

Burgas Travel Guide

Burgas: Bulgaria's Black Sea Gateway
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Things to do in Burgas

Beaches & Coastal Areas

Burgas is renowned for its long stretches of sandy beaches and waterfront attractions along the Black Sea. The city's beach culture offers relaxation, water sports, and stunning sea views.



Must See
Burgas Central Beach
Half day to full day No Booking Needed



Map

The main **sandy beach** of Burgas stretches for kilometers and is ideal for swimming, sunbathing, and water sports. Well-maintained with lifeguards, beach bars, and facilities. Perfect for families and visitors seeking a classic beach experience with clear waters.



Must See
Sea Garden (Морска градина)
2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

An expansive **waterfront park** stretching along the coast with walking paths, gardens, sculptures, and cafes. Home to the *Burgas Casino* and ideal for leisurely strolls with panoramic Black Sea views. Features public art installations and seasonal events.



Top Pick Book Ahead
Water Sports & Activities
1-2 hours Book Ahead



Map

Experience **jet skiing, windsurfing, parasailing**, and boat rentals along Burgas beaches. Multiple water sports centers offer equipment rental and instruction for all skill levels during the summer season from May through September.

Tips for Beaches & Coastal Areas

- Best beach season: May to September with warmest waters in August
- Arrive early in summer to secure parking and beach space
- Bring sun protection—the Mediterranean sun is strong
- Most water sports operate June through August



Museums & Galleries

Burgas preserves its rich cultural heritage through world-class museums showcasing archaeology, ethnography, and maritime history. Essential visits for understanding Bulgaria's historical significance.



Must See

Burgas Archaeological Museum

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A premier **museum featuring ancient artifacts** spanning from prehistoric times through the Ottoman period. Highlights include Thracian treasures, Greek and Roman sculptures, coins, and jewelry. Impressive collections of pottery and bronze items from archaeological excavations in the region.



Top Pick

Burgas Ethnographic Museum

1.5-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Explore **traditional Bulgarian crafts, textiles, and folk costumes** from the Burgas region. Displays showcase traditional clothing, household items, agricultural tools, and jewelry representing local heritage and lifestyle from past centuries.



Notable

Art Gallery Burgas

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Contemporary and classical **art exhibitions** featuring works by Bulgarian and international artists. The gallery showcases paintings, sculptures, and installations in rotating exhibitions throughout the year.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- Museums typically open 10:00-17:00; check for extended summer hours
- Many museums are closed on Mondays
- Admission fees are very affordable (2-4 EUR)
- English labels available in major museums



Religious Sites

Burgas features notable churches and religious monuments reflecting centuries of Orthodox and Christian heritage along Bulgaria's Black Sea coast.



Must See

Burgas Cathedral (Sveta Bogoroditsa)

45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

The city's **principal Orthodox cathedral** featuring impressive Byzantine architecture and ornate interior decorations. Built in the 19th century, it dominates the city center and showcases intricate iconography, marble columns, and a grand dome.



Top Pick

St. Cyril and Methodius Church

30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

A **charming Orthodox church** featuring traditional Bulgarian religious art and architecture. Named after the brothers who developed the Cyrillic alphabet, it offers insight into Bulgarian spiritual traditions and contains beautiful religious icons.

Tips for Religious Sites

- Visit churches during morning hours for best lighting and photography
- Dress respectfully—cover shoulders and knees
- Remove shoes or wear clean footwear
- Services typically occur early morning; ask locals for schedules



Parks & Gardens

Burgas offers multiple parks and gardens perfect for relaxation, recreational activities, and enjoying nature. From formal gardens to wooded areas, these green spaces provide peaceful retreats throughout the city.



Top Pick

Central Park of Burgas

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

The city's **primary urban park** featuring walking trails, recreational areas, playground facilities, and shaded areas. Ideal for morning jogs, family outings, and escaping the urban atmosphere while remaining centrally located.



Top Pick

Taigarno Beach (Nature Reserve)

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A protected nature reserve featuring unique **coastal forest ecosystem** with pristine beaches less crowded than the main beach. Popular with birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts seeking tranquil surroundings and untouched natural landscapes.

Tips for Parks & Gardens

- Parks are best visited during morning or late afternoon hours
- Bring water and sun protection
- Nature reserves require respectful behavior and proper trail adherence
- Early morning visits may reward wildlife spotting



Squares & Streets

Burgas features charming historic squares, elegant buildings, and preserved architecture reflecting its development as a modern Black Sea port city with traditional Bulgarian character.



Top Pick

Aleksander Batenberg Square

1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

The **central civic square** of Burgas, surrounded by important government buildings, hotels, and restaurants. A social hub featuring public monuments, fountains, and event spaces where locals and tourists gather for dining and people-watching.



Top Pick

Old Town (Staria Grad)

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Explore **charming historic streets** with preserved 19th-century architecture, local shops, cafes, and galleries. Wander narrow streets discovering authentic Bulgarian character, local restaurants serving traditional cuisine, and artisan shops.



Notable

Burgas Casino

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

An **elegant entertainment venue** housed in an architectural landmark building overlooking the Sea Garden. Features gaming tables, slots, restaurants, and bars with coastal views. Open evenings for adults seeking evening entertainment and dining.

Tips for Squares & Streets

- Historic squares are best explored in late afternoon when crowds diminish
- Photography is excellent during golden hour before sunset
- Many cafes and restaurants surround major squares
- Bring comfortable walking shoes for exploring old town streets



Tours & Activities

Burgas offers guided tours, adventure activities, and specialized experiences that provide deeper insights into the city's culture, nature, and coastal environment.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Guided City Tours

3-4 hours Book Ahead

Professional **guided walking or coach tours** covering major landmarks, historical sites, and cultural attractions. Knowledgeable guides provide historical context, local insights, and engaging narratives about Burgas development and significance.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Boat Cruises & Sea Trips

2-4 hours Book Ahead

Experience **scenic boat cruises** along the Black Sea coast, fishing trips, or sunset cruises from Burgas harbor. Explore coastal scenery, visit nearby beaches, and enjoy marine wildlife viewing opportunities with experienced captains.



Notable

Cycling Tours

3-5 hours Book Ahead

Explore Burgas and surrounding areas by **bicycle through dedicated cycling routes** and scenic pathways. Tours accommodate various fitness levels and showcase coastal landscapes, local villages, and nature areas from an active perspective.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- Book tours 1-2 days in advance during peak season
- Early morning tours often provide better photography conditions
- Bring water, sun protection, and appropriate footwear
- Ask about group discounts for larger parties



Day Trips & Excursions

Burgas serves as an excellent base for exploring nearby coastal attractions, historic towns, and natural areas within easy reach via car, bus, or organized tours.



Must See

Sozopol Ancient Town

4-5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A picturesque **ancient coastal town** approximately 30km south featuring medieval fortifications, narrow cobblestone streets, art galleries, and seafood restaurants. Originally founded as a Greek colony, it offers authentic charm with minimal commercialization.



Must See

Nessebar Medieval Town

4-5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A UNESCO World Heritage site 30km north featuring **Byzantine churches, medieval fortress walls**, and historic charm. One of Bulgaria's oldest settlements with well-preserved medieval architecture, archaeological sites, and thriving tourist infrastructure.



Top Pick

Book Ahead

Pomorie Salt Pans & Wine Valley

4-6 hours Book Ahead



Map

Visit **traditional salt production facilities** and nearby wineries showcasing Bulgarian wine heritage. Pomorie Lake features unique salt harvesting, and regional wineries offer tastings and tours of wine production areas.



Top Pick

Rila Monastery

7-8 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Bulgaria's most significant **monastery with stunning frescoes** and mountain location approximately 100km away. UNESCO World Heritage site featuring 19th-century religious art, cloisters, and peaceful mountain setting ideal for contemplative day trips.

Tips for Day Trips & Excursions

- Rent a car or use buses for day trip flexibility
- Start early to maximize daylight hours for distant destinations
- Pack snacks and water for longer excursions
- Nearby medieval towns get crowded mid-afternoon; visit early morning



Food & Dining

Real, highly-rated Restaurants in Burgas, sourced from Google Places (rating above 4★).

La Bottarga

Must See

La Bottarga★★★★★ 4.9 (519)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

La Bottarga is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.9★ from 519 reviews. Located at кв.Ветрен, ул.11 6, 8124 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Crea Restaurant

Must See

Crea Restaurant★★★★★ 4.8 (262)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Crea Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.8★ from 262 reviews. Located at g.k. Petko R. Slaveykov, zh.k. Slaveykov 169, 8010 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM



Diverso

Must See

Diverso★★★★★ 4.7 (1,047)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Diverso is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.7★ from 1047 reviews. Located at Burgas Center, ul. "Saedinenie" 7, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed

Grog

Must See

Grog★★★★★ 4.7 (4,897)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Grog is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.7★ from 4897 reviews. Located at g.k. Petko R. Slaveykov, zh.k. Slaveykov 135, 8005 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Butlers Coffee & Kitchen 3

Must See

Butlers Coffee & Kitchen 3★★★★★ 4.7 (77)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Butlers Coffee & Kitchen 3 is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.7★ from 77 reviews. Located at Burgas Center, bul. "Stefan Stambolov" 601, 8001 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM



Bistro "BONELA" Must See

Bistro "BONELA"★★★★★ 4.7 (164)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



[Map](#)

Bistro "BONELA" is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.7★ from 164 reviews. Located at Burgas Center, ul. "Tsar Simeon I" 54, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed

Butlers Coffee & Kitchen Must See

Butlers Coffee & Kitchen★★★★★ 4.7 (1,033)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



[Map](#)

Butlers Coffee & Kitchen is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.7★ from 1033 reviews. Located at Burgas Center, ul. "Mihail Lermontov" 13, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

KAMANITE pizza Must See

KAMANITE pizza★★★★★ 4.6 (2,993)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



[Map](#)

KAMANITE pizza|bar|dinner is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.6★ from 2993 reviews. Located at Sarafovo, ul. "Burevestnik" 4, 8016 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM



Restaurant La Rose De Bogoridi

Must See

Restaurant La Rose De Bogoridi★★★★★ 4.6 (255)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Restaurant La Rose De Bogoridi is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.6★ from 255 reviews. Located at Burgas Center, bul. "Aleko Bogoridi" 19, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM

Opera Garden Restaurant Burgas

Must See

Opera Garden Restaurant Burgas★★★★★ 4.6 (427)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Opera Garden Restaurant Burgas is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.6★ from 427 reviews. Located at g.k. Vazrazhdane, ul. "Lyuben Karavelov" 36, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Happy Bar & Grill Center (Burgas)

Must See

Happy Bar & Grill Center (Burgas)★★★★★ 4.6 (9,174)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Happy Bar & Grill Center (Burgas) is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.6★ from 9174 reviews. Located at Burgas Center, bul. "Aleko Bogoridi" 60, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM



Dock 5

Top Pick

Dock 5★★★★★ 4.5 (3,052)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Dock 5 is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.5★ from 3052 reviews. Located at Harbour complex, MARINA, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 7:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 7:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 7:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 7:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 7:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 7:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 7:30 AM – 12:00 AM

MEDUSA

Top Pick

MEDUSA★★★★★ 4.5 (839)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

MEDUSA is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.5★ from 839 reviews. Located at Лазур, ул. "Adam Mickiewicz" 7, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Top Pick

Ti Bar & Kitchen - ресторант и бар в Бургас★★★★★ 4.5 (1,225)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Ti Bar & Kitchen - ресторант и бар в Бургас is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.5★ from 1225 reviews. Located at Burgas Center, ул. "Silistra" 4, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 7:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Tuesday: 7:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 7:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 7:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 7:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 7:30 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 7:30 AM – 11:00 PM



Top Pick

Cardamon Soul Food & Drinks★★★★ 4.5 (1,161)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Cardamon Soul Food & Drinks is a highly-rated restaurant in Burgas, rated 4.5★ from 1161 reviews. Located at Burgas Center, bul. "Aleko Bogoridi" 27, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 AM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 AM



Beach Bars

Real, highly-rated Beach Bars in Burgas, sourced from Google Places (rating above 4★).

Must See

Beach Bar SUMMER VIBE★★★★★ 4.8 (37)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Beach Bar SUMMER VIBE is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.8★ from 37 reviews. Located at SUMMER VIBE, Плаж Крайморие, 8014 Бургас, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 11:30 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 11:30 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 11:30 PM

Must See

Baywatch bar★★★★★ 4.8 (550)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Baywatch bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.8★ from 550 reviews. Located at Плаж Север (под летен театър, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 7:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 7:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 7:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 7:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 7:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Saturday: 7:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Sunday: 7:00 AM – 12:00 AM



Must See

HashtagPAVILION★★★★★ 4.6 (651)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

HashtagPAVILION is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.6★ from 651 reviews. Located at Sea Garden, Seaside road, next to the bridge, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 PM – 4:00 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 PM – 4:00 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 PM – 4:00 AM
- Thursday: 8:00 PM – 4:00 AM
- Friday: 8:00 PM – 4:00 AM
- Saturday: 8:00 PM – 4:00 AM
- Sunday: 8:00 PM – 4:00 AM

Must See

Barabar★★★★★ 4.6 (512)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Barabar is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.6★ from 512 reviews. Located at Морска Градина, 8000 Бургас, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Tuesday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Thursday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Friday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 AM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 AM
- Sunday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM

Must See

Bar Bossa★★★★★ 4.6 (966)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Bar Bossa is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.6★ from 966 reviews. Located at Burgas Center, ul. "Serdika" 2, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Sunday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM



Top Pick

Ailyaka Beach Bar★★★★★ 4.5 (374)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Ailyaka Beach Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.5★ from 374 reviews. Located at Крайморие, 8014 Бургас, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Top Pick

Hidden Beach Bar★★★★☆ 4.4 (1,191)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Hidden Beach Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.4★ from 1191 reviews. Located at MPH6+QJ, 8240 Sunny Beach, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Thursday: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Top Pick

Beach Bar An-Mari★★★★☆ 4.4 (285)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Beach Bar An-Mari is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.4★ from 285 reviews. Located at Централен плаж Пред хотел Европа, 8240 Sunny Beach, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM



Top Pick

Saxa Beach★★★★☆ 4.3 (1,372)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Saxa Beach is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.3★ from 1372 reviews. Located at Северен Плаж 5, 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Open 24 hours
- Tuesday: Open 24 hours
- Wednesday: Open 24 hours
- Thursday: Open 24 hours
- Friday: Open 24 hours
- Saturday: Open 24 hours
- Sunday: Open 24 hours

Top Pick

Chill Beach Club★★★★☆ 4.3 (447)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Chill Beach Club is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.3★ from 447 reviews. Located at Slanchev Bryag, 8240 Sunny Beach, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Open 24 hours
- Tuesday: Open 24 hours
- Wednesday: Open 24 hours
- Thursday: Open 24 hours
- Friday: Open 24 hours
- Saturday: Open 24 hours
- Sunday: Open 24 hours

Top Pick

Viking Beach Bar★★★★☆ 4.3 (3,010)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Viking Beach Bar is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.3★ from 3010 reviews. Located at Sunny Beach, on the beach at GLOBUS Hotel, Slanchev Bryag, 8240 Sunny Beach, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 5:30 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 5:30 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 5:30 AM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 5:30 AM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 5:30 AM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 5:30 AM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 5:30 AM



Top Pick

Playa Beach Club★★★★☆ 4.3 (518)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Playa Beach Club is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.3★ from 518 reviews. Located at Slanchev Bryag, 8240 Sunny Beach, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 AM

Top Pick

Pillow★★★★☆ 4.2 (324)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Pillow is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.2★ from 324 reviews. Located at 8000 Burgas, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: Open 24 hours
- Friday: Open 24 hours
- Saturday: Open 24 hours
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Top Pick

Kikki Beach★★★★☆ 4.2 (1,545)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Kikki Beach is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.2★ from 1545 reviews. Located at Resort, 8240 Sunny Beach, Bulgaria.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM



Top Pick

Beach Bar Algae★★★★☆ 4.2 (78)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Beach Bar Algae is a highly-rated beach bar in Burgas, rated 4.2★ from 78 reviews. Located at Unnamed Road, 8201, кв. Свети Георги, 8201 Бургас, Bulgaria.

Practical Information

Seasonal Overview

Best Season: May to September offers warm weather (20-27°C), sunny days, and perfect beach conditions. July and August are peak season with warmest waters.

Summer (June-August): Ideal for beach activities, warmest sea temperatures (22-24°C), but crowded and higher prices.

Spring (April-May): Pleasant temperatures (15-20°C), fewer crowds, perfect for sightseeing. May offers great beach conditions.

Fall (September-October): Warm weather continues, golden light for photography, swimming still possible, fewer tourists.

Winter (November-March): Cold (3-8°C), fewer tourists, museums and indoor attractions dominate, occasional rainy days.

Getting Around Burgas

Public Buses: Affordable local buses connect city areas. Purchase tickets from kiosks or directly from drivers. Comprehensive coverage for beaches and attractions.

Taxis & Ride Apps: Reliable taxi services available; use official metered taxis or ride-sharing apps. Reasonably priced short distances within the city.

Rental Cars: Several rental agencies at airport and city center. International driving permit required. Useful for day trips to nearby destinations.

Bike Rentals: Bicycle rental shops available throughout the city. Dedicated cycling paths along the coast.

Walking: Compact city center ideal for walking. Sea Garden and Old Town easily explored on foot.

Arriving in Burgas

Airport: Burgas Airport located 10km from city center. Buses, taxis, and shuttle services available. Approximately 20-30 minutes to city center.

Bus Station: Central bus station connects to other Bulgarian cities and international destinations. Located near city center.

Train Station: Limited train service; buses more convenient for regional travel.

→ Airport Transfer

Burgas Airport (BOJ) to city center:

- **Public Bus Line 15:** Connects to Burgas city center and bus station in about 20 minutes for around 1.60 BGN
- **Taxi:** Metered ride to Burgas city center takes about 15 minutes and costs roughly 15-20 BGN
- **Private Transfer:** Door-to-door car to Sunny Beach resorts takes about 35 minutes and costs around 25-30 EUR
- **Seasonal Shuttle Bus:** Summer-only coach to Sunny Beach and Sozopol runs about 30-40 minutes for around 10 EUR



Shopping Areas

Alexander Batenberg Square & Surroundings: Modern shopping area with international brands, Bulgarian shops, cafes, and restaurants. Main commercial hub of the city.

Old Town Shops: Authentic Bulgarian crafts, souvenirs, local artwork, galleries, and antique shops. Charming narrow streets with independent retailers.

Burgas Mall: Modern shopping center with international brands, electronics, fashion, dining options, and entertainment facilities.

What to Buy

Traditional Crafts: Handwoven textiles, embroidered items, wooden carvings, and traditional Bulgarian dolls.

Wines & Spirits: Bulgarian wines, rakia (traditional brandy), and local spirits at competitive prices.

Rose Products: Rose oil, cosmetics, and perfumes from nearby rose-growing regions.

Sea Products: Fresh seafood, fish products, and caviar from local fisheries.

Spices & Foods: Local honey, herbs, kaolin (Bulgarian mineral), and traditional food products.

Bargaining Tips

Bargaining is **not customary** in established shops. Old town artisan vendors may negotiate on handcrafted items. Markets occasionally open for informal haggling. Prices are generally very reasonable already compared to Western Europe.

Annual Events

Sea Dance Festival (August): International electronic music festival on the beach featuring top DJs and performers. Major summer entertainment event drawing visitors from across Europe.

Burgas Music Days (May): Classical music festival featuring performances by Bulgarian and international orchestras. Various venues throughout the city.

Ethnographic Festival (July): Celebration of traditional Bulgarian culture with folk music, dance, crafts, and costumes. Authentic cultural experience.

New Wine Festival (September): Wine enthusiasts celebrate new vintage wines with tastings, vineyard visits, and food pairings.

National Holidays

January 1: New Year's Day

March 3: Liberation Day (Bulgarian Independence)

May 1: Labor Day

May 24: Bulgarian Culture Day (Cyrillic Alphabet Day)

September 6: Unification Day

September 22: Independence Day

December 25: Christmas Day

Easter: Orthodox Easter celebrated with special events and family gatherings (dates vary yearly)



5-Day Burgas Itinerary

Day 1: Beaches & Sea Garden

Morning: Relax on **Burgas Central Beach**, swim, and enjoy water sports. Lunch at beachfront restaurant. Afternoon: Stroll through **Sea Garden**, visit public art installations, and enjoy sunset views. Evening: Dinner in Old Town with fresh seafood.

Day 2: Museums & Culture

Morning: **Archaeological Museum** exploring Thracian treasures and Roman artifacts. Late morning: **Ethnographic Museum** showcasing traditional crafts and costumes. Afternoon: **Art Gallery Burgas** viewing contemporary exhibitions. Evening: Relax at cafes in Aleksander Batenberg Square.

Day 3: Religious Sites & Architecture

Morning: Visit **Burgas Cathedral** admiring Byzantine architecture. Mid-morning: **St. Cyril and Methodius Church**. Afternoon: Explore **Old Town** streets, galleries, and local shops. Evening: Wine tasting at local venues with traditional Bulgarian dishes.

Day 4: Day Trip to Sozopol

Full day excursion to ancient town of **Sozopol** (30km south). Explore medieval fortifications, fortified walls, and charming cobblestone streets. Visit local galleries and seafood restaurants. Swim at quiet beaches near the old town. Return to Burgas for evening.

Day 5: Nature & Relaxation

Morning: Bike tour along coastal cycling routes discovering hidden beaches and nature reserves. Afternoon: Visit **Taigarno Nature Reserve** for peaceful coastal forest experience and wildlife observation. Evening: Final sunset at Sea Garden or beach, farewell dinner highlighting local specialties.

Best Photography Locations

Sea Garden at Sunset (Golden Hour): Stunning coastal views with warm lighting perfect for landscape and portrait photography. Best 1 hour before sunset (18:30-19:30 in summer). Capture monuments and sculptures with sea backdrop.

Central Beach (Early Morning): Peaceful beach scenes with soft morning light (6:00-8:00 AM). Fewer crowds, calm waters, and dramatic sky opportunities. Ideal for landscape and nature photography.

Old Town Streets (Late Afternoon): Charming narrow streets with warm golden light highlighting historic architecture (17:00-19:00). Perfect for architectural and cultural photography capturing authentic character.

Aleksander Batenberg Square (Evening): Monument and square beautifully lit at dusk with vibrant nighttime atmosphere. Great for city photography and architectural details (19:00-21:00).

Taigarno Beach (Sunrise): Pristine coastal forest backdrop with soft light and minimal crowds. Unique nature and seascape photography opportunities (5:30-7:30 AM).

Burgas Harbor (Morning): Active port with fishing boats, cranes, and maritime activity. Industrial landscape photography with authentic Black Sea port atmosphere (7:00-10:00 AM).

Coastal Paths (Golden Hour): Scenic walking paths along cliffs and beaches with panoramic Black Sea views. Best lighting 1 hour before/after sunset for dramatic seascape photography.

Electrical Standards

Voltage: Bulgaria uses 230V AC electrical current (European standard).

Frequency: 50 Hz (cycles per second).

Plug Types: Bulgaria uses **Type C (Europlug)** and **Type F (Schuko)** electrical outlets.



Adapter Requirements

Type C (Europlug): Two round pins. Common in Europe. Adapters available from this to other plug types.

Type F (Schuko): Two round pins with earth clips on sides. More common in modern buildings.

North American (Type A/B): Two flat/round pins. Requires adapter for Bulgaria.

British (Type G): Three rectangular pins. Requires adapter for Bulgaria.

Australian (Type I): Three angled pins. Requires adapter for Bulgaria.

Adapter Options

Purchase adapters before travel or at airport duty-free shops. Universal travel adapters covering multiple plug types recommended for flexibility. Bulgarian shops and hotels often provide adapters for standard devices.

Voltage Consideration: Most modern devices (laptops, phones, cameras) automatically adjust to 230V with proper plug adapter. Check device labels for voltage compatibility.

Must-Try Bulgarian Dishes

Shopska Salad: Traditional Bulgarian salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, and white cheese (sirene). Fresh, healthy, and served at every restaurant. Perfect light meal or appetizer.

Banitsa: Flaky pastry filled with cheese, spinach, or meat. Crispy exterior and savory filling. Eaten for breakfast or snacks throughout the day.

Moussaka: Layered eggplant and meat casserole with béchamel sauce. Rich, warm, and deeply satisfying main course found in all traditional restaurants.

Grilled Fish & Seafood: Fresh Black Sea fish, shrimp, mussels, and squid grilled simply with lemon and olive oil. Burgas specialty reflecting coastal location. Incredibly fresh and flavorful.

Kebab & Pita: Grilled meat (pork, chicken, lamb) served in thin flatbread with yogurt and vegetables. Affordable, delicious street food or casual meal.

Tarator: Cold yogurt soup with cucumber, garlic, and dill. Perfect refreshing dish on hot summer days. Unique Bulgarian specialty.

Rakia: Traditional fruit brandy (grape, plum, or apple). Potent local spirit served as aperitif or digestif. Moderate sipping recommended.

Dining Tips

Restaurant Quality: Burgas offers excellent value with fresh local ingredients, generous portions, and reasonable prices compared to Western Europe.

Lunch Specials: Many restaurants offer fixed-price lunch menus (12:00-15:00) with significant discounts versus dinner pricing.

Seafood Restaurants: Concentrated near the beach and harbor. Check daily specials for freshest catch. Prices vary significantly—ask before ordering.

Service & Tipping: Service charge not usually included. 10% tip is customary for good service. Cash tips appreciated in local establishments.

Vegetarian Options: Bulgarian cuisine includes numerous vegetable dishes. Clearly communicate dietary restrictions—restaurants accommodate with notice.



Tourist Passes

Burgas City Card

A **tourist discount card** providing discounts at participating hotels, restaurants, shops, and attractions throughout Burgas. Typically 5-15% discounts on purchases and entrance fees. Available for 1, 3, or 7-day periods. Useful for budget-conscious travelers visiting multiple attractions and dining establishments.

Bulgarian Museum Pass

A **comprehensive museum pass** granting access to museums across Bulgaria including Burgas archaeological and ethnographic institutions. Provides unlimited entry to participating museums for set period. Economical for culturally-focused visitors planning multiple museum visits during Bulgarian travels.

Beach Club Membership

Season-long or weekly **beach club passes** offering discounted food and beverage purchases at affiliated beach bars and restaurants. Often includes reserved seating, shower facilities, and lounge chair access. Economical for extended beach-focused stays during summer months.

