

Sofia - Botev Peak



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Route

Start - Sofia, End - Botev Peak

1. Sofia - Village of Lozen
2. Village of Lozen - Plovdiv
3. Plovdiv - Kalofer
4. Kalofer – Botev Peak
5. Botev Peak

In Sofia we can see:

1. National library „St. St. Kiril and Metodii – the biggest public library in the country.
2. Eagles’ Bridge- Its name comes from the bronze eagle statues on the bridge, who are its symbolic patrons and keepers.
3. Sofia University - **Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“** is the oldest and the biggest high school in Bulgaria.





Village of Lozen

On the road to Plovdiv
we can see:

- Lozen monastery St. Spas - **The Lozen monastery „St. Spas“** or „Ascension of the Lord“ is a Bulgarian monastery, part of Sofia’s Little Holy Forest. It is placed 5km southeast from the village of Dolni Lozen.



In Plovdiv:

1. Rowing base of Plovdiv - **The Rowing base in Plovdiv** is a sports facility, intended for exercising of the rowing sport.
2. The Old Town - It is formed due to the continuous living in the town (from Prehistory to today) and combines the spirit of the Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Bulgarian Revival.
3. Ancient Roman stadium - **the Ancient stadium of Philippopolis**, Plovdiv, was built in 2nd century, during the times of Emperor Hadrian (117 – 138)



On the road from Plovdiv to Kalofer we can see:

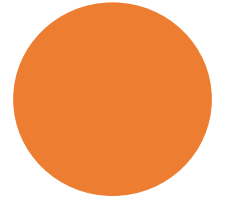
1. Race Track Dragon-**Race Track**
„**Dragon**“ Kaloyanovo, Plovdiv Province, is the first and only private race track in Bulgaria.
2. Church St. Charalampus - The church, dedicated to St. Charalampus, is build in XIX century in the Plovdiv neighborhood „Marasha“. In 1874 the church is completely renovated with the generous donations from members of the Kaftandji guild.
3. Deacon Restaurant.
4. White River Restaurant.



In Kalofer:

Hristo Botev National museum -
Kalofer is the hometown of the
great Bulgarian poet and
revolutionary **Hristo Botev**

Domlyan Dam - **Domlyan Dam**,
located near the village of
Domlyan, is an attractive
location for **rest, tourism** and
fishing.





On the road to Botev Peak:

1. Paradise Corner Hotel near the town of Kalofer
2. Family hotel "The Kalofer voivodes,,
3. Jendema - „**Jendema**“ is the biggest wildlife sanctuary in the Central Balkan National Park and the second biggest wildlife sanctuary in Bulgaria.



Below Botev Peak:

1. The rocks of paradise – The rocks of paradise are located at 1700 to 2100m. above sea level with sheer cliffs and the height in the different part varying.
2. Paradise hut - Paradise hut is located in Stara Planina at 1430m. above sea level, in the Central Balkan National Park, at the southern foot of Botev Peak.
3. The Paradise sprinkler- **The Paradise sprinkler** is the highest permanent waterfall in Bulgaria and on the Balkan Peninsula – 124,5 m.
4. Tarzan's pathway- One of the most popular extreme routes in the Central Balkan is **Tarzan's pathway**, starting from Paradise hut and going all the way up to Botev Peak.