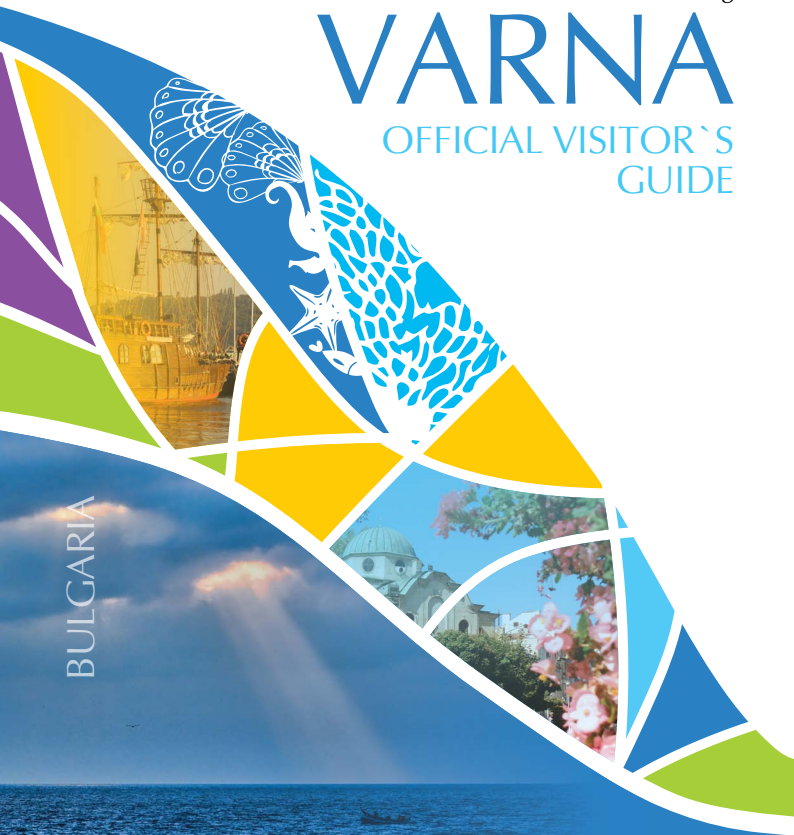




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GUIDE



BULGARIA

NOT TO BE MISSED!

Archaeological museum - Varna

Did you know that the oldest processed gold in the world was found in Varna? Gold ornaments produced as early as 4600- 4200 BC, were found in the Varna necropolis in 1972. The Varna necropolis soon turned into a sensational scientific find, the significance of which surpasses largely the limits of the ancient history of contemporary Bulgaria. As a result of the researches, 294 tombs have been found by now. The golden objects alone, found in the examined tombs, are more than 3 000, and have a total weight of more than 6 kilograms, and their diversity is significant - more than 38 different types. The official year-round exhibition is in Varna Archaeological Museum, where besides the treasure, one can go back in time to the the Hellenistic, Roman and Late Antique epoch (p.13)



Dear visitor,

*Welcome to our beautiful city!
Varna was established in 570
BC under the name of Odessos.*

*Our rich history is prominently
displayed in our museums, places of interest and
attractions such as the Archaeological museum, housing
the oldest gold treasure in the world. At the same time,
Varna is a growing, vibrant city offering a unique blend of
culture, entertainment and recreation for residents and
visitors to enjoy. Our official visitor's guide provides a quick
and convenient source of information about our city and
its key attractions.*

*Thank you for choosing Varna and I hope you enjoy your
visit as you explore our amazing city!*

Sincerely,

Ivan Portnih,
Mayor

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USEFUL PHRASES

ENGLISH	BULGARIAN	PRONUNCIATION
Hello	Здравей	Zdravey
Good morning	Добро утро	Dobro utro
Good afternoon	Добър ден	Dobar den
Good evening	Добър вечер	Dobar vecher
How are you?	Как сте?	Kak ste?
Pleased to meet you!	Приятно ми е!	Priyatno mi eh!
Goodbye	Довиждане	Dovijdaneh
Yes	Да	Da
No	Не	Ne
Please	Моля	Molya
Thank you	Благодаря	Blagodarya
Sorry (apology)	Съжалявам	Sajalyavam
Excuse me	Извинете ме	Izvinete mey
It does not matter	Няма значение	Nyama Znachenieh
Do you speak English?	Говорите ли английски?	Govorite li Angleyski?
A beer	Бира	Bira
Lager	Наливна бира	Nalivna Bira
Black tea with milk	Черен чай с мляко	Cheren chai s mlyako
Coffee with milk	Кафе с мляко	Kafe s mlyako

DO IT LIKE A LOCAL!

Cyrillic alphabet

The Cyrillic alphabet was an indirect result of the missionary work during the First Bulgarian Empire in the 9th century of the „Apostles of the Slavs”, St. Cyril and St. Methodius. These two saints are celebrated each year in Bulgaria with a public holiday in May, and also in other Slavic countries around the world.

Nodding for no

Bulgaria is one of only a handful of countries in the world where a shake of the head means „yes” and a nod means „no”. This can be of course confusing when you’re trying to converse through gestures with a local who doesn’t speak English so you better remember that „da” means yes.

ABOUT BULGARIA

Capital: Sofia (pop. 1,270,284)

Territory: 110 912.6 km²

Population: 7 364 570

Country calling code: +359

Language: Bulgarian.

English, German, French and Russian are spoken in the country's resorts, hotels and restaurants.

Religion: 85% of the population is Eastern Orthodox, 10% are Muslims, others-7%. The Bulgarian Church is autonomous and headed by a Patriarch.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

January 1 – New Year

March 3 – Bulgaria's Liberation from Ottoman rule – the National Day

Easter – Moveable feast

May 1 – Labor Day

May 6 – Bulgarian Army Day

State government: Bulgaria is a parliamentary republic.

National currency: Bulgarian lev (pl. leva). Fractional coins are called „stotinki” (100 stotinki = 1 lev). The exchange rate against the euro is fixed at Lv 1.95583/EUR 1.

Climate: Temperate continental (2, 000 to 2, 400 hours of sunshine per year). Four seasons. Dry and hot summer, mean temperature + 23°C (April-September). Cold winter with snowfalls, mean temperature 0°C. Mean annual temperature 10.5°C.

May 24 – Day of Bulgarian Enlightenment and Culture and the Slav Script

September 6 – Bulgaria's Unification

September 22 – Independence Day

December 24-26 – Christmas



VARNA IN BRIEF

Coordinates: 43°13'N / 27°55'E

Province Varna

Municipality Varna

Established as Odessos 6th century BC

Area of the city 205 km²

Altitude 80 m (262 ft)

Average annual

Temperature: +12.2 °C (January +1.7°C; July +22.8°C)

Population 334,870 (the third-largest city in Bulgaria)

Education: 6 universities, 3 colleges, 4 research institutes, 70 schools.

Time zone EET (UTC+2)

Summer (DST) EEST (UTC+3)

Website: www.varna.bg

Official visitor's guide:

www.visit.varna.bg

GETTING THERE

By plane

Varna Airport

About 8 km west of the city center. | Tel.: +359 52 573 323 | www.varna-airport.bg | Bus № 409

A bus ride takes to the central part of Varna in about 20 minutes and to the resort of Golden Sands in about 40 minutes. It runs approximately in every 15 minutes. *More info about public bus service is available at: varnatraffic.com*

By train

Central Railway Station

1 Slaveikov square | Tel.: +359 52 630 444, +359 52 630 414 | www.bdz.bg | Bus № 9, 109, 31, 31A, 22, 41 | Luggage storage

The station serves domestic and international lines (Sofia, Ruse, Plovdiv and Bucharest).

By boat

Port of Varna

1 Slaveikov square | Tel.: + 359 52 692 232 | www.port-varna.bg | Bus №48, 20, 39

By bus

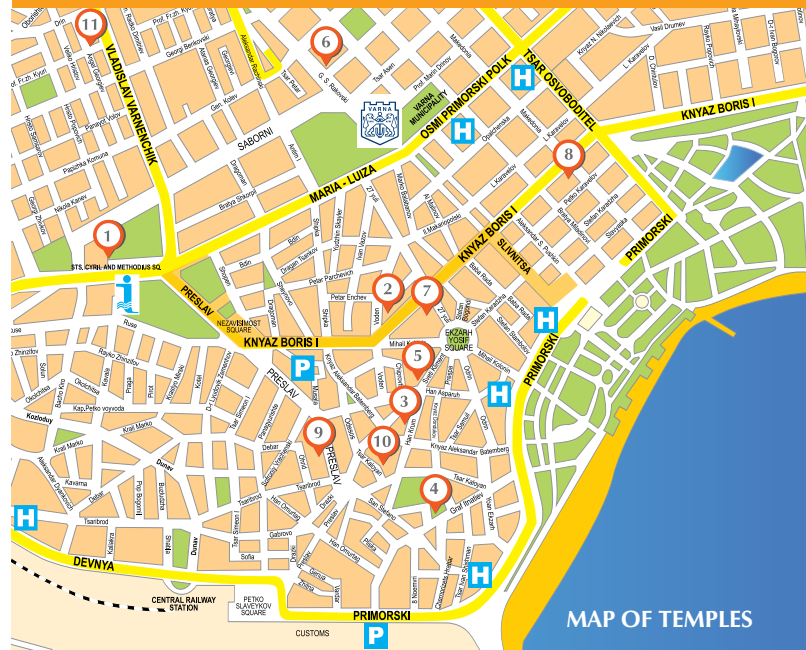
Central Bus Station

158 Vladislav Varnenchik blvd. | Tel.: +359 52 748 349 | www.autogaravn.com | Bus № 148, 409, 22, 41

A GLIMPSE OF HISTORY

- The city was established as a trading colony in 570 B.C. under the name of Odessos (town on water) by Greek sea-faring colonizers from the town of Milet in Asia Minor at the site of an earlier Thracian settlement.
- In 15th year A.D. province of Moesia was annexed in the Roman Empire and Odessos was finally overcome.
- 2nd and 3rd – the city's best years. The Romans fortified the city, built a water-supply system, many temples and public buildings – the Thermal Baths.
- After the disintegration of Roman Empire in 395 A.D., the city became an important port of the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantium) and was converted to Christianity.
- The city was destroyed several times: by the Huns (in the 5th A.D.), by the Avars and Slavs (in 6th A.D.).
- The Slavs gave the present name of the city – Varna. It was first mentioned when the proto-Bulgarian horseman of Khan Asparuh found the First Bulgarian Kingdom in 681.
- During the 13th and 14th century Varna had turned into a thriving commercial port city frequented by Genoese and later also by Venetian and Ragusan merchant ships.
- In 1393 Varna was captured from the Ottoman troops.
- 10 November 1444 - Battle of Varna – a crusade for the liberation of the Christians on the Balkan Peninsula led by Vladislav III Jagello and his Hungarian general Janos Hunyadi (20 000 crusaders) was conquered by the strong army of Sultan Murad II (60 000 soldiers).
- The Russians temporarily took over the city in 1773 and again in 1828, returning it to the Ottomans in 1830.
- 1866 – the first railroad in Bulgarian lands connected Varna with the port of Rousse on the Danube, linking the Ottoman capital Istanbul with Central Europe.

- The town was finally liberated on 27 July 1978 after the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-1878 and it grew rapidly.
- October 1972 – Chalcolithic (Eneolithic) Necropolis was discovered nearby Varna – 5th – 4th millennium B.C. with 294 graves. Only gold objects are more than 3 000 and weight in total well over 6 kg., 23,5 carat – considered to be the oldest gold treasure in the world or hundreds of years older than anything comparable elsewhere.





TEMPLES

Free admission to all the temples in Varna

Dormition of the Holy Mother of God



The largest and most famous Bulgarian Orthodox cathedral in Varna. The building is erected to commemorate the Russian soldiers who fell for the Liberation of Bulgaria from Ottoman domination. The construction of the building is done with the help of voluntary donations. It is located in the centre of the city and exists since 30 August 1886. The basilica is three-nave and has three altars.

Daily: 07:00 -18:00 | Sv. Sv. Kiril i Metodiy square | Tel.: +359 52 613 005 | www.mitropolia-varna.org | Bus № 9, 14, 31, 31A, 109, 148, 409

Church of St. Nicholas the Thaumaturge



The temple was built with the donation of the Russian citizen Paraskeva Nicolau / Nikolaev / native of Varna. According to his will, he determines the amount of 50,000 rubles and at his request the church received the name Church of St. Nicholas.

In front of the church there is a monument of Paraskeva Nicolau. The construction of the Temple began in 1859 and lasted for eleven years. According to the chronicle since 1906 Bulgarian priests serve in the church „St. Nicholas“.

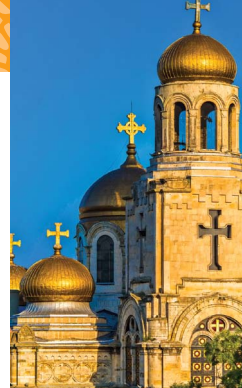
Daily: 07:00 -18:00 | 35 Knyaz Boris I blvd | Tel.: +359 52 622 727 | www.mitropolia-varna.org

Dormition of the Theotokos Church



Historical data for this temple dates back to year 1602 when in fact it was built. During the construction it had been found that there was also a temple. The church is distinguished by its construction because of its low dug. According to the bans Christian churches should not exceed two meters above the earth. Characteristic of this church are its icons, whose faces look south, not west, which is contrary to church writings and canons. Experts estimate the icons that are located in the temple as great wealth and treasure.

Daily: 07:00 -17:30 | 19 Han Krum str. | Tel.: +359 52 633 925 | www.mitropolia-varna.org



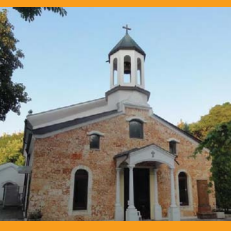


St. Atanasius Church

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The church „St. Athanasius” is situated near the Roman Baths in Varna. It was built in August 1838 on the ruins of a small church bearing the same name burned in 1836 in this place.

Daily from Oct to May: 07:00 -18:00; Daily from May to September: 08:00 -17:00 | 19 Graf Ignatiev str. | Tel.: +359 52 639 716 | www.sv-atanasii-varna.org



Armenian Apostolic Church of St. Sargis

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The Armenian Church is located in downtown. It is quite interesting that from flight sight the church has the shape of a cross with a multiwall pyramid-dome of the belfry. This style of domes is found only in Armenian and Georgian churches. Founder of the building is Hayrabedian Sarkis and builder is Apraam Kalfa - a journeyman known as an artist of his time.

Daily: 09:00 -17:00 | 15 Han Asparuh str. | Tel.: +359 52 619 382 | www.armenianchurch-bg.com

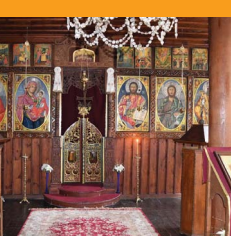


Orthodox Church „Sveta Paraskeva Petka”

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The building of Sveta Paraskeva Petka church, known to the citizens of Varna as Sveta Petka, started in 1901. The stone inaugurated by bishop Simeon at the very start of the construction works can still be found here. The church itself was inaugurated by bishop Jossif much later, in 1906, when the construction was ready.

Daily: 07:00 -17:00 | 36 Georgi Rakovsky str. | Tel.: +359 52 658 904 | www.mitropolia-varna.org



St. Michael The Archangel Orthodox Church

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St Michael the Archangel Church was founded in 1865 and is historically significant as the first place where religious services were given in Bulgarian. The building also contained Varna’s first school. The church is small and badly lit but there are some fine wooden icons.

Mon - Fri: 09:30 -17:30 | Sat-Sun: 10:00 – 14:00 | 9 „27th July” str. | Tel.: +359 52 614 691 | www.arhangel.bg



Catholic Chapel „St. Michael”

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The catholic chapel „St. Michael” is located on the second floor in a building with central location. There is also a canteen for poor and unemployed, old, weary and sick people in the care of the Sisters of the Order of the „Mother Theresa” - the first house of the Order in Bulgaria, opened in 1994.

Daily: 08:00 -18:00 | 80 Knyaz Boris I blvd. | Tel.: +359 52 612 134



Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception

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The church was built in 1890 after the design of the Italian architect Valentino. Its construction began along with that of the Catholic Cathedral of St. Paul in Rousse. It was built in the typical Gothic style, yet retaining a much greater simplicity in comparison with most of its counterparts in Bulgaria.

Daily: 08:00 -18:00 | 41 Preslav str. | Tel.: +359 52 612 134

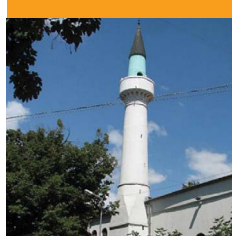


Ashkenazi synagogue

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Probably built in the early 20th century, the smaller Ashkenazi synagogue is characteristic of Central European Art Nouveau. After the Second World War, until the beginning of the 1990s when it was reclaimed by the Jewish community, it was used as a Judo club. Recently, the interior of the building has been redesigned for offices and rented for income. The exterior has been restored to its original appearance.

3 Ticha str.



The Azazie mosque

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According to some information the mosque was built in 1795. As in most of the mosques the praying hall is orientated towards Meka. The mosque comprises of low building with a small back yard in the middle. The minaret is at the west - side, to the right of the entrance. The minaret is with square base.

25 Angel Georgiev str.



MUSEUMS

Archaeological Museum – Varna



The beginning of museum activities in Varna was laid in 1887. In 1906, a Regional Museum was officially inaugurated and it was dedicated to the history, culture and nature of the region of Varna. After many transformations, its successor nowadays is the Regional Historical Museum - Varna with its departments (and separate museums): Archaeological, Revival Period, Newest History of Varna, Latest History, Ethnography and Natural Science, as well as the Aladzha Monastery, the Roman Thermae and the Petrified Forest.

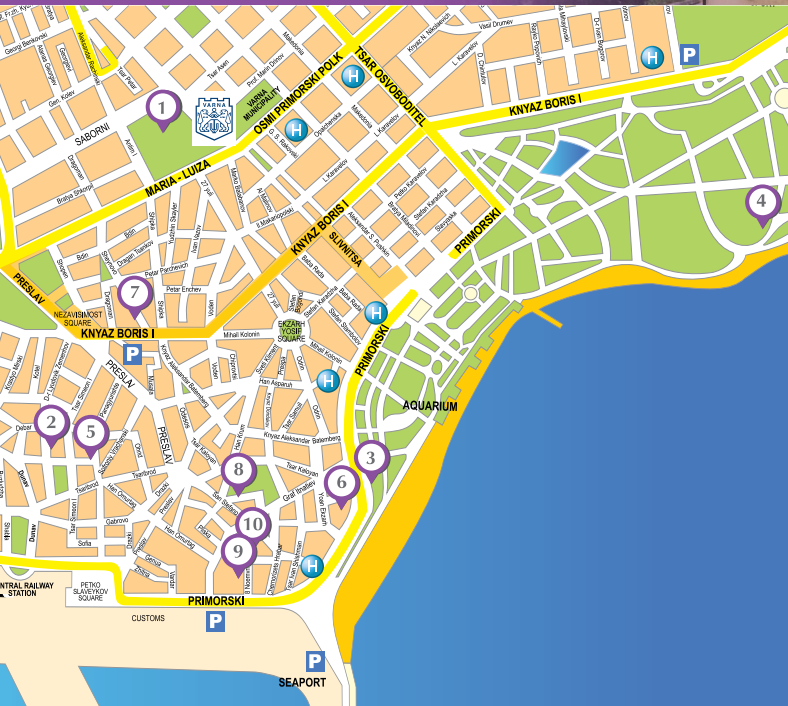
After 1983, the building of the former Maidens' School was placed at the disposal of the Museum of Varna. The activities of the museum comprise a broad variety: archaeological excavations, historical, ethnographic and other scientific researches, arrangement of exhibitions, publishing, conservation and restoration, educational activities, etc. Throughout the years, Varna Museum confirmed its role of a leading cultural and scientific institution in the city.

The funds of the Archaeological museum store more than 100 000 objects. The most significant of them are shown in the permanent exhibition. The tools and flint stone splits from the Mesolithic period, found by Varna (middle Stone Age -9th-10th millennium B.C.) are the only proofs ever found, of human presence on Bulgarian lands at that time. The most important part of the exhibition is the collection of artefacts from the Enolithic Necropolis of Varna (4600-4200 B.C.), where the oldest manmade golden objects in the world were found. During the Stone-Copper Age (end of the 5th millennium B.C.) numerous pile dwelling occupied the shores of the Lake of Varna, the remnants of which now lay at a depth of 2,5 - 8 m below the present day level of the water: ceramics, tools made of animal bone, flint stone, as well as small votive figures. Among the findings from the pile dwellings an artifact of special interest is the so called „Goddess of the Lake” - a human head, modeled out of clay, probably a depiction of some of the local deities.

Daily from Jun to Sept: 10:00 – 17:00 | Tue- Sat from Oct to May: 10:00 – 17:00 | 41 „Maria Luisa” blvd. | Tel.: +359 52 681 030 | www.archaeo.museumvarna.com | Bus № 9, 14, 31A, 109, 148, 409



MAP OF MUSEUMS





Museum of Bulgarian Revival Period 2

The exhibition of the museum is accommodated in an old building, dating back from the end of the 19th century. It shows the most important moments in the history of Varna during the Revival period. The exhibition contains new materials collected in the course of many years - books, church inventory, weaponry, photographs and personal belongings of the fighters for our freedom.

Mon- Sat from May to Oct: 10:00 – 17:00; Mon- Fri from Nov to Apr: 10:00 – 17:00 | 21 „L. Zamenhoff“ Str. | Tel.: +359 52 658 891 | www.revival.museumvarna.com | Bus № 9,17,20,109



Naval Museum of Varna 3

The Naval museum offers its visitors a unique journey along the traces of maritime historical heritage. Periodically, the museum exhibits arts of marinist painters. Here is also the „Drazki“ ship-museum, the only torpedo boat of this class, preserved in the world.

Tue- Sun from April to Oct: 10:00 – 18:00 | Tue- Sat from Nov to March: 09:30 – 17:30 | 2 „Primorski“ blvd | Tel.: +359 52 73 15 23 | www.museummaritime-bg.com | Bus № 17,20,39



Varna Museum of Natural History 4

The Varna Museum of Natural History searches and makes popular the wild life of the Black sea and the Bulgarian sea-side. The halls of the museum feature 1036 objects, out of which 72 minerals and rock samples, 67 fossils, 38 plants, 573 invertebrates and 186 vertebrates.

Daily from May to Sept: 10:00 – 17:00; Mon- Fri from Oct to April: 10:00 – 17:00 | Sea Garden | Tel.: +359 52 618 011 | www.nature.museumvarna.com | Bus № 9, 14, 109, 409



Ethnographic Museum 5

The exhibition of the Ethnographic Museum of Varna is situated in a house from the Revival Period, constructed in 1860. Here you can learn a lot about the traditions of the Bulgarian towns and villages from the end of the 18th until the beginning of the 20th century. The Ethnographic museum hosts the biggest collections of silver decorations and folk costumes in North-Eastern Bulgaria.

Daily from May to Oct: 10:00 – 17:00 | Tue- Sat from Nov to April: 10:00 – 17:00 | 22 „Panagjurishte“ Str. | Tel.: +359 52 630 588 | Bus № 9, 17, 20, 109

Museum of the History of Medicine 6

The Museum of the History of Medicine in Varna is unique for the country. It is accommodated in the building of the first donor's hospital on our lands, built in 1869 with the assets from the last will of the citizen of Varna Paraskeva Nikolau. The exhibition is arranged in three halls and follows the development of medicine as practice, arts and science from prehistoric past up to the present days.

Mon- Fri: 18:30 – 16:30 | 7 Paraskeva Nikolau str. | Tel.: +359 52 639 729 | Bus № 17, 20, 39



Puppet Museum 7

This unique museum was open in 1985 and it is the only one of its kind on the Balkan Peninsula. Its exposition consists of 130 puppet dolls and decoration elements.

Tue- Fri from Jun to Sept: 10:00 – 17:00; Sat: 16:00 – 20:00 | Tue- Fri from Oct to May: 10:00 – 17:00; Sat: 10:00 – 14:00 | 5 Sheynovo str. | Tel.: +359 52 608 172 | www.vnpuppet.com



Retro Museum 8

The whole life from the time of socialism enlives in a new museum. The first museum in Bulgaria, located in a shopping center, occupies an area of 4000 square meters in the biggest mall in Varna - Grand Mall. In the museum exhibition shines most brightly a collection of over 50 cars from the era and wax figures exposition.

Daily: 10:00 – 20:00 | Grand Mall, 2 Andrey Saharov str. | Tel.: +359 88 600 1700 | Bus № 148, 409



Roman Thermae (2nd - 3rd c. AD.) 8

The public baths of Odessos (Varna) are located in the city centre. This is the biggest Roman bath complex on the Balkan Peninsula - spreading on an area of 7000 m2. In addition it is the fourth in size in Europe. The baths have been in use between 2nd c. and the 3rd c. AD.

Daily from May to Oct: 09:00 – 19:00 | Tue- Sat from Nov to Apr: 10:00 – 17:00 | The crossroad of „San Stefano“ and „Han Krum“ str. | Tel.: +359 52 600 059 | www.archaeo.museumvarna.com | Bus № 17,20,39





Small Roman Thermae (3rd- 6th c. AD)



They are located in the southeastern part of today's Varna but further south than the Large Roman Thermae. They were built in the 3rd-6th century AD as the city of Odessus experienced a decline (at the time the entire Roman Empire was in decline), after the Large Thermae were abandoned and partly destroyed in the 3rd-4th century AD.

Daily from Jun to Sept: 10:00 – 17:00 | 17 Primorski Blvd. - on the conjunction with 8th November str. | Tel.: +359 52 600 059 | www.archaeo.museumvarna.com | Bus № 17, 20, 39



Museum „History of Varna”



The History of Varna Museum was established in 1969. Its new exhibition was inaugurated on November 22, 1991. Situated in three rooms, it reveals the city development as a port, as well as a cultural, commercial, industrial and medical centre during the period 1878-1939.

Tue- Sun from May to Oct: 10:00 – 17:00 | **Mon- Fri from Nov to Apr: 10:00 – 17:00** | 3 „8th November” str. | Tel.: +359 52 632 677 | Bus № 17, 20, 39



Park-Museum of the Combat Friendship 1444 „Vladislav Varnenchik”

The Park-Museum of Combat Friendship „Vladislav Varnenchik” is a memorial complex, dedicated to the Battle of Varna, which took place on November 10th 1444 between the allied Christian-European army of 20 thousand soldiers, led by the Polish-Hungarian king Vladislav III Yagello and the 60 thousand Ottoman-Turkish troops of Sultan Murad II.

Wed - Sun from Apr to Oct: 09:30 – 17:00 | **Tue - Sat from Nov to Mar: 09:30 – 17:00** | 55 Janosh Hunyadi Blvd. | Tel.: +359 52 740 302 | www.varnenchikmuseum.com | Bus № 22,82



Residence Euxinograd

Residence Euxinograd is located 8 km north of Varna in the vicinity of St.St. Constantin and Helena resort. The complex used to be royal residence, nowadays it is a government residence and it is open to visitors. Advance reservation is required.

Varna 9006 | Tel.: +359 393 150 | **Bookings at: euxinograd@government.bg**

ARTS & CULTURE

Drama Theatre „Stoyan Bachvarov”

1 Nezavisimost square | Tel.: +359 52 665 022 | www.dramavarna.com | Bus № 9, 14, 31, 31A, 109, 409

State Opera – Varna

1 Nezavisimost square | Tel.: +359 52 665 022 | www.operavarna.com | Bus № 9, 14, 31, 31A, 109, 409

State Puppet Theater – Varna

4 Dragoman str. | Tel.: +359 52 607844 | www.vnpuppet.com

Festival and Congress Centre –Varna

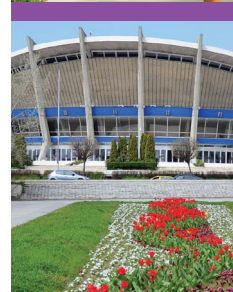
The Festival and Congress Centre -Varna, established in 1986 as a unit of the National Palace of Culture (Sofia), disposes of 11 multifunctional halls with a capacity of 40 to 1000 seats. Some of the most prestigious events, of which FCC is a co-organizer, are Zlatna roza (Golden rose) Bulgarian featured films festival, European film productions festival, the Varnensko lyato (Varna summer) International Music Festival, Varna Summer Theatre Festival, International May Choir Competition, International Ballet Competition - Varna and many other events. In 1993 the FCC initiated and became the main organizer of the „Love Is Folly” International Film Festival.

2 Slivnitsa Blvd. | Tel.: +359 52 685 214 | www.fccvarna.bg | Bus № 9, 14, 109, 409

Palace of Culture and Sports

The Palace of Culture and Sports is an indoor multifunctional complex for cultural, sport and congress events. It has 6 multifunctional halls, recreation center, fitness clubs, press-center and a large trade center. Congress Hall can be automatically reorganized. In the sports version the playground measures 50 m by 25 m.

115 Kniaz Boris I Blvd | Tel.: +359 52 645 123 | www.palaceofvarna.com | Bus № 9, 14, 17A, 39, 109, 409





Summer Theater Varna

It is situated in the central part of the seaside park. The Summer Theater hosts a number of national and international events. Some of them are the world renowned ballet competition and Varna Summer -biennale of arts, etc.

Sea Garden (Primorski park) | Tel.: +359 52 612 803 | www.palaceofvarna.com | Bus № 9, 14, 20, 39,109, 409

GALLERIES



Varna City Art Gallery „Boris Georgiev”

The City Art Gallery has been founded in 1944. Since 1988 it is housed in its current unique building in a neo-Gothic style. Until then the building was used as secondary school for boys. Situated in the heart of the city the Gallery „Boris Georgiev”(received this name in 1999) sets out permanent and visiting exhibitions of various Bulgarian and foreign authors in ten of their halls with an area of 1,236 sq.m.

Tue- Sun: 10:00 – 17:00 | 1 Lyuben Karavelov str. | Tel.: +359 52 612 363 | www.varnacityartgallery.com | Bus № 9, 109, 409

„Georgi Velchev” Museum and Gallery

The house-museum Georgi Velchev exists since 1961, when the home of the artist is donated to the city by his brother Vladimir Velchev and his sister Pavlina Velcheva. In the fund of the museum are kept 240 works of the great artist as 50 of them constitute a permanent exhibition.

Besides its permanent exhibition the museum presents monthly exhibitions of the most important classic and contemporary artists in Bulgaria, carried out international cultural projects.

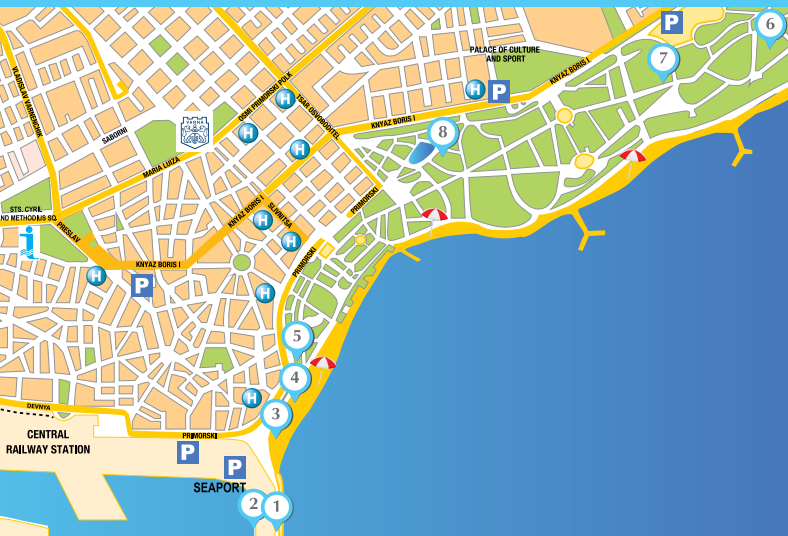
Mon- Fri: 10:00 – 18:00 | 8 Radko Dimitriev str. | Tel.:+359 52 611 928 | www.varnacityartgallery.com | Bus № 148, 409

Plenty of private galleries are open to visitors as well. More info at: www.visit.varna.bg



BEACH FACILITIES





Recreational and Entertainment Zone at the Port of Varna



In 2016 a new „Recreational and Entertainment Zone at the Port of Varna” with area of 2.7 ha was set apart. This is an attractive zone with benches, flowers, palm trees and cosy cafes. There is a car park allocated in the area which facilitates the cruise operators and the visitors. The most significant cultural and sport events such as the Day of Varna, the international „Tall Ships” Regatta, „FUNCITY+” etc. are being organised there.



Yacht Club Port Varna



Yacht Club „Captain Georgi Georgiev” – Varna | Tel.: +359 885 731 260 | www.yachtclubportvarna.com

Swimming Pool Primorski



Since 2007 locals enjoy the renovated swimming complex Primorski. The first pool „Julian Rusev” is with sizes 25 / 50 m, it has a modern treatment plant, rooms for doping control. The facilities are suitable for disabled people. The second pool „Alexy Alexiev” has a diving tower and a modern spa centre.

Open daily | South Beach Varna (near Port Varna) / | Tel.: +359 52820 646 | www.sport4all.bg | Bus № 17A, 20, 39



Rolbata Complex



Rolbata- Nautilus complex is situated on the South Beach in Varna. it offers a pool with mineral water, water slides for the kids, restaurant and a bar.

Near Primorski swimming pool | Tel.: +359 882 491 791 | Bus № 17A, 20, 39



Beach Activities

Surfing, kite surfing, water skiing, diving, wake boarding... there is plenty in Varna to keep you active.





KIDS & YOUTH

Aquarium

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The aquarium's exhibition focuses on the Black Sea's flora and fauna which includes over 140 fish species, but also features freshwater fish, Mediterranean fish, exotic species from faraway areas of the World Ocean, mussels and algae.

Daily from Jun - Sept: 09:00 – 19:00 | Tue- Sun from Oct - May: 09:00 – 17:00 | Sea Garden | Tel.: +359 52 632 066 | www.ifvarna.com | Bus № 17A, 20, 39



Dolphinarium

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The only dolphinarium on the Balkan Peninsula is actually one of the most enjoyable attractions that Varna offers to its guests. It was built in 1984 and has 1134 seats. In 30- minute show visitors can convince the incredible intelligence and apprehension of marine mammals.

Open Tue- Sun, Show schedule varies by season- please check www.dolphinarium.festa.bg | Saltanat area, Sea Park | Tel.: +359 52 302 199 | Bus № 9, 14, 17A,39, 109, 409



Varna Zoo

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The Varna Zoo covers an area of 23.5 acres. The zoo opened in 1961 and nowadays it is a favorite place for adults and kids. There are over 70 species of animals with a total number of over 350 animal specimens.

Daily from Jun- Aug: 09:00 – 19:00 | Sept- May: 09:00- 18:00 | Sea Garden | Tel.:+359 52 820 611 | www.varna-zoo.com | Bus № 9, 14, 39, 109, 409

Amusement Park „Detski kat”

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Amusement park „Detski kat” is located near the Summer Theatre in the Sea Garden. It offers a variety of attractive and fun for both the youngest and the adults. There are 27 different kind of attractions, an artificial lake and coffee shops.

Open daily from May to August: 09:00 – 23:00; from Sept to May: 09:00 – 20:00 | Sea Garden | Tel.:+359 897 847 020 | www.detskikat.com | Bus № 9, 14, 20, 39,109, 409



Varna Karting Track (Vinitsa)

That's the largest track in Bulgaria and yet it is homologated by the International Federation Kart CIK / FIA. Annual professional national and international competitions are organized there. Length: 1050 m, Width: 9 m

Daily from 10:00 – 24:00 | Vinitsa district | Tel.:+359 52 717 077 | www.varnakarting.com | Bus № 26, 31



Attraction Park „Aquapolis”

The beautiful water park is the first one in Bulgaria, established in a unique Mauritian Mediterranean style. It is located in the northwestern section of the tourist resort 'Golden Sands'. The water park is situated in the forest, sporting a unique sea-view and the whole tourist resort. Established on an area of 40 000 square meters, he combines a natural park environment with a series of artificially created elements - pools, water slides, Jacuzzi, fountains and waterfalls, ancient towers and ruins.

Open daily from mid Jun to mid Sept: 10:00 – 19:00 | Golden Sands resort | Tel.: +359 52 389 999 | www.aquapolis.net | Bus № 9, 409



SHOPPING

Grand Mall Varna - The Largest Shopping Mall in Varna

Stores: 10.00-22.00; Cinema: 10:00-24:00; Restaurants: 10:00 - 24:00; Supemarket: 09:00 – 21:00 | 2, Andrey Saharov str., Varna, Bulgaria | Tel.:+359 700 33 939 | www.grandmall-varna.com | Bus № 22,41, 148, 409

Mall Varna EAD

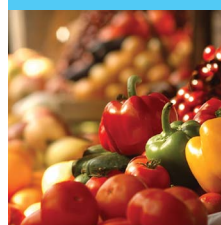
Stores, Kids centre: 10:00 - 22:00 | Cinema, Entertainment, Restaurants: 10:00-01:00 | 186 Vl. Varnenichik blvd. | Tel.: +359 700 13 111 | www.mallvarna.com | Bus № 22, 41, 148, 409



Open Central Market

The Central Market is located in the central part - in the triangle between the streets «Dr. Piskyuliev», «Drin» and «Angel Kanchev.» This is the largest open market in Varna, also known as «Kolhozen pazar». Here you can find a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, milk and other products, as well as clothing, shoes, textiles etc.

09:00-18:00 | Dr. Piskyuliev str. and Drin str. | www.pazarivarna.com | Bus № 14,43, 49





Street of Folk Art

Ateliers, bearing the spirit and traditions of the old Bulgarian masters and craftsmen. Souvenirs and memories filled with original fabrics, dyestuffs and ornaments, preserved and transmitted over the centuries.

10:00 – 18:00 | 65 Drin str. (by the Open Central Market) | Bus № 14, 43, 49

Clock Tower Market

This market is located in the centre of the city, between Ruse str. and Hristo Botev blvd. (behind the Tourist Information Centre).

09:00 – 18:00 | Hristo Botev blvd. and Ruse str | www.pazarivarna.com | Bus № 9, 14, 31, 31A, 109, 409

Chataldzha Market

09:00 – 18:00 | Chataldzha blvd. and Tsar Asen str. | www.pazarivarna.com | Bus № 7, 31, 31A, 148

Saturday Farmer's Market

Every Saturday, 11:00 – 15:00 | Level – 2, Mall Varna EAD, 186 Vl. Varnenchik blvd. | Tel.: +359 700 13 111 | www.mallvarna.com | Bus № 22, 41, 148, 409

Sunday Farmer's Market

Every Sunday, 11:00 – 18:00 | Festival and Congress Centre | 2 Slivnitsa blvd. | Bus № 9, 109, 409



SPORT & RECREATION

Municipal sport & entertainment complex „Mladost”

The Municipal sport and entertainment complex „Mladost” offers soccer, volleyball, basketball, indoor skating rink, playground, bike lanes, a summer amphitheatre, mini golf, rock climbing wall and skateboard park.

Daily from Nov- Mar: 09:00- 20:00, From Apr- Oct: 09:00- 21:00 | 126 Han Sevar str., Mladost District | Tel.: + 359 52 820 657 | www.sport4all.bg | Bus № 14, 88, 148

Ice Skating Rink

The capacity of the ice rink is 150 people and it has 202 seats. The rink is open all year round. Daily sessions are carried out, some of which are devoted to training groups in hockey and figure skating.

Daily from Nov- Mar: 09:00- 21:00; From Apr- Oct: 10:00- 22:00 | 126 Han Sevar str., Mladost District | Tel.: +359 52 820 657 | www.sport4all.bg | Bus № 14, 88, 148

Municipal sport & entertainment complex „Asparuhov park”

The Municipal sport and entertainment complex „Asparuhov Park” is located in the district „Asparuhovo”. There are two mini golf playgrounds, volleyball and basketball playgrounds and one outdoor parking for 17 cars.

Daily from 08:00 - 20:00 | Asparuhovo District | Tel.: +359 886 726 707 | www.sport4all.bg | Bus № 17, 17A, 39, 109, 409

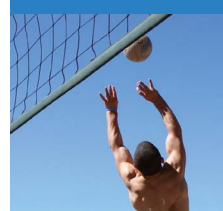
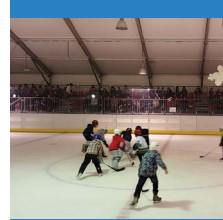
Municipal sport complex „Sea Garden”

There are football and volleyball playgrounds as well as one tennis court.

Daily from Nov – Mar: 08:00 - 23:00; From Mar- Oct: 08:00- 24:00 | Primorski Park | Tel.: +359 886 556 330 | Bus № 9, 14, 17A, 39, 109, 409

Municipal sport complex „Chaika”

Daily from Nov- Mar: 08:00- 17:00; Apr: 09:00- 18:00; From May- Aug: 08:00- 20:00; From Sept- Oct: 08:00- 18:00 | 27 block, Chayka District | Tel.: +359 885 757 119 | www.sport4all.bg | Bus № 7, 31, 31A, 148





Sport complex „Technical University”

Daily from Jun- Sept: 08:00 - 24:00 | 1 Studentska str., Levski District | Tel.: +359 885 757 119 | www.sport4all.bg | Bus № 13, 121, 209

Horse Base „Vinitsa”

Daily from 08:30- 18:00 | 8 Lambo Paskov str., Manastirski Rid Area, Vinitsa | Tel.: +359 885 070 202 | Bus № 31, 31A

Horse Club „Kichevo”

From Fri- Wed: 10:00- 20:00 | 77 „3-ta” str., village of Kichevo (about 10 km from Varna) | Tel.: +359 899 360 651 | www.horseclubvarna.com | Bus № 26, 27, 28, 33

GOLF COURSES NEAR VARNA

BlackSeaRama Golf & Villas

Located about 55 km north of Varna International Airport, this is the first championship signature golf course in Bulgaria- 18 holes, par 72, length of 6648 meters.

Tel.: +359 889 901 957 | www.blacksearama.com

Thracian Cliffs Golf & Beach Resort

It is located about 60 km north of Varna International Airport. Framed by rugged coastal cliffs and the vast blue of the Black Sea, the 18-hole Gary Player designed Signature course at Thracian Cliffs is one of the most dramatic golf courses on earth.

Tel.: +359 570 92 222 | www.thraciancliffs.com

Lighthouse Golf & Spa Resort

Located about 50 km north of Varna International Airport, this golf course is designed by the famous ex-Ryder Cup Captain - Ian Woosnam. 18 holes, par 71, length of 6100 metres.

Tel.: +359 886 940 023 | www.lighthousegolfresort.com



DAY TRIPS FROM VARNA

Aladzha Monastery

Aladzha Monastery is the most famous medieval cave monastery on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. It was inhabited by hermit monks during the XIII- XIV centuries. The cave monastery is situated in the central part of Golden Sands Natural Park (about 18 km north of Varna). For a century now, Aladzha Monastery has been recognized as one of the most interesting destinations on the Black Sea Coast and it is included in most of the world travel guides. Audio- visual show named „Legends of Aladzha Monastery” is being performed in the summer as well.

Daily from May to Oct: 09:00- 17:00; Tue- Sat from Nov to Apr: 09:00- 16:00 | Nature park „Golden Sands” | Tel.: +359 52 355 460 | www.archaeo.museumvarna.com | Bus № 9, 109, 409 (get off at bus stop Chayka) + 40 min walk (2 km); Bus № 29 (get off at bus stop Aladzha manastir)

Nature Park „Golden Sands”

„Golden Sands” Nature Park is the smallest nature park (13.2 sq.km) in Bulgaria. The park was declared as protected area for conservation and protection of valuable habitats, flora, fauna and specific landscapes in 1943. It is situated 18 km north-east of Varna. The area is parallel to the coastal line, it forms the west border of Golden Sands resort and reaches the village of Kranevo in north.

Mon – Fri: 08:30- 16:30, weekends- only with advance bookings | Golden Sands resort (18 km north of Varna) | Tel.: +359 52 355 591 | www.parkzlatnispisaci.com | Bus № 109 (get off at bus stop Zora)

University Botanical Garden- Eco Park Varna

Daily in Apr: 08:00- 17:00; From May to Sept: 08:00-19:00; In Oct: 08:00- 18:00 | St.St. Constantin and Helena resort (8 km north of Varna) | Tel.: +359 52 361 941 | www.ubg-bg.com | Bus № 9, 109, 409 (get off at bus stop Botanicheska gradina)





Stone Forest

The natural phenomenon „Stone Forest“ is better known with its Bulgarian name „Pobiti kamani“ which could be translated as „stones beaten into the ground“. Seven large and several separate small groups are located on the north and south from the Beloslav Lake. These are numerous limestone pillars as high as 10 m, hollow or solid cylinders, truncated cones and single rocks and cliffs. „Stone Forest“ is the only place in Bulgaria where the archaeologist found evidence of human life in the Mesolithic.

Tue- Sun from May to Sept: 10:00- 17:00; Mon- Fri from Oct to Apr: 10:00- 17:00 | 3 km away from the village of Slanchevo (20 km west of Varna) | Tel.: +359 888 544 506 | www.nature.museumvarna.com | Bus № 43 (get off at village of Slanchevo)+ 40 min walk (2-3 km)

Architectural park- complex „Dvoreca“ and Botanical Garden – Balchik

The palace and the botanical garden in Balchik, joined in an architectural and park complex, are a piece of heaven on earth and a must-see tourist attraction on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. The complex appeared as a summer residence of the Romanian queen Maria (1875-1938). As part of the residence, a park complex had been built in 1926. On a later stage the Sofia University „Sv. Kliment Ohridski“ created at this place a botanical garden with an area of 65 decares. Today, it has more than 2 000 plant species from 85 families and over 800 genera.

Daily in summer time: 08:00-20:00; Daily in winter time: 08:30-17:00 | 1 Akad. Daki Yordanov str., Town of Balchik (38 km away from Varna) | Tel.: +359 579 768 48 | www.dvoreca.com | Bus from the Central Bus Station in Varna



WINERIES & VINEYARDS

Bulgaria reports around 148,000 acres (60.000 hectares) of vineyards with a production size placing it 22nd in the world (as per 2016 data). The country receives around 2,200 to 2,500 sunlight hours per year, which is similar to Northern Italy, Southern France, and Northern Spain and Portugal. Temperatures in the summer are moderated by the Black Sea, allowing for a mild summer that maintains acidity in varieties. Since 2005 Bulgaria has two official wine growing regions: Danube Plain and Thracian Valley. Both are PGIs (Protected Geographic Indication). As per professionals within the Bulgarian wine industry the country should be separated into 9 total regions: Danubian plain, North Black Sea Coast, South Black Sea Coast, East Thracian Valley, West Thracian Valley, Rose Valley, Sakar and Struma River Valley. Red wines dominate Bulgaria. Some of the most popular are: Mavrud, Melnik 55, Rubin, Kadarka. Among the good white ones are: Red Misket, Dimyat and Muscat Blanc.

The region of Varna is favourable for growing white varieties of grapes such as Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Traminer and Varna Muscatel.

Wineries near Varna: the village of General Kantarzhievo (27 km away from Varna); Architectural park- complex „Dvoreca“ in Balchik (38 km away from Varna); the village of Blaskovo (60 km away from Varna); the village of Slanchevo (20 km away from Varna); the village of Debelets (47 km away from Varna); the village of Belogradets (50 km away from Varna)

Wine tasting tours are organized in most of the wineries near Varna. For more details, please visit our Tourist Information Centre.



MINERAL POOLS

Mineral water in the region of Varna issues from a different depth, and it is had a varying temperature. It is suitable for prophylactic of musculoskeletal system and the peripheral nervous system, for rehabilitation and improvement of orthopedic and traumatological conditions, gynecological and skin issues.

In the city of Varna

Mladost complex has been open to visitors since 1986. Its swimming pools are with mineral water with temperature of 47°C. There are one indoor and two outdoor swimming pools, sauna, jacuzzi, solarium, sport playgrounds etc.

2 Vyara str | Tel.: +359 52 744 385 | www.dommladost.festa.bg | Bus № 14,148

Rolbata complex is situated on the South Beach in Varna. It offers a pool with mineral water, water slides for the kids, restaurant and a bar.

Near Primorski swimming pool | Tel.: +359 882 491 791 | Bus № 17A, 20, 39

In resorts near Varna

Aquahouse Thermal & Beach is the newest and most modern water venue in St.St. Constantine and Helena resort. The thermal complex is located at the seacoast itself and it provides many opportunities for balneo, SPA and wellness tourism. It has 14 outdoor and indoor pools and water facilities, with various depths and temperatures, supplied with mineral water.

Tel.: +359 52 812 812 | www.aquahouse.bg | Bus № 31A, 9, 109, 409

Flagman complex is located in St.St. Constantine and Helena resort. It has 2 outdoor pools with mineral water.

Tel.: +359 52 387 695 | Bus № 31A, 9, 109, 409

Hotels with mineral pools near Varna

St.St. Constantine and Helena resort: Estreya hotels 4* / hotelestreya.com/, Azalia Hotel Balneo & Spa / www.azaliahotel.com/, Sirius Beach 4* / www.siriusbeach.com/, St. Elena 4* / www.svetaelena.com/, IHS Frederic Joliot Curie 3* / www.ihsvarna.com/, Ivanchov Han 3* / www.hanat-bg.com/
Sunny Day complex: Palace hotel 5* / www.sunnydaybg.com/
Golden Sands resort: Riviera Holiday Club / www.rivierabulgaria.com/, Hotel Termal 3* / www.sbrtermal.com/

SEASIDE RESORTS

St.St. Constantine and Helena resort

St.St. Constantine and Helena is a Black Sea resort located 8 km north of Varna. It was established in 1908. Bulgaria's oldest Black Sea resort was also known in the past as Druzhba.

www.stconstantine.bg | www.grandhotelvarna.com

Golden Sands resort

Golden Sands is the largest seaside resort on the northern Bulgarian Black Sea Coast, adjacent to the nature park of Golden Sands. It is located 18 km north of Varna and it is a popular tourist destination for many visitors from Romania, Poland, Germany, the United Kingdom, Russia, France, the Persian Gulf, Israel, and other countries, attracted by the favourable climate, scenic landscape, and reasonable prices.

www.goldensands.bg

Riviera Holiday Club

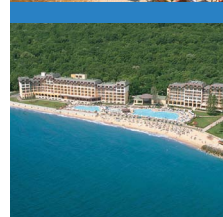
Riviera Holiday Club covers an area of 12 hectares amidst a wonderful park with century-old trees. The holiday club is adjacent to Golden Sands resort and it is only 18 km away from the city of Varna. The resort is situated in immediate proximity to the beach. Riviera Holiday Club has 5 hotels varying in category and style.

Tel.: +359 52 386 708 | www.rivierabulgaria.com

Sunny Day Complex

Sunny Day complex is located 9 km away from the city of Varna, next to St.St. Constantine and Helena resort. The complex has two elegant hotels - Palace Hotel and Marina Hotel, built on the very seashore.

Tel.: +359 52 361 971 | www.sunnydaybg.com



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Emergency number	112	
Municipality of Varna	+359 52 820 800	www.varna.bg
Central Railway Station	+359 52 630 444 +359 52 632 348	www.bdz.bg
Varna Airport	+359 52 573 323	www.varna-airport.com
Port of Varna	+359 52 692 232	www.port-varna.bg
Central Bus Station	+359 700 200 24 +359 52 748 349	www.autogaravn.com
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Road assistance	146	www.uab.org
Commission for Consumer Protection	+359 (0)700 111 22	www.kzp.bg
Regional hospital „St. Anna”	+359 52 648 231	www.svetanna-varna.com
University Hospital „St. Marina”	+359 52 302 851	www.svetamarina.com

Varna Highlights Walk- free walking tours of Varna

Curious to learn more about the Sea Capital of Bulgaria? To show our appreciation to our visitors, Varna Municipality in cooperation with the Union of Bulgarian Tourist Guides are offering free walking tours in English of our famous city in the summer!

Sites included on this tour:

Cathedral „The Assumption of Holy Mother”, monument of Tsar Kaloyan, monument of Graf Ignatiev, Drama Theatre, fountains, Ethnographic Museum, the House of architects, the Catholic Church „Virgin Mary”, Roman Thermae, Museum „History of Varna”, Late Roman Thermae, City pools, Museum of Navy, Aquarium, Planetarium, „St. Archangel Michael” church, „St. Nicholas” church, Archaeological Museum etc.

Duration: 3 hours

Language: English

Meeting point: in the Tourist Information Centre /Sv. sv. Kiril i Metodiy square/

Start: 10:30 a.m.

Please check schedule of the tours at: www.visit.varna.bg

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TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE - VARNA

The Tourist Information Centre is situated in the centre of Varna at Sv. sv. Kiril i Metodiy square, opposite the Cathedral.

We offer to our visitors detailed information about:

- natural attractions, cultural and educational institutions, monuments and landmarks;
- cultural calendar - festivals, exhibitions, concerts and other significant events from the public life of the city and the country;
- sport events and possibilities for active lifestyle;
- transport and communications;
- accommodation, restaurants, entertainments, SPA centres, attractions;
- city maps and guides;
- promotional and advertising materials;
- free walking guided tours in English in the summer.



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08:30 – 17:30, Closed on Saturdays and Sundays

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