

Varna is an administrative, economic and cultural centre, the biggest seaport and a well-known international seaside resort. the third largest city in Bulgaria with a population of about 330 000 people. It is widely called the Seaside Capital of Bulgaria as it is for sure the biggest city along the Bulgarian coast, some 470 km away from Sofia eastwards. Varna is nestled in a deep valley between two plateaus and its structure follows the curves of the Bay of Varna. It sprang up in the 6th century BC as a Greek colony called Odessos, meaning "town upon water". Over the next years Odessos was ruled by the Persians, Thracians, Romans and Slavs. The town was renamed Varna by the latter in the 7th century. At the end of the 8th century the town was a part of the Bulgarian Kingdom and was an important fortress and seaport until 1386 when Varna was conquered by the Ottomans. In 1921 it was proclaimed a resort.



hospitality to the visitors. For reservations and additional information you can count on the tourist agencies. Private lodgings can also be found directly not through the lodging offices.



**Important Telephone Numbers:**

International dialling code for Bulgaria .....00359

Dialling code for Varna ....052

First Aid ..... 150

Police..... 166

Traffic police..... 165

Road side assistance ..... 146

Fire brigade..... 160

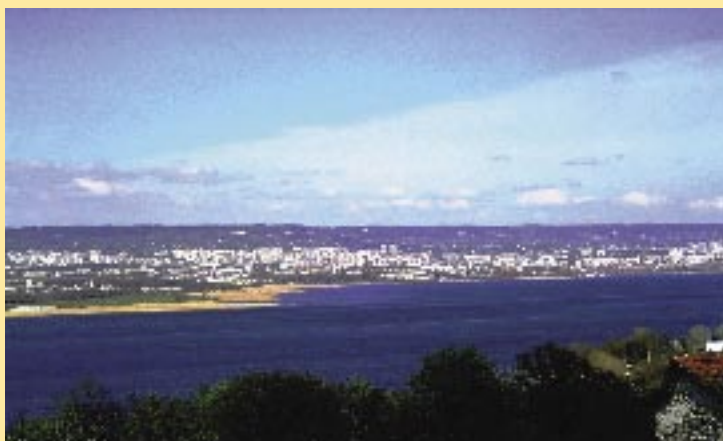
Lifeguard centre ....692481, 603268

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Ancient, medieval, renaissance and modern cultures mingle and coexist through the city.

**Accommodation:**

Varna offers a virtually unlimited number of accommodation facilities. Apart from the hotels in Varna, the numerous small family hotels and houses in the vicinity of Varna show their



**Entertainment & Food**

- **Archaeological Museum**  
Prehistory & Antiquity .....052 681011
- **Naval Museum**  
History of the Bulgarian Navy.....052 633015
- **Ethnographic Museum**  
Customs in the Varna District.....052 630588
- **Active Art Gallery**  
'Roads' – paintings.....052 640512
- **Varna Opera House**  
'Old Time Bulgarians' .....052 223388
- **Bulgaran Cinema** .....052 612612
- **Drama Theatre 'Stoyan Buchvarov'**  
'The Home of Bernarda Alba'.....052 614620
- **Festival and Congress Centre**  
cinema and theatre.....052 21331
- **Mustang Cinema** .....052 610333
- **Palace Cinema**.....052 602615
- **T&T Restaurant**  
Wine Restaurant.....052 604333
- **Heaven's Food Restaurant**  
Chinese Restaurant.....052 613034
- **Club Adrenalin**  
Extreme Sports Club .....052 606605

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