



## Hiking getaway to the Central Balkans

4 days / 3 nights

Let's explore a lesser known part of Bulgaria: the Central Balkans Natural Park! The park is one of the three national parks in Bulgaria. Founded in 1991, today it is the third largest protected area in the country. Superb hikes await us!

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Arrival in Bulgaria

Our short holiday to Bulgaria begins with our arrival in Apriltsi, 200 km from Ruse. We stay at a guesthouse and enjoy the first night here.

#### Day 2 - Vidimsko Praskalo waterfall

Today we start with a first easy hike to Vidimsko Praskalo waterfall, the second highest in Bulgaria. Three streams gather their waters and flow into the waterfall, flowing through an alpine meadow. After a car transfer of approx. about 10 km, we start from the last point of the asphalt road. Then we climb to the Pleven mountain hut (1500 m) at the foot of Botev Peak, where we will spend 2 nights overnight.

Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Hiking duration: 3.5 hours to the waterfall, + 80m; 1.5 hours to the hut, + 200m

#### Day 3 - The highest point of the Balkans

Today we advance towards Botev peak (2376m), the highest point in the Balkan Mountains, depending on the weather conditions. We also have the opportunity to do a round trip and to climb a few other peaks - Kostenurkata, Golyam Kupa and others. We will spend tonight in the Plevan Hut as well.

Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Hiking duration: 7h, +/- 900m

#### Day 4 - The last day

We are descending on our last day, back to the village of Apriltsi and we have 3 trails options, with duration ranging from 1 to 2 hours. Before returning home, we stop for a guided visit to the beautiful town of Veliko Tarnovo with its Tsarevets fortress and the Ivanovo rock church near Ruse).

Breakfast, lunch

The end of the trip.



## Additional information

### TARIFFS

340 euros per person.

Single room supplement : 13 euros per person.

### INCLUDED

3 nights accommodation with breakfast

3 picnic lunches

2 dinners at the mountain hut

Authorized Bulgarian, English-speaking guide from day 1 to day 4

Guided visit of Veliko Tarnovo & Tsarevets fortress

Local transfers mentioned

Transport to / from Bulgaria (departure from Bucharest)

### NOT INCLUDED

Other meals

Other expenses not mentioned

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Easy to medium level.

### ACCOMMODATION

1 night in guesthouse

2 nights in a basic mountain hut with rooms with 3 & 4 beds, common bathrooms on each floor and a cozy restaurant and living room

### SIZE OF GROUP

Minimum of 6 people. Maximum of 12

### STARTING POINT

Apriltsi village

### END OF THE TRIP

Apriltsi village