

Icon Painting Atelier (Learn to Paint Icons)



8 days from which 6 days icon painting

The icon in the Bulgarian tradition is not simply an image of a Saint. The Icon is a substantial part of our tradition, a concentration of culture, historical heritage and art. It is the perfect expression, the most immediate of both the religious and the aesthetic feeling proper to Eastern Christianity.

The Icon is a cult artifact and still – an art in which sophisticated mystery you can be immersed. In the peace of the bucolic little museum-towns, amongst icons and religious artifacts, you will have your lessons in that divine art.

Highlights:

- Getting to know the history and techniques of icon painting
- Completing an icon to bring home
- Visiting different sites of cultural interest in the places where the icon-atelier will be carried out; acquainting with the history and architecture of each house of your accommodation
- If you have chosen the Rhodope village Dolen as the place of the atelier you may visit the village church “St. Nicolas”, the museum and the churches in the town of Gotse Delchev; to visit the monastery “St. George” in Hadjidimovo village.
- If you have chosen Melnik with its fascinating sand pyramids scenery you will enjoy visiting the local churches, the Rozhen monastery and the church in Rupite built according to the will of the Para psychic phenomenon Vanga.
- The town of Koprivshtitsa will offer to you all its richness of Revival (18-19 c.) architecture and the masterpieces of some of the most famous icon painters.

In each of these places you will really enjoy the rich Bulgarian icon heritage.

Necessary materials:

- All of the painting materials necessary will be provided during the atelier
- The instructor is an accomplished icon painter

Initial skill in painting:

- Not required
- Number of participants – from 4 to 6 persons

Accommodation:

- In double rooms at guest houses which are cultural land marks in the villages of Koprivshitsa, Melnik, Dolen
- The house in Koprivshitsa is a cultural landmark from the end of 18th and the beginning of 19th century and is named after the name of its first owner – hadji Valko
- The accommodation in Melnik is at the house with the most beautiful view of the town, also named after the forefather – Lumparova
- The forefather of the family who owned the house in Dolen also gave it his name – hadji Bozhik

Options:

- Trips to historical and cultural sites
- Visiting monasteries and churches rich in icon treasures
- Extend the program with 3 days with tailored tours (SPA, monasteries, etc.)
- Hiking, photography, painting, sketching, horse riding, meeting local people

2008 Price:

Accommodation	Number of participants	Price
Village of Dolen	group of 6 participants	953 Euro
	group of 4 participants	1187 Euro
Town of Melnik	group of 6 participants	916 Euro
	group of 4 participants	1132 Euro
Town of Koprivshitsa	group of 6 participants	879 Euro
	group of 4 participants	1076 Euro

Price includes:**Guides**

- Professional instructor – an artist
- Local guides where needed

Transport:

- Transfer in Bulgaria (from Sofia airport to the starting point of the tour and back)
- Minivan for 5 people, support vehicle with a radio connection

Accommodation:

- 7 nights in double rooms in two-star family hotels, authentic Renaissance architectural monument house

Food:

- Full board from day 1 dinner to day 8 breakfast (lunch during the ride is a picnic – vegetables, warm soup, barbeque, fruit); Beverages – mineral water

Equipment:

- All painting materials
- Written materials on icon painting

Places you visit:

- Museum charges

Price doesn't include:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Breakfast and lunch of day 1st and dinner of day 8th
- Airplane tickets and taxes
- Additional trips
- Tips

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