

Festivity Tours and Indigenous Rituals – Spring Festivities

The Passionate Week from Great Wednesday to Easter Monday



7 days program from Wednesday to Tuesday of the Easter week

The spring festivities in Bulgaria are most attractive with both the abundance of rituals and the beauty of the blooming nature.

We have inherited celebrating March 1st (Granny Martha) from the Old Bulgarians, from the Thracians we have inherited the mysteries of welcoming the new life and all of those melted in the Christian tradition of Easter festivities.

We offer to you to share with us the excitement of the breathtaking beauty of the spring and the enchantment of the ancient spring rites. The experience will be unforgettable.

The program takes place usually the week around the East Orthodox Easter which is a week later than the Catholic Easter holidays.

Highlights:

- Getting to know the authentic wealth of events and rituals
- Participating in all activities for preparing and performing the traditional customs, baking the ritual breads, cooking the special meals, decorating Easter eggs
- Visiting homes of local people and sharing the festivity with them
- Visiting the Easter Service in the church

Necessary materials:

- All of the materials necessary will be provided during the preparation of the rituals

Initial skill in painting:

- Not required

Accommodation:

- In double rooms at guest houses which are cultural land marks in the villages of Koprivshtitsa, Melnik

Options:

- Trips to historical and cultural sites, hikes, painting/drawing
- Extend the program with 3 days with tailored tours (SPA, monasteries, etc.)

2008 Price:

Accommodation	Number of participants	Price
Town of Melnik	group of 6 participants	776 Euro
	group of 10 participants	639 Euro
Town of Koprivshtitsa	group of 6 participants	718 Euro
	group of 10 participants	617 Euro

Price includes:

Guides

- Professional instructor - an ethnographer
- 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:

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

Food:

- Full board from day 1 dinner to day 7 breakfast (lunch during the ride is a picnic – vegetables, warm soup, barbeque, fruit); Beverages – mineral water

Equipment:

- Materials for painting eggs, baking ritual breads, etc

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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