



# STUDY ABROAD IN THE BALKANS

Greetings from Bulgaria and its charismatic capital Sofia! My name is Yuliy Tenev and I hold a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Mathematics from Colby College, ME, a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Maine, ME, and a PMI Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. I have worked as an expert and a project manager in the financial sector for over ten years, but have always aspired after expanding opportunities for students to participate in high-quality and affordable study abroad programs through fostering academic exchange between the Republic of Bulgaria and the United States of America.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the short-term, faculty-led *Study Abroad in the Balkans Program*, the only one of its kind in Bulgaria. The program is designed to provide participating students with more information and study resources about Bulgaria's turbulent economic and social development, to diversify academic mobility and encourage global citizenry with the country's unique local culture.

*"Who needs a DeLorean when you've got Bulgaria? Billed as the oldest country in Europe, this Balkan beauty is a living time machine, littered with countless reminders of its rich history; stories abound of locals planting gardens only to have them ripped up by excited archeologists after a casual turn of the spade unearthed priceless relics. Bulgaria may be small, but for an adventure through the ages, its potential is huge."*

Tamara Sheward  
Lonely Planet Writer

We have developed three major programs that we believe will provide students with the type of experiential education that subtly and indirectly begets humanization. *"Bulgaria in the EU: Economy in Transition"* is designed to deliver information on the opportunities and challenges of doing business in Bulgaria. *"Bulgaria in the Context of European Integration and Russian Influence"* aims to introduce students to Bulgaria's historical, cultural and economic connections with Russia and the former Soviet Union, exploring how the country's past affects its current national identity and the *"Bulgarian Heritage Tour: Adventure Through the Ages"* program promotes discussion, bridges diverse communities through volunteer work and inspires common passions. We can also collaborate with leading faculty in the process of designing customized programs, tailored to satisfy participants' specific requirements.

We can't wait to introduce you to the unique beauty and cultural inheritance of Bulgaria and we look forward to further discussing the details of the program that would best suit your interests and goals. You can reach us via e-mail at [StudyAbroad.YTenev@gmail.com](mailto:StudyAbroad.YTenev@gmail.com) with any questions, any day of the week.

Sincerely,

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