# Traventuria - Day Tours - Rila Monastery and Boyana Church Day Trip from Sofia

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| **Location:** Sofia, Bulgaria  **Language:** English  **Duration:** 8.0 hours | **Magpie Product Code:** WCXJFM  **Company Website:** sofiadaytours.com  **Primary Contact:** Traventuria - Day Tours |

**Highlights:**

- Travel through bucolic countryside to the UNESCO-listed Rila Monastery

- Explore the painted monastery and colonnades, and learn their rich history

- Visit the medieval Boyana Church and admire its remarkable frescoes

- Hassle-free air-conditioned travel without using public transportation

- Lunch at Rila and entrance fees to all sights are at your own expense

**Description Summary:**
Greet your guide in central Sofia and see Bulgaria’s countryside, forests, and villages on a drive into the Rila Mountains. Here the remarkable UNESCO World Heritage–listed Rila Monastery—one of Bulgaria’s most famous Eastern Orthodox monasteries—sits on pine-coated slopes.
Learn all about the legend-shrouded monastery, whose origins date to 927 AD, and enter (at your own expense) for a guided tour. Marvel at the fresco-covered colonnades, wooden icons, and tomb of Bulgaria’s last monarch, Boris III.
Opt to explore the monastery’s artifact-filled museum (own expense), and then enjoy free time for lunch at a local restaurant before journeying to the medieval Boyana Church, another UNESCO-listed site. Head inside (own expense) and view the well-preserved 10th-century frescoes that adorn the interior. Admire the depictions of angels, apostles, and sinners, and hear the full background on their painting, styles, and significance.
Finally, end your tour with a convenient drop-off in central Sofia.

**Description:**
Lift your sights beyond Sofia to visit two of Bulgaria’s historical must-sees in one day—quite a feat to achieve independently. See Bulgaria’s countryside on a drive south, and tour the medieval Rila Monastery with a guide to do its history and treasures justice. Then return to Sofia’s outskirts to visit and learn about fresco-filled Boyana Church. Lunch and entrance fees are at your expense, but all transportation is included.

**Inclusions:**

Driver/Tour guide

Transport by air-conditioned minibus

Parking Fees

**Exclusions:**

Gratuities

Hotel pickup and drop-off

Admission to Boyana Church (approx. 5 euros per person) and Rila Monastery Museum (approx. 4 euros per person)

Audio guide at Rila Monastery (approx. 5 euros per person)

Food and drinks

Entry/Admission - Boyana Church

**Know Before You Book:**

- Duration: 8h

- Mobile tickets accepted

- Instant confirmation

**Health items:**

Regularly sanitized high-traffic areas, Guides required to regularly wash hands, Hand sanitizer available to travelers and staff

### Locations:

**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
Rila Monastery Shuttle Bus Starting Point, ул. Оборище +, ul. "19-ti fevruari", 1000 Sofia Center, Sofia, Bulgaria
From the car park next to La Cattedrale restaurant, at the south-east corner of Alexander Nevski Square

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
24
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
For a full refund, cancel at least 24 hours in advance of the start date of the experience.

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