



STARA ZAGORA

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Stara Zagora is the sixth largest city in Bulgaria, and one of the nationally important economic centres. Stara Zagora is known as the **city of straight streets, linden trees, and poets**. Stara Zagora is the administrative centre of its municipality and the Stara Zagora Province. Stara Zagora is one of the oldest towns on the territory of present-day Bulgaria, famous equally for its rich history and fertile lands. The town lies in the geographical centre of the country.





Regional Museum of History

The Stara Zagora Regional Museum of History is one of the richest museums in the Balkans, when it comes to number and significance of its artifacts. The largest and the most preserved Neolithic art collection, the collection of Roman glass, the collection of Thracian chariots, the antique bronze collection and the artifacts of the Roman city of Augusta Trajana give to the museum one of the most significant places among the European museums.

With a history of more than eight milleniums, the region of Stara Zagora continues to give to scientists and lovers of history the pleasure of new archaeological and historical finds.



Unearthed almost on a daily basis, these artifacts are making the headlines around the world. Stara Zagora Regional Museum of History continues to be a scientific center for research and preservation of 130,000 precious objects from all periods of the human history in South Eastern Europe. The museum is also a center for enlightenment, entertainment , and enjoyment of the region’s rich cultural heritage for more than 100 years.



Antique Forum of Augusta Trayana

Much of the antique city of Augusta Trayana can be seen in the very centre of Stara Zagora including the forum of the antique city with the remains of an amphitheatre, thermal baths, city walls, the western gate and part of the main trading street.



The antique city forum is located in the southwest part of the ancient city, right next to the city fortress walls and the western gate. This unique piece of the antique architecture is believed to have been built no later than the 3rd century. The city baths facade, which had more than ten spacious halls, was uncovered behind it.

The Samara flag - Memorial to the Defenders of Stara Zagora in 1877

The **Samara flag** is one of the most important military symbols of the Bulgarian Army. Sewed by local nuns and given to the Bulgarian volunteers in the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78 by the citizens of the Russian city of Samara on 18 May 1877, it became famous when it was heroically prevented from being captured by the Ottoman forces in the Battle of Stara Zagora, with many soldiers perishing while protecting it from the enemy.





Geo Milev Drama Theater



The Theatre House, built in 1914, has become the city's cultural and educational heart. The first play in Stara Zagora was staged way back in 1870 - the drama "Malakova" by the outstanding Bulgarian poet and playwright Petko Rachev Slaveykov. The theatre's company became professional in 1919. Today, the Stara Zagora Drama Theatre presents outstanding classical and modern productions.

Stara Zagora State Opera

The State Opera Stara Zagora, founded in 1925, is the second opera theatre in Bulgaria, after the National Opera and Ballet in Sofia. It has the first purpose-built opera house building in Bulgaria.



Regional library Stara Zagora





Located on the foot of Sredna Gora Mountain, Stara Zagora boasts some beautiful parks, gardens and a lot of green spaces right in the heart of the city.

The Ayazmo Park

The Ayazmo Park is situated in the northern part of the city. It is a veritable botanic garden.

Numerous three species from all over the world were planted in the park to transform it to a magnificent site for walks, sports and recreation. Several sport fields can be found in the park. On the upper hill of the Ayazmo Park visitors can stop by a small zoo with different animal species.



Eternally green, the Ayazmoto Park dominates the northern section of the city with 939 acres of exotic trees, an astronomy observatory, a zoo, children's playgrounds, a sports complex and an open-air theater

Stara Zagora Zoo

Created in 1957, Stara Zagora Zoo is situated in a picturesque site within the Ayazmoto Park, on an area of 240 000 sq. m.

The Zoo is the home of more than 450 animals of 80 species - mammals, birds and amphibious. The visitors have the opportunity to see animals from all continents, except the Antarctic.

A tradition in Stara Zagora Zoo is the successful breeding of the brown bear. It is not by chance that the statue of the two bear cubs, which meets the visitors at the zoo entrance, has become its symbol.





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Fun hall with distorting mirrors



The Fun Hall is located within Ayazmoto park, next to the badminton courts and not far from the zoo. It is a fun and popular place for children.

The City Park (5th October Park)

Located in the city centre on an area of 20 decares, the park was created in 1891. This is a favourite place of Stara Zagora citizens, where in nice weather, people like to sit for a chat around the fountain and mothers bring their children to play.





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Here is the monument to Stara Zagora Defenders, inaugurated on July 29th, 1902, and the first symbolic foundation stone, laid on October 5th, 1879, to mark the beginning of Stara Zagora's restoration from its destruction after the Liberation War (1877).

Chess fans come to play a game on the checkered board drawn on one of the alleys.



Zhiten Alan Park (Alexander Stamboliyski Park)



This park was established on an area of 15 decares in 1959. There is a monument for the Stara Zagora citizens that perished in all wars of the past century - the Balkan War (1912 - 1913), and the First and Second World Wars.



Bedechka Park

Lake Zagorka



Situated in the northeastern part of the city. It was named after the small river, Bedechka that runs through it.



The Zelen Klin Park

Renovated with the support of the “Beautiful Bugaria” Programme, this green triangular park was opened on September 22nd, 2007.



Beroe Stara Zagora

BFC Beroe Stara Zagora or simply **Beroe** is a Bulgarian football club from Stara Zagora that currently plays in the country's top division, the A PFG.

The club was founded on March 19, 1959. The home ground of Beroe is the Beroe Stadium with 25,000 spectators seating capacity. Beroe were the 1986 champions of the top division and they also won the domestic cup in 2010.



