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Why Go?

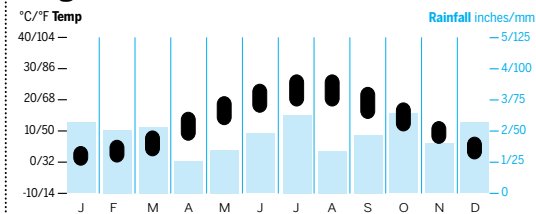
Bulgaria's long Black Sea coastline is the country's summer-time playground, attracting not just Bulgarians but tourists from across Europe and beyond. The big, purpose-built resorts here have become serious rivals to those of Spain and Greece, while independent travellers will find plenty to explore away from the parasols and jet skis.

Sparsely populated sandy beaches to the far south and north, the bird-filled lakes around Burgas, and picturesque ancient towns such as Nesebăr and Sozopol are rewarding destinations. The 'maritime capital' of Varna and its seaside rival, Burgas, are two of Bulgaria's most vibrant cities. Both are famous for summer festivals and nightlife as well as many museums and galleries.

Those with their own transport will have even greater choice, with the wild Strandzha Nature Park in the south and the picturesque Kaliakra Cape and Dobrudzha region in the north theirs to discover.

When to Go

Burgas



Apr–May Spring on the coast is pleasantly warm and relaxed, with fewer tourists.

Jun–Aug Reliably hot, dry, sunny days in summer bring the crowds to the beaches.

Nov–Mar Winters are chilly, resort hotels close for the season, but you'll have the place to yourself.

Black Sea Coast Highlights

1 Sozopol

(p403) Exploring the cobblestoned lanes of this lovely old former Greek harbour.

2 Archaeological Museum

(p417) Learning of the Black Sea coast's rich Thracian, Greek and Roman origins in Varna.

3 Summer Palace of Queen Marie

(p425) Strolling through Romanian Queen Marie's picturesque seaside cottage in Balchik.

4 Nesebâr

(p412) Marvelling at how this tiny, cobblestoned peninsula was once home to some 80 medieval churches.

5 Strandzha Nature Park

(p410) Hiking and cycling through this remarkably diverse natural landscape.

6 Sinemorets

(p410) Soaking up the sun near the Turkish border, where the river meets the sea.

7 Burgas

(p397) Enjoying the spoils of one of Bulgaria's most attractive cities, with some great restaurants and a pristine seaside park.

