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1. Geographical location

Ruse has taken for itself the highest right bank of the Danube river at a distance of approximately 320 km from the capital Sofia. Ruse is 200 km from Varna and almost about 300 km from Plovdiv. This important cultural, commercial, and industrial city enjoys its close proximity to the Danube in terms of transportation and development. Ruse's prime location makes it the most important part of the International trade of the company.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Ruse Has A Prime Location For International Trade Because Of Its Situation On The Danube. But River Routes Is Not All. Ruse Is Connected To Various Cities By Road And It's Only 320 Km Away From The Capital Sofia. Other Nearby Cities Include Varna That's Just 200 Km And Plovdiv Which Is 300 Km By Road. There Is Also A Nice Rail Transportation Between Ruse And Its Neighbouring Cities.



3. Significance

One Should Visit Ruse For Its Museums And Churches. The UNESCO Has Included The Rock-hewn Churches Of Ivanova.



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4. History

"The Legend Talks That The Ruse Has Derived Its Name From The Name Of A Female Founder Named Rusa. Rusa Translates To "Blond Hair". Some Say That The Name Originated From A Russian Settlement (Russocastrom) The City Of Ruse Grew Into A Neolithic Settlement Between 3rd To 2nd Millennium BC. This Was The Time When Pottery, Agriculture And Fishing Developed. Some Excavations Suggest That Ruse Was Under Constant Attack By Neighbouring Tribes And Also Underwent Natural Disasters. Excavations Also Reveal Idols Of A Fertility Goddess. "



5. Cultural identity

"Ruse presents to its guests, a rich cultural background. At the end of the 19th century Ruse was an attraction to various builders. Some of them were the most prominent European architects that helped build the urban architectural structures that now rule the Ruse. There are still dozens of monuments that have a European heritage sign. The Liberty monument in the heart of the city is a representation of the determination its citizens had to defend their civil rights and their freedom. There are 260 plus buildings in the Ruse that make up to the cultural heritage list. Out of these, 20 have been labelled as European Heritage recently under the initiative of the European Parliament and the Council of Europe. The Svoboda Square and the Alexander Battenberg Square are symbols of Ruse's delightful architectural Heritage. The Profitable House forms the crown of the Svoboda Square and is the home for Ruse theatre and most cultural Events take place here. The Regional Government House is now home to the Regional Museum of history. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry is now the Regional Library. Canetti Trade House on the 12th Slavyanska Street is another Building with cultural importance. All events hosted by the Elias Canetti Society take place here. Average wait time to cover all these places is about 4 hours. The most noteworthy to take place in the Ruse calendar, is the annual March Music Days."

6. Natural resources

"Ruse has a special advantage in terms of having the amount of natural resources in such a small territory. The natural and cultural reserves contribute to the large tourist attraction that it has become. The landscape of Ruse consists mainly of lowlands and lowland- hilly which is suitable for agriculture and does not hinder the development of transportation and infrastructures. The highest point in Ruse is the town of Borisovo (290m above the sea level). Despite being a lowland on the whole, several hilly areas and canyons form the landscape attractions. The river network is also particularly dense. But most of these rivers like Rusenski lom, Beli Lom and the Cherni Lom have limited usage in terms of economic development. These rivers flow in canyons and leave behind beautiful landscapes that form Ruse's important tourist attraction. The nature park of Ruse also houses 14 species of orchids, and 930 different plant species which makes it for another reason for a tourist to visit this city. "

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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Kaliopa House

Kaliopa House, a favored name for the Bulgarian Urban Lifestyle of Ruse Museum, was built in 1864 and legends say that the house was presented to by the very beautiful Kaliopa who was wife to the Prussian Consul Kalish. The facade's design has a noticeable coincidence to that of the houses in Plovdiv and it was in 1896 that the frescoes of the upper floor were crafted. It is symbolic of Ruse's role as a gateway towards Europe and the first ever grand piano imported from Vienna can be seen here.

Address : 7000 Ruse, Tsar Ferdinand St 39, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7000

Location : 43.85239929999999, 25.951655500000015

Contact : +359 82 820 997

Website : http://www.museumruse.com/expositions/kaliopa_bg.htm

Entry Fee : Individuals: 1 lv Students: 4 lv Groups (more than 5 people): 3 lv Talk in Bulgarian: 4 lv

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. EcoMuseum

A major tourist attraction, the EcoMuseum has preserved a diversity of animal and fish species from the protected areas along the Danube river. The 4 floors have been laid with a very rich collection of fossils and dioramas. This museum is also an abode to the largest freshwater aquarium in the country and contains fishes from the Danube as well as its tributaries. A life-size model of a Wholly Mammoth (*Mammuthus primigenius*) and its only preserved jaw are also exhibited here.

Address : ul. "Alexandrovska" 3, 7000 Ruse, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7000

Location : 43.844544, 25.947371900000007

Contact : +359 82 825 002

Entry Fee : Adults: 4 lv Students: 1 lv Groups (over 5 people): 3 lv

Open & Close Timing : Daily 9:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Freedom Square

Freedom Square (Паметника на Свободата) is the place where most of the cultural events and feasts take place in Ruse and it is difficult to miss as 2 of the biggest shopping streets cross here. It is home to the Statue of Liberty, which is a female figure with her right hand pointing in the direction from where the liberations had arrived, the fountains, the municipality of Ruse, the courthouse, and the Opera House of the building of the former Battenberg Palace. There are 2 lions at the base of the structure, one of which is tearing the chains of slavery and the other standing guard of the liberty.

Address : 7000 Ruse, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7000

Location : 43.8487226, 25.953330999999935

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. National Transport Museum

Occupying the space of the former Battenberg Palace, the National Transport Museum is home to archaeological collections of Karel, Hermenguild Shkorpil and also that of Vasil Kovachev. Established in 1904, the museum has a collection of approximately 140,000 artefacts which include pottery artworks of the 4th century, the Borovo treasure of the 4th century BC, the findings of the excavations in the Danube castle, a collection of urban clothing and much more. It also houses the belongings of the important men from the liberation struggle, bones of prehistoric mammals, and a 4th-century bronze helmet which supposedly belonged to a soldier of Alexander - The Great.

Address : ul. "Bratya Obretenovi" 5, 7002 Ruse, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7002

Location : 43.8608408, 25.963503800000012

Contact : +359 82 803 516

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Ruse Regional Historical Museum

Tagged as one of the 11 regional museums in Bulgaria, the Regional Historical Museum occupies the building of the former Battenberg Palace and holds around 140,000 items from the region of Ruse and North-east Bulgaria. Having been established later in 1904, the museum exhibits the findings of Karel, Hermenguild Shkorpil, and Vasil Kovachev who were gathered in the men's high school "Knyaz Boris" of Ruse.

Address : pl. 'Kniaz Aleksander Batenberg' 3, 7000 Ruse, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7002

Location : 43.843996, 25.947608

Contact : +359 82 803 516

Website : <http://www.museumruse.com/>

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



7.2.4. Pantheon of National Revival Heroes

Located in the heart of the city, the Pantheon of National Revival Heroes is a Bulgarian national monument bearing historical importance. Being the burial place to 39 renowned personalities of Bulgaria, the interior of the Pantheon has 453 names written on it. It was built over and after the demolition of the "All Saints" church and was opened to the public on 28th February 1977. It was in 2001, that the Pantheon was Christianized by placing a cross on the dome.

Address : 7002 Ruse, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7002

Location : 43.8505679, 25.960892999999942

Website : http://www.museumruse.com/expositions/panteon_bg.htm

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo

Making a place for itself in the World Heritage List in 1979, Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo are medieval cave church complexes belonging to the monastery of St. Michael and have attracted a large number of tourists since then. They were known as the spiritual centers between the 10th and 14th centuries. Having been painted during the 14th century, the walls of the cave depict paintings of the scenes of life from Jesus's life.

Address : 7088 Ivanovo, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7088

Location : 43.6948801, 25.986984000000007

Contact : +359 82 825 002

Website : http://www.museumruse.com/expositions/ivanovo_bg.htm

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Catholic Cathedral Saint Paul of the Cross

Located just off the Ul Pridunavski, the Catholic Church of St. Paul the Crucified was finished in 1892. It has been kept in its original state where its murals, glass windows, and chandeliers are the key noticeable artefacts. It was the first church to have installed an organ which is still capable of firing up a 700- pipe monster for the Sunday Prayer.

Address : ul. 'Episkop Bosilkov' 14, 7000 Ruse, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7000

Location : 43.8488889, 25.9482057000000017

Contact : +359 82 828 188

Website : <http://catholic.bg/ruse/site/index.php>

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Mall Rousse

Spanning across an area of 40,000 square meters, Mall Rousse is a 3-storey mall

and the biggest shopping as well as entertainment spot in the city. It is a paradisiacal destination for fashion buffs as it is mostly fashion-oriented and houses a diversity of brands and fashion trends. To add to it, it also has a 10 screen multiplex to keep the crowd entertained. Head here to make the most of your leisure time.

Address : Русе, бул. Липник 121Д, ет. 3, 7005 Ruse, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7005

Location : 43.8546369, 25.989925399999947

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Wineprom Ruse

Tagged as the largest winery in Ruse, Wineprom Ruse has become modernized admirably since its 1998 privatization. A perfect location for a wine lover, Danubian Valley Whites are among the best offerings that they have. You can also try their Red Ghamza, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Welschriesling wines.

Address : Русе, бул. 3 март 44, 7000 Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7000

Location : 43.828817699999999, 25.933882400000016

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Municipality Hall Ruse

Dating back to mid-1980s, the Municipality Hall Ruse is an imposing structure and boasts of communist-era architectonic styles. Locals usually refer to it as a ship because of its unusual structure. Though it is closed for the public, you can marvel at its architectural beauty from outside.

Address : pl. 'SVOBODA' 6, 7000 Ruse, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7000

Location : 43.8476917, 25.954803500000025

Contact : +359 82 870 066

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Orlova Chuka

With a total length of 13,437 meters, Orlova Chuka is the second longest cave in Bulgaria after Duhlata. Having been discovered in 1941, the cave houses 14 species of bats and has a constant average temperature of 14°C throughout the year. The cave has its entrance 40 meters above the sea and is accessible by a steep slope providing a scenic view of Rusenski Lom Nature Park and the rock formations of the river valley.

Address : 7158, Bulgaria

Zipcode : 7158

Location : 43.59339569999999, 25.960343899999998

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

" Football And Swimming Are Some Of The Major Sports In The City Of Ruse. The Major Stadiums In The City Of Ruse Are : "

- **City Stadium:**

Address : ul. 'Shtip', 7002 Ruse, Bulgaria

Location : 43.847963,25.963058

- **Lokomotiv Stadium:**

Address : 7004 Ruse, Bulgaria

Location : 43.8606243,25.9827049000000044



9. Spas and relaxation

- **Neli Spa:**

Address : Bulevard Neofit Bozveli 16a, vhod 1, etazh 1, бул. Н. Бозвели 16а, вх. 1, ет. 1, 7000 Ruse, Bulgaria

Location : 43.84957899999999,25.955229000000003

Contact No : +359 88 581 6022



10. Events calendar

Month

Events

March Music Days Festival

"It's a two week music festival at different venues in the city. You can find music, dance and drama performances at places all around Ruse during this time of the year. "

Golden Rebeck Folklore Festival

"Traditional Bulgarian folk music gets a hearing at the concerts in the city. If you enjoy folklore from Ruse, this festival is for you! "

Ruse Jazz Bluezz Festival

"Come September and the International jazz and blues musicians make the town go gaga at various venues. A brilliant music festival that brings the best of Bulgarian jazz together. "

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11. Key local guides and tours

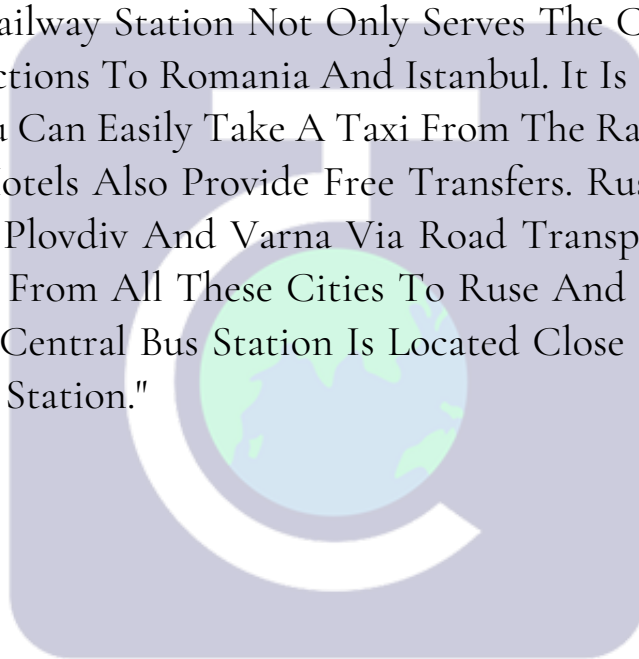
Though you can manage by yourself in the city of Ruse, there are a lot of tours guides that can arrange a guide for you to tell you the importance of different things around the town. You can ask your hotel to arrange a guide for you when you reach there or you can book one in advance. Yusein Yusein



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12. Transportation hubs

"Ruse Is Connected To All Major Neighbouring Cities Via Rail And Road Connectivity. Ruse's Airport Was Abandoned In 1999 And You Need To Use One Of These Nearest Airports : Bucharest Aurel Vlaicu Airport (84 Km) Varna Airport (185 Km) AtlasTaxi.eu Is The Most Popular Airport Transfer Provider In The City. A Taxi From Bucharest Airport To The City Centre Costs Around €60. Ruse Central Railway Station Not Only Serves The Country But Also Has International Connections To Romania And Istanbul. It Is Only 2.5km South Of The City Centre. You Can Easily Take A Taxi From The Railway Station To The City Center. Most Hotels Also Provide Free Transfers. Ruse Is Also Connected To Bucharest, Sofia, Plovdiv And Varna Via Road Transport. There Are Buses Roughly Every Hour From All These Cities To Ruse And These Buses Start As Early As 7 AM. The Central Bus Station Is Located Close (5 Minutes Walk) To The Central Railway Station."



13. Transportation cost

"The City Of Ruse Has Most Of Its Architectural Sites Within The Walking Distance From Its City Centre Except For The Ivanovo Rock Cut Churches That Are 20 Miles South To Ruse Near The Ivanovo Town. But Its Now Advisory To Walk Along To Every Destination In Town. It Would Mean More Time Spent On Travelling Than Sight Seeing. You Can Use The Bikes That Most 3-5 Star Hotels Provide You Or You Could Ask Them To Book You A Shuttle For An Extra Cost. But If You Are On A Budget Trip, You Can Also Use The City's Public Transportation Which Is Kind Of Decent And Is Affordable Too. There Is A System Of Trolleybuses In Ruse And They Move Around The Entire City Covering Almost All The Tourist Attractions. It Was Opened In 1988.and Currently Has 8 Lines. The Tickets To The Trolleybus Can Be Purchased From The Driver Or The Ticket Station At The Stop. There Is Also The System Of E Tickets If You Plan On Travelling A Lot Via The Trolley Buses And They Will Not Burden Your Pocket. "

Index**14. Baggage allowance**

Your Luggage Dimensions Should Stay Within 60/40/40 Or Else You Will Be Asked To Pay For Luggage. It Is Advisable That You Carry Small Bags And Backpacks Which Are Easier To Carry And Manage. Wheeled Bags Might Cause An Issue As The City Streets Are Kind Of Rusty.



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15. Must try food and local savouries

Bulgarian Cuisine Is Known For Its Rich Salads And Delicious Grilled Meats. The Locals In Ruse Always Start Their Meals With A Salad Accompanied By A Glass Of An Aniseed Based Spirit Called Mastika Or A Glass Of Raika Which Is A Local Spirit Made Of Either Plums Or Grapes. Shopska Salad Is The Most Famous. It Is Made Of Freshly Cut Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Onions, Parsley And Grated Sirene.



16. Restaurant & Nightlife

Food -

- **Happy Bar & Grill:**

Address : pl. "SVOBODA" 4, 7000 Ruse, Bulgaria

Location : 43.8483691,25.95217600000000

Contact No : +359 700 20 888

Website : <http://www.happy.bg/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **?????????? New House:**

Address : Street Hristo G. Danov 5, Ruse 7000, Bulgaria

Location : 43.8476079,25.9500544

Contact No : +359 89 200 0627

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Chiflika:**

Address : ul. "Otetz Paisiy" 2, 7000 Ruse, Bulgaria

Location : 43.845588,25.948672

Contact No : +359 82 828 222

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 11:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday:
12:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Max Club:**

Address : ul. "Alexandrovska" 84, 7002 Ruse, Bulgaria

Location : 43.8524666,25.95786980000000

Contact No : +359 87 790 5499

Website : <http://www.maxclubruse.com/>

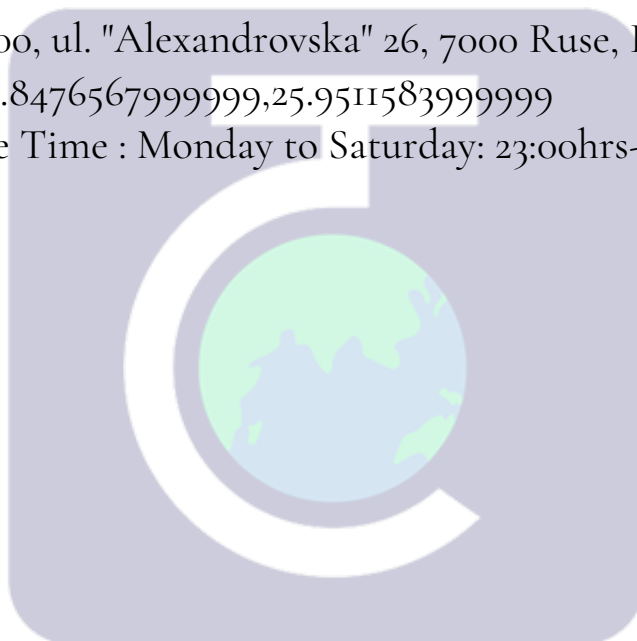
Open / Close Time : Daily 21:00hrs-03:00hrs

- **Night Club OZone:**

Address : 7000, ul. "Alexandrovska" 26, 7000 Ruse, Bulgaria

Location : 43.84765679999999,25.95115839999999

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 23:00hrs-06:00hrs



Index**17. Average meal cost**

"A Three-course Meal In Ruse Costs As Following: • Basic Lunch (including A Drink) In Ruse At A Decent Place Costs Around 13 ₺. • A Combo Meal In Fast Food Restaurant 10₺ • (Big Mac Meal Or Similar) Costs 8 ₺ Approximately."



18. Shopping

Ruse Offers To Its Visitors A Variety Of Options For Shopping. Be It Malls Or Small Shops On The Streets, The City's Products Are A True Value For Money. You Can Also Shop For Some International Brands At The Malls In The City.



Index**19. Tourist benefits**

VAT In Bulgaria Is 20%. As A Tourist, You Can Claim Back Your VAT On Goods If You Have Spent More Than 250 Lv In One Shop. This Can Be Done By Asking For A VAT Refund Form At The Time Of Your Purchase. Not All Shops Offer This Service, So Look Out For The Ones With The Tax Free Bulgaria Logo On The Shop's Entrance.



20. Essential local apps

Bulgaria City Guide Is The One Guide Everyone Who Travels There Needs To Have With Them For Everything They Need There.



Index**21. Driving**

Every Person Who Drives A Motor Vehicle In Bulgaria Must Carry Either A Driver's License Issued By The Bulgaria Itself Or Another European Union (EU) Member State, Or An International Driver's License That Is Accepted In The Bulgaria Including One From His/her Home State. Driver's Licenses Issued By The Individual States In The U.S. Without The International Driver's License Component Are Not Accepted In The Bulgaria.



22. Travel essentials

"Rainfall In Ruse Isn't Unified Along The City. It Is Advised That You Carry An Umbrella And A Raincoat. It Is Also Advised To Carry A Nice Pair Of Shoes To Ease Your Movement Around The City Streets As They Are Rusty. Also Carry A GPS Device Or Ensure That You Have A Proper Knowledge Of The Things You Need To Visit In The City. You Wouldn't Want To Waste Time On Looking For A Site Than Looking At The Site. It Is Also Advisable That You Carry Your Toiletries With You As The Hotels In Ruse Aren't Very Generous About The Toiletries. Though Toiletries And Medical Supplies Are Easy To Fetch In Ruse As Well, Its Better You Have Them In Your Backpack. It Is Also Advised That You Carry Your Medicines In Advance If You Are On A Prescription. Ruse's Standard Voltage Is 220 - 240V And There Are Type F Sockets In Hotels And Apartments. You Might Need To Carry A Converter Depending On The Country You Come From. It Is Recommended That You Carry Your Own Adapter As It Might Become Difficult To Find One In The City"

23. Essential clothes

"Rainfall In Ruse Isn't Unified Along The City. It Is Advised That You Carry An Umbrella And A Raincoat. It Is Also Advised To Carry A Nice Pair Of Shoes To Ease Your Movement Around The City Streets As They Are Rusty. Also Carry A GPS Device Or Ensure That You Have A Proper Knowledge Of The Things You Need To Visit In The City. You Wouldn't Want To Waste Time On Looking For A Site Than Looking At The Site. It Is Also Advisable That You Carry Your Toiletries With You As The Hotels In Ruse Aren't Very Generous About The Toiletries. Though Toiletries And Medical Supplies Are Easy To Fetch In Ruse As Well, Its Better You Have Them In Your Backpack. It Is Also Advised That You Carry Your Medicines In Advance If You Are On A Prescription. Ruse's Standard Voltage Is 220 - 240V And There Are Type F Sockets In Hotels And Apartments. You Might Need To Carry A Converter Depending On The Country You Come From. It Is Recommended That You Carry Your Own Adapter As It Might Become Difficult To Find One In The City"

24. Local currency

The Bulgarian Lev (BGN ₺) Is The Official Currency In Ruse And Is Equal To 100 Stotinki. The Exchange Rate For BGN/USD Is 1.75.



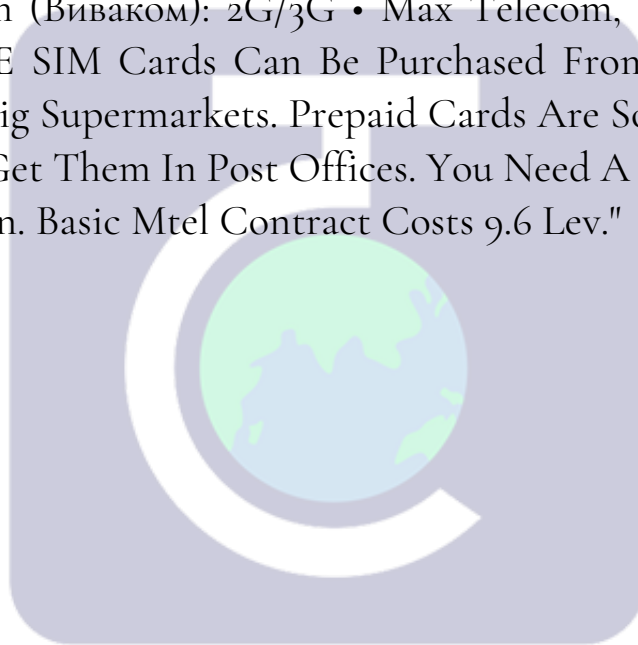
Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

It is advisable to carry cash as credit/ debit cards are not accepted at all places. There are a lot of ATM's around the city and they charge USD 3.9 + 1-2%



26. Staying connected

"There Is A Good Wi-Fi Connectivity Throughout The City, And Almost All Hotels And Restaurants Offer Free Wi-Fi Services If Your Are Using It For Dining Or Staying. Even Shopping Malls And The City Centre Have A Password Free WiFi Service. You Can Ask The Hotel Staff For It. Bulgaria Has Five Main Physical Network Providers: • Mtel 2G/3G Network • Telenor (Теленор): 2G/3G/4G • Vivacom (Виваком): 2G/3G • Max Telecom, 4G/LTE • Bulsatcom (Булсатком): 4G/LTE SIM Cards Can Be Purchased From The Shops Of The Providers Or From Big Supermarkets. Prepaid Cards Are Sold By The Operators Or You Could Also Get Them In Post Offices. You Need A Valid Passport Or ID Card For Registration. Basic Mtel Contract Costs 9.6 Lev."



27. Time Zone

Ruse lies in the Eastern European Time Zone UTC+02:00



Index**28. Languages**

The Local People Have A Niche On Speaking The Local Bulgarian Language. There Is A Little Use Of English In Certain Places. But You Can Easily Find Tourist Guides Speaking English, French, Spanish, Russian And German. The Prices May Vary Though Depending Upon The Ability Of The Guide. The Prevalent Language For Written Communication Is English But Is Not As Accepted For Speaking.



29. Political Scenario

There Is Not Much Of A Political Scenario In The Province Of Ruse As All The Political Seats Are Instated In The Capital State Of Sofia. Sofia Houses The Headquarters Of All The Major Parties, Supreme Courts And The Constitutional Court.



30. Economic Scenario

"Ruse Is A Very Large Industrial Centre. The City Owes It To Its Prime Location On The Danube Which Makes It A Viable Transportation And Trade Route. Ruse Has One Duty Free Zone And 2 Industrial Zones. The 400 MW Ruse Iztok Power Plant And The 41 MW Ruse West Power Plant Hold Light Up The Town. The City Also Houses Logistics And Business Parks Within The City. The Economy Is Dominated By Light Industry, Tailoring, Textiles And Food Processing Being The Next Major Industries. Fazan And Fenix Are The Biggest Names In Socks Manufacturing : Fazan Being The First Factory For Socks. The Machine Industry And The Ships Construction Sites Are Laos Very Much Developed, Making Ruse A Very Strong Economically. Ruse Is Also Home To One Of The Leading Manufacturers Of Luxury Yachts : Virpack. Virpack Has An Architecture And Engineering Studio In Ruse. There Are Also Big Metal - Working Companies Like AreZhiti Which Is A Leading Producer Of Low - Carbon Steel Products. "

Index**31. Religious belief**

Bulgarian Orthodox Is The Main Religion That Goes Around The City. But You Will Also Find Patches Of Roman Catholics, Muslims, And Jews Around You.



32. Visa requirements

"The EU Citizens Can Enter Ruse With Just An ID Proof. Citizens Of USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia And Japan Can Stay In Ruse For As Long As 90 Days Without A Visa, Provided That They Carry An International Passport And Do Not Work During This Period. Citizens From The Rest Of The World Will Have To Get A Proper Visa To Get An Entry Into Bulgaria. It Is Advised You Carry Your Passport At All Times During Your Stay In Ruse."



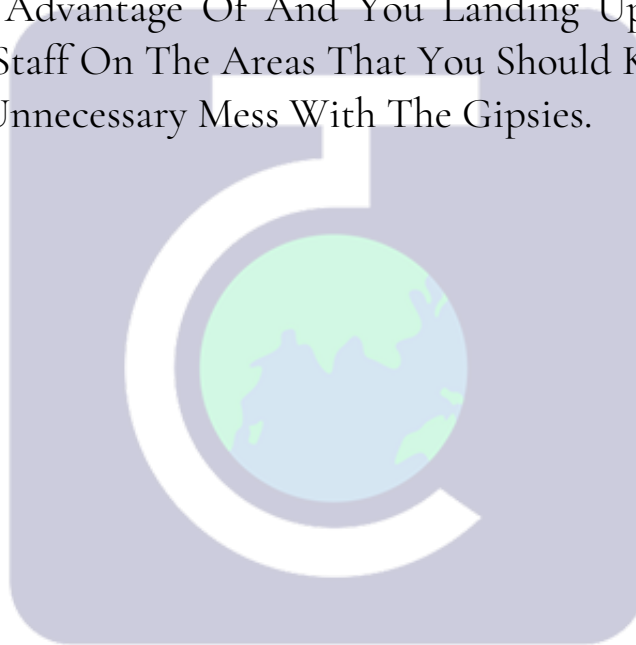
Index**33. Essential vaccination**

One Travelling To Bulgaria Is Asked To Take A Hepatitis A Vaccination. One Should Consult Their Doctor Before Doing So.



34. Theft and Safety

As Is With Any Other Tourist Destination Of The World, Tourists Are Expected To Stay A Little Alert While Travelling To A Foreign Land. Though Ruse Isn't Very High On The Crime Scenario, But It Is Advised That The Tourists Take Care Of Their Valuables And Not Be Very Friendly With The Local People. It Is Also Advisable To Not Carry Large Amounts Of Cash Since You May Be Taken Advantage Of And You Landing Up Pickpocketed. Also Consult Your Hotel Staff On The Areas That You Should Keep Off In Order To Avoid Getting Into Unnecessary Mess With The Gipsies.



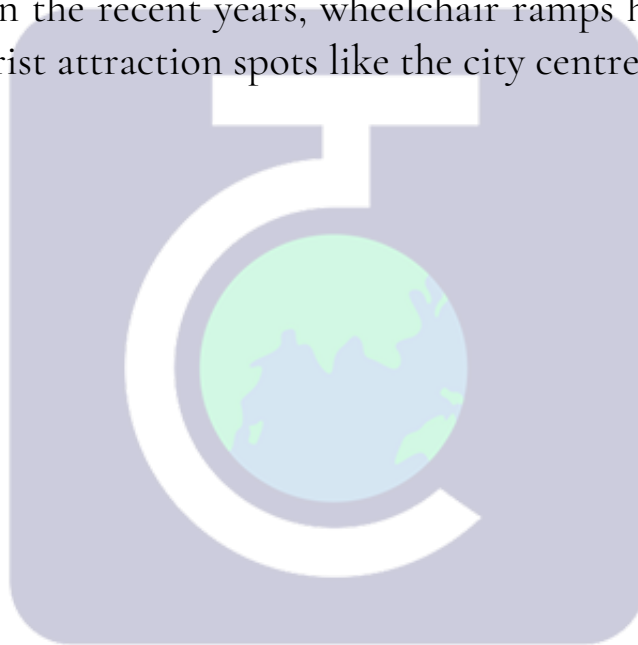
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"Here Is A List To The Foreign Embassies And Consulates In The Ruse
[Http://www.consulby.com/embassies-in-bulgaria/embassies-near-obshtina-ruse/](http://www.consulby.com/embassies-in-bulgaria/embassies-near-obshtina-ruse/)"



36. Accessibility

"It's rather easy to walk in the city than to opt for a crowded bus or van. Buses are also very old and should rather be avoided in case of disability or in case you have somebody alongside who is disabled. A private shuttle can be looked instead to ease your travel around the city. Ruse is also connected to Varna and Sofia via road, rail and Air services making it easier for you to spend less time travelling and more enjoying. In the recent years, wheelchair ramps have been installed in some of they key tourist attraction spots like the city centre and the Ecomuseum."



Index**37. Emergencies**

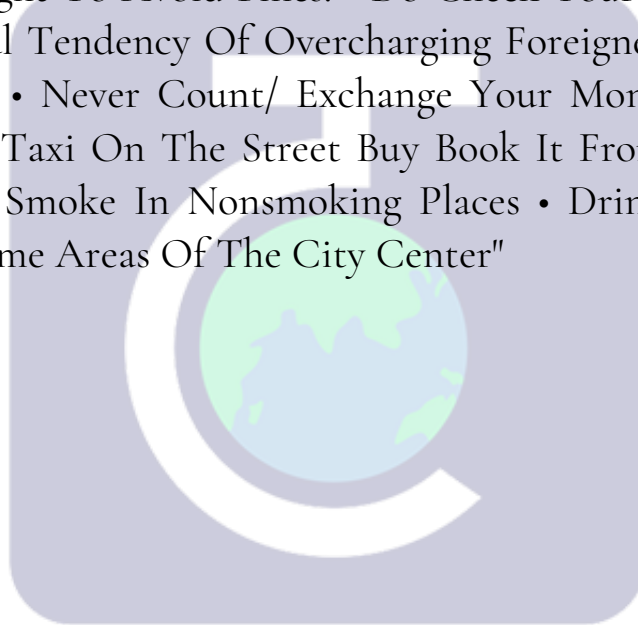
"The State Run Medical Services Are Nice And Can Be Reached In Case Of Emergency. The Hotels Provide Shuttles And Ambulances In Such Cases. Medical Center 1 St. Borisova 36 Tel: 082 834 142, 082 834 634 Reproductive Health: Medical Center ""Reproductive Health Dr. Shterev Ruse"" Specialized Reproductive And Obstetric Clinic C. Ruse, Ul. Vidin 21 Tel: 082 511 869, 0887 731 814"



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38. Do's and Don'ts

"Do's • Do Keep An Eye On Your Belongings At All Times, Especially In The Tourist Areas. • Do Visit Some Of The Less Popular Tourist Attractions In The City. The Experience Can Be Really Rewarding. • Do Check Menu Prices Carefully Before Ordering. • If You Intend To Stand Still, Stay On The Right Side Of Escalators. • Make Sure You Cross The Road Only On The Crosswalks And On A Green Light To Avoid Fines. • Do Check Your Bill Carefully Before Paying. Its A General Tendency Of Overcharging Foreigners At A Number Of Places. Fines. Don'ts • Never Count/ Exchange Your Money On The Street. • Don't Flag Down A Taxi On The Street Buy Book It From A Reliable Source Beforehand. • Don't Smoke In Nonsmoking Places • Drinking While On The Street Is Illegal In Some Areas Of The City Center"



Index**39.Tipping basics**

Tipping In Ruse Is Generally Between 5-10% Of The Billing Amount. Be Sure To Check That Service Charges Are Not Already Added Before Tipping.



40.Pet info

" If Travelling With Pets, Ensure They Have A Pet Passport And Also A Few Other Details As Mentioned On This Site.
[Http://www.pettravel.com/immigration/bulgaria.cfm](http://www.pettravel.com/immigration/bulgaria.cfm)"



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

"Ruse Which Is Sometimes Referred To As “Rousse”, Is One Of The Most Elegant Cities Of Bulgaria. Historically Ruse Was Also Called Rustchuk, Ruschuk And Even Rusçuk. Its Also Referred To As Small Vienna . A Touch Of Mitteleuropa Grandness Makes The City Unparalleled To Any Other Tourist Attraction. Belle époque Style Of Architecture And Some Neatly Cut Leafy Squares Make For The City’s Grand Look. It Appears As If A Little Piece Of Vienna Has Floated Down The Danube And Taken Rest Here.



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