

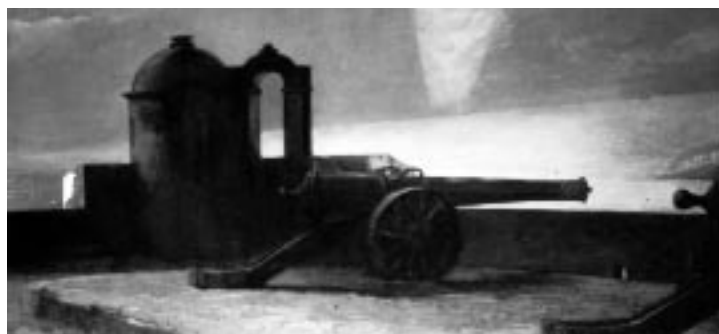
UK Helping Hand

It is very common for English people to come to Bulgaria to live and work, which obviously helps both the local economy and overall development of the country, but it seems that people from the UK are keen to assist in other ways, too.

A team of young people, from a charity foundation set up by Prince Charles, will be coming to Bulgaria for three weeks. Their mission: to renovate a children's nursery in a small mountain town where, working alongside local volunteers, they aim to fix up the rooms and some of the furniture. This trip to Bulgaria is part of the organisation's programme to gather together groups of young people (from 20 to 25 years old) to work as volunteers in Central and East European countries.

Meanwhile, the UK charity organisation "Saint John Ambulance" has donated a Ford Transit ambulance to the "Children and Youth" Alliance - a non political organisation set up by the Free and Democratic Bulgaria Foundation, the Municipality of Sofia and the Bulgarian Red Cross. The vehicle will be used in social programmes to support homeless and unemployed young people as well as physically disabled children and adults in care homes. Saint John Ambulance is the leading first aid, transport and care charity organisation in the UK; it describes its main goal as being to provide young people all over the world with medical support, caring services, education and training in personal and overall development.

Bulgarian 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

ACCOMODATION

- 2, 3, 4, 5 stars hotels all over Bulgaria
- Villas on the Black Sea coast
- Villas in the countryside
- Countryside houses for rent

EXCURSIONS AROUND BULGARIA

- Summer / winter tourism
- Towns & open air museums
- Ancient places
- Historical places
- Ethnographical places
- Individual tours

EXCURSIONS ABROAD

RENT-A-CAR

AIR-TICKETING

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