

Excursion to Assen's Fortress and Bachkovo Monastery



Assens's Fortress (Assenova Krepost) dates back to the XI-XIII century. It was built during the reign of tsar Ivan-Assen II, one of the greatest Bulgarian kings (Second Bulgarian kingdom). The best preserved building of the Assen's Fortress is the Church of the Holy Mother of God of Petrich. The views are great as the foirtress sits on a hill in the Rhodope Mountains surrounded by many green peaks.



Bachkovo Monastery is the second largest Bulgarian monastery and one of the three Bulgarian Stavropegial monasteries (the other two are Rilski Monastery and Troyan Monastery) which draws thousands of visitors, Bulgarian and foreign tourists alike.