

Spring Festivals

Lazarov Den or St. Lazar's Day

One typical springtime festival is 'Lazaruvane' on St. Lazar's Day, which is celebrated eight days before Easter. This is the day of the resurrection of Lazar, but it is also the day of the fields, pastures and forests. The rite is performed by young girls ('Lazarki'), considered fit for marriage. They go from house to house, perform ritual dance and songs and wish fertility to the household. For this the girls are granted with eggs, money and homemade bread. In the afternoon they gather again for their luck and settling down to be foretold.

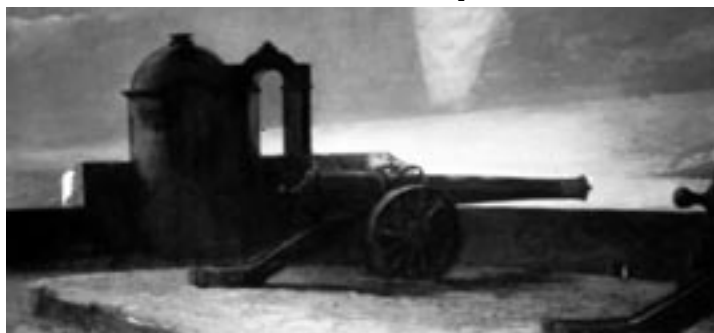
Tsvetnitsa/Vrubnitsa or Palm Sunday

This is one of the biggest Bulgarian holidays and it is held annually on the Sunday before Easter. It is said to be the day of the fields, meadows and forests and celebrates the day of the entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, where he was welcomed with palms and olive branches. That is why people in Bulgaria usually get willow branches, consecrated in the church. They decorate their homes with these and keep them through the year to bring luck, health and happiness to all the people in the household.

St. George's Day/ Gergiovdan

It is celebrated on the 6th of May and is dedicated to St. George the Victorious who is usually depicted on icons as a rider on white horse, holding a lance in his hand, stabbing it in the throat of a dragon (Lamia). He is said to have saved the shepherds and their sheep from the beast and today people sacrifice a lamb in honour of the saint. Special homemade breads are prepared and doors are covered with flowers. Early in the morning people go to the river and wash from themselves their sins and at noon a ritual meal is held for the whole family.

Bulgaria a Chronology and a short history lesson



Before 6000 BC

Area permanently settled by Neolithic people

6000-2000 BC

Settlement by the Thracians

7th century BC

The Greeks inhabit parts of the Black Sea

345-46 BC

The Macedonians conquer the Thracians

72 BC

The Romans invade

Late 5th century AD

The Slaves settle in the region

Late 7th century

The Bulgars arrive

681

Establishment of the first Bulgarian State

863

Saints Kiril and Methodius create Cyrillic alphabet

1018

End of the First Bulgarian Kingdom after Byzantines invade

1185

Establishment of the Second Bulgarian Kingdom

1396

End of the Second Bulgarian Kingdom after the Ottomans invade

1762

Start of the Bulgarian National Revival period

1876

April uprising

1877-1878

Russian - Turkish war

3rd March 1878

Treaty of San Stefano signed

13th July 1878

Treaty of Berlin signed

16th April 1879

First Bulgarian National assembly convened

26th June 1879

Alexander Battenberg elected head of state

6th Sept 1885

Treaty of Berlin reversed, and Bulgaria is reunified

22nd Sept 1908

King Ferdinand declares independence from Turkey

1912 - 1913

The Balkan wars

14th Oct 1915

Bulgaria joins Central Powers in World War I

1941

Bulgaria joins the Axis powers in World War II

15th Sept 1946

The People's Republic of Bulgaria proclaimed by the communists

1954

Todor Zhivkov elected leader of the Bulgarian Communist party

1962

Zhivkov elected prime minister

10th Nov 1989

Zhivkov resigns

June 1990

First parliament elections won by Bulgarian Socialist Party

January 1992

First President elections

June 2001

Former King Simeon II elected Prime Minister

November 2001

Leader of Bulgaria Socialist Party elected President

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