



Sacred Art Pilgrimage

September 10 - September 16, 2024

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
<p>September 10, 2024 Arrive in Sofia Bulgaria</p>	<p>September 11, 2024 St. Sofia Church - 4th Century</p> <p>Cathedral of St. Alexander Nevsky-Neo-Byzantine memorial with icons & sacred images from 6th-19th centuries.</p> <p>St. George Rotunda - frescoes from 5th to 14th centuries.</p> <p>Archeological Museum - antiquities from Neolithic to modern times.</p>	<p>September 12, 2024 Monastery of St. George (Kremikovtsi) - the most precious sacred Byzantine art of Bulgaria.</p> <p>National Museum of Bulgaria Thracian Gold Hoards, Roman, Paleohristian & Medieval Bulgarian artifacts</p> <p>Boyana Church (UNESCO) -10th to 13th century frescoes</p> <p>Zemen Monastery - built 9-10th century; 14th century frescoes</p>	<p>September 13, 2024 The Red Church - 5th to 6th century Byzantine Architecture. Rare 6th century frescoes.</p> <p>Bachkova Monastery 2nd largest monastery in Bulgaria treasured for 11-14th century frescoes. <i>Winery Lunch</i></p> <p>Assumption of the Mother of God Church - home of a miracle working icon</p> <p>Bishop's Basilica of Philippopolis - recently discovered mosaics</p>	<p>September 14, 2024 Walking Tour of Plovdiv - voted the 2019 European Capital of Culture</p> <p>Icon Gallery - Collection of icons from the 15th-19th centuries from Southern Bulgaria</p> <p>Plovdiv Archeological Museum - rare Roman/Thracian ceremonial helmet, mosaics from only 3rd century synogogue, 4th century Christian tomb</p>	<p>September 15, 2024 Travel Day - from Bulgaria to Greece</p> <p>Ancient City of Serres Byzantine Basilica from 1124 dedicated to Saints Theodoroi</p> <p>Archeological Museum of Serres - converted "bedesten", marble icon of Christ & mosaic of St. Andrew.</p> <p><i>Boat ride on Bay of Thessaloniki</i></p>	<p>September 16, 2024 Basilica of the Great Martyr Demetrius (UNESCO) - mosaic panels pre-date 8th century iconoclasm</p> <p>Basilica Church of Acheiropoietos (UNESCO)- 5th century church</p> <p>The Rotonda (UNESCO)- important Roman monument from 306; frescoes & mosaics</p> <p>Church of Panagia - UNESCO - 11th century church with unique dome</p> <p>Church of Panteleimon UNESCO - tetrastyle Byzantine church</p> <p>Archeological Museum of Thessaloniki</p>
<p>Hosted Meals: dinner & Introduction to guide.</p> <p>Accommodations at Hotel Central Park, Sofia, Bulgaria</p>	<p>Hosted Meals: breakfast & lunch</p> <p>Accommodations at Hotel Central Park, Sofia, Bulgaria</p>	<p>Hosted Meals: breakfast & brunch</p> <p>Accommodations at Hotel Central Park, Sofia, Bulgaria</p>	<p>Hosted Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner</p> <p>Accommodations at The Grand Hotel, Plovdiv, Bulgaria</p>	<p>Hosted Meals: breakfast</p> <p>Accommodations at The Grand Hotel, Plovdiv, Bulgaria</p>	<p>Hosted Meals: breakfast & dinner</p> <p>Accommodations at Imperial Plus Smart Urban Hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece</p>	<p>Hosted Meals: breakfast</p> <p>Accommodations at Imperial Plus Smart Urban Hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece</p>

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September 17 - September 22, 2024

DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13	NOTES
<p>September 17, 2024</p> <p>Vlatadon Monastery - (UNESCO) functioning Byzantine Monastery & 1/15 paleochristian monuments.</p> <p>Church of Hosias David (UNESCO)-5th century church founded by Theodora.</p> <p>Church of Prophet Elijah (UNESCO)-14th century frescoes from the Palaiologan era.</p> <p>Church of St. Catherine (UNESCO) - 14th century frescoes.</p> <p>Church of Holy Apostles (UNESCO) - Constantinopolitan mosaics</p> <p>Church of Nicholas Orphanos (UNESCO) - Iconography by M. Astrapas & Eutychios</p> <hr/> <p>Hosted Meals: breakfast</p> <p>Accommodations at Imperial Plus Smart Urban Hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece</p>	<p>September 18, 2024</p> <p>Archeological Museum at Pella - ancient capital of Macedonia. Famous for its ancient pebble mosaics.</p> <p>Royal Tombs Vergina-centered around the royal tombs built by the ancient Kingdom of Macedon at Aigai.</p> <hr/> <p>Hosted Meals: breakfast & dinner</p> <p>Accommodations at Imperial Plus Smart Urban Hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece</p>	<p>September 19, 2024</p> <p>Byzantine Museum of Kastoria- Byzantine Art & Architecture; icon collection.</p> <p>Panagia Koumbelidiki - 10th century triconch church.</p> <p>Church of St. Nicholas Kaznitzis & the Unmercenary Healers -exquisitely painted 12th century churches.</p> <p>Church of St. Stephen - rare 9-10th & 11-12th century frescoes.</p> <p>Monastery of Panagia Mavriotissa - beautiful environs surround an 11th century monastery, frescoed in the 1200 - 1600s.</p> <hr/> <p>Hosted Meals: breakfast & dinner</p> <p>Accommodations at Limneon Resort & Spa, Kastoria, Greece</p>	<p>September 20, 2024</p> <p>The Cliff Monasteries of the Meteora- please note that the cliff monasteries are accessible via very long, steep staircases.</p> <p>The Monastery of St. Stephen is fully accessible and is suitable for anyone with mobility concerns.</p> <hr/> <p>Hosted Meals: breakfast & dinner</p> <p>Accommodations at Limneon Resort & Spa, Kastoria, Greece</p>	<p>September 21, 2024</p> <p>Veria - Home of Saint Paul the Apostle, where he preached the Good News.</p> <p>Old Cathedral of Veria - 11th century Byzantine Basilica; high quality frescoes.</p> <p>Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ 14th century decorated by iconographer Geogios Kallergis.</p> <p>Byzantine Museum of Veria - Byzantine Antiquities, including early Christian tombs, mosaics & post-Byzantine icons.</p> <hr/> <p>Hosted Meals: breakfast & Farewell dinner</p> <p>Accommodations at Larissa Imperial, Thessaly, Greece</p>	<p>September 22, 2024</p> <p>Check out - Breakfast & transfer to airport.</p>	<p>Please carefully review the terms & conditions.</p> <p>This calendar is only intended to be a quick overview of the days.</p>

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