



VISIT RILA MONASTERY

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE DAY TOUR

Saturday, 29 August 2026 | Sofia - Rila Mountains - Sofia

A guided journey to Bulgaria's spiritual heart

DEPARTURE

09:00

DURATION

8-9 HOURS

TOTAL LENGTH

241 KM

PRICE

75 EUR

Step into the heart of Bulgaria with a scenic full-day tour to Rila Monastery, the country's largest and most revered monastery and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Excellent value day tour to one of Bulgaria's most iconic UNESCO sites.
- Explore Rila Monastery, the spiritual and cultural symbol of Bulgaria.
- Enjoy fresh mountain scenery, architecture, frescoes and local legends.

THE EXPERIENCE

The journey starts from Sofia at 09:00 and follows a scenic road into the Rila Mountains. In about two hours, the group reaches Rila Monastery, founded in the first half of the 10th century by Saint John of Rila.

During the Ottoman period, the monastery became a center of spiritual, cultural and literary preservation. Its present complex dates mainly from the mid-19th century, while the defensive tower survives from the 14th century.

Your guide will bring the history, legends, architecture and frescoes to life. Free time is included for the museum, photographs, shops and lunch.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- 09:00** Departure from Sofia
- 11:00** Arrival at Rila Monastery
- 11:00-15:30** Guided visit, free time, museum and lunch
- 15:30** Departure back to Sofia
- 17:30-18:00** Expected return, depending on traffic

PRICE INCLUDES

- Professional live English-speaking guide
- Group tour and comfortable bus or coach transport
- Visit to Rila Monastery and monastery museum entry fee
- Lunch set menu: chicken, fish or vegetarian; no alcohol included

Optional: Smart guide application in different languages, with headphones and Bluetooth support on the day of the tour.

**MINIMUM GROUP
20 PEOPLE**