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## VENUE



### SOFIA UNIVERSITY SAINT KLIMENT OHRIDSKI

The University is the first school of higher education in Bulgaria. Its history is an embodiment and a continuation of centuries of cultural and educational traditions in this country.



**Rectorate** – the central building of the University. It is situated in the heart of the city, next to the buildings of the National Library and the Parliament.

**Address:** 1504 Sofia, 15 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd.

**Transport:** Subway, bus (84, 94, 280, 306), trolley bus (1, 2, 4, 11).





### Centre for Eastern Languages and Cultures

The Japanese Studies Department at Sofia University “St Kliment Ohridski” has a history of more than 30 years. It is the only program in Bulgaria accredited to award bachelor, master, and

doctor degrees in Japanese Studies.

**Address:** 1303 Sofia, 79 Todor Aleksandrov Blvd., floor 3, room 31A.

**Transport:** Subway “Opalchenska St.”, bus (74), tram (3, 8, 10, 20, 22), trolley bus (1, 5).



### Map of the locations of the Rectorate and the Centre for Eastern Languages and Cultures



## TRANSPORTATION



### Taxi

The approximate price of a taxi transfer from the airport, from the railway station, and from the bus station to the venues is 20-30 BGN.

**N.B. We strongly advise you to seek assistance from the hotel reception desk when ordering a taxi.**

Recommended taxi companies:



### OK SUPERTRANS

Tel. 02 973 21 21

Viber +359 2 973 2121



### YELLOW TAXI

Tel. & Viber +359 2 91119



## ACCOMMODATION

Sofia has quite an unlimited number of accommodation options. Everyone can find their place according to their preferences and opportunities.

### Recommendation for hotels near the Rectorate



#### **InterContinental Sofia, 5 stars**

Overlooking The Parliament Building and offering stunning views of Alexander Nevski Cathedral, InterContinental Sofia is the capital's ultimate luxury hotel.



#### **Crystal Palace, 4 stars**

Crystal Palace Boutique Hotel is located next to the famous Doctor's Garden, Sofia's National Library, the University of Sofia, the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, and other main institutions, cultural sights, and places of interest. Close and convenient.



### Recommendation for hotels near the Centre for Eastern Languages and Cultures



**Hotel Central** Sofia is located in the central part of Sofia, as well as to important administrative buildings, cultural monuments, and tourist attractions. To reach the center of the city it takes about 10 min. on foot, the Rectorate – 20 min. and the Centre for Eastern Languages and Cultures – 5 min. Convenient transportation by



tram, bus, and subway.

## Other recommended hotels in the center of Sofia



**Best Western Art Plaza Hotel** offers high-quality service and comfort. The hotel is located in the heart of the city Sofia, just 50 meters from the famous Vitosha Boulevard.



**COOP HOTEL**, 4 stars – offers all the necessary services that will make your stay a pleasant experience. It is a new urban hotel that opened in 2017, representing the refined building, built in the style of old Sofia. It serves as a tourist offer made by some of the most important Bulgarian cooperatives. Highly recommended for best price: comfort/convenience ratio.





## EATING

Sofia has some of the country's best restaurants, including traditional and international cuisines. In summer, cafes occupy every piece of garden and footpath. Some are just basic spots for a coffee and a sandwich; others offer a more refined setting for cocktails and cakes.



### **Krivoto**

The closest restaurant to the Sofia University and a popular place among students and professors. It offers a variety of dishes and the prices are moderate.



### **Club of the Architects**

Another good place just a few steps from the Sofia University. The food offerings are diverse and the ambience is relaxing.



### **CRAZY DIAMOND**

A well-balanced mix of good food and a cozy atmosphere. The garden is a lovely addition to the menu. Prices are average.



## LANDMARKS



**BULGARIA** is located in Southeast Europe and is a member of the European Union. The internal and external transport connections are provided by airports in Sofia, Plovdiv, Varna and Bourgas and rail and bus stations in most of the settlements in the country. The currency of exchange in Bulgaria is BGN (lev). 1 EURO  $\approx$  1.985 BGN



**SOFIA** is the capital of Bulgaria and is located in the western part of the country. It was originally a Thracian settlement called Serdica and is the largest Bulgarian city. It accommodates over two thousand years of active history and culture.

Sofia Tourist Information Centre is located in the underpass of "St. Kliment Ohridski" Sofia University.



### Must see in Sofia



**National History Museum** – located at the foot of Vitoshka mountain, where one can explore permanent and temporary exhibitions.



**National Gallery Kvadrat 500** is the newest and largest building of the National Gallery. Some 1,700 artworks from the gallery's rich fund of over 42,000 museum pieces by Bulgarian and foreign artists are exhibited in 28 halls on four levels. There is also a ukiyo-e collection and Asian art halls.





The **National Museum of Military History** is a state museum, which from its establishment until today is a structure of the Ministry of Defense. It investigates, preserves, processes scientifically and popularizes cultural valuables connected with the national and European military history. In possession of a rich and fine art collection.



In the very center of the city, near the Maria Luiza street, can be seen the remains of **Serdika**, old Sofia.



The central part of Vitosha Blvd is a **pedestrian zone** with many shops and restaurants.



Boyana Church "St. St. Nicholas and Panteleimon" is a medieval Bulgarian church in the Boyana district of Sofia, located at the foot of Vitosha mountain. It is one of the cultural symbols of Bulgaria and was included in 1979 as a cultural monument in the UNESCO World Heritage List.



Sofia has many parks for recreation – South Park (Yujen), West Park (Zapaden), Borissova gradina (close to the Rectorate), etc.





The largest park in Sofia is the **Vitosha mountain**, an hour away from the city. To the top of the mountain lead two lifts: seat and cabin.

## One-day trips from Sofia



**Rila Monastery** is the most famous Eastern Orthodox monastery in Bulgaria. It is situated in the Rila Mountains, 117 km south of the Sofia. It is regarded as one of Bulgaria's most important cultural, historical and architectural monuments. Under the protection of UNESCO.



**Plovdiv** is the second largest city in Bulgaria. It is located in the western part of the Thracian Plain, on both banks of the Maritsa River. Plovdiv has a history of over 8000 years. It is one of the oldest living cities in the world. The Ancient Theater (in the picture) is protected by UNESCO.



**Koprivshtitsa** is a town in central Bulgaria. In 1978 it was recognized as a national architectural reserve of international importance. It accommodates some of the finest examples of traditional architecture from the period of the Bulgarian Renaissance. Surrounded by beautiful nature.

