

For the attention of: INVESTORS, CONTRACTORS and ENTREPRENEURS

Subject: STARTING A BUSINESS IN BULGARIA

We hope this basic information will be useful to invest in Bulgaria.

Let me introduce ourselves to you first. **V Consulting Bulgaria** is a professional consulting firm, based in Sofia, Bulgaria. We assist companies in starting and improving a business in Bulgaria and SE Europe. If you need more information about doing business in Bulgaria, you are welcome to contact us.

We provide first-class services to our Clients. It will be our pleasure to do entry market/business/tax research, to incorporate a company in Bulgaria, to get licenses and permits for you as well as to assist you in full-life company's business cycle - from beginning to closing a business. By the way, we do provide wide range of consulting services to develop your business: strategic planning and management, business plan creation, organizational design, consulting and legal advice, finance and accounting services, tax planning and tax protection consulting, marketing and marketing communications, HR assistance, contact management, training, team building that form company's corporate culture.

Here is some **additional information** about Bulgaria.

History & Culture: Our ancient history and culture is really unknown and in many ways hard to understand. Bulgaria is a cradle and crossroad of several ancient civilizations. Thracians, Romans, Slavs and Bulgars have left their mark in the past on the culture of Bulgaria contributing to a heritage that combines long history, fine literature and unique folklore.

The history of Bulgaria as an independent country began in 681 AD. After Old Great Bulgaria disintegrating due to Khazar expansion from the east, one of the Bulgar leaders Asparuh crossed south of the Danube, into the territory of present-day Bulgaria, and defeated the armies of the Byzantine Empire. In 680/681, the East Roman Emperor was forced to sign a peace treaty recognizing the First Bulgarian Empire as an independent state situated on the conquered Byzantine lands with their local Slavic populations.

A country in the middle of the ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse Balkan Peninsula, Bulgaria has seen many twists and turns in its long history and has been a prospering empire stretching to the coastlines of the Black, Aegean and Adriatic Seas. The First and Second Bulgarian Empires served as cultural centres of Slavic Europe, but the land was also dominated by foreign states twice in its history, once by the Byzantine Empire (1018 - 1185) and once by the Ottoman Empire (1396 - 1878).

Bulgaria is the place of birth of the Cyrillic alphabet (St.Ciril and Metodius), which was developed from Preslav and Ohrid Literary Schools during the tenth century.

Famous Bulgarians in the world: Boris Christoff (opera singer), Ghena Dimitrova (opera singer), Nicola Giuzelev (opera singer), Nikolai Ghiaurov (opera singer), Raina Kabaivanska (opera singer), Valia Balkanska (folk music), Jordan Jovtchev (world champion and five-time Olympic gymnast), Hristo Stoichkov (football player and coach), Georgi Kitov (archeologist), Stefka Kostadinova (world champion high Jump), Veselin Topalov (world chess champion), choir Bulgarian Voices – Angelite (female choir), Teodosii Spasov (musician), Emil Dimitrov (estrada singer), Lili Ivanova (estrada singer), Dan Kolov (fighting free style).

Hotels: There are various places to stay: from 25 EUR (single room 2 star hotel, remote Sofia city center) to 200 EUR (single room 5 star hotel, breakfast included, Sofia city center).

How to get to the city center of Sofia? You can take taxi from the Airport - do not pay more than 25 levs (12 EUR) or use underground for 1,60 levs which is less than 1 euros.

Places to visit during your stay in Bulgaria:

Sofia: Alexander Nevski Cathedral, House of Parliament, Church of St Sofia, Boyana Church, Art Gallery, Monument of liberation, Liberation square, Church of St Nedelia, Vitosha mountain.

Bulgaria: Rila monastery, 7 ice lakes in the Rila mountain, Belogradchik rocks, towns on Danube river Vidin (grandmother Vida fortress), Russe, Silistra, Srebarna reserve, Black sea coast towns from the north Durankulak swamp, Kaliakra cape, Varna, Nessebar to the south Burgas, Sozopol, Sinemoretz.

Bulgarian towns of Plovdiv, Veliko Turnovo, Melnik, Jeravna, Tryavna, Elena, Etara near Gabrovo, Arbanasy near Veliko Turnovo, Assenova fortress near Assenovgrad, Barchkovo monastery near Assenovgrad, Smolian, Trigrad, Kazanlak-valley of the roses at the foot of Old mountain, Bansko at the foot of the Pirin mountain...

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