

Bulgaria I The Mystical Rhodope Mountains (cycling Tour)

Nature that captivates for life! History that lasts! Traditions that enchant! Culture that inspires! Breathe the splendour of the magnificent Rhodopes!

Day - 8 Shiroka Laka

TRIGRAD – GELA – SHIROKA LAKA (B, L, D)

The day starts with a bus transfer to the village of Gela, where you start your cycling tour. With more than 3300 years of history, and founded by Thracians, just like most settlements in the Rhodopes, Gela is situated in the central Rhodopes at about 1500m. Called "Valley of bells and songs", the village is true to the Rhodope tradition to enchant every guest with delicious dishes, traditional folk music, magical blissful atmosphere, and fabulous scenery. After this stunning visit, the route continues through the villages Stikal and Solishta and ends at Shiroka Laka – the village where Bulgarian folk traditions and customs come alive. Enjoy here your dinner with a live bagpipe performance.

Distance: 19km; **Duration:** 3-4hours; **Terrain:** dirt roads; **Ascent:** 230m, **Descent:** 620m

Overnight: Shiroka Laka

Inclusions

- 9 nights in your chosen accommodation
- 1 night in a Eco camp and Dospat Dam
- Meal as specified in itinerary
(B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary

FOR EXAMPLE:

- Dinner with folklore show and live music
 - Walking Tour of Sofia
 - Rila monastery & Museum
 - Kovachevitsa village
 - Visit Yagodina cave & Devil's throat cave
 - See the wonder bridges
 - Visit Bachkovo Monastery
 - Visit the Assen's fortress
 - City Tour of Plovdiv
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- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses
or with public transportation according to itinerary
 - Rent a bike for the entire period
 - English speaking tour guide
 - Admission fees according to itinerary

Exclusions

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees