



*Malyovitza – a peak standing at 2,729 meters, is the highest summit in the northwestern part of the Rila Mountain. During this three-day adventure through Rila National Park, in addition to Malyovitza, we will also visit one of Bulgaria’s most famous tourist gems – the renowned Rila Lakes.*

## General information



**Type of adventure:** hiking

**Departure:**

during the season

**Group:** 10-12 people max.

**Duration:** 3 days

**Travel mode:** van/minibus

**Technical requirements:**

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**Physical fitness:**

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Rila National Park, the largest in Bulgaria, is situated 100 kilometers south of Sofia, in the heart of the highest part of the Rila Mountains. The park is home to rare and endangered species of flora and fauna, as well as historical landmarks of great significance. It is also the source of some of the largest rivers on the Balkan Peninsula.

The Rila Mountains are famous for their glacial lakes – over 150 in total – most of which lie at altitudes between 2,100 and 2,500 meters. Besides Musala (2,925 m), other notable peaks include Dimitrov (2,902 m), Malyovitza (2,729 m), and Rilec (2,715 m). The name "Rila" originates from the Thracian word "Roula", meaning "full of water".

# Bulgaria – Rila NP – Malyovitza & 7 Rila Lakes

## ITINERARY

### **DAY I: NIŠ – SAMOKOV**

Departure from Niš in front of the hotel at 1:00 p.m. Travel through Serbia and Bulgaria with occasional breaks for rest and border formalities. Arrival in Samokov (950 m above sea level) in the evening. Accommodation. Free time. Dinner at a restaurant where you will have the opportunity to try traditional Bulgarian specialties. Overnight stay.



### **DAY II: SAMOKOV – MALYOVITZA 2729 m – SAMOKOV**

Breakfast. Transfer to the parking area of the Malyovitsa ski center (1,690 m), where we begin our hike along a trail approximately 14 km long. We will take a longer break at the Malyovitsa hut (1,960 m), from where the final ascent to the peak at 2,729 meters begins. The hike from the parking area to the summit takes about 5 hours, following an attractive trail with stunning views of the lakes and the Rila massif. The view from the summit is breathtaking. After the ascent and a well-deserved break, we return along the same trail back to our transport. Return to Samokov. Accommodation. Dinner. Overnight stay.



### **DAY III: SAMOKOV – SAPAREVA BANYA – PANIČIŠTE – SEVEN RILA LAKES – NIŠ**

After breakfast, transfer from Samokov via Sapareva Banya to Paničište (1,590 m). Take a gondola ride up to 2,100 meters, where we embark on one of Bulgaria's most scenic hiking trails. We will explore the famous Seven Rila Lakes, a stunning group of glacial lakes known for their exceptional beauty. The lakes we visit include: the Kidney, the Eye, the Tear, the Twin, the Trefoil, the Fish and the Lower lakes. Additionally, we will ascend Vazov Peak (2,659 m), an essential highlight of this adventure. After the hike, we return to Paničište and continue to Banya for a lunch break. In the afternoon, we depart for Niš, arriving in the late evening. End of the program.

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**Price per person:** \_\_\_\_\_ EUR (paid in RSD equivalent)

## Package includes:

- ✓ Transportation by high class tourist van/minibus,
- ✓ Two nights in private accommodation in 1/2 and 1/3 rooms,
- ✓ Mountain guide services,
- ✓ Tourist guide services,
- ✓ Residence tax,
- ✓ Trip organization costs.

## Package does not include:

- ✓ Meals,
- ✓ Gondola ride on the third day – 15 EUR per person,
- ✓ Travel health insurance (with extra charge for extreme sports),
- ✓ Personal expenses.



**NOTE:** For departures from Belgrade, an additional fee of 30€ per person (in RSD equivalent) applies. Transportation from Belgrade is available for groups of at least six participants. The organizer reserves the right to modify the itinerary in case of unforeseen circumstances, with notice given no later than two days before departure.

**ACCOMMODATION:** In the private accommodation of our hosts at the specified locations.

**DO NOT FORGET TO BRING:** Sturdy hiking shoes or boots, multiple pairs of socks, short-sleeve shirts, a light jacket with a hood (preferably waterproof), a fleece or sweatshirt, spare pants, sunglasses, a hat, and sunscreen. Optionally, you can bring some sweets, snacks, refreshing drinks, and water. All of this should fit into a small backpack.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** A 50% advance payment of the total arrangement price is required at the time of booking. The remaining amount must be paid no later than 20 days before the start of the trip (with the option of installment payments). This program is based on a minimum of 7 registered participants. In case of changes in the monetary market (or the market of goods and services) or an insufficient number of registered participants, the tour organizer reserves the right to adjust prices, modify the program, or cancel the trip no later than 5 days before the scheduled departure.

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