Hiking near Plovdiv

About

Plovdiv is within a short driving distance of the Rhodope Mountains and Stara Planina – two beautiful mountains, home to lush forests and spectacular natural wonders. There are a number of hiking trails that encompass some of the gorgeous scenery Bulgaria is known for, along with its rich history and culture. Our local mountain guide has years of experience and is well-versed in the most interesting and accessible areas that are just perfect for a day-trip from Plovdiv and suitable for people of all levels of experience.

Highlights

- Choose between Stara Planina and the Rhodopes–two beautiful mountains, each unique in its own way
- Enjoy spectacular natural scenery
- See gorgeous natural formations and striking landscapes
- Learn about the local folklore and history and get in close touch with Bulgarian culture
- Immerse yourself in nature
- Take a deep breath–Bulgaria's mountain air is known for its rejuvenating properties

Description

We'll help you choose between the two mountains that are nearest to Plovdiv, each bearing unique natural features that turn any hiking trip into an unforgettable experience.

The Rhodopes are closely connected to the mythical hero Orpheus. They are home to traditional rural villages that have preserved their lifestyle for over a century and actively practice age-old customs. These villages let you get close to the past and experience the local culture and cuisine firsthand. They are a place where Bulgaria's traditions live on to be passed onto newer generations.

Stara Planina has been immensely significant to all Balkan cultures since ancient times. Even before Bulgaria was founded, it was considered a border that separated the cultures to its north from those to the south. A little known fact is that the Balkan Peninsula is named after this very mountain – in Ottoman times it was called the Balkan Mountain. Stara Planina's location in the middle of the country has made it one of Bulgaria's most important geographical features – crucial to war efforts across the ages as well as trade routes.

Price upon request for:

- Private excursions
- Groups of 2 or 3 people
- Groups of 4 or more people

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The price includes

- Transfers to the start of the trail and back
- A professional English-speaking mountain guide

The price does not include

- Lunch

Notes

If you need help deciding which of the two mountains you would like to hike in, we'll be happy to help you choose.

Both hiking trails are suitable for people of all levels of experience, provided that they are in good health and able to walk for long periods of time.

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