



The taste of wine and delicious food in Bulgaria

(4 nights / 5 days)
(All year round)
Group of 10 or 20 person

Welcome to Bulgaria this summer and get ready to taste bouquet of aroma of good wines and delicious Bulgarian food! Feel the hospitality and enjoy your short vacation in southwestern Bulgaria!

Package price per person

Accommodation In DBL shared	Group of minimum 10 participants	Group of minimum 20 participants
3* and 4* hotels	\$ 716	\$ 616

***Single occupancy supplement - \$ 112**

The package includes the following services:

- Meet & Greet at Sofia Airport;
- All transfers by minivan as per program;
- 2 nights in 4* in Sofia
- 2 nights in hotel 3* in Melnik region;
- 4 breakfasts;
- 4 Lunches (3 course menu + soft drinks+ glass wine);
- 3 dinners in a local restaurants (3 course menu + soft drinks+ glass wine);
- 1 dinner in a traditional Bulgarian restaurant with live show program;
- 5 wine tastings (3 to 5 Bulgarian wines) in regional wineries;
- Sightseeing tour of Sofia;
- English speaking tourist guide (English, French, German, Italian) along the program;
- Local taxes and VAT.

The package does not include:

- Air fares to/from Sofia;
- Optional activities;
- Food and beverage not included in the offer;
- Special airport welcome package (business lounge) - € 15 p.p. (on request)
- Personal expenses and tips.

Sample itinerary: Sofia – Rozhen – Melnik – Sofia		
Day 1st	Sofia – arrival Blended Wines and classic grape varieties from Eastern region of Bulgaria	Arrival at Sofia International Airport, meet and greet with MIEL`s representative. Transfer to the hotel. After accommodation, start sightseeing tour of Sofia by foot. <i>(The capital city was originally a Thracian settlement called Serdica (possibly named after the Celtic tribe Serdi). For a short period the city was ruled by Philip of Macedon and his son Alexander the Great and afterwards it became part of the Roman Empire. A lot of remains from that time are cultivated in the very heart of the city)</i> Dinner with wine tasting of 3 types of Bulgarian wines from Eastern Bulgaria. Overnight in Sofia.
Day 2nd	Sofia – Melnik region (Rozhen) Regional Wines from Melnik and Struma River Valley	Breakfast. Transfer to Melnik region. <i>The city of Melnik is an architectural reserve and 96 of its buildings are cultural monuments. According to archaeological evidence, the first to settle in the area were the Thracian tribe Medi to which the famous rebel Spartacus belonged. Centuries later, the presence of the Romans left the town one of its landmarks – the Ancient Roman bridge, which is still preserved. The Slavs who later came in these parts named the settlement Melnik after the sand formations surrounding it on all sides and even today you can enjoy the so called "sandstone pyramids" and submerge into a village from another era.</i> Accommodation in hotel 3* Golden Rozhen or similar. Lunch in a local restaurant . <u>Visit Villa Melnik winery with wine tasting of 5 types of wines.</u> <u>Dinner</u> <u>Overnight in Golden Rozhen hotel.</u>
Day 3rd	Melnik region (Rozhen) Regional Wines from Melnik and Struma River Valley presented by Strymon Winery, Villa Melnik and Orbelus (organic wines)	Breakfast. Visit of Rozhen monastery – 13 A.D. Visit of 2 consecutive wineries with wine tasting of 3 to 5 regional wines of each producer. <i>The area is known as one of the best for wine production and most charming Bulgarian lands with vineyards. Here you will taste wines produced from typical Bulgarian grape varieties as Shiroka Melnishka Loza, Melnik 55 and Ruen. Shiroka Melnishka Loza (also called Broadleafed Melnik) is a red Bulgarian wine grape variety. It is planted only in this region - near the Greek border. As a varietal, Shiroka Melnishka Loza has an affinity for oak which can produce pronounced tobacco notes. The wines are often compared to Châteauneuf-du-Pape with its similar profile of spice and power. This wine was a particular favorite of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Melnik 55 (also called early Melnik Vine) is a cross between Shiroka Melnishka Loza and Valdige. Ruen is a cross between Shiroka Melnishka Loza and Cabernet Sauvignon.</i> Lunch in a local restaurant Short walk in the city.

		Dinner in a traditional Bulgarian restaurant with live folklore show; Transfer to the hotel and overnight in Golden Rozhen Hotel.
Day 4th	Melnik region - Sofia	Breakfast. Transfer back to Sofia and accommodation in the hotel. <u>Optional: On the way to Sofia visit of Rila Monastery (UNESCO world heritage) – 10 A.D.</u> <u>Accommodation in a Hotel ;</u> <u>Free time for relax or shopping</u> Dinner in a local restaurant; Overnight in Sofia.
Day 5th	Sofia - departure	Breakfast and transfer to the airport for the departure flight. End of Services

Optional activities :

Visit of National Historical Museum in Sofia and Boyana Church (UNESCO World Heritage List)
Visit of Rila Monastery – 10 A.D.(UNESCO World Heritage);
Visit of Rupite - crater of an extinct volcano and birthplace of Vanga – The famous Bulgarian prophetess

Terms and conditions:

- The prices are based on current costs and conditions available at the time of offering, all rates and availability have to be reconfirmed in the time of definitive reservations;
- All requests and enquiries should be made by writing by e-mail. MIEL will reply to all within 48 h except during weekends and other public holidays. If the immediate confirmation is not possible the buyer will be informed of the status.
- Arrival & Departure detail timing and flight details should be sent by e-mail or fax directly to MIEL in order all the necessary transfers to be dully provided.