

- SPA HOTEL ASPA VILA -

Your home away from home.

Welcome to Spa Hotel Aspa Vila - an oasis of calm, care and comfort. A charming place for winter and summer vacations. The right choice for those who love unspoiled scenery.

We offer everything for everybody – for those who want a “back to nature” return in search of peace and quiet and for those looking for a fun-filled, thrilling and exciting holiday.

If you are sensitive to the charm of the mountain and mineral water springs – here is your Mecca.

An experience you shouldn't miss!

LOCATION

Spa hotel Aspa Vila is located in the mountain village of Banya, a balneological centre in the Razlog valley, nestled between three mountains – Rila, Pirin and Rhodope. We believe our mountains to be one of the earth's few energy spots.

- **PIRIN** – Bulgaria's second highest mountain (highest peak VIHREN – 2914m). It treasures 176 mountain lakes, about 100 varieties of rare plants, including the edelweiss and the famous Baikousheva fir, almost 1300 years old.
- **RILA** - the most majestic Bulgarian mountain (highest peak Moussala – 2925m). The home place for 219 high-mountain lakes, over 2000 plant varieties and a rich animal world.
- **THE RHODOPES** – the greenest of the Bulgarian mountains, linked with the legend of the mythical ancient singer Orpheus.

Bulgaria is a country, most lavishly endowed with curative mineral springs (over 550) of varying chemical composition, temperature and healing properties. Seventy of them are in the region of this mountain village which is becoming a well known spa, ski and summer resort. Here you can feel the authentic atmosphere of the Bulgarian countryside, and contact the Bulgarian lifestyle and tradition.

The hot thermal waters (57°) have attracted inhabitants in the village since Thracian and Roman times. Remnants of ancient Roman and Byzantine baths have been preserved which undoubtedly shows that the curative properties of the springs have been known and used since antiquity.

The mineral contents of the thermal water have been examined by experts, who have declared the combination excellent for bathing, curing and relaxation.

Aspa Vila hotel is a comfortable home-away-from-home retreat for both pleasure and business. With its unique location set in a pine forest, screened from traffic noise, but still central, it is the ideal place for your holiday.

The hotel is easy to reach by car from the major cities and airports, being at a distance of **160km from Sofia**, 80km from the Greek border and halfway between Sofia and Thessaloniki. It is only 5 km away from Bansko – one of the biggest ski resorts in Europe with long, sunny winters, lasting snow cover, ski season from December through May, excellent ski slopes and facilities.

The climate is transitional Mediterranean with a marked mountain influence and average January temperatures of -1.9°C.



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THE MOUNTAIN FLORA AND FAUNA

Contains a number of species which are rare or extinct in Europe. The edelweiss, the rarest of mountain flowers blossoms on the peaks of Rila and Pirin. The surrounding mountains are rich in medicinal herbs used by pharmaceutical enterprises. A variety of game – bears, wolves, wild boars, wild goats still possess their unchallenged territories in the virgin forests.

No pets allowed on the hotel premises!



ACCOMMODATION

All our rooms and suites are spacious, comfortably appointed, providing privacy with unobtrusive and personalized service. Our staff will give you a warm welcome, trying to anticipate your wishes. Hot mineral water is running in all bathrooms.

We offer:

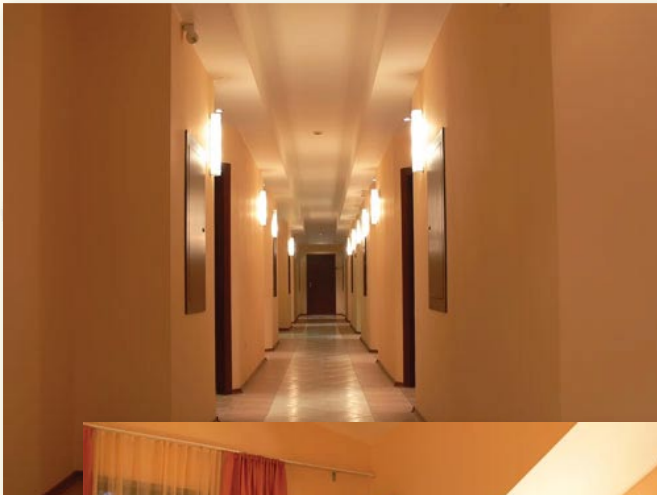
- 18 double rooms (sized 28m²), each with a mountain view
- 19 luxury rooms (sized 35m²), each with a balcony overlooking the pine forest
- 4 suites (sized 70m²)

GUEST ROOM AMENITIES

- Air-conditioning
- Large King-size beds
- Comfortable sofas and make-up mirrors
- Free Wi-Fi Internet
- Direct-dial phone
- Hi-Fi system
- Cable TV
- Mini-bar
- Shower stall
- Bathtub and bath robes (can be obtained from reception)
- Hairdryer

The suites and the luxury rooms have separate bath tubs and shower stalls. Every suite has a lounge and a bedroom, equipped with individual bathrooms and TV sets.

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DINING

International cuisine combined with traditional Bulgarian cooking is offered in the main restaurant which seats 150 guests. You can taste the delicious regional specialties and exotic dishes complemented by a rich selection of wines.

The covered terrace commanding a beautiful view of Rila and Pirin is an elegant open-air restaurant for cocktail and dinner in summer time. You can have light informal meals, breakfast through supper outdoors at poolside bar. The lobby bar, seating 40 guests is a cozy place to share a drink with friends. And, of course, you can always rely on our room service.

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Visitors have at their disposal:

- Thermal outdoor pool area with +57°C mineral water
- Four outdoor mineral water Jacuzzis
- The mineral water is unique with its energizing and uplifting effect, rather than the usual relaxing one. Such characteristics can only be found in the mineral waters of the world famous resort St. Moritz, but the water there is of much lower temperature and capacity. The mineral water of Banya is slightly mineralized, naturally pure. It is recommended for disorders of the muscular and skeletal systems, the skin and the peripheral nervous system, as well as gynaecological, kidney and bile tract ailments. It has also visible cosmetic effect on your skin texture – it becomes soft, velvety and radiant.
- Health and Spa wellness center
- We offer attractive health programmes for recreative tourism and holidays all year round.
- Our fully equipped health facility disposes of sauna, fitness and massage studio, steam bath and hydro-massage tub, for aroma and bath salt treatment. We develop individual massage programmes.
- Babysitting care
- Rent-a-Car
- Currency change
- Laundry
- Safe deposit box.



- Free car parking facilities
- Transfer Service on request to and from airports.
- Guest relation hostess

Managers and staff take pride in providing a personalized and attentive service. Given adequate notice, they will do their utmost to satisfy all reasonable requests for any special service.

Our Hotel welcomes the business and social guest with equal ease. The conference room, seating up to 100 persons provides excellent conditions and facilities for business meetings, seminars and corporate events. It is the ideal place for private celebrations, cocktails and special occasion receptions.

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SPORT ACTIVITIES

- Skiing – shuttle busses provide free transportation to the base station of the Gondola ski lift in Bansko.
- Fitness
- Table tennis, chess, billiards
- ATV and bicycle riding
- Horseback riding
- Summer mountaineering
- Fishing
- Golf (an 18-hole course just 7km away)
- Jogging route through the forest
- Gymnastics and Yoga
- Folk dances
- Hiking
- Most sporting activities can be arranged locally.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

The location of Aspa Vila Hotel provides endless possibilities for leisure activities and outdoor entertainment.

Combine your holiday with your particular hobby, no matter what it is – art or history, folklore or old crafts, natural phenomena or else.

Night time entertainment

Exciting floor shows and attractive folk programmes. Bulgarian folklore music is very versatile and is rhythmically unique. Besides Beethoven's 9th Symphony, the Golden Record travelling to extraterrestrial civilizations aboard Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 also includes a Bulgarian Rhodope Mountain folk song. Night clubs, gambling casinos and roulette tables only 5km away from the hotel – in Bansko.

A journey by the narrow gauge railway

Only 70cm wide, the railway is passing through a high and picturesque mountainous terrain. It is a railway with real tourist attractions revealing wonderful landscapes to the eyes of its passengers.

J-j-j-jazz

You can witness the annual Bansko jazz international festival, traditionally held in August. You can see and hear the greatest names in jazz music performing on an open-air stage built in the central town square.

MAIN REGIONAL EXCURSION DESTINATIONS

Tasting Vintage wines

Bulgaria is one of the world's best wine producers. The wine of the ancient Thracians – the red Mavrud is still produced and drunk only in Bulgaria.

A ride

through the fields, along the hillsides, experiencing a variety of nature, provides a great tour for old nature lovers.



Adventure tours - mountain expeditions

Participants are left with wonderful memories never to be forgotten.

And...

You can enjoy a one-day chauffeur-driven shopping or sightseeing tour to Greece.

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Bansko – a town-museum

It lies at the foot of the highest section of Pirin at an altitude of 930m on the banks of the Glazne River. Bansko keeps 120 museum houses from the Bulgarian National Revival Period with murals and fretwork, permanent ethnographic and icon exhibitions. Its old houses with spacious yards surrounded by high stone walls and small, thick, iron-clad doors are very interesting. Remarkable monuments of the Bansko icon painting and wood carving school can be seen in the Trinity Church (1835) and the Virgin Mary Church (16Th Century). The master painters filled the iconographic scheme with life and bursts of color, previously unknown in the Christian world. Bansko is the most popular and convenient point of departure for the highest and most majestic section of Pirin Mountain.

The Rozhen Monastery of the Nativity of Mother of God

It rises high above Melnik's sandstone pyramids and is one of the few medieval monasteries (13TH Century) well preserved until today. In the Church of the Monastery we find murals and icons dated back to the 16th, 17th and the 18th Century.

The village of Kovachevitsa

An architectural and historical reserve which has preserved its 18th century authenticity. Here one can forget the crazy rhythm of civilization walking through the narrow streets with houses made of stone.

The village of Dobarsko

The legend says it was founded by the blinded soldiers of



the 14000 defeated army of the Bulgarian Tsar Samuil after the Battle of Belasitsa with the Byzantine emperor in 1018. On their way to the Rila monastery in search of shelter they discovered the magic curative spring in the church yard which is said to have healed their wounds.

The church "St. Teodor Tiron and St. Teodor Stratilat" (12th Century) in the village is in the UNESCO List of World Heritage. Its unconventional murals make it unique and extraordinary – the image of Jesus - in an object, close in shape to a spaceship, Virgin Mary in a capsule of red light, the holy saints' portraits with a kind of helmet rather than a halo around their heads.



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Rupite

The dwelling place of the famous Bulgarian clairvoyant Vanga who will be included in the world catalogue "The 100 Personalities of the Century" prepared in the USA. She considered Rupite a sacred spot with extraordinary cosmic energy and power. Here we find ruins of ancient settlements dated from the 4th century B.C. to the 6th A.D. This is a pilgrim rather than tourist journey destination. The Church "St Petka" was built in her memory and it attracts believers all year round.



The Belitsa Bear Park "Four Paws"

A home of the wild brown bear. Twenty-six former dancing bears live there in a surrounding as close to their natural habitat as possible.



You can also spend a one day visiting Melnik, Razlog, Velingrad and many more interesting places.

RATES AND PRICES

Please be aware that the prices quoted are subject to change without notice. When placing your reservation be sure to enquire about off-season and weekend rates, as well as special packages, applicable at varying times of the year.

- No tax or service charges
- No reservation costs
- Online-booking
- Credit cards accepted – Visa, Master Card, American Express and JCB

Prices include:

- Bed and breakfast
- Outdoor pool and Jacuzzi
- Steam bath
- Fitness
- Tourist tax
- Hotel insurance
- VAT

Children accommodation:

- Children up to 6 years- free of charge
- Children up to 12 years on extra bed – 30% of the base price
- Children up to 12 on the main bed – 50%
- Single occupancy of a double room – 70% of the base price