



YOUTH CAMP

'Spring-Fall 2013', Bansko, Bulgaria'

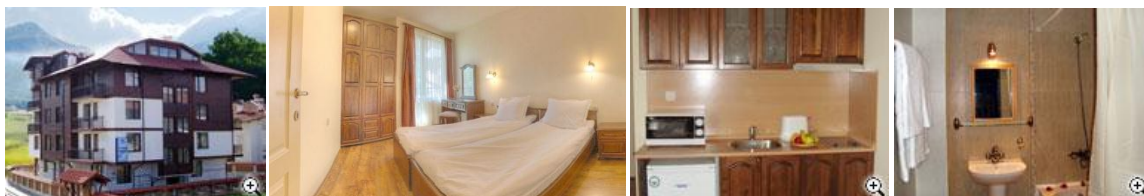
DEAR FRIENDS,

We suggest you a possibility to be a part of international young camp 'Spring-Fall 2013', Bansko, Bulgaria' – one fascinating symbiosis of history, tradition and culture. General Information: The international young camp starts in the beginning of april 2013 and will continue until late autumn. In this camp can participate young people aged 18-35. Duration of one interchange is 7 days and 6 nights. Accommodation is in a cozy hotel with a lot of facilities. We offer studios and apartments in the hotel. During their stay the youth will meet and contact with people from different countries. They will have possibility to learn a lot of things about Bulgaria and the town of Bansko and also to explore and discover bulgarian culture and nature. The youth will have chance to present their country and culture too. We hope your stay to be one unforgettable experience. Especially in Bulgaria and its true beauty!

Fee: The person pays fee – **245 euro** for fully bearing.

The fee Includes:

1. INSURANCE;
2. TRANSPORT FROM SOFIA (CENTRAL BUSSTATION) TO BANSKO AND BACK;
3. ACCOMMODATION: 3 STARS HOTEL, (studios and apartments with bathroom, bathroom with bathtub or shower, kitchenette, telephone, cable TV, free internet, electric coils, refrigerator, sauna, jacuzzi, gym, steam bath);





4. FOOD: THREE MEALS A DAY AT THE HOTEL (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER);



5. Tour to RILA MONASTERY; DANCING BEARS PARK IN BELITSA; MINERAL SPRINGS – DOBRINISHTE.

BANSKO



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The town of Bansko is a magical symbiosis of history, traditions and culture. It covers the most beautiful part of the Pirin mountain, parts of the Razlog valey, the picturesque ravine "Momina klisura" on the river Mesta and "Dabrashki dyal" - a part of the Rodopa mountains. The climate is continental with some Mediterranean influence and in the higher parts - typically alpine. The summer is short and warm and the winter long but soft. The nature is the biggest treasure of Bansko. The National park Pirin is located here. This tiny part of Paradise consists of centuries-old spruce forests, large formations of mountain pines, alpine meadows, sharp ridges, deep cirques and emerald colored lakes. Because of its unique nature, Pirin National Park is recongnized as an object of worldwide significance and with UNESCO resolution from 1983 is included in the convention concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage. In the recent years Bansko has managed to successfully take position no only as the most modern Bulgarain ski resort, but also as a center for summer tourism.

Bansko is a starting point for four main routes into the Pirin National Park

- Bansko – Vihren mountain hut
- Bansko – Damyanica mountain hut
- Bansko – Yavorov mountain hut
- Bansko – Bezbog mountain hut



The picturesque nature of the Pirin National Park will bring you the feeling of freedom, vitality and good health.



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Belitsa - the "Dancing bears" park



The bears of Bulgaria should not dance on hot surfaces anymore, neither will have to wear a ring on their snouts. The nature park Belitsa will be their new home.

In 1999 the "Four paws" foundation started their work against the bear abuse in Bulgaria. The project called "The dancing bears park" was started a year later.

For higher safety for both - visitors and bears alike, there is an electric fencing.

The "Dancing bears" park has rich structural composition arranged in a way that allows the bears to return as close as possible to their natural behavior. There are plots covered with thick forests and many winter shelters. Also each bear has access to vast water areas and climbing places.

As the wild animals spend most of their time in search for food, the staff hides it in difficult places thus creating some occupation for the animals. The staff that takes care for the bears consists of well trained caretakers and vets. The "Dancing bears" rescue center is already a favorite place for young and old people alike.

Beside as a place for rescue and readaptation of the bears, the Belitsa park also takes its place as a major attraction, visited by thousands of tourists each year, coming on vacation or tours in the region of Belitsa.

RILA MONASTERY



The Rila Monastery is located in 1147 meters altitude in the middle of the fragrant coniferous forests of Rila Mountain.

The monastery is a complex of cultural, dwelling and farming buildings which take about 8800 square meters. The Rila Monastery has an unique architecture. Outside, the monastery looks like a fortress. It has 24-meter stone walls which forms irregular pentagon. That's why when some tourist enters the monastery's yard from some of the two iron gates he is surprised by its architecture: arches and colonnades, covered wooden stairs and carved verandas and the 300-400 monastic cells.



The Rila Monastery was founded in the 30-th years of X century on the place of the Old Anchoress in Rila Mountain. While the monastery has been existing, it was many times rebuilt, destroyed and reconstructed. Today the Rila Monastery has had this appearance since the middle of the previous century. It is the biggest and the most respected Bulgarian monastery.

DOBRINISHTE



Dobrinishte is an established SPA resort with unique hot springs. The temperature of the spring water is proximately 40°C.

The beginning of the SPA-therapies is set by the ancient times by the Romans, which is proven by many remains of roman roads and baths. The open air swimming complex Alpha Spa is amongst the most modern of its kind in Bulgaria and is favorite place for rest and relaxation for many guest from the country and abroad.

"Ribarnika" complex is situated 4 km away over the village of Dobrinishte. The complex is well equipped with fishing tools and accessories which are at guests' disposal. The tree ponds are rich of Balkan trout with size from 350 to 500 g. The fish is prepared by a master chief on ember or pan.

