



REGATTA VENUE PLOVDIV



19 - 23 July

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The organising committee is established with an Honorary Committee and an Organising Committee.

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Dear rowing friends,

I am extremely happy to welcome you once again to Plovdiv – the oldest living city in Europe - for another celebration of the rowing spirit. I am sure we will witness athletic performance of the highest quality and our efforts go towards making the Plovdiv regatta venue a worthy arena for a fair competition between the best rowers in the World.

As we head towards the final stretch of our preparations, we are focusing on building excitement in the community, so that the city Plovdiv can offer a memorable stay for athletes and spectators alike.

The Organising Committee has the full trust and support of the Bulgarian Rowing Federation and we believe that besides perfect racing conditions they will also provide a warm welcome to all participants, spectators, media and technical officials.

Svilen Neykov
President of the
Bulgarian Rowing Federation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Svilen Neykov', written in a cursive style.



Dear friends,

One year from now I would have the honor to welcome you in person for attending or participating in the 2017 World Rowing U23 Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

I feel confident that next year you will be able to enjoy the results of even better synergy between the local stakeholders, the Bulgarian Rowing Federation, the Organizing Committee, volunteers coming from all over the country and of course the host City. In return for your efforts to showcase the beauty, the character and the values of our sport they will do their best to offer you the perfect conditions to do so in the rich cultural background inherent to the oldest living city in Europe.

One year from now rowers from all over the world will meet in the rowing capital of Bulgaria to be proud representative not only of their country, but of the indomitable human spirit in its strife for excellence.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and the city of Plovdiv I can assure you that you will be warmly welcome here and in the calm and fair waters of the Plovdiv Regatta Venue you will find all that is needed in order to give the best of yourself and have an amazing race.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ivan Popov', written in a cursive style.

Ivan Popov
Head of the OC for the 2017 World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Plovdiv



OLYMPIC GAMES

Gold medals

Zdravka Yordanova, Svetla Otzetova	W2x	Montreal'76
Siyka Kelbecheva, Stoyanka Grouicheva	W2-	Montreal'76
Roumyana Neykova	W1x	Beijing'08

Silver medals

Mariyka Modeva, Reni Yordanova,	W4+	Montreal'76
Lilyana Vaseva, Ginka Gyurova, Kapka Panayotova (c)		
Iskra Velinova, Rita Todorova, Mariyka Modeva, Ginka Gyurova, Nadya Filipova (c)	W4+	Moscow'80
Lalka Berberova, Radka Stoyanova	W2-	Seoul'88
Roumyana Neykova	W1x	Sydney 2000

Bronze Medals

Siyka Kelbecheva, Stoyanka Grouicheva	W2-	Moscow'80
Ani Bakova, Dolores Nakova, Roumeliana Boncheva, Mariana Serbezova, Ani Eftimova (c)	W4x	Moscow'80
Bogdan Dobrev, Lyubomir Petrov, Ivo Rousev, Mincho Nikolov	M4x	Moscow'80
Violeta Ninova, Stefka Madina	W2x	Seoul'88
Magdalena Georgieva	W1x	Seoul'88
Roumyana Neykova	W1x	Athens'04

BULGARIAN ROWERS IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OLYMPIC GAMES



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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gold medals

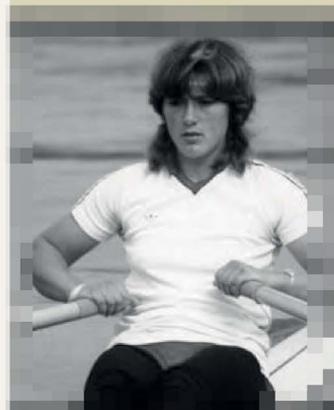
TTodor Mrankov, Dimitar Yanakiev, Stefan Stoikov (c)	M2+	Amsterdam'77
Zdravka Yordanova, Svetla Otzetova	W2x	Carapiro'78
Ani Bakova, Dolores Nakova, Rositsa Spasova, Roumeliana Boncheva, Ani Eftimova (c)	W4x	Carapiro'78
Violeta Ninova, Stefka Madina	W2x	Copenhagen'87
Danail Yordanov, Vasil Radev	M2x	Copenhagen'87
Magdalena Georgieva	W1x	Copenhagen'87
Roumyana Neykova	W1x	Sevilla'02
Roumyana Neykova	W1x	Milan'03

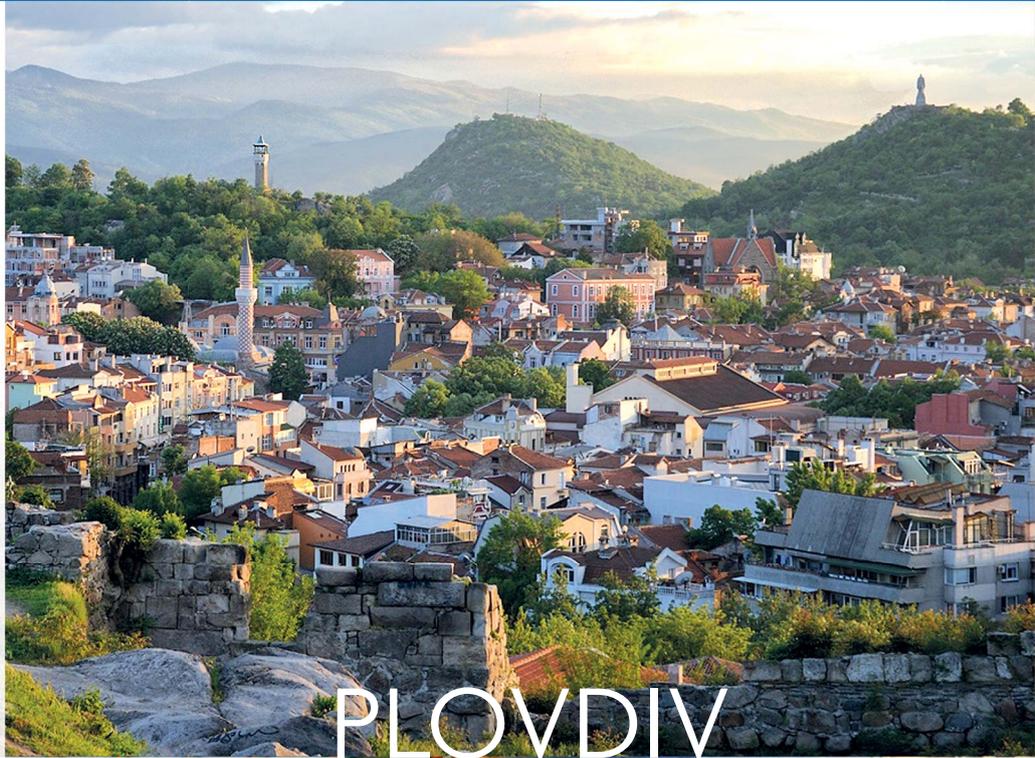
Silver Medals

Georgi Georgiev, Valentin Stoev	M2-	Nottingham'75
Iskra Velinova, Verka Aleksieva, Tanya Vladimirova, Svetla Gincheva, Stanka Vakrilova (c)	W4x	Nottingham'75
Mariyka Modeva, Reni Yordanova, Lilyana Vaseva, Ginka Gyurova, Kapka Panayotova (c)	W4+	Nottingham'75
Iskra Velinova	W1x	Amsterdam'77
Zdravka Yordanova, Svetla Otzetova	W2x	Amsterdam'77
Zdravka Yordanova, Svetla Otzetova	W2x	Bled'79
Roumeliana Boncheva, Mariana Serbezova, Dolores Nakova, Ani Bakova, Ani Eftimova (c)	W4x	Bled'79
Dimitar Kamburski, Chavdar Radev	M2x	Nottingham'75
Magdalena Georgieva	W1x	Nottingham'75
Mariana Yankoulova, Krasimira Tosheva, Galina Yahorova, Pavlina Hristova	W4x	Hazelwinkel'85
Roumyana Neykova	W1x	Gifu'05
Roumyana Neykova	W1x	Munich'07

Bronze Medals

Zdravka Yordanova, Svetla Otzetova	W2x	Nottingham'75
Rositsa Spasova, Ani Bakova, Penka Gocheva, Roumelina Boncheva, Stanka Vakrilova (c)	W4x	Amsterdam'77
Eftim Gerzilov, Bogdan Dobrev, Lyubomir Petrov, Hristo Zhelev	M4x	Amsterdam'77
Ivan Botev, Nasko Markov, Roumen Hristov, Tsvetan Petkov, Nenko Dobrev (c)	M4+	Amsterdam'77
Roumen Hristov, Tsvetan Petkov, Nasko Markov, Ivan Botev, Nenko Dobrev (c)	M4+	Carapiro'78
Anka Bakova, Iskra Velikova	W2x	Munich'81
Violeta Ninova, Margarita Dobcheva, Teodora Lazarova, Stefka Madina, Greta Dimitrova (c)	W4+	Duisburg'83
Magdalena Georgieva, Violeta Ninova	W2x	Hazelwinkel'85
Mariana Stoyanova, Daniela Oronova	W4-	Copenhagen'87
Manuela Lashtilina, Olya Stoichkova	W2x	Bled'89
Magdalena Georgieva, Krasimira Tosheva	W2x	Bled'89
Magdalena Georgieva, Krasimira Tosheva	W4x	Bled'89
Pavlina Hristova, Galina Yahorova	W2x	Roudnice'93
Daniela Oronova, Galina Kamenova	W2x	Roudnice'93
Roumyana Neykova	W1x	St. Catharines'99





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PLOVDIV

“This is the biggest and loveliest of all cities. Its beauty shines from faraway” wrote the famous Roman writer Lucian in II century AD.

Recently Plovdiv was proclaimed the oldest continuously inhabited city in Europe and 6th in the World. It is 8000 years old. In 2012 the City of the Seven hills, as often Plovdiv is being referred to, was included under #3 (following Rome and Athens) in “Top 10 of the most beautiful ancient cities in the World”. No wonder “The New York Times” called Plovdiv “A Roman Grandeur East of Italy”.

The Ancient Theatre is one of the highlights of the city – heritage from the Roman Era. Originally built in the 1st century AD, now it is the biggest open-air stage on the Balkans with capacity of 3500 people. More than 15 international festivals take place here.

Another remarkable site bequeathed to Plovdiv is the Roman Stadium. With its impressive size (total length 240 m and width 50 m), the Stadium had the capacity of 30 000 people. Now, after the recent reconstruction it finds its way into the hearts of both citizens and tourists. Just 5-minutes-walk from the Stadium is the Ancient Forum with the Odeon. More than 200 coins and a marble statue were found there during recent archaeological researches.

And more... The Early Christian Basilica – the latest addition to Plovdiv’s “On the Roman path” tourist route. One of the best preserved mosaics are displayed there. Plovdiv follows its destiny of being a crossroad for millennia and home to different cultures, traditions and people of different ethnicities and religions. The main attraction here surely is the Old Town, which nestles on top of the Three hills. Thracian and Roman remains lie beneath 400 recently restored Revival-style houses with splendid wooden-frame constructions dating back to early 19th century built by the emerging class of Bulgarian merchants.

The Main Pedestrian Street in the centre of the city fascinates with the eclecticism typical for its buildings. It looks a lot different than before but is still so charming.

The area in the centre called “Kapana” (“The Trap”) resembles the London “Soho” and is a place offering space for cultural events, entertainment and trade. It is becoming the first quarter in Bulgaria dedicated to creative industries.

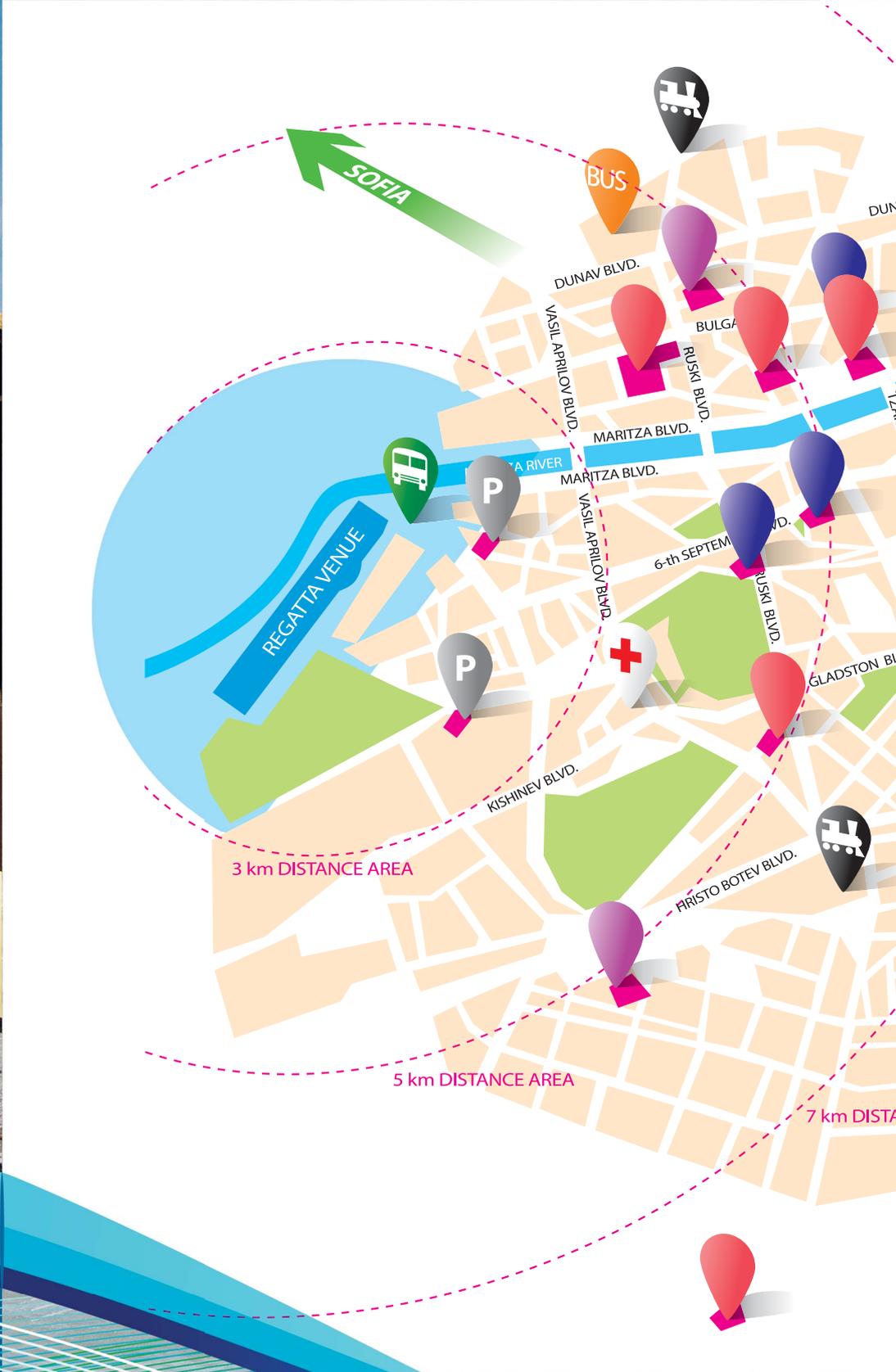
People interested in hiking, climbing, mountain biking and skiing should have in mind that Plovdiv is the gateway to the mountains of Bulgaria and a starting point for all the activities mentioned. The closest opportunity is only 6 km away. Near Plovdiv there are many villages offering great opportunities for eco and rural tourism.

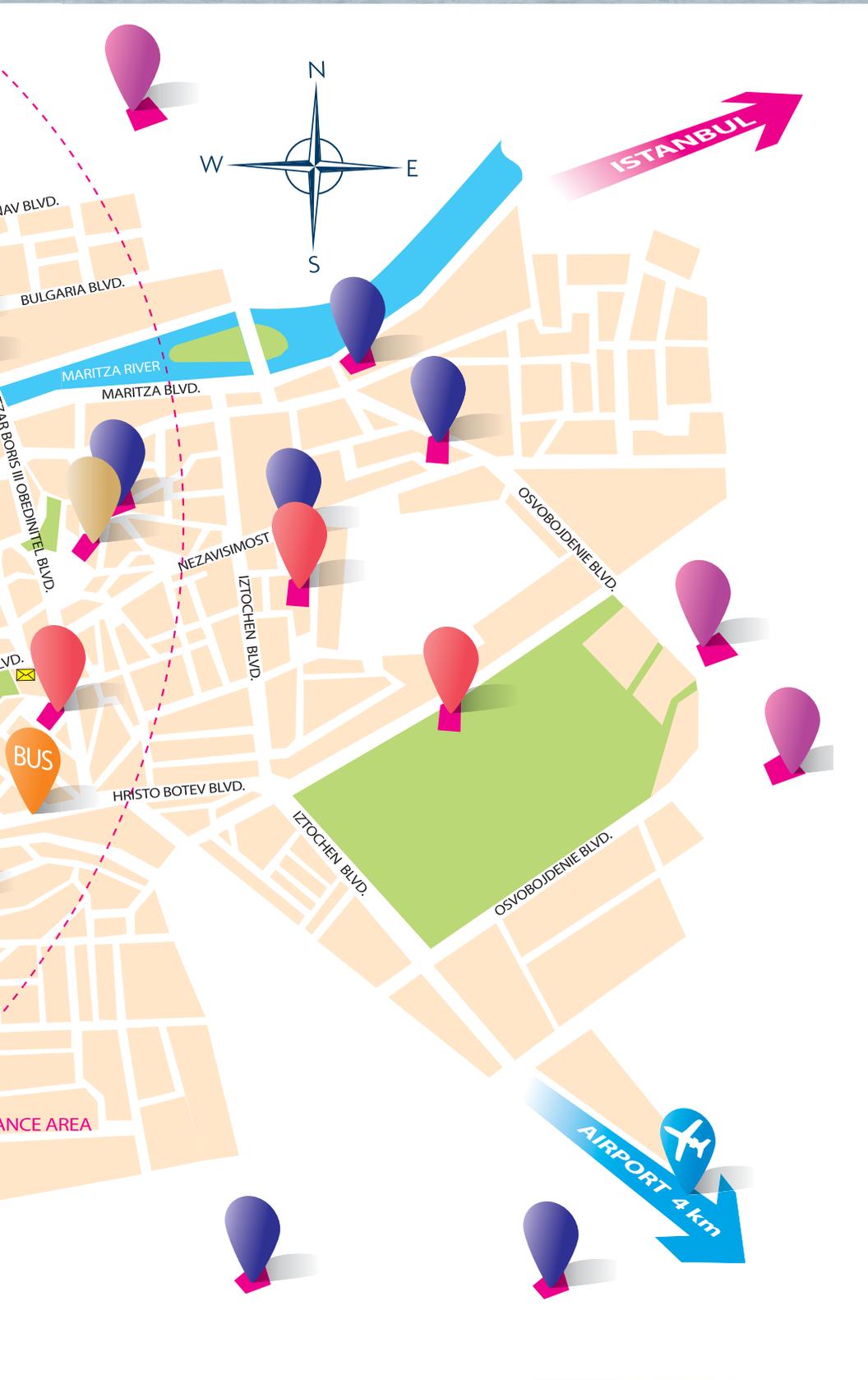
In case of intention to visit several countries, Plovdiv may serve as a start-off point to many other tourist destinations as being in the heart of the Balkans and close to two international airports – in Plovdiv and Sofia.
 Plovdiv – Come with friends!





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HOTELS IN PLOVDIV

-  **CATEGORY I**
-  **CATEGORY II**
-  **CATEGORY III**
-  **LOW COST**
-  **SPECTATOR PARKING**
-  **VMI - MEDICAL CLINIC /CLOSEST TO THE VENUE/**
-  **CENTRAL BUS STATION**
-  **TRAIN STATION**
-  **AIRPORT**
-  **BUS DROP OFF/PICK UP STATION**

ACCOMMODATION FOR TEAMS

Prices on a FULL BOARD basis in single and double rooms.
ALL RESERVATIONS should be made through the travel agency chosen by the OC.

HOTELS ★★★★★ I Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
1. Four Stars Hotel	Single	60	5 km	8-10 min	190 €
	Double	430			130 €

Total Category I beds available: **920**

HOTELS ★★★ II Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
2. Three Stars Hotel	Single	50	5 km	6-7 min	150 €
	Double	164			110 €
3. Three Stars Hotel	Single	15	8 km	8-10 min	150 €
	Double	40			110 €
4. Three Stars Hotel	Single	10	10 km	15-16 min	150 €
	Double	47			110 €
5. Three Stars Hotel	Single	29	9 km	14-15 min	150 €
	Double	29			110 €

Total Category II beds available: **664**

HOTELS ★★ III Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
6. Two Stars Hotel	Single	1	5 km	6-7 min	130 €
	Double	35			84 €
	Triple	8			75 €
7. Two Stars Hotel	Single	35	7 km	15 min	130 €
	Double	47			84 €
	Triple	9			75 €

Total Category III beds available: **251**

HOTELS (Low cost accommodation) IV Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
8. Low cost Hotel	Double	60	5 km	10 min	59 €
	Triple	5			55 €

Total Category III beds available: **135**

TOTAL BEDS AVAILABLE: 1970

All accommodation bookings must be made through the 2017 World Rowing Under 23 Championships Organising Committee. Starting from 31st of May 2016, there will be a form on the website

WWW.WRU23CH2017.COM, which can be completed when marking inquiries regarding availability.

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ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31st OF MAY 2017.

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ACCOMMODATION FOR NF DELEGATES AND MEDIA

Prices on a BED & BREAKFAST basis in single and double rooms.
ALL RESERVATIONS should be made through the travel agency chosen by the OC.

HOTELS ★★★★★ I Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
1. Four Stars Hotel	Single	50	5 km	8-9 minutes	150 €
	Double	10			110 €
2. Four Stars Hotel	Single	0	5 km	7-8 minutes	150 €
	Double	300			110 €

Total Category II beds available: 670

HOTELS ★★★ II Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
3. Three Stars Hotel	Single	20	6 km	9-11 minutes	110 €
	Double	34			90 €
4. Three Stars Hotel	Single	10	4 km	6 minutes	120 €
	Double	24			100 €

Total Category II beds available: 146

TOTAL BEDS AVAILABLE: 816



PAYMENT POLICY

Reservations must be completed by 31st of May 2017 and the deposit of 50% of the total amount paid. The balance of the payment is due prior to the 22nd of June 2017.

Payments must be paid in Euros by direct bank transfer.

Account details will be published at latter stage.

ALL BANK TRANSFER FEES MUST BE PAID BY THE SENDER.

Team accommodation at the requested standard hotel also includes:

- meals – breakfast and dinner in the hotel, lunch either at the venue or in the hotel. Lunch in the hotel or at the venue should be arranged in advance with minimum 24 hours notice left at the team information office.
- Transport from Sofia Airport to the hotel and return
- Shuttle bus service from hotel to the regatta venue and return
- VAT tax

Costs for special requirements that vary from the standard arrangements described above can be considered upon request.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations in part or full must be in writing and notified to the accommodation agents as mentioned under the Reservations section.

Refunds will be considered on the following basis:-

- From confirmation to 45 days before arrival 75% refund.
- Between 44 – 35 days before arrival 60% refund.
- Between 34 – 25 days before arrival 50% refund.
- Between 24 – 05 days before arrival 20% refund.
- Cancellation less than 5 days before arrival or no show 10 % refund.



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MARITZA RIVER



1. START
2. BRIDGE
3. RESTAURANTS
4. PERMANENT GRANDSTANDS SEATS
5. TECHICAL BILDING FISA AND OC OFFICES, MASTERS COMISION, PRESS CENTER, PRESS GRANDSTANDS, VIP SERVICES AND GRANDSTANDS
6. FINISH TOWER
7. LAUNCHING PONTOONS
8. PERMANENT BOATHOUSES, WEIGHTING, REST AREA, CHANGING/SHOWERS, MEDICAL FACILITIES, DOPING, MASSAGE
9. ACCREDITATION
10. TEAM BUS DROP OFF
11. BOAT RACKS
12. TRAILER PARKING

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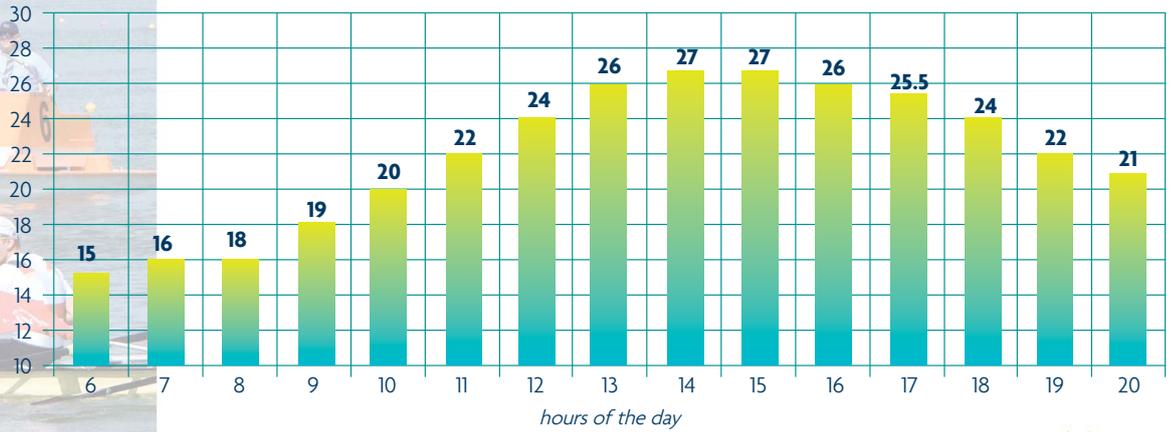


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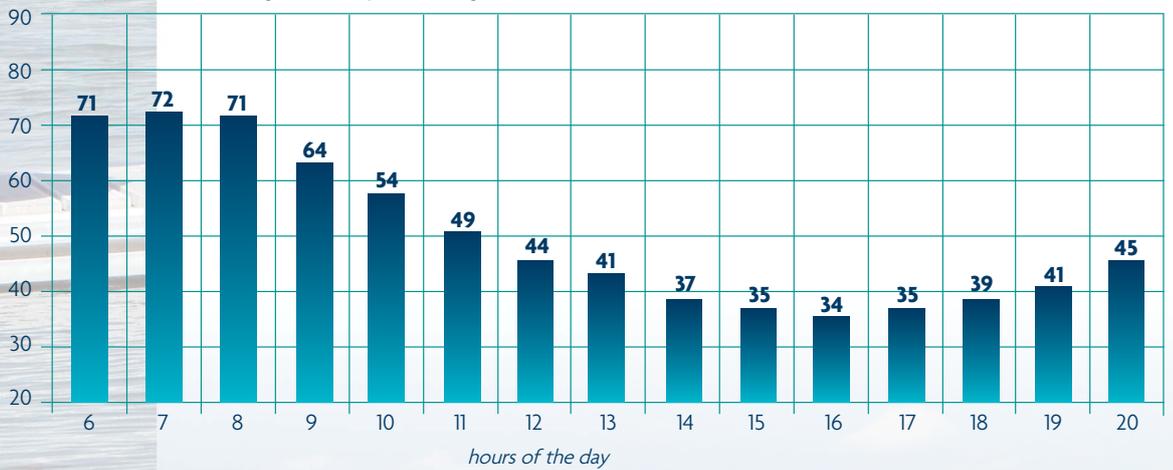
TEMPERATURE

11 to 26 July 2011-2015 Average Temperature Degree



HUMIDITY

11 to 26 July 2011-2015 Average Humidity Percentage



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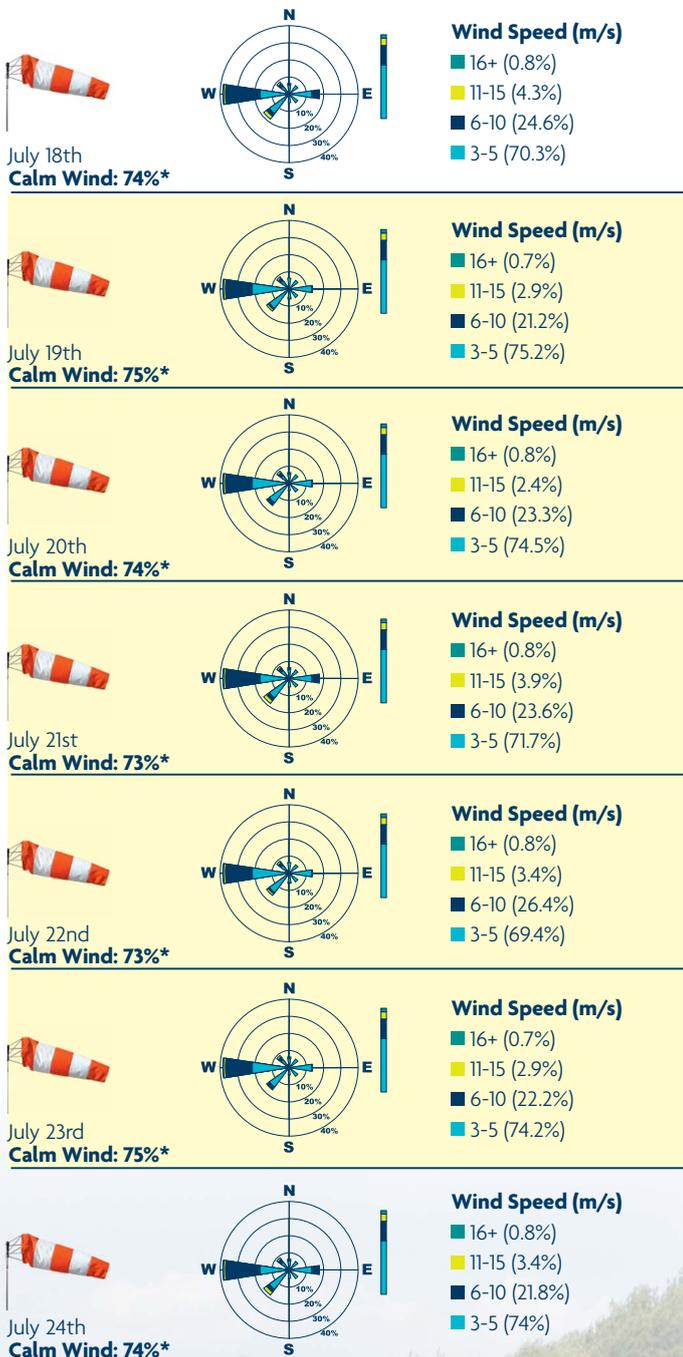
SUNRISE & SUNSET



Day (in 2017)	Sunrise	Sunset
July 13	06:02	20:52
July 14	06:03	20:51
July 15	06:04	20:50
July 16	06:05	20:49
July 17	06:06	20:48
July 18	06:07	20:47
July 19	06:08	20:46
July 20	06:09	20:45
July 21	06:10	20:44
July 22	06:11	20:43
July 23	06:12	20:42
July 24	06:13	20:41

WIND

Average wind speed and direction for last 6 years



*The predominating wind condition is calm (in more than 70% of the time), so the chart information is only for the time with notable wind speed of 3 m/s and above.



VISA REQUIREMENTS

Bulgaria is a member of the European Union so if you are coming from another member country, you don't need a VISA to enter. For countries not members to the EU, normal visa regulations are in place. You can get a visa in our Embassy or Consulate in your country. Don't forget to bring your passport when entering the country.



MEAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEAMS

The daily rate per person includes breakfast dinner provided at the hotel, and lunch either at the venue or in the hotel. Lunch in the hotel or at the venue should be arranged in advance with minimum 24 hours notice left at the team information office.



MEDICAL SERVICE

The regatta venue will be serviced with a medical centre situated in the permanent building by the boat park storage area. This centre will provide initial assessment and treatment for injuries and illnesses. Further treatment will be provided at the Medical Centre, located approx. 1.2 km from the venue. A water safety service will also operate during the official opening times of the venue. An ambulance will be on standby in the boat park area for emergencies.



TRANSPORT

A transport will be provided from the hotels to the venue and return.

During the event Team Managers will be requested on a daily basis to complete a Transportation Request Form.

Due to the limited parking space available at the venue teams will not be able to use their own transport vehicles for access to the venue and therefore all teams should plan on using the official transport service provided by the Organising Committee.

The official transport service will begin operating from July 17th, 2017. Transport before this date would be available upon request at a cost.

The local transportation service will operate:

On training days from 06:30 to 19:30 PM

On racing days from 06:00 to 19:30 PM

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REACHING THE REGATTA VENUE

There will be signs placed near the bus and train stations, the entrances into the city and on the major road junctions.



ACCOMMODATION BOOKING

All accommodation should be booked through the OC. (see page 8 for details) Tel.: +359 32 908 900
Fax: +359 32 908 901

Email:

ACCOMMODATION@WRU23CH2017.COM



TELEVISION

There will be a local television broadcaster doing a partial covering the Championship (Finals and Semi-Finals only). Access to the video stream will be available from the official World Rowing website. For more information, please contact Methody Manchenko at **MEDIA@WRU23CH2017.COM**.

ACCREDITATION

TEAMS

The Accreditation Forms will be sent electronically to the National Federations at least one month before the closing date for accreditations.

Please complete these files with the names of the participating and spare rowers, coaches, team support and NF officials and send them to FISA before the 7th July 2017. The Forms are to be returned by e-mail to the FISA office at **daniela.oronova@fisa.org**.

MEDIA

Media accreditation can be requested online at <http://www.worldrowing.com/mediacenter/> using the form located in the Media section.

The Media centre is located at the second floor of the Finish Tower. The Media Centre will be open from July 18th 2017 at 13.00 hrs and will be operating from 08:00 to 19:00 hrs every day for the days of the event.

MEDIA FACILITIES

There will be provided adequate media facilities and services. The press centre will be located in the permanent grandstand building, with the tabled media grandstand seats close to the finish line. For further details please contact Mihail Vanchev or Nayden Todorov at

MEDIA@WRU23CH2017.COM.

BOAT TRANSPORT

There are no specific problems or restrictions concerning the transportation of boats or boat trailers. Please check the custom restrictions of the transit countries on your way to Bulgaria carefully.

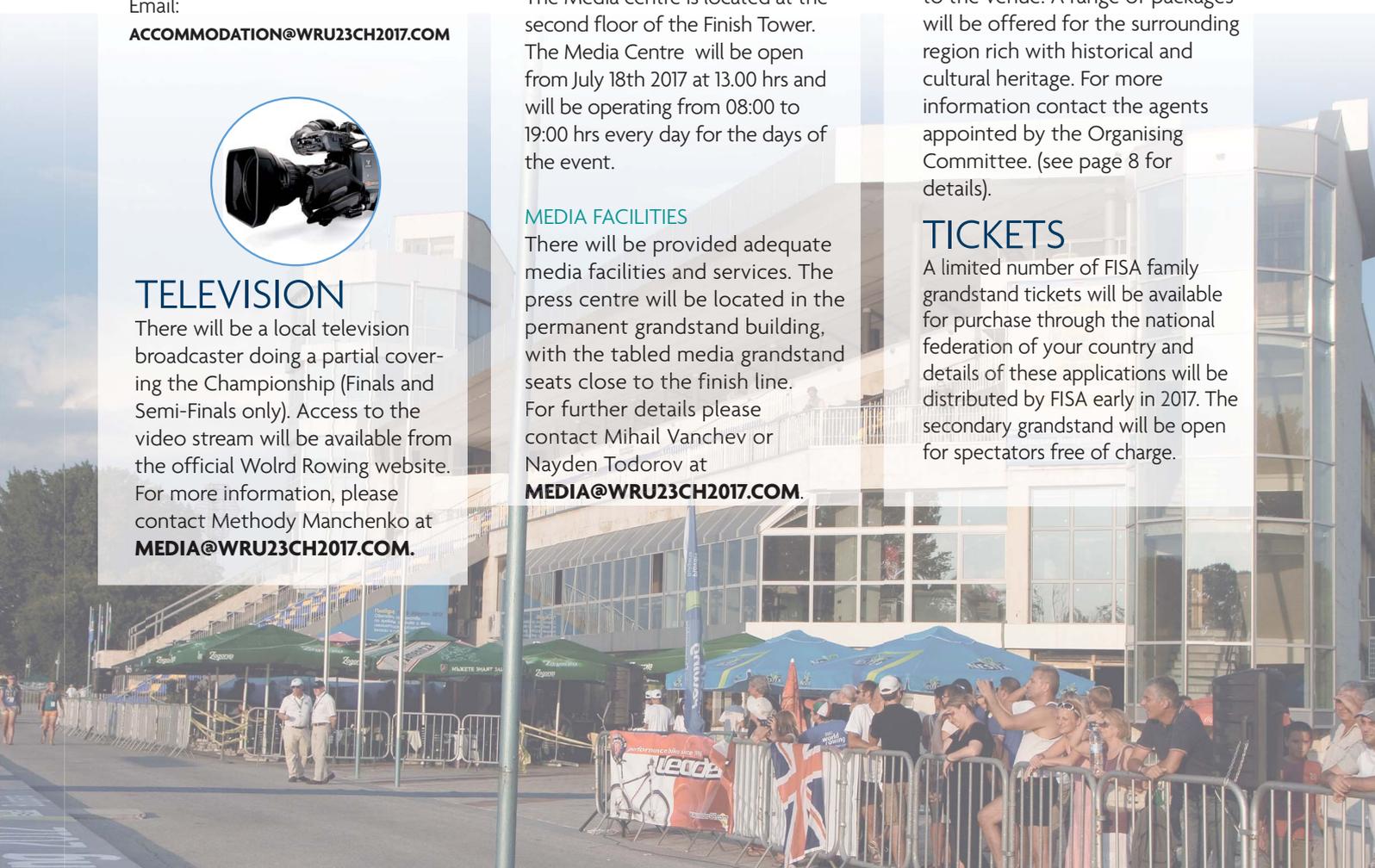
Federations may contact the Organising Committee to be advised for the most convenient routes to be followed from the Bulgarian borders to the Regatta venue.

ORGANISED TOURS

It is recommended that all spectators should join a tour group in order to obtain the most practical means of accessing accommodation options and travel to the venue. A range of packages will be offered for the surrounding region rich with historical and cultural heritage. For more information contact the agents appointed by the Organising Committee. (see page 8 for details).

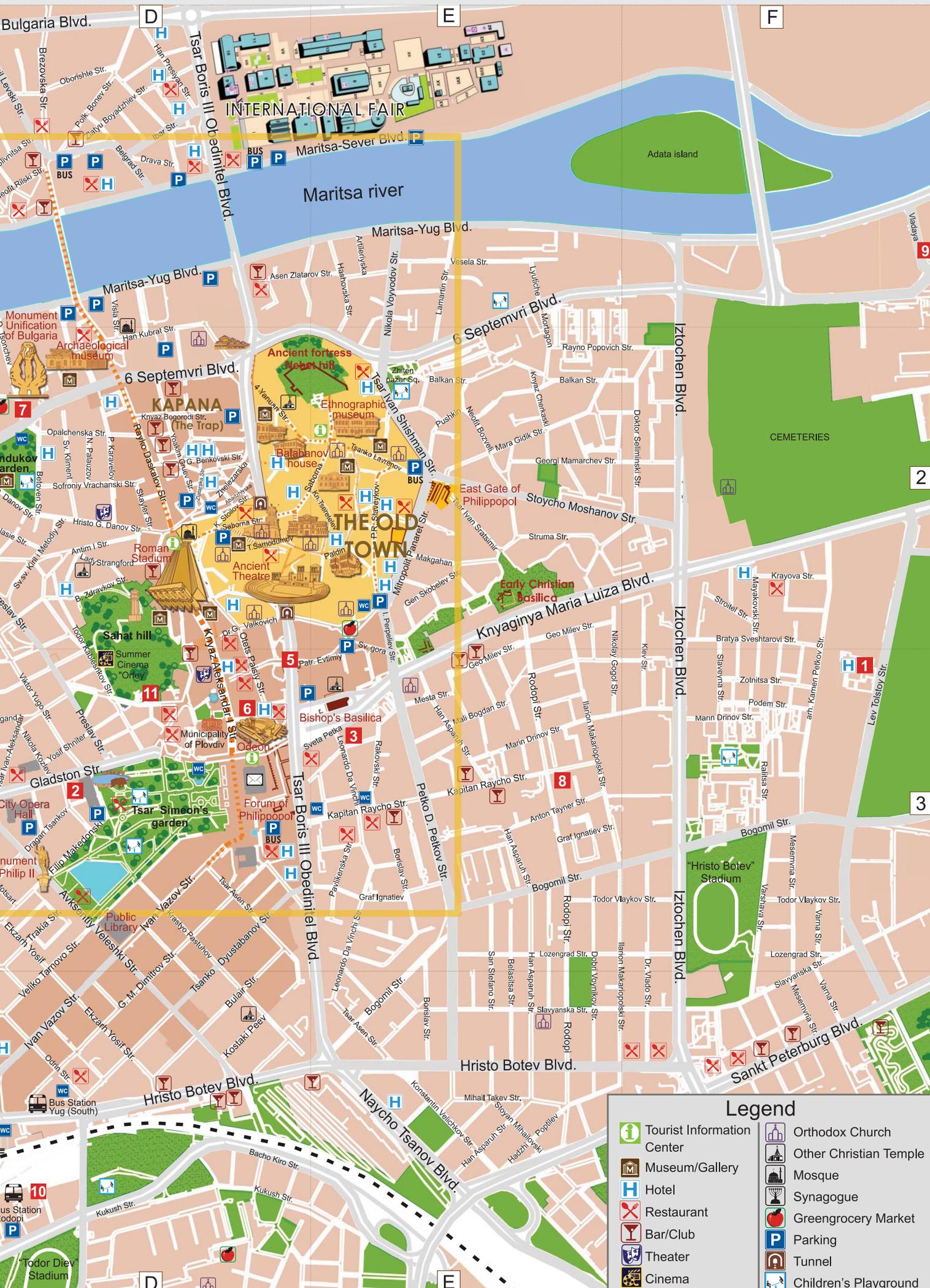
TICKETS

A limited number of FISA family grandstand tickets will be available for purchase through the national federation of your country and details of these applications will be distributed by FISA early in 2017. The secondary grandstand will be open for spectators free of charge.





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