# Bulgaria — history and culture



#### Geography

- Location –
  southeastern Europe
- Borders Greece,
  Romania, Serbia,
  Turkey, Macedonia





Capital -Sofia

### History

- ❖First Bulgarian Empire 681 – 1018
- Bulgarian monarchs khan Asparukh, khan Krum, prince (tsar) Simeon I





- ❖Second Bulgarian Empire – 1185 – 1422
- Bulgarian monarchs emperor Ivan Asen II, emperor Ivan Shishman

- ❖ Third Bulgarian state 1878
- Bulgarian monarchs prince Boris III, tsar Simeon II





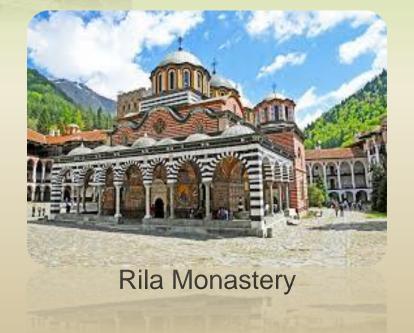
#### Sights and Landmarks



The Madara Rider



Old city of Nessebar



## Cultural traditons and events

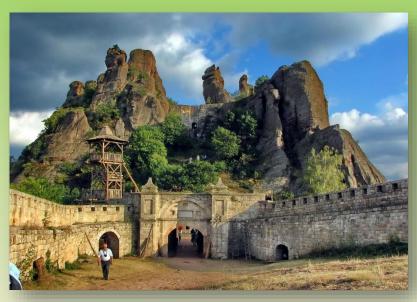
Nestinarstvo – a fire ritual



Martenitsi are worn
 from Baba Marta Day (March
 1) until the wearer first sees
 a stork or blossoming tree.



#### Natural wonders



Belogradchik Rocks



Seven Rila Lakes



Krushuna
 Waterfalls

#### Interesting facts

 Bulgaria is the only country in Europe that hasn't changed its name since it was first established.

 The oldest gold treasure in the world was found in Bulgaria.

 The roses grown in Bulgaria's "Rose Valley" produce most (70-85%) of the world's rose oil.









- In 1976 UNESCO
  declared the ancient
  Bulgarian calendar as
  the most accurate in
  the world.
- Lactobacillus Bulgaricus, the bacterium that is responsible for giving Bulgarian yoghurt its unique flavour can be found only in Bulgarian air.

