



INFO PACKAGE

BULGARIA, SOFIA



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1. General information:

Ramada Sofia City Center

The LIFE19 Information Day and Training will be held in Ramada Sofia City Center, address: 131 Maria Louisa Blvd, Sofia, 1202, Bulgaria.



Ramada Sofia City Center (former Dedeman Princess Sofia Hotel) is a 4-star hotel situated 10 km from Sofia's International Airport and close to the Central Railway and International bus stations. Within walking distance there are a range of tourist attractions that you can visit. The hotel's location provides convenient transport connections to the administrative and trade center of the capital.



Transport

- ✓ Sofia Central Bus Station - 232 m
- ✓ Sofia Central Railway Station - 479 m
- ✓ „Serdika“ metro station - 1.16 km



Art Galleries

- ✓ Archaeological Museum - 1.36 km
- ✓ National art gallery - 1.36 km
- ✓ National History Museum - 7.18 km



Other attractions

Monuments and Landmarks

- ✓ Lions' Bridge - 374 m
- ✓ Vasil Levski Monument and Square - 1.64 km
- ✓ Tsar Liberator Monument - 1.78 km
- ✓ Soviet Army Monument - 2.15 km
- ✓ Eagle Bridge - 2.30 km
- ✓ National Military Complex - 2.37 km

Theatres

- ✓ Central Hall - 920 m
- ✓ National Opera and Ballet - 1.35 km
- ✓ Ivan Vazov Theater - 1.59 km
- ✓ Festivalna Hall - 4.41 km



2. How to get from the airport to the venue

Arriving in Sofia

A valid passport is required for entry to Bulgaria. Participants from EU countries can use ID cards instead. It is required non-EU citizens to obtain a visa and is kindly recommended to contact with the Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Bulgaria in their respective country.

Most of the international flights land at Terminal 2 of Sofia Airport. The drive from there to the city center is a short one and should not take more than 30 minutes.

Both Sofia's Central Rail Station and the International Bus Station are located close to the downtown and to Ramada Sofia City Center.

If arriving by car, be aware of the numerous speed traps at the entrances to the city as you will end up with a not insignificant spot fine.

The distance between downtown and Sofia Airport is about 10 km, and the relationship between them is boulevards "Brussels" and "Tzarigradsko Shosse".

Sofia Airport provides free-of-charge transportation between the two terminal buildings.

The shuttle bus stops located in front of the terminal buildings are designated by signage and pavement markings.

View more: <https://www.sofia-airport.bg/en/passengers/and-airport/inter-terminal>

By taxi

For your comfort and safety, we recommend you to ask for assistance at the taxi desk, located in Arrivals hall at terminal. Normally, the taxi fee to the city center is about 10 EUR.

We recommend that you do not use taxi services offered outside the office of the taxi operator or in front of the terminal to avoid the risk of abuse.

By metro

Sofia Metro Line 1 connects Sofia Airport to the city centre and provides direct connection from the airport to the large residential complexes in close proximity – "Druzhba" and "Mladost", as well as to more distant complexes to the west – "Zapaden Park" and "Lyulin".

The journey time from Sofia Airport to the city centre is approximately 18 min. Changing trains from Line 1 to Line 2 at Serdika Metro Station, passengers can travel from the airport to Sofia Central Bus and Railway Stations within less than half an hour.

The metro trains on the route to the airport operate from 5:30 a.m. to midnight on weekdays and weekends/holidays.

The metro station at Sofia Airport is located in the eastern part of Terminal 2. You can reach it by following the floor markings in blue at the public area of Terminal 2.

To get to Ramada Sofia City Center you have to change from Line 1 to Line 2 at „Serdica“ Metro Station, towards „Obelya“ direction. After two metro stations, at „Central Railway Station“ you have to get off. Ramada Sofia City Center is located on 200 m nearby the Central Railway Station.



By bus (routes No 84 and No 184)

84 bus route connects city centre (Gen. Gurko Str.) with Sofia Airport Terminal 2 and Terminal 1. Then it goes back along Christopher Columbus Blvd. – Tsarigradsko Shose Blvd. to Gen. Gurko Str.

184 bus route connects city centre (Gen. Gurko Str.) with Sofia Airport Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. Then it goes back along Christopher Columbus Blvd. – Tsarigradsko Shose Blvd. – Gen. Gurko Str.

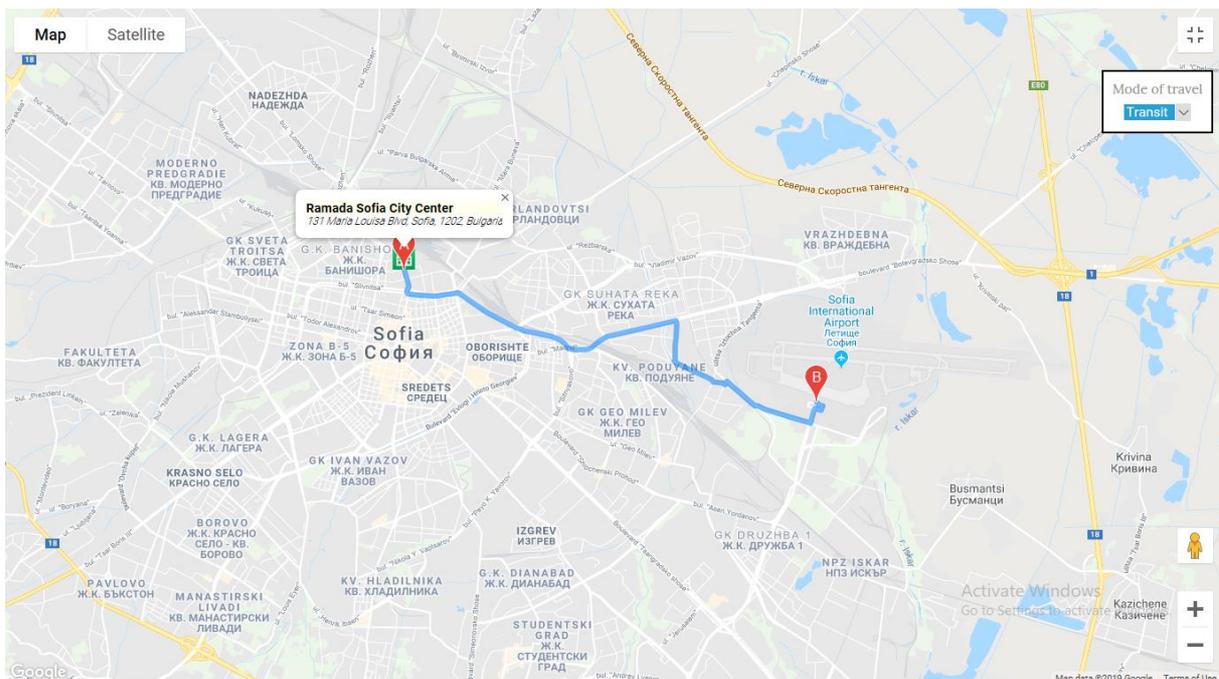
Both bus routes operate under an all-day timetable. The exact times, including the first and last buses, are published at the Urban Mobility Center: <https://www.sofiatraffic.bg/bg/transport/schedules>.

The journey time from the first to the final stops of 84 and 184 bus routes is approximately 45 min. on weekdays, and 35 min. at weekends/holidays.

The final bus station (Gen. Gurko Str.) is at 5-minute walk to the „Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski“ metro station. To get to the Ramada Sofia City Center take the metro towards „Lyulin“ direction and change at the next „Serdika“ metro station with Line 2. Take „Obelya“ direction and get off after two stops at the metro station named Central Railway Station. Ramada Sofia City Center is located on 200 m nearby the Central Railway Station.

For more information:

- ✓ Sofia airport: <https://www.sofia-airport.bg/en/passengers/and-airport>
- ✓ Real time schedule (to the city centre - Gen. Gurko Str.): <https://www.sofiatraffic.bg/bg/transport/virtual-tables/1903>
- ✓ Scheme operating metro: <https://www.metropolitan.bg/en/scheme/operating-metro>
- ✓ Hotel Ramada Sofia City Center, 131 Maria Louisa Blvd, Sofia, 1202, Bulgaria - <https://ramada-sofia.hotel-rn.com/>





3. Attractions in Sofia, Bulgaria

Sofia city is one of the oldest in Europe. It was found on the site of a former Neolithic village in VIII BC. Its name comes from the Greek word “Sofia” which means wisdom. You can see many old buildings, old streets, monasteries and artifacts that are preserved to tell the story of the city. But Sofia is not all about ancient and medieval monuments. Today the image of Sofia is changing fast. There are many new attractions - modern buildings, parks, malls, museums, galleries, universities, etc. There are so many attractions on a walking distance in Sofia that you will be amazed by the short distances between them. As there are hundreds of attractions there is something for everyone. You can take a look at the list of local attractions in the links below.

Organized free tours in Sofia: <https://freesofiatour.com/>

Tourist informational centers in Sofia: <https://www.visitsofia.bg>

View more:

- ✓ www.inyourpocket.com
- ✓ www.sofiaadventures.com
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