

ROUTE 3

KOPRIVSHTITZA + PANAGIURISHTE

Departure from Sofia

First stop –Koprivshtitsa

Koprivshtitsa - a small town situated in the region of Sredna Gora Mountain, in the valley of the Topolnitsa River - is a remarkable, unparalleled historical reserve. Koprivshtitsa is a captivating mountain town, unique with its cobblestone alleys, houses painted in bright colors, with expansive verandahs and picturesque eaves. A visit to the museum-house of Lyuben Karavelov (a Bulgarian poet, writer and revolutionary), Dimcho Debelianov's museum-house (a poet who wrote some of the most tender poems in Bulgarian literature), Todor Kableshkov's museum-house and Georgi Benkovski's museum-house (organizers and leaders of the April Uprising which broke out in Koprivshtitsa on April 20th, 1876). More information can be found at: <http://www.koprivshtitza.com/>



Lunch

Travel to Panagyurishte

Panagyurishte is the birthplace of iconic Bulgarian Renaissance figures. The town played a key role in one of the brightest and most poignant moments of Bulgarian history: the April Uprising of 1876. You will be able to visit the History Museum of Panagyurishte and to see the Panagyurishte Gold Treasure. The Panagyurishte Gold Treasure was excavated on 8th December 1949. It consists of a phiale, an amphora and seven rhytons with total weight of 6.164 kg of 24-karat gold. All of the nine objects are richly and skillfully decorated with scenes of Thracian myths, customs and everyday life. It is dated from the 4th-3rd centuries BC, and is thought to have been used as a royal ceremonial set by the Thracian king Seuthes III. More information can be found at: <http://museumpan.com/> The museum-house of Raina Knyaginya. Raina Popgeorgieva Foutekova-Dipcheva is the famous Bulgarian "Princess", who sewed the flag of the April Uprising. On the day of the outbreak of the uprising, the courageous woman stood alongside Georgi Benkovski, waving the flag, on which the inscription "Death or Freedom" had been embroidered.



Return to Sofia