open-air ice rink on the Balkans, which is annually open at the beginning of December. The rink has already

welcomed skating lovers and is available every day from 10:00 in the morning up to 10:00



o'clock in the evening.

Address: 1, Central Square, Plovdiv 4000 Public Transport: Buses # 1, 4, 7, 10, 11, 20, 26, 27, 44, 66, 99 Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tickets: Entry: 5 BGN; Skates rental: 2 BGN

Main Shopping Street



The Main Street is a pedestrian area in the center of Plovdiv. It starts from Central Square at the venue of Ramada Plovdiv Trimontium hotel.

Down the Main Street are Stefan Stambolov Square with the Municipality building, the Roman Stadium and Dzhumaya mosque. Near the mosque, the street loosely bounds the Old Town and The Trap (Kapana District), which is in the close proximity of the so-called Small Main Street (Rayko Daskalov Str.). Here is the Spopping Center Hali, after which the Main Street crosses 6th September Blvd. in underpass at Maritsa Pharmacy and ends at the pedestrian bridge over Maritsa River, which marks the end of the shopping area.

There are a number of shops down the pedestrian area-shops for ladies, men and children fashion, cosmetics and accessories, as well as groceries, pharmacies, bookstores and many others.

One can also enjoy the cafeterias, restaurants and some of the historical sites of the city, while indulging in retail therapy.

Address: Knyaz Alexander Str., Rayko Daskalov Str., Plovdiv 4000, Pedestrian Bridge

More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/723

Markovo Tepe Shopping Mall



Shopping Mall Markovo Tepe covers total area of 55 000 sq. m. and is designed to ensure optimal flow of visitors and visibility of

commercial sites. In the Mall one can enjoy variety of shops, as well as cafés and restaurants, gym and SPA center, get access to bank and mobile services.

The cinema hall offers special concepts for ultimate cinema experience such as IMAX, LUXE, PREMIUM and VIP.

All the visitors have access to a parking lot with more than 600 parking spaces, located on 4 underground levels, as well as free outdoor parking area.

Address: 54 Ruski Blvd., Plovdiv 4000

Public Transport: Buses # 10, 12, 16, 18, 66 and others Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 586 957 Internet: http://markovotepemall.bg/?go=about

Mall Plovdiv



Mall Plovdiv is the first modern shopping and entertainment center in Plovdiv and the region. The project is a shopping and entertainment

complex including the following facilities: a supermarket, more than 110 retail units branches of banks, mobile operators, travel agencies, a pharmacy, a bookstore, snack bars, cafes and restaurants, Cinema City multiplex with 11 cinema halls, with underground and street parking spots.

The distance from the main shopping street is 2.5 km - about 10 minutes by car or a 20-minute walk from the city center.



Address: 8 Perushtitsa Str., Plovdiv 4002 Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 25 00 84 Email: skamburska@mos-management.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/721

Shopping Center Grand



Shopping Center Grand is located in the center of Plovdiv and spreads over a total sales area of over 27,000 square meters. The complex, which is

built on six levels, includes an underground parking lot, hypermarket, shopping area, pharmacy, commercial banks and a travel agency; offices and restaurants;

In the stores, items of famous Bulgarian and the world brands with guaranteed quality are being traded. Pleasant environment, stylishly arranged shops and helpful staff makes shopping in shopping center Grand a pleasure.

Address: 56 Kapitan Raycho Str., Plovdiv 4000 Public Transport: Buses # 1,4,7,9,11,20,27,37,44 and others Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 09:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Phone: +359 32 391 350 Email: grandplovdiv@abv.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/722

Shopping Center Hali



Shopping Center Hali is located on the Main Shopping Street. There are 130 shops inside, located on four levels. There you can find

Bulgarian and foreign manufacturers of fashion, shoes, accessories, cosmetics, souvenirs and others.

On the ground floor is located hypermarket Billa. There is also a cafeteria, as well as a pastry shop and a children area on the territory of the

complex.

Address: 8 Rayko Daskalov Str., Plovdiv 4000 Phone: +359 32 624 535 Email: hali_plovdiv@abv.bg

Shopping Center Excelsior



The building, which houses the shopping center, is one of the pearls of the Main Shopping Street, included in the list of the Cultural

monuments with local significance.

The curious thing about the building is the ruins of the Roman Stadium found on its foundations. At the moment it is a shopping center in which one can enjoy various brands, as well as cafeterias, restaurants and a summer garden.

Address: 24 Knyaz Alexander Batenberg Str., Plovdiv 4000

Market Center Plovdiv



Market Center is a modern shopping facility located in the central part of Plovdiv. Here you can discover various brands for woman, men and

children wear, as well as the shop for cosmetics, domestic products, baby food and other goods DM.

In Market Center you can find Chinese restaurant, Pizza, as well as a beer house (Ale House) and night club Pasha.

Address: 54 Kapitan Raycho Str. Plovdiv 4000



Forum Trakia



Located in the biggest neighborhood in Plovdiv -Trakia District, the Forum includes over 100 shops and 6 restaurants. In the Forum you can also find

children area, a cocktail bar, beauty center and others.

All the customers are provided with access to a free parking area.

Address: 34 Saedinenie Blvd, Trakia, Plovdiv Public Transport: Buses # 4, 9, 99 Opening hours: Every day: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Email: office@forum-trakia.com

Cinema Halls in Plovdiv



Cinema City Plovdiv -Mall Plovdiv (8, Perushtitsa Str., Plovdiv 4002) http://www.cinema city.bg/en/ Eccoplexx Cinema - 6th of

September Blvd., http://kinoeccoplexx.com/

Arena Cinema - Markovo Tepe Mall (54, Ruski Blvd.) https://www.kinoarena.com/en/cinema/are na-mall-markovo-tepe

Lucky Cinema - 1, Gladston Str., http://boxoffice. bg/venue/LUCKY+%D0%94%D0%BE%D0%BC+ %D0%BD%D0%B0+%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%BD %D0%BE%D1%82%D0%BE/23/

Faces Cinema - Forum of Trakia (21, Saedinenie Str., Trakia District), http://www.kinofaces.com/

More Info: www.visitplovdiv.com

Swimming Pools



Swimming Pool SPS (SPS Hotel) 3, Osvobozhdenie Blvd, Plovdiv 4000 Contact: hotelsps@abv.bg Swimming Complex Neptune 1A, Nicola

Vaptsarov Blvd., Plovdiv 4000 Contact: +359 87 878 7748

Spa Center Grand Hotel Plovdiv 2, Zlatyu Boyadziev Str. Contact: +359 32 934 343

Spa Center Princess An outdoor and an indoor swimming pools 2, Kapitan Raycho Str., Plovdiv 4000 - Ramada Plovdiv Trimotium Hotel Contact: reservations.plovdiv@bgprincess.com

Aqua Park Sankt Peterburg 97, Bulgaria Blvd., Plovdiv 4000 - Sankt Peterburg Hotel Contact: +359 32 904 276

Aqualand 3, Teofan Raynov, Trakia District, Plovdiv Contact: +359 883 70 20 60

Complex Ostrova 40, Park Otdih i Kultura Str., Plovdiv, Rowing Canal Contact: hotelostrova@abv.bg

Aquateka Fregata Cocktail Bar Pazardhzishko Shose Blvd., 9th Kilometer Complex Contact: +359 32 632 992

Address: Plovdiv

Internet: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/free-time?field_free_ time_type_value_i18n=entertainment&field_free_time_subtyp



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ACCOMMODATION



Plovdiv can accommodate each and every traveler, according to their personal needs. The variety of hotels, guest houses and hostels offers all the necessities for both the perfect family holiday and the needs of those on budget. Some of the Revival houses in the Old Town have been turned into boutique hotels or guest houses, thus combining great service and modern facilities with the unique atmosphere of cultural sites.

Grand Hotel Plovdiv



Grand Hotel Novotel is all the holiday and business travelers. The spacious, contemporarily designed rooms provide all the modern comforts,

including free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. The hotel houses 3 different restaurants, a cafeteria and 2 bars, where you can taste delicious meals in a friendly and stylish setting. In the spa center one can have access to a heated indoor swimming pool, hot tub, sauna, steam bath, a gym and massage rooms. There are 10 meeting rooms and conference halls, as well as parking area.

The city center is within a short distance and the

Old Town is only half a mile away.

Address: 2 Zlatyu Boyadjiev Str., Plovdiv Phone: +359 32 934 163 Internet: www.icep.bg Email: sales@novotelpdv.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/957

Imperial Plovdiv Hotel and Spa



Perfectly located in a central and quiet area, Imperial Plovdiv Hotel and Spa is an ideal choice for both business and leisure travelers. It is

within walking distance of the Old Town and only minutes away from the city's business and shopping districts.

The hotel offers 193 comfortable and well-appointed rooms, as well as apartments with incredible view.

You can choose from a full range of exceptional treatments, massages and body care therapies, saunas, steam baths and a delicate relaxation room in the Spa center of the hotel. Our friendly staff and professional service will guarantee your comfortable stay.

Address: 6 Lev Tolstoy Str./ 1A Arch.Kamen Petkov Str. Phone: +359 32 600 730 Internet: http://www.hotelimperial.bg Email: office@hotelimperial.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/199

Landmark Creek Hotel



Landmark Creek hotel is the newest four-star hotel complex in Plovdiv. Located in the greenest and most picturesque city area- the Rowing Canal,

the hotel offers an exquisite combination of nature's tranquility and dynamic city



environment. It enchants with a remarkable panorama view, elegant atmosphere and special attitude towards every guest.

The hotel offers 52 rooms with panoramic view, a garden restaurant, a lobby bar, spa center and gym, an outdoor pool, as well as conference halls. The discrete luxury, the cosy atmosphere, the high level of service and hospitality can satisfy even the highest demands.

Address: 1 St.Valentin Street, Rowing Canal West, Plovdiv 4000

Phone: +359 892 20 25 70 Internet: http://www.landmarkhotel.bg/lang-en.htm Email: sales@landmarkhotel.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/2896

Leipzig



Hotel Leipzig boasts with its central location on the foot of one of the Liberators Hill and offers sophisticated state-of-the-art interior

combined with brilliant service.

Set within the center of the administrative, business and commercial area of the city, Hotel Leipzig is 650 meters away from the Central Railway Station. The hotel is within a short distance to the city center and the International Fair is only a 10-minute drive away. The stylish accommodation units present individual decorations and modern amenities.

Address: 70 Ruski Blvd, Plovdiv 4000 Phone: +359 32 654 000 Internet: http://www.leipzig.bg/ Email: marketing@leipzig.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/219

Ramada Plovdiv Trimontium



Ramada Plovdiv Trimontium is a hotel of international reputation, an outstanding symbol of Plovdiv, located right next to the all green City

Garden and the Main Shopping Street. The hotel offers excellent conditions for accommodation, business meetings, carrying out conferences and various events, sports and entertainment. It has two swimming pools -an outdoor, which is a wonderful place for relaxation during the hot summer days, and an inner one, situated over ancient Roman ruins which have been used as settings in a style preserved by the course of time.

Address: 2 Kapitan Raycho Str., Plovdiv 4000 Phone: +359 32 60 50 09 Internet: http://www.ramada.com/ Email: reservations.plovdiv@bgprincess.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/232

Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg



Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg is the highest modern complex in Plovdiv. The hotel fascinates with harmony, elegance, comfort and

European style.

Located in the business centre of Plovdiv, the hotel offers a spectacular panoramic view of the city skyline.

Sankt Peterburg Park Hotel is stylishly furnished and designed especially for the needs of both business and leisure travelers. The complex offers spacious suites, studios and rooms, as well as conference halls, Viennese Confectionery, Panorama Café-Bar, Main Restaurant with two levels, a Business Restaurant, Aqua Park and



Children's Centre.

Address: 97 Bulgaria Blvd, Plovdiv 4003 Public Transport: Buses № 4, 11, 16, 18, 20, 21, 99 Phone: +359 32 91 03 Internet: http://www.sphotel.net/en/ Email: marketing@sphotel.net More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/240

Park Hotel Plovdiv



Park Hotel Plovdiv is designed to perfectly meet the needs of both business and leisure travelers. Located in the Lauta City Park, the hotel

offers a convenient location in the central part of the city among freshness and greenery of a natural area.

The hotel's luxurious rooms and suites designed to create a feeling of coziness and comfort through classic furniture and stylish atmosphere. The conference center of the hotel provides excellent conditions for organized business events.

The restaurant offers first class meals from the Bulgarian and Mediterranean cuisine complemented by an exquisite interior and the Lobby Lounge is available 24 hours per day. The Spa & Lounge Deluxe Center of the hotel provides the opportunity for relaxation and seclusion, offering a wide portfolio of SPA services. A beauty salon, an easily accessible parking and free Wi Fi are the undeniable amenities for the stay of every guest.

Address: 38 Sankt Peterburg Blvd., Plovdiv 4000 Phone: +359 32 811 856; +359 889 990 032 Internet: http://www.parkhotelplovdiv.com/en Email: reservations@parkhotelplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/226

City Hotel Plovdiv



City Hotel offers various services and comfort to its guests. With 43 rooms and 90 beds capacity we offer Internet access /wi-fi/ , central air

conditioning , telephone , satellite TV and minibar in order to make our guests all our guests to feel home.

Our guests can start their day with rich and delicious breakfast menu and enjoy your day and evening at our Lobby Bar or Piano bar having a variety of drinks and snacks.

You can have your lunch or dinner at Brazilia Restaurant and taste unique flavors of Turkish cuisine and enjoy the live music at the same building of the hotel.

After a tiring business day you can relax at our Turkish Bath, Jacuzzi, Sauna and Massage Rooms at our Gym and Spa Center. The fully high tech equipped Conference Hall is at your disposal at any time.

Address: 3 Vladaya Str., Plovdiv 4000 Phone: +359 32 629 783 Internet: http://cityhotelplovdiv.com/ Email: info@cityhotelplovdiv.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/174

Expo Hotel



Expo Hotel is the secret of savvy travelers seeking affordable, attractive accommodations in one of the best locations of Plovdiv. The hotel staff

and management are dedicated to superior customer service consistent with our beautiful exterior and interior design.

Located on the central Ruski Boulevard in the



very heart of Plovdiv, the City of the Seven Hills, Expo Hotel is an ideal choice, as both the business and leisure travelers would agree. Nestled in the foot of the most famous of all Plovdiv hills we are a short walk away from the magnificent historic Old City of Plovdiv. The International Fair Grounds and Central Bus and Train Station are within two very easy – and interesting – walks. City night life and central shopping area are nearby.

Address: 38 Ruski Blvd., Plovdiv 4000 Phone: +359 32 63 11 33; +359 887 14 66 14 Internet: http://www.expo-hotel.com/english/ Email: office@expo-hotel.com More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/179

Star Hotel



Star Hotel located on the Main Shopping Street, in the close proximity of the Roman Theatre and all city sights. There is no such location in the whole

city. We are so centrally located that you will find all the major attractions around us-the Old Town, the Roman Amphitheater, galleries, museums, and shopping centers. We are also, in the heart of the business center, surrounded by banks, business centers and municipalities. Star Hotel Bulgaria is the perfect choice whether you are exploring Plovdiv, shopping or travelling on business.

We run a 24 hour Front Desk service, and our staff is always happy and ready to help you. There is a free wireless internet all over the hotel.

Address: 11 Patriarh Evtimii Str., Plovdiv 4000 Phone: +359 32 633 599 Internet: http://starhotel.bg Email: reservation@starhotel.bg More Info: http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/node/1060

USEFUL INFORMATION



Plovdiv International Airport



International Plovdiv Airport is located next to the village of Krumovo, 15 km away from the city center (about 20 min by car). The airport is served

by the low-cost flight company Ryanair, providing direct flights to London Stansted Airport and Frankfurt Haan.

Seasonal flights served by various companies also take place.

Plovdiv International Airport is easily accessible by car and taxi. It is also served by public shared shuttles and private cat transfers.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Plovdiv Airport, Krumovo Village, Rodopi Municipality Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 08:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Phone: 00359 32 601 134 Internet: http://www.plovdivairport.com/en/home Email: marketing@plovdivairport.com



Bus (Coach) Stations



Bus Station 'Yug' (South) 47, Hristo Botev Blvd. Central office: +359 32 626 937 Buses to Sofia, Varna, Hisarya, Karlovo, Asenovgrad, Bansko,

Batak, Brestovitsa, Perushtitsa, Velingrad, Svilengrad,Sliven, Borovets and others. International buses to destinations in Eastern and Central Europe.

Bus Station 'Sever' (North)

2, Dimitar Stambolov Str.

Office: +359 32 953 705

Services to 40 destinations north of the city, including Veliko Tarnovo, Kazanlak, Starosel, Burgas, Southern seaside (seasonal) and many others.

Bis Station 'Rodopi'

Services to 38 destinations and mountain towns, including Bachkovo and Bachkovo Monastery, Smolyan and others.

Address: Plovdiv

Public Transport: From bus stops at Tsar Boris III Obedinitel Blvd.: to Bus Station South - #7, 20, 26; to Bus Station North - #99; to Bus Station Rodopi - # 1,11, 27 Phone: Tourist Information: +359 32 620 453

Public Transport



The bus network in Plovdiv covers the whole city, as well as the suburbs. There are public shuttles, as well, which are operating as shared

taxis. The price of the ticket in the public transport is 1BGN. Tickets can be purchased by the inspector in the bus and by the drivers in the shuttle. Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Internet: http://transport.plovdiv.bg/desktop/

Taxi



All the taxis in Bulgaria are yellow in color. You can stop a taxi, as well as a public shuttle, anywhere by waving your hand. There are also

specifically designed taxi ranks on big boulevards. The normal price of a ride from the airport to the city center is 10-15 BGN; from the city center to the surrounding neighborhoods is no more that 5-7 BGN. All of the taxis have their rates per km on the passenger door.

Cycling Trail Network



Plovdiv is a bicycle-friendly city. The newly-built cycling trail network covers the whole city center, main bouleverds, riverbank, as

well as the area around the Rowing Canal. One can easily rent a bike and explore the modern sites of the city.

The cycling trail network is 48-kilometer long and linked with the biggest parking areas in the city.

Address: Plovdiv

Plovdiv's Blue (Paid) Parking Area



Plovdiv's Blue area covers most of the streets in the city center, as well as Kapitan Raycho Str., Knyaginya Maria Luiza Blvd., Bulgaria Blvd., as

well as some of the streets between Bulgaria Blvd. and River Maritsa. The streets which are



part of the Blue area are mandatorily market with a sign in their beginning. One is able to park their vehicle for no more than 4 hours, the price per hour being 1,50 BGN.

One can pay to the Blue area officers or via text message from Bulgarian mobile number. Self-service parking-meters are located on Otets Paisiy Str. and Knyaginya Mariya Luiza Blvd.

Address: Plovdiv Center Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Phone: 1332 Tickets: 1,50 BGN

Post Offices



Photo: Andy Fuchs Address: 1 Central Square, Plovdiv 4000

Pharmacies



Non-Stop Pharmacies in the city center: Centralpharm 1 Address: 130A Bulgaria Blvd, Plovdiv 4000 Contact: +359 32 953 373 Day and

Night

Address: 150 Hristo Botev Str., Plovdiv 4000 Contact: +359 32 630 983

Malyovitsa Address: 68 Vasil Aprilov Blvd Contact: +359 32 643 555

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



There are 3 mobile network operators in Bulgaria providing 2G and 3G coverage to almost the entire country - M-tel, Telenor and

Vivacom.

In the big cities there is free WiFi network mainly in the cafeterias, restaurants, hotels, big shopping centers, railway- and bus stations. The Post Offices also provide oportunities for making domestic and international calls. National Telephone Code: 00359; +359 Plovdiv area code: 032; 00359 32 Emergency number (Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade): 112

Photo: Jardson Almeida

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Currency Lev (BGN) Currency by August 09 2016: 1 BGN = 1.74 USD 1BGN = 1.95 EU 1 BGN = 2.26 GBP

Internet

www.visitplovdiv.com/en www.plovdiv2019.eu/en www.facebook.com/VisitPlovdiv/ www.instagram.com/visitplovdiv/ www.oldplovdiv.com/en/ www.plovdiv.bg/en/

Emergency numbers Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade: 112

Tourist information Tourist Information – The Old Town 1, Dr. Stoyan Chomakov Str. Tel.: +359 32 620 453

Tourist Information - Roman Stadium Sq. 1, Rayko Daskalov Str. Tel.: +359 32 620 229

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• Information of interest about Plovdiv given by friendly and



professional multilingual staff;

- Information about the sites, museums and any tourist attractions;
- Information about the accommodation in the city;
- Information about restaurants and places for entertainment;

• Information about the public transport, busses and trains to other cities;

- Information about the forthcoming events;
- Tourist maps and brochures;
- Sale of entrance tickets for the sites managed by Ancient
- Plovdiv Municipal Institute (www.oldplovdiv.com);
- Sale of event tickets.
- Rent a Plovdiv audio guide (Only from the Tourist
- Information Center at the Roman Stadium).

We offer a huge range of guidebooks, postcards, souvenirs, road maps, atlases. Here you will find a wonderful souvenir as a keepsake of Plovdiv or a wonderful little gift for your beloved ones.

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