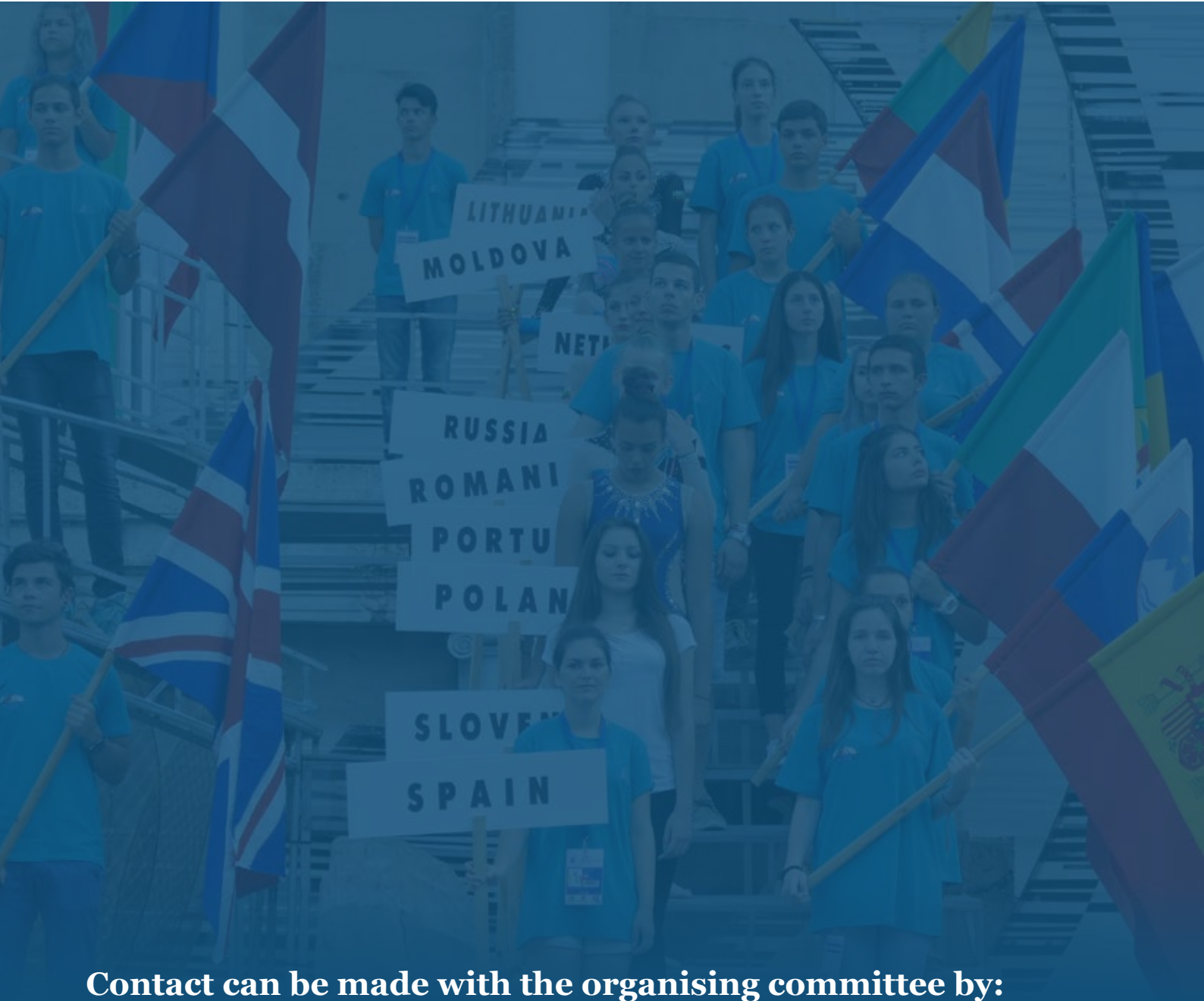
CANOE SPRINT EUROPEAN & PARACANOE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 14 – 16, 2017
Plovdiv – Bulgaria



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Dear Sports Friends,

The Bulgarian Canoe Federation is pleased to invite you to take a part at the 2017 Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe European Championship which will be held on 14–16 July 2017 on the Regatta Course in Plovdiv. I am sure we will witness athletics performance of the highest quality and our efforts go towards making the Plovdiv regatta venue a worthy arena for a fair competition between the best athletes in the World. For years ago we have received the right to carrying out of this Championship. During this time the rowing and canoeing channel in Plovdiv has completely changed: The big reconstruction of the sport complex has been made.

Vassil Mirtchev
President of Bulgarian Canoe Federation

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and the city of Plovdiv I can assure you that you will be warmly welcome here and in the calm and fair waters of the Plovdiv Regatta Venue you will find all that is needed in order to give the best of yourself and have an amazing race.

Ivan Totev
Mayor of Plovdiv

PLOVDIV

"This is the biggest and loveliest of all cities. Its beauty shines from faraway" wrote the famous Roman writer Lucian in II century AD.

Recently Plovdiv was proclaimed the oldest continuously inhabited city in Europe and 6th in the World. It is 8000 years old. In 2012 the City of the Seven hills, as often Plovdiv is being referred to, was included under #3 (following Rome and Athens) in "Top 10 of the most beautiful ancient cities in the World". No wonder "The New York Times" called Plovdiv " A Roman Grande East of Italy".

The Ancient Theatre is one of the highlights of the city – heritage from the Roman Era. Originally built in the 1st century AD, now it is the biggest open-air stage on the Balkans with capacity of 3500 people. More than 15 international festivals take place here.

Another remarkable site bequeathed to Plovdiv is the Roman Stadium. With its impressive size (total length 240 m and width 50 m), the Stadium had the capacity of 30 000 people. Now, after the recent reconstruction it finds its way into the hearts of both citizens and tourists. Just 5-minutes-walk from the Stadium is the Ancient Forum with the Odeon. More than 200 coins and a marble statue were found there during recent archaeological researches.

And more... The Early Christian Basilica – the latest addition to Plovdiv's "On the Roman path" tourist route. Ones of the best preserved mosaics are displayed there.

Plovdiv follows its destiny of being a crossroad for millennia and home to different cultures, traditions and people of different ethnicities and religions. The main attraction here surely is the Old Town, which nestles on top of the three hills. Thracian and Roman remains lie beneath 400 recently restored Revival-style houses with splendid wooden-frame constructions dating back to early 19th century built by the emerging class of Bulgarian merchants.

The Main Pedestrian Street in the center of the city fascinates with the eclecticism typical for its buildings. It looks a lot different than before but is still so charming.

The area in the center called "Kapana" ("The Trap") resembles the London "Soho" and is a place offering space for cultural events, entertainment and trade. It is becoming the first quarter in Bulgaria dedicated to creative industries.

People interested in hiking, climbing, mountain biking and skiing should have in mind that Plovdiv is the gateway to the mountains of Bulgaria and a starting point for all the activities mentioned. The closest opportunity is only 6 km away. Near Plovdiv there are many villages offering great opportunities for eco and rural tourism.

In case of intention to visit several countries, Plovdiv may serve as a start-off point to many other tourist destinations as being in the heart of the Balkans and close to two international airports – in Plovdiv and Sofia.

Plovdiv – Come with friends!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Competition Venue: **Regatta Course PLOVDIV, Bulgaria**

Dates: **14 – 16.07.2017**

Events: **Canoe Sprint – in accordance with the ICF and ECA rules:**

MEN	K1	K2	K4	C1	C2	C4
200m	☑	☑		☑	☑	
500m	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	
1000m	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
5000m	☑			☑		

WOMEN	K1	K2	K4	C1	C2	C4
200m	☑	☑		☑		
500m	☑	☑	☑		☑	
1000m	☑	☑				
5000m	☑					

Paracanoe – In accordance with the ICF and ECA Paracanoe

MEN	WOMEN
K1 200m – sport classes KL1, KL2, KL3	K1 200m – sport classes KL1, KL2, KL3
V1 200m – sport classes VL1, VL2, VL3	V1 200m – sport classes VL1, VL2, VL3

Course:

- Regatta course
- 2300 m long, 125 m wide
- Depth of the channel is about 3.1 m
- 5 km asphalt paved track around the course
- 150 m pedestrian bridge
- 14 modern boathouses
- Fair conditions across all racing lanes
- Fastest course in the world

All technical aspects will be equal or surpass the ICF and ECA standards.

Paracanoe events:

Details about arrangements for Paracanoe participant will be published in a separate Bulletin.

Provisional Competition Program:

11 – 12 July Tuesday – Wednesday	Regatta course is opened for training Morning / afternoon – training, boat control ParaCanoe – Classification of Paracanoe athletes
13 July Thursday	Morning / afternoon – training, boat control 10.00 – 11.30- team – leaders meeting 11.30 – 12.30 ITOs meeting 15.30 – 16.30 ParaCanoe team – leaders meeting 18.00 – 18.45 Opening Ceremony
14 – 16 July	Competition according with time schedules
17 July	Departure day

Entries:

You can find the application forms on http://plovdiv.canoe-bg.com/ - Preliminary Entry Form, Accommodation Reservation Form, Preliminary Form of Boats Rent, Boats Transportation Form, Visa Application Form Numerical and Nominal entries and registration of athletes, officials, staff, VIPs, you should necessary make on – line via Portuguese software system.
If your Federation does not know the password or does not have a user, you should send one email to support@europecanoeevents.com asking for a reset to the old password or asking to have one user.
This requests must be made using an official NF email.

Deadlines for entries:

Preliminary Entry Form	February 20th 2017
Preliminary Booking Form	February 20th 2017
Numerical Entry by on-line system	May 30th 2017
Final travel information Form	Jun 15th 2017
Nominal Entry	July 4th 2017

We kindly ask you to keep the mentioned deadlines for insertion of Entries via software system at europeancanoeevent.com and sending all entries in at plovdivcanoe@gmail.com

Accommodation and participation fee:

Hotel booking can be made through Organizing Committee of 2017 Canoe Sprint European Championship. Please be informed that all lunches will be served at the hotels.

You are kindly request to send your booking on the enclosed form till February 15, 2017 on plovdivcanoe@gmail.com

Hotels and hostels:

1st Category: ☆☆☆☆	Price
Single	150.00 €
Double	110.00 €
hotels with A/C / full board	

2st Category: ☆☆☆	Price
Single	120.00 €
Double	105.00 €
hotels with A/C / full board	

3st Category: ☆☆☆	Price
Single	105.00 €
Double	90.00 €
hotels with A/C / full board	

4st Category: ☆☆	Price
Single	90.00 €
Double	80.00 €
motels and guest houses with or w/o A/C / full board	

Participation Fee:

The prices quoted above are paid by all participants (athletes, coaches, attendants, functionaries). All of the prices have a participation fee of 30 euro per day per person included for organizing costs. The fee is included for each day of the stay arrival till departure date. For participants not using the package the participation fee is 150.00 € for the whole period.

Accreditation fee includes:

- Accreditation
- Shuttle bus: on the competition according to the timetable
- Training bus running from 11 July according to the timetable
- Security service at the course
- Medical care at the course
- Fees for the use of the regatta course and its facilities
- All the prices are per person per day
- Free Wi-Fi Internet
- Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle.
- All the meals will be provided at each hotel restaurant.
- Bottled water during competition days.

Note:

Accreditation fee includes the accommodation price on a full board basis. All Officials will be accommodated in the same hotel and the organization will cover the costs of the accommodation and meals.

Airport transfers	Terms of Payment:
From and to Sofia airport **35 EUR** (both directions)	30% UNTIL February 28th 2017 40% UNTIL April 1st 2017
From and to Plovdiv airport **18 EUR** (both directions)	30% UNTIL May 15th 2017

Please do not forget that all bank charges are to the expense of the remitter. You are kindly request to send a copy of the bank confirmation after the remittance to the following email: plovdivcanoe@gmail.com

Cancelation terms	Price
No forfeit for cancelation until	March 15th 2017
50% forfeit for cancelation until	April 15th 2017
100% forfeit for cancelation until	May 15th 2017

The Organizing Committee does not take any responsibility for extra services of the hotels (mini bar, telephone, parking, etc.) Please be ready to provide your personal credit card during check in to guarantee any possible extra services. Early check – in (before 12:00 p.m) is subject to room availability at the hotels. Check – out time in all hotels – 12:00 p.m. on the day of the departure – as it is internationally usual.

Bulgarian Visa

Organizing Committee will provide you support to make the process of obtaining Bulgarian visa more prompt and comfortable.
In order to receive the Invitation letter for getting Bulgarian visa you are requested to fill up and send Visa Application Form with copy of the first page of passport of all team members till May 15, 2017 at plovdivcanoe@gmail.com
Visa Application Form are available on the championship's web-site

Accreditation Centre

Accreditation Centre will be located on The Venue – on the back side of the hangars from the right side of the Central Entrance.

Media Center

Media center will be arranged in the main 3 th floor of the Finish Tower at the Venue with all necessary technical facilities for work of representatives of mass-media as well as special places on tribunes.

Transportation

All participants will be provided with transportation from / to Airport to their accommodations as well as shuttle-buses to and from Venue.

Travel - By air

From Sofia Airport
Sofia Airport provides daily flights from and to many cities all over the world. Plovdiv is only a 70-minute-drive away from the airport. Sofia Airport provides all services necessary for completing your transfer.
For more information: http://www.sofia-airport.bg/
Bus line No.84 links the airport with the city centre .
You have to get off at Hotel Pliska bus stop and change to bus line No.213 or 305 for the Central Bus Station and The Central Railway Station.

From Plovdiv Airport
Plovdiv Airport (Airport Krumovo) is located 10 km from the city.
For more information: http://www.plovdivairport.com/

Travel - By bus

From Central Bus Station Sofia
There is a bus going from Sofia to Plovdiv every hour.
Last stop in Plovdiv - bus station South (Yug).
Trip duration - 2 hours.
For more information: http://www.centralnaavtogara.bg/
Other bus stations in the country
To see all direct bus lines from other cities visit
http://www.avtogari.info or http://www.hebrosbus.com
Over 80 settlements have direct bus line to Plovdiv.

By train

From Central Railway Station Sofia
You can take both direct express or fast trains travelling from Sofia to Plovdiv and trains travelling the lines Sofia - Svilengrad and Sofia - Burgas.
The trip duration is 2,30 hours.
From other railway stations
The towns that have direct railroad connection with Plovdiv are Burgas, Svilengrad, Karlovo, Panagyurishte, Peshtera, Hisar and Asenovgrad as well as many towns in Europe and the Middle East.
For more information: http://www.bdz.bg

Boat rental: Please connect the producers.

New ECA rule for BOAT CONTROL

1ST BOAT CONTROL / PRE-COMPETITION CONTROL (ICF article 42.1 and 42.3a)

- No 1st (Pre-Competition) boat control.
- The Organizer will provide two (2) exactly the same scales and one (1) boat measuring device two days before the first day of the competition.
- This equipment will be at the disposal to all the athletes.
- The competitors are responsible to ensure the boats conform to the Technical requirements for the competitions.

2nd BOAT CONTROL / POST RACE BOAT CONTROL (ICF article 42.3c)

- Direct after all the 200/500/1000 and 5000m races, three or more boats according to the decision of the Competition Committee will be re-controlled.
- Weight, dimensions and shape of these boats will be controlled on a random system.

ID control stay as it already is.

Doping control

Doping controls will be carried out during the competition. There will be the anti-doping laboratory which is accredited in WADA. It will be taken the required number of samples in according to the standards of the ECA.

Medical Facilities

During the races a doctor and an ambulance will be available on site. The following medical services will be provided for official participant of the EU Championships, physician on duty, hospital and medical/clinic assistance. A medical center will operate at the Regatta Course with an ambulance and first aid kit. Additional costs that surpass the regular care will be covered by the medical insurance policy.
The organizing committee does not take any responsibility for such events that may occur.

Insurance

All official participants of The European Sprint &Paracanoe European Championships 2017 are strongly advised to acquire a medical insurance from the medical facilities available in their own countries.

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Maritsa river
Maritsa river
Rowing Canal
"Maritsa" Stadium
"Plovdiv" Stadium
Leisure and Culture Park
Bulgaria Blvd.
Bulgaria Blvd.
Bus Station Sever (North)
Vasil Aprilov Blvd.
Vasil Aprilov Blvd.
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Vasil Aprilov Blvd.
Pobeda Str.
Maritsa-Sever Blvd.
Maritsa-Yug Blvd.
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General Danail Nikolaev Str.
Volga Str.
Ruski Blvd.
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Svoboda Blvd.
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Peshtersko shose Blvd.
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Hristo Botev Blvd.
Gladston Str.
Monument of Russian Liberators
Summer Theater
Liberators hill
Youth hill
Children Railroad
Roman Aquaduct
Central Railway Station
Mall Plovdiv
Petrohan Str.
Gen. Kutuzov Str.
Atanas Kanarev Str.
Petar Shilev Str.
Fakel Str.
Mizia Str.
Stefan Botev
Sarnena gora
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Zlatna Panega
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Polk. Drangov Str.
Polk. Sava Mutkurov Str.
Porto Lagos Str.
Luda Yana Str.
Sredets Str.
Balkun Str.
Oborishte Str.
Ilyo Voyvoda Str.
Kariovska Str.
Zagore Str.
Gen. Stoletov Str.
Luka Kasurov Str.
Drazki Str.
Trakiyski yunak Str.
Mladezhka Str.
Pencho Slaveykov Str.
Paganini Str.
Progres Str.
Yanko Sakazov Str.
Chardafon
T. Ikonomov
A. Strachimirov
Zhan Zhores Str.
Buntovnishka
Musala Str.
Kozma Str.
Prezviter
8 Mart Str.
Trayko Kitanchev Str.
Sveti Naum Str.
Bratya Miladinovi
Yuriy Venelin Str.
Eliezer Kalev
Tsoko Kableshkov
Vladivostok Str.
Bratia Str.
Turgenev Str.
Darvin Str.
Druzhba Str.
Nik. Alvadzhiev Str.
G. Izmerliev Str.
Hr. Chernopeev
Ivan Radoslavov
Sevastopol
Akatsia Str.
Garibaldi Str.
Zname Str.
Chernishevski Str.
Gen. Grigor Kyurkchiev Str.
Zahari Stoyanov Str.
Nikola Obretenov Str.
V. Drumev
Aleksandar Ekzarh Str.
Gustav Vay
Mihail Daev Str.
Dobrich Str.
Tundzha
Ledenika Str.
Danail Yurukov Str.
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Nikola Petkov Str.
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Dr. Dobrev
Mladost
Ivan Andonov
Radetski
Yordan Yovkov
Dragan Tsankov
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Trakia Str.
Kavala Str.
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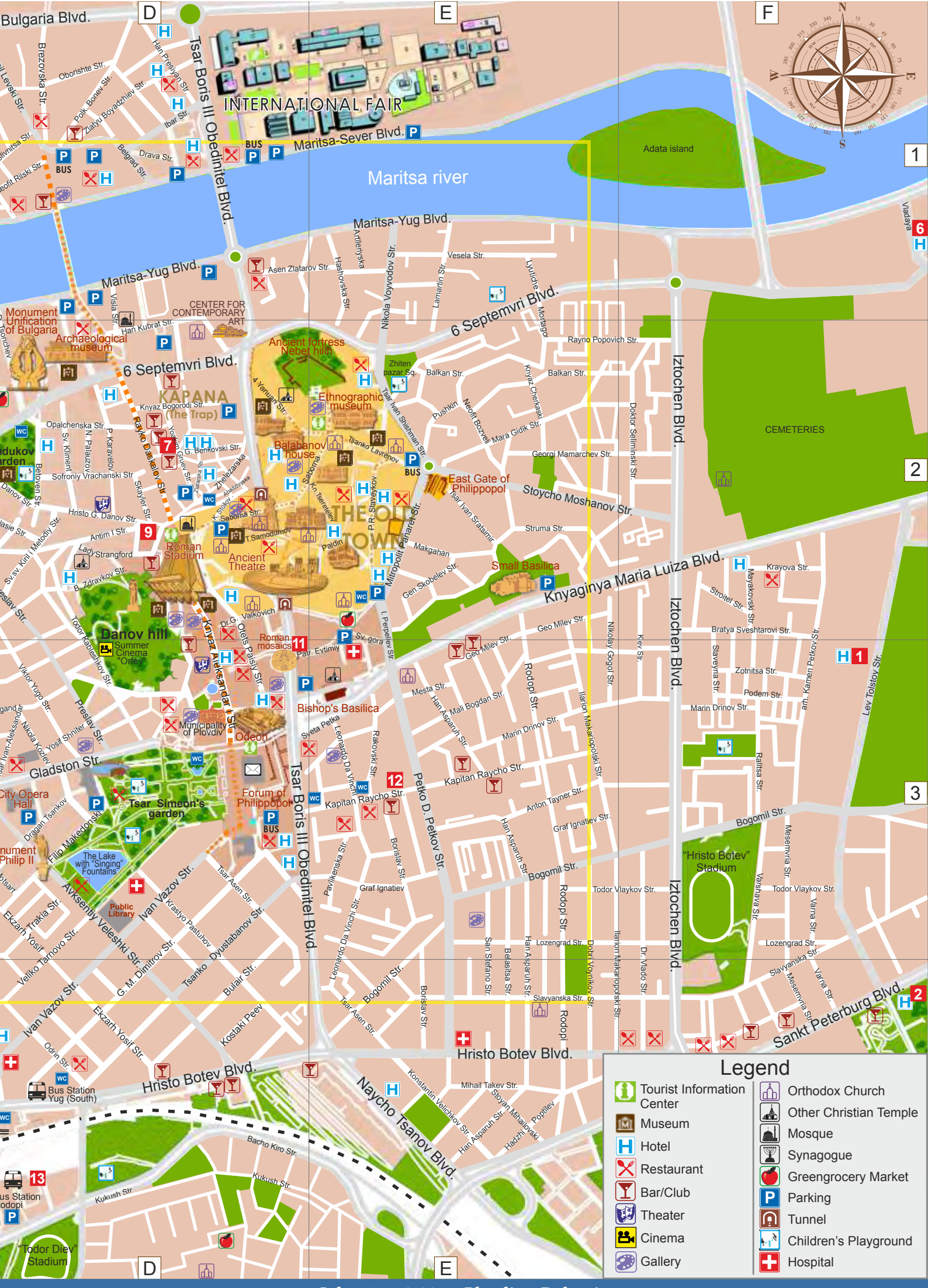
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Maritsa-Sever Blvd.
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Knyaginya Maria Luiza Blvd.
Iztochen Blvd.
Hristo Botev Blvd.
Naycho Tsanov Blvd.
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Bogomil Str.
Stoycho Moshanov Str.
Monument Unification of Bulgaria
Archaeological museum
CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART
Ancient fortress Nebet hill
Ethnographic museum
Balabanov house
East Gate of Philippopol
THE OLD TOWN
Roman Stadium
Ancient Theatre
Small Basilica
Roman mosaics
Bishop's Basilica
Odeon
Municipality of Plovdiv
Forum of Philippopol
Danov hill
Summer Cinema "Orfey"
Tsar Simeon's garden
City Opera Hall
The Lake with "Singing" Fountains
Public Library
Bus Station Yug (South)
"Hristo Botev" Stadium
"Todor Diev" Stadium
CEMETERIES
KAPANA (The Trap)
Zhiten bazar Sq.
Danov hill
Sv. gora
Dondukov Garden
Legend
Tourist Information Center
Museum
Hotel
Restaurant
Bar/Club
Theater
Cinema
Gallery
Orthodox Church
Other Christian Temple
Mosque
Synagogue
Greengrocery Market
Parking
Tunnel
Children's Playground
Hospital

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