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Pre-Conference and Post-Conference Tours organized by BCES

ONE DAY TOURS

- **Sofia – Rojen Monastery – Melnik – Sofia** **Date: 25 August 2006**
- **Sofia – Koprivshitsa – Sofia** **Date: 26 August 2006**

The price of each of these tours is 55 Euros. The price includes: bus transport, lunch, English guide, museum tickets.

TWO-DAY TOUR

- **Sofia – Veliko Turnovo – Etar – Sofia** **Dates: 2-3 September 2006**

The price of this tour is 140 Euros or 155 / a person depending on single or shared double room. The price includes: bus transport, accommodation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, English guide, museum tickets.

Payment for tours is done by bank transfer. The deadline for reservations for tours is **30 June 2006**.

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ONE DAY TOURS

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Rojen Monastery



Melnik

The town attracts lots of Bulgarian and foreign tourists with its pyramids shining, golden-yellow, whimsical, shaped on the background of magnificent Pirin mountain. 380 m. over the sea level, MELNIK is rich in cultural monuments - pledge and tombstones, architectural details, coins, etc. MELNIK is an old wine center. The town has been popular as a wine-growing region since 1346. The famous Melnik vine had been brought here from Syria in ancient times. The Historical Museum of Melnik is in Pashov's House, built in 1815 with eight premises. Exhibited here are pieces of ceramics found on the territory of the contemporary town as well as in the plateau of St. Nicholas Hill (Slav Fortress). In the ground floor of the Museum you will feel the temptation of the former numerous Melnik wine cellars with dug-in barrels of sparkle-flowing wine. The town is an architectural preserve. Cultural monuments are 96 buildings. But most impressive is Kordopulovs house, built in 1758.

Sofia - Koprivshtitsa - Sofia



The town of Koprivshtitsa is the best preserved architectural reserve in Bulgaria. The small town with cobble-paved streets and picturesque colourful houses from the 17-18th century is situated among spacious meadows and quite forests with bracing air in the heart of Sredna Gora mountain, 110 km southeast of Sofia. Koprivshtitsa straggles along either side of the River Topolnitsa and there is hardly a part of town that is not named after an episode or participant in the April Uprising of 1876 in which the town played a crucial role. More than 380 of Koprivshtitsa's houses date from this National Revival era, the most elaborate from 1842 to 1870. Six of them are turned into museums - each of them a real must-see. Koprivshtitsa also occupies an important place in the Bulgarian folk music calendar with its national music festival of musicians from all over the country taking place every 5 years. The town is a key point for hiking and sightseeing in the highest part of Sredna Gora.

TWO-DAY TOUR: Sofia - Veliko Turnovo – Etar – Sofia



The town of Veliko Turnovo is built in the ending outskirts of the Central Fore Balkan. The town is situated amphitheatrically on 4 hills - Tsarevets, Trapezitsa, Momina Krepost and Sveta Gora, the ridges of which were indeed the deeply inclined steep banks of the Yantra river meanders. Tsarevets was the capital of the Second Bulgarian Kingdom in XII century AC. Ancient travelers write about the town of Turnovo as "the second after Constantinople" in its beauty and might. The fateful events from the 13 centuries old Bulgarian State are related with this town, such as the Second Bulgarian Kingdom's apogee in XII - XIII centuries AC and the adoption of the First Bulgarian Constitution in 1879.



Ethnographic Museum Etar