

**NATURAL HISTORY AND WALKING HOLIDAY**  
**KOPRIVSHTITSA after the FOLKLORE FESTIVAL**

9-12 August 2021 (Tour Code: **KFXT**)

Leader: **Dimitar (Mitko) Petrakiev**

Price: **£360 - £670** depending on number of participants. Do enquire.



In response to a request by some participants, we have arranged an extension after the Koprivshitsa Folklore Festival of 4 days from 9 to 12 August.

**IMPORTANT**

This offer does not contain any flights and is valid only as an add-on to the festival core tour where flights are included.



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Your leader, Mitko Petrakiev is a tour leader with over 10 years of experience leading birdwatching butterfly and other natural history tours. He is also a qualified climbing instructor and mountain guide and for cave rescue and first aid.

He has also led archaeological and cultural tours for the B-BS. He will take you on excursions from your base in Koprivshitsa to some of the nearby beautiful mountain meadows, small streams, lovely mixed forests and high Stara Planina mountain ridges for some stunning views.

We shall be looking for mountain flowers, wildlife, birds and those butterflies still on the wing. The extension will be on half board basis and we'll have a vehicle at our disposal.

The price will be from £670 to £390 per person, depending on the number of participants, with £52 single room supplement.

See details in Our Price Includes, below.

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# Projected Itinerary

(which may be subject to adjustment if weather conditions make certain visits likely to be unrewarding or to make the best of good opportunities presented at the time)

## **Day 1, Monday, 09 August**

After breakfast meet your guide and chat about the programme, walking in the mountain, equipment, safety, weather, etc. We then make our way south of Koprivshitsa to explore a series of extensive meadows for butterflies, flowers and birds.

## **Day 2, Tuesday, 10 August**

11 km circular walk NE of Koprivshitsa (around 4 hours walking time). The walk starts and ends in Koprivshitsa. It is an easy walk with 300 meters height gain and it runs through lovely mixed forest with some open meadows with several viewpoints over the town and the area.

## **Day 3, Wednesday, 11 August**

Drive to Beklemeto pass (1 hour/60km) at 1525 meters. This is good and easy access to the high mountain from where we can follow the main ridge of Stara Planina (Balkan range) for 6 km one way. The walk is easy, quite level and there are fantastic views both to the North and South Bulgaria as well as to the rest of the mountain ridge.

If the weather is bad (rainy or misty) we can do an alternative walk in the lower mountain at Byala Reka eco-trail near Kalofer (about 3.5 km easy walk following a path and wooden bridges over a small mountain stream).  
Farewell dinner and overnight Koprivshitsa.

## **Day 4, Thursday, 12 August**

After a leisurely start to the day, transfer to Sofia Airport for your flight to Heathrow. Stops on the way at Topolnitsa river and Mirkovo in the foothills of Stara Planina to look for large Nymphalids, other butterflies and dragonflies.

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## OUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights accommodation in your “festival” hotel in Koprivshtitsa with en- suite facilities on a twin-bedded shared occupancy basis.
- Half board (breakfast and dinner).
- Minibus for transfers and excursions.
- Specialist Bulgarian leader.
- All entrance fees.
- Depending on the number of participants the price will be as follows:  
2 pax - GBP 670    3 pax - GBP 540    4 pax - GBP 470  
5 pax - GBP 430    6 pax - GBP 410    8 pax - GBP 390

## NOT INCLUDED:

- Lunches (about £4 - £5).
- Travel Insurance (Compulsory). Balkania Travel can advise.
- Drinks and other personal expenses such as gratuities.
- Single room supplement (£52)

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