

PAINTING WITH PETER PARTINGTON (Tour code: PPP)

29 August – 5 September 2010

Price: £995 (Based on a group of four or more.

A smaller group will incur a supplement)

We first launched our painting tour in 2003, and our groups have sampled Bulgaria in spring in the mountains and on the coast in the autumn. They were able to bring back a sketchbook and many drawings and paintings to remind them of the picturesque towns they visited, and the local excursions they enjoyed. There is a great variety of birds, including summer migrants; abundant wild flowers, some of them endemic and globally rare; traditional villages, and stunning mountain and rural scenery to match anywhere in Europe. An inspirational experience for the artist! The pace will be relaxed, with plenty of time to explore and sketch.

For 2010 we plan to return to Sozopol, a small town on the Black Sea coast, which we last visited in 2006. Sozopol is the favoured resort of the Bulgarian artistic and literary set, and during your stay the annual Apollonia Arts Festival will be taking place. We shall arrange participation in some suitable events, such as jazz, classical or folk music concerts, where lack of knowledge of Bulgarian is not a problem!

Peter Partington will be your tutor. He has taught art students for many years. His teaching style is friendly and enthusiastic. He has had numerous one-man shows, writes magazine articles and illustrates books and cards. He travels widely and has led several overseas painting trips. We are delighted that he has agreed to lead our painting tour again.

It is intended that the pattern of each day should be morning visits, with the possibility of sketching, and afternoons set aside for painting, outdoors if the weather is suitable. The keynote is flexibility, there is no programme to adhere to.

The British-Bulgarian Friendship Society has been organising a variety of special interest tours to Bulgaria for **over thirty years**. We shall be happy to introduce you to the country's friendly people, and excellent wine and food. The holiday is on a half board basis. For your **financial protection** our tour operators, **Balkania Travel Ltd.** are **ATOL bonded** in accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority's requirements.

Projected Itinerary (which may be subject to adjustment)

Sunday 29 August Scheduled service flight from London-Luton to Burgas. Drive south to Sozopol, your base for the next seven nights.

Monday 30 August to Saturday 4 September The old part of the town is situated on a rocky headland, the wooden houses, narrow alleys and cobbled streets are particularly attractive. It is an ancient settlement, the first of the Greek colonies on this coast, founded around 600BC. There are many places of interest nearby: to the north Burgas and its lakes, to the south the most stunning of Bulgaria's beaches, areas of coastal wetland rich in wildlife, and, inland, the Strandzha mountains and forests.

Sunday 5 September Return flight from Burgas to London-Luton.

OUR PRICES INCLUDE:

- Return scheduled service flights from London-Luton to Burgas.
- Airport taxes.
- Half Board.

- Accommodation in a family-run hotel with en suite facilities on a twin bedded shared occupancy basis.
- Coach for transfers and excursions.
- Guide/Interpreter.
- Leader services and tuition.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Lunches (about £4 or less).
- Travel Insurance (Compulsory). Balkania Travel can advise.
- Drinks and personal expenses such as gratuities.
- Single room supplement (£65)

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