



Stara Zagora is a city of millenary history. In its ancient stadium gladiators and athletes measured their strength competing against themselves rather than fighting with others. As Mayor of Stara Zagora I am immensely pleased to see the city participate and live yet another victory of the will over the body; a victory of strength and beauty over time A VICTORY OF MAN. I believe that sports have a mission, which has remained unchanged through centuries and this mission is to unite people and make them truly human. Let us all now see, in this millenary city of Stara Zagora, the true face of sports; let us imprint it in our memories and experience on every stadium a show of friendship and sportsmanship.

Welcome to Stara Zagora!!!

**Zhivko Todorov**  
Mayor of Stara Zagora



Dear friends,

It is a great pleasure and honour to address to you today because we are among the few chosen ones who have smelt the grass of many stadiums, who have felt the rush of adrenalin and drank the bitter cup of sweet loss. Such a loss is sweet because there is a friend stadium next to you when you have lost, and it is bitter because the true athlete's strive to win never fades. We, the organizers of this event, will do our best to make you participate to a celebration of strength, beauty and perfection, a feast of true sport as imagined by Olympian Greeks and described by Pierre de Coubertin.

My friends,

I am honoured to welcome you at the 27th Balkan Masters Athletics Games, which Stara Zagora is hosting for the first time. I wish you all success, great memories and many new friendships!

**Krasimira Chahova**  
Deputy Mayor of Sports of Stara Zagora





## General information of the city



Stara Zagora is the sixth largest city in Bulgaria. It is located in central-southern Bulgaria, 220 km away from the capital Sofia and 180 km from the golden beaches of the Black Sea coast.

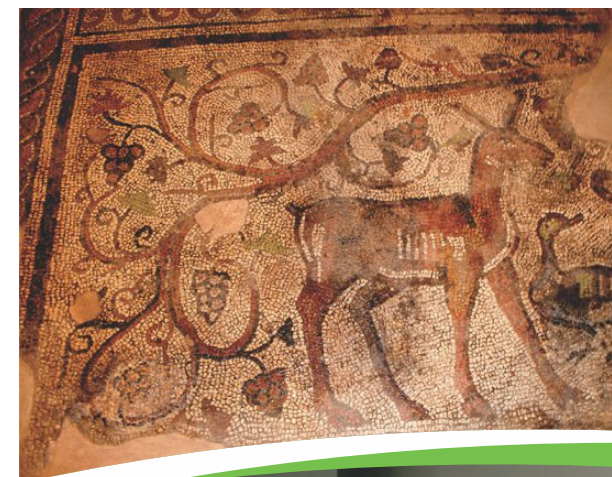
Populated for thousands of years, inhabited by Thracians and Romans, Slavs and Proto-Bulgarians, resurrected several times from the ashes - Stara Zagora ranks among the most ancient European cities. Overcoming the vicissitudes of time, the city is a spiritual center with rich cultural and historical heritage and established traditions, with a worthy contribution to Bulgarian spirituality and culture.

Stara Zagora is usually called a city of linden trees, poets, straight streets, beautiful women.

The most famous athlete of antiquity in the city Olympian - Marcus Aurelius Fronton, the son of Diouphus, a native of Augusta Traiana (today Stara Zagora) athlete of the highest class runner, one of the three disciplines. It is



the only known winner of Thrace during the period of the Games in Olympia, dedicated to the supreme god - Zeus Olympic. Obviously Aurelius Fronton was in a very good physical condition, beating Heliei in games, competitions in honor of Helios, the sun god, which took place on the island of Rhodes. The growth of such a talented athlete in Augusta Traiana is any evidence of organized sports life in the city. Incredible wins, which crowned and his remarkable athletic career, are the reason Marcus Aurelius Fronton to reach the highest level and in the social hierarchy.





## Sport facilities



Beroe stadium is one of the biggest in Bulgaria. It is located on the territory of the majestic park Ayazmoto. It was opened on April 4, 1959. Fully renovated in the period 2012-2013 are the grass cover and the athletics track. It has the biggest visor on the Balkan Peninsula. The facility has a capacity of 10,560 seats. It hosts the official matches of local football team Beroe, which in 2016 celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Beroe Stadium hosted: World Athletics Championship for Hearing Impaired athletes in 2016, European Athletics Team Championship, 2nd league in 2015, Balkan Athletics Championship for men and women in 1985 and 2013, European Football Championship for adolescents up to 17 years. In the middle of the summer, the International Tournament 'Samara Flag' is being traditionally held, during which on August 20, 1988 the Bulgarian athlete Yordanka Donkova registered an achievement of 12.21, placed a world record in the discipline of 100 m hurdles.



In 2016 Beroe stadium was the scene of the Aida opera



The javelin, disk, and hammer will be held at the throwing polygon, which is located next to the main stadium. At 100 m from the main stadium there is also a warming track. Entering the football grounds of the main and the warming stadium is forbidden.







In November 2016 Stara Zagora honored from the European Parliaments the prestigious award "European City of Sport 2017" at a ceremony in Brussels. The flag received the deputy mayor of the city Krasimira Chahova, who is a prominent master athlete.

### Weather

Perfect in the end of September. Hot days are over, cool nights are still ahead.

### Currency and payments

The currency in Bulgaria is Bulgarian Lev. One Euro is worth appr. 1.96 BGL. Shops are not legally obliged to accept Euros, but most places still do.

### Time-zone

During BMACS Bulgaria time will follow the Central European Summer Time (CEST). This is the standard clock time observed during the period of summer daylight-saving in those European countries which observe Central European Time (UTC + two hour) during the rest of the year

### Emergency and Police

Call 112 and follow the instructions.



## How to get to Stara Zagora?



### By Air:

Sofia Airport – 230 km from Stara Zagora  
Burgas Airport – 180 km from Stara Zagora  
Varna Airport – 300 km from Stara Zagora  
Plovdiv Airport – 80 km from Stara Zagora



### By train:

- Sofia 5 hrs.  
- Burgas 2,5 hrs.  
- Varna 4 hrs.  
- Plovdiv 1,5 hrs  
More info: <http://www.bdz.bg/en/>



### By bus:

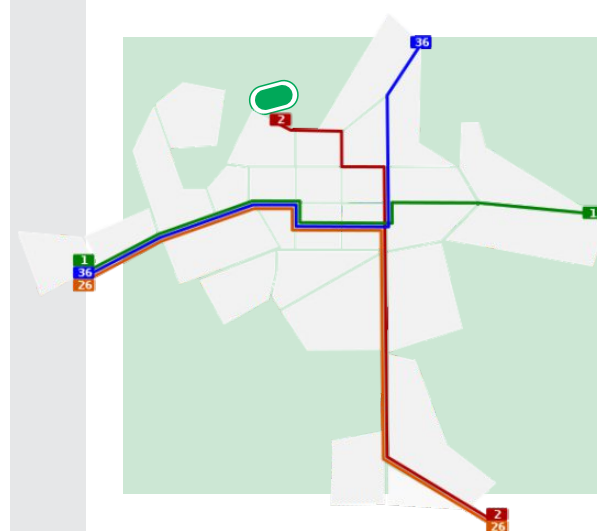
- Sofia 3 hrs.  
- Burgas 2 hrs.  
- Varna 4,5 hrs.  
- Plovdiv 1,5 hrs



### By car:

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Stara Zagora – Athens    | - 930 km  |
| Stara Zagora – Belgrade  | - 620 km  |
| Stara Zagora – Bucharest | - 290 km  |
| Stara Zagora – Istanbul  | - 370 km  |
| Stara Zagora – Kishinev  | - 745 km  |
| Stara Zagora – Ljubljana | - 1160 km |
| Stara Zagora – Podgorica | - 810 km  |
| Stara Zagora – Sarajevo  | - 840 km  |
| Stara Zagora – Skopje    | - 440 km  |
| Stara Zagora – Tirana    | - 740 km  |
| Stara Zagora – Zagreb    | - 1020 km |

**Local Transport** - Beroe Stadium is the start / end stop of trolleybus number 2.

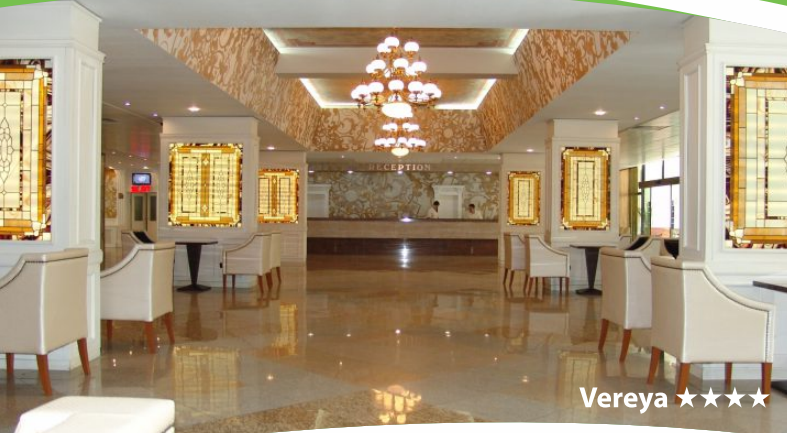


**Taxi** - For a regular taxi there is a starting fee of 0,30 BGL daily rate is 0,80 BGL per kilometer and night rate is 1,20 BGL per kilometer.





## Accommodation



**Vereya ★★★★★**



**Efir ★★★★★**



**Uniqato ★★★**

### Hotels near the stadium

#### **Kalina ★**

21 Prof. Mitko Gogoshev, str. – 6 double room, 6 apartments, total 30 guest - tonidobreva@gmail.com, tel:+359 884 713539 ; +359 42 605 017

#### **Hizhata ★★**

Dunav str. – 10 double room, total 20 guest  
hijata\_stz@abv.bg, tel:+359 89 993 8115

**Hotels city center** – 1,5 km from the stadium

#### **Vereya ★★★★★**

100 Tsar Simeon Veliki, bul. – total 226 guest  
www.hotel\_vereya.com, hotel\_vereya@yahoo.com, tel: +359 887309060, +359 42 919 375

#### **Efir ★★★★★**

52, Hadzi Dimitar Asenov str. – 20 rooms 3 apartments, total 23 guest; www.hotelefir.bg/en, hotel@efir.bg, tel: +359 42 699 996, +359 885 699 899

#### **Forum ★★★**

94 Hadzi Dimitar Asenov str. – total guest 18  
www.hotelforum.bg; reservations@hotelforum.bg tel: +359 42 631616, +359 88 6631616

#### **Uniqato ★★★**

36 Sava Silov, str. – total 19 guest  
www.uniqato.com; reservations@uniqato.com, tel: +359 42 661155, +359 88 8661155

#### **Trayana ★★★**

34 Petar Parchevich str.- 10 rooms, total 18 guest  
www.hoteltrayana.com; hotel\_trayana@abv.bg, tel: +359 42 615 555, +359 896 880 294

#### **La Roka ★★**

38 Ivan Shishman, str. -15 double room, 3 family rooms, 1 apartments; www.hotel-laroka.com/bg larokahotel@gmail.com, tel: +359 42 919427

#### **Motto ★★★**

29-31 Petar Parchevich str. - 8 single room, 10 double room, 1 apartment  
www.hotel-motto.com; hotelmotto@gmail.com tel: +359 42 270060, +359 877270060

#### **Hostel EskiZaara ★★★**

56 Hristo Botev str. – 9 double room  
www.eskizaara.com, tel: +359 42 690 000, +359 885 711 008

### Hotels near the central bus and train stations – 2 km from the stadium

#### **Merian Palace ★★★★★**

8, Ruski Blvd. - 107 rooms, total 222 guest  
www.merianpalace.com, magi\_group@abv.bgp +359 42 611 100, +359 884163615

#### **Zheleznik ★★**

1, Petar Parchevich Str. – 7 single, 70 double, 14 triple room, total 150 guest; www.zheleznikhotel.com, zheleznik.2007@gmail.com, +359 42 622 158, +359 42 629 063

#### **Ezeroto ★★★**

60, Bratya Zhekovi Str. – 20 rooms, total 30 guest  
www.ezero-sz.hit.bg, ezeroto@abv.bg, +359 42 600103, +359 42 600 102

#### **Hostel Trakia ★**

4 Ruski Blvd. – 22 rooms, 1 apartments, total 50 guest

### Others hotels

#### **City ★★★**

23, Patriarh Evtimiy Blvd. – 105 apartments, total 210 guest  
www.cityhotel-bg.com, manager@cityhotel-bg.com, +359 42 230 051, +359 884 124 446

#### **Tangra ★★★**

80 Lyuben Karavelov Str. – 22 rooms, 2apartments, total 48 guest  
www.hotel-tangra.com, komplextangra@abv.bg, +359 42 600 901, +359 888 600 901

#### **Elegance ★★★**

54, P.R. Slaveykov Str. – 24 rooms, total 48 guest  
www.hotel-restaurantelegance.eu, landd@abv.bg, +359 42 636 606, +359 885 656 606

#### **Best Boutique hotel ★★★**

79, Patriarh Evtimiy Blvd. – 16 rooms, 4 apartments, total 40 guest; Bhh.stz@gmail.com, + 359 894 343 444

#### **Ray ★★★**

61, Balgarsko opalchenie Str. – 13 rooms, 1 apartments, total 29 guest; www.hotelrai-sz.com, hotelrai\_sz@abv.bg, + 359 898 596 905

#### **Stimul ★★★**

57, Balgarsko opalchenie Str. – 13 rooms, 1 apartments, total 29 guest; www.hotelrai-sz.com, hotelrai\_sz@abv.bg, +359 42 680 188, + 359 898 596 905

#### **Mania ★★★**

46, Khan Tervel Str. – 12 rooms, 2 apartments, total 28 guest  
www.maniahotel.com, reception@maniahotel.com, +359 42 267 858, +359 885 247 421

#### **Omega ★★★**

3, Aleko Konstantinov Str. – 13 rooms, 1 apartments, total 28 guest, +359 42 672 878, +359 887 677 166

#### **Park Hotel Stara Zagora ★★★★★**

50, Khan Asparuh Str. - 2 single, 28 double, 3 apartments, total 63 guest; www.hotelstarazagora.eu, reservations@hotelstarazagora.eu, +359 42 98 55 55

#### **Hostel Penev ★★**

51, Anton Marchin Str. – 80 rooms  
penevbg@abv.bg, tel: +359 887 739 855

**Starozagorski mineralni bani** resort is situated 15 km of the city of Stara Zagora, in the foot of Sredna Gora Mountain, In a picturesque valley at 360 m above sea. The resort offers excellent opportunities for relaxation and treatment with its natural mineral waters combined with the favourable mountain climate.

#### **Calista ★★★★★**

60 rooms, total 120 guest  
www.spahotelcalista.com, office@spahotelcalista.com, +359 4111 2980, +359 884 44 82 89

#### **Izvor ★★★★★**

14 rooms, 4 apartments  
www.izvor-hotel.com, izvorhotel@abv.bg, +359 4111 22 14, +359 88 889 20 72

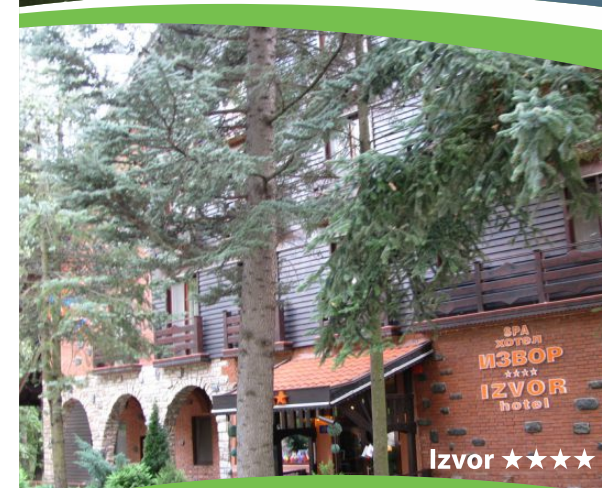
#### **Armira ★★★★★**

27 rooms, 23 apartments, 5 villas  
www.armirahotel.com, hotelarmira@gmail.com, +359 4111 2223, +359 899 171 617

#### **Tangra ★★★**



**Park Hotel Stara Zagora ★★★★★**



**Izvor ★★★★★**



**Calista ★★★★★**





Balkan Masters

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

FRIDAY - 22.09.2017

| Call R | Start | Serie | RUNNING                    | JUMPING             | THROWING                         |
|--------|-------|-------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8:40   | 9:00  |       | 5000m W 35-55              | Pole Vault W&M70+   | Hammer M 80+ &W 50+              |
| 9:40   | 10:00 |       | 5000m W 60+ & M 70+        |                     |                                  |
| 10:25  | 10:45 |       |                            | Pole Vault M 35-65  | Hammer M 70-75 &W 35-45          |
| 10:40  | 11:00 |       | 5000m M 60-65              |                     |                                  |
| 11:25  | 11:45 |       | 5000m M 50-55              |                     |                                  |
| 12:10  | 12:30 |       | 5000m M 35-45              |                     |                                  |
| 12:40  | 13:00 |       |                            |                     | Hammer M 60-65, Shot put M 80+   |
| 13:10  | 13:30 |       | 200m/300m/400m hurdles W+M |                     |                                  |
| 13:40  | 14:00 |       |                            |                     | Hammer M 50-55                   |
|        | 14:30 |       | OPENING CEREMONY           |                     |                                  |
| 14:40  | 15:00 |       | 100m W                     | High jump W & M 60+ | Hammer M 35-45 Shot put M 70-75  |
| 15:40  | 15:30 |       | 100m M                     |                     |                                  |
| 15:40  | 16:00 |       |                            |                     | Javelin W 60+ Shot put M 60-65   |
| 16:40  | 17:00 |       | 800m W                     | High jump M 35 – 55 | Javelin W 50-55 Shot put M 50-55 |
| 17:10  | 17:30 |       | 800m M 60+                 |                     |                                  |
| 17:25  | 17:45 |       | 800m M 50-55               |                     |                                  |
| 17:40  | 18:00 |       | 800m M 35-45               |                     | Javelin W 35-45 Shot put M 35-45 |
| 18:10  | 18:30 |       | 4 x 100m W                 |                     |                                  |
| 18:30  | 18:50 |       | 4 x 100m M                 |                     |                                  |





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SATURDAY - 23.09.2017

| Call R | Start | Serie | RUNNING                  | JUMPING           | THROWING             |
|--------|-------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 8:10   | 8:30  |       | 5km walk W & M 65+       |                   |                      |
| 8:40   | 9:00  |       |                          |                   | Discus W 70+ & M 80+ |
| 9:25   | 9:45  |       | 5km walk M 35-60         |                   |                      |
| 9:40   | 10:00 |       |                          | Long Jump W 60+   | Discus W 60-65       |
| 10:25  | 10:45 |       | 400m W                   |                   |                      |
| 10:40  | 11:00 |       |                          | Long Jump W 50-55 | Discus W 50-55       |
| 10:55  | 11:15 |       | 400m M 35 -55            |                   |                      |
| 11:40  | 12:00 |       |                          | Long Jump W 35-40 | Discus W 35-45       |
| 11:55  | 12:15 |       | 80m Hrd M (70,75,80)     |                   |                      |
| 12:00  | 12:20 |       | 80m Hrd W                |                   |                      |
| 12:05  | 12:25 |       | 100m Hrd M (60,65)       |                   |                      |
| 12:10  | 12:30 |       | 100m Hrd M (50,55)       |                   |                      |
| 12:15  | 12:35 |       | 110m Hrd M (45)          |                   |                      |
| 12:20  | 12:40 |       | 110m Hrd M (35,40)       |                   |                      |
| 13:40  | 14:00 |       | 1500m M 35-45            | Long Jump M 70+   | Discus M 35-45       |
| 14:00  | 14:20 |       | 1500m M 50-55            |                   |                      |
| 14:20  | 14:40 |       | 1500m M 60+              |                   |                      |
| 14:40  | 15:00 |       |                          | Long Jump M 60-65 |                      |
| 14:50  | 15:10 |       | 1500m W 35-45            |                   |                      |
| 14:55  | 15:15 |       |                          |                   | Discus M 50-55       |
| 15:00  | 15:20 |       | 1500m W 50-55            |                   |                      |
| 15:10  | 15:30 |       | 1500m W 60+              |                   |                      |
| 15:25  | 15:45 |       | 10000m M 35-45           |                   |                      |
| 15:40  | 16:00 |       |                          | Long Jump M 50-55 |                      |
| 16:10  | 16:30 |       | 10000m M 50-55           |                   |                      |
| 16:25  | 16:45 |       |                          |                   | Discus M 60-65       |
| 17:40  | 17:00 |       |                          | Long jump M 35-45 |                      |
| 17:10  | 17:30 |       | 10000m W 35-45 & M 60-65 |                   |                      |
| 17:25  | 17:45 |       |                          |                   | Discus M 70-75       |
| 18:10  | 18:30 |       | 10000m W 50+ & M 70+     |                   |                      |



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ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY - 24.09.2017

| Call R | Start | Serie | RUNNING                        | JUMPING             | THROWING         |
|--------|-------|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 8:10   | 8:30  |       |                                |                     | Javelin M 80+    |
| 8:40   | 9:00  |       | 2000m steepI W 35-55 & M 60-65 | Triple Jump W 35+   | Shot put W 60+   |
| 8:55   | 9:15  |       |                                |                     | Javelin M 70-75  |
| 9:25   | 9:45  |       | 3000m steepI M 35-55           |                     |                  |
| 9:15   | 9:30  |       |                                |                     |                  |
| 9:40   | 10:00 |       | 200m W 60+                     | Triple Jump M 35-45 |                  |
| 9:50   | 10:05 |       | 200m W (55)                    |                     |                  |
| 9:55   | 10:10 |       | 200m W (50)                    |                     |                  |
| 10:00  | 10:15 |       | 200m W (45)                    |                     | Javelin M 60-65  |
| 10:05  | 10:20 |       | 200m W (30,35,40)              |                     |                  |
| 10:15  | 10:30 |       | 200m M (80,85,90)              |                     | Shot put W 50-55 |
| 10:20  | 10:35 |       | 200m M (75)                    |                     |                  |
| 10:25  | 10:40 |       | 200m M (70)                    |                     |                  |
| 10:30  | 10:45 |       | 200m M (65)                    |                     |                  |
| 10:35  | 10:50 |       | 200m M (60)                    |                     |                  |
| 10:40  | 10:55 |       | 200m M (60)                    |                     |                  |
| 10:45  | 11:00 |       | 200m M (55)                    |                     |                  |
| 10:50  | 11:05 |       | 200m M (55)                    |                     |                  |
| 10:55  | 11:10 |       | 200m M (50)                    |                     |                  |
| 11:00  | 11:15 |       | 200m M (50)                    | Triple Jump M 50-55 | Javelin M 50-55  |
| 11:05  | 11:20 |       | 200m M (45)                    |                     |                  |
| 11:10  | 11:25 |       | 200m M (45)                    |                     |                  |
| 11:15  | 11:30 |       | 200m M (40)                    |                     |                  |
| 11:20  | 11:35 |       | 200m M (35)                    |                     |                  |
| 11:40  | 12:00 |       |                                |                     | Shot put W 35-45 |
| 11:55  | 12:15 |       | Balkan Relay W                 | Triple Jump M 60+   | Javelin M 35- 45 |
| 12:10  | 12:30 |       | Balkan Relay M                 |                     |                  |