

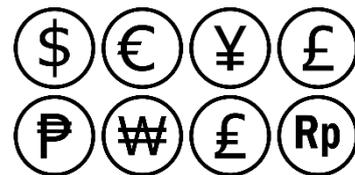
## Accommodation in BANSKO

The participants will be accommodated  
<http://royalpart.hotelsbansko.net/en/>

### Before coming is good to know...

#### Currency

The Lev is the Bulgarian currency. You can pay only in Leva. There are many exchange or bank offices in the streets to change money. Never accept offers to change money from people in the street- you will definitely be cheated. Also, there are plenty of ATMs.



Exchange rates: 1 EU = 1.95 BNG 1 USD = 1.71 BNG

#### Temperature

It is usually snowing during winter in Razlog. So, bring warm clothes. Boots, anorak, hat, and mitten are useful! But you are going to be here 9 months so, probably you will enjoy also Bulgarian summer which in daytime is around 30 degrees but could be more as well!

Also bring your swimming suit because there are facilities for swimming and SPA.

## Coming to Bansko from Sofia Airport

### Travelling Around Sofia

**METRO:** The best and the cheapest way to travel around Sofia is the Metro. The price for one-way ticket is 1,60 BGN.



To get the Metro from the Terminal 2 of Sofia Airport you have to go out from it and turn left (after 50m you will find it).

To get the Metro from the Terminal 1 of Sofia Airport you have to take the Shuttle bus to Terminal 2 which is in every 15 min.

The time to go from the Airport to the Central Bus Station by Metro is around 1 hour.

**TAXI:** You can stop a taxi anywhere by waving your hand. Every taxi must have rates sticker at the passenger window with rates for price per km, price for waiting, day and night rate. When travelling by taxi, check the meter regularly.

Average fare for taxi ride from the airport to the city center should be around 16 leva and from the city center to the railway/central bus station – around 6-7 Leva.

If you want to go directly from the airport to the central train/bus station it won't be more than 20 Leva. It's a good idea to ask the driver how much it would cost before you get on.

One of the most famous and reasonable TAXI companies “OK TAXI”. Usually, the number of the company is written on the cars, it is: 02/973 21 21.

Be careful and check the phone number because there are many fake “OK TAXI”! When you get back your luggage at the airport, on the way to go out, OK Taxi has a desk.

Better to ask the person on the desk, who speaks English, for a taxi.

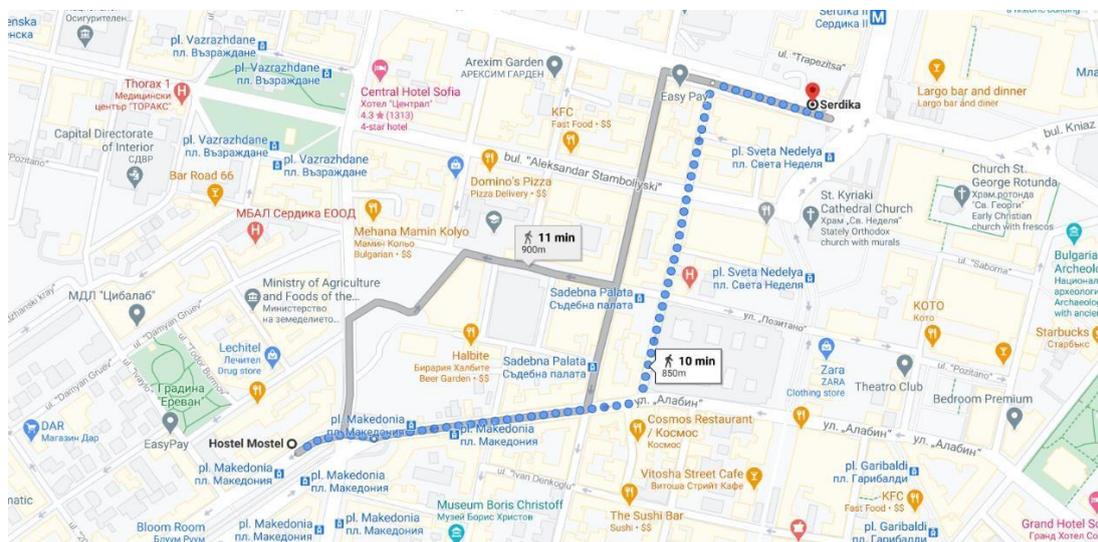
If you stay one night in Sofia, we recommend the hotel Hostel Mostel to you. It is close to the city center and to the central bus station. More information in their website:

<http://www.hostelmostel.com/>

## How to get Hostel Mostel from the airport

The best and easiest way to get Hostel Mostel is by Metro. Take the metro from Terminal 2 and go to Serdika (Сердика) Metro station. When you go outside you just need 10 min walking to get the Hostel Mostel.

From Hostel Mostel you have to go back to Serdika Station and to take the blue line Metro to the Station Central Railway Station



(2 stops from Serdika Station). When you are there, go out, and in front you, there is the Central Bus station where you can find your bus to Bansko.

## Travelling from Sofia to Bansko

To come from Sofia to Bansko the only way is the bus. You will take a bus from Sofia central bus station to Razlog as the first one leaves at 8:30 am and the last one at 4:45 pm. Below you have the time schedule, when you arrive to the bus station you can go to the right sector and buy your ticket directly to the driver; it is 15 BGN for one way.

Bus schedule Sofia to Bansko, departures at 8.30 am (sector 30), 9.45 am (sector 31), 11.25 am (sector 31), 1.15 pm (sector 27), 2.00 pm (sector 31), and 4.45 pm (sector 30).

The time to go to Bansko from Sofia is around 3 hours.

Attn. Do not fall asleep because the bus is passing through Bansko and will continue to another town and you can miss it.

## Temperature

In May, the lowest temperatures in the country will be between 5 and 10 degrees. It is expected to be cooler in the last days of the first ten days, especially in the valleys and high fields of Western Bulgaria, where there will be conditions for frosts. The highest temperatures in May will be between 28 and 34 degrees.

The average temperature for the month will be around the norm, namely in the range of 16-19 degrees, in the mountains between 12 and 14 degrees in the lower parts and between 2 and 5 degrees above 2000 meters.

In the western half of the country the monthly amount of precipitation will be around and above the norm, and in the eastern half it will be around the norm, which is between 50 and 70 l / sq.m. On the Black Sea coast and the Struma valley the



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norm is 30-50 l / sq.m., And in the mountainous regions it is between 70 and 140 l / sq.m.

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