

Bulgarian Charm

Fishing in Bulgaria

Fishing is a very popular sport and pass-time for many Bulgarians. With its numerous rivers, natural and man made lakes the country offers variety of sea and fresh water fishing. Very popular are the large man made lakes during 1950 – 70 that provide water for agricultural land in low lands. There one can expect to catch carp, trout, pike and many other varieties.

Black sea coast also provides good fishing. There one can enjoy rod fishing from the pier or deep water fishing from small fishing boat. The best session for sea fishing is from September to November.

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Fresh water (Siluroides) – (Alburnus alburnus), grey mullet, chub (Mugil cephalus), carp (Cyprinus carpio), sheat-fish (Silarus glanus), (Perca fluviatilis), pike (Esox lucius), pike-perch (Stizostedion lucioperca), (Salmo trutta fario), (Salmo gairdneri irideus), (Salvelinus fontinalis). Most of these fishes are over 2kg and can be prepared and eaten or returned in water depends on you. There are lots of small kind fishes for fun and food. Harpooning in fresh water is forbidden in Bulgaria. Closed season for fishing, the month of May for all fresh water fishes, only for (Salmo) in mountains Oct. to Dec. Fishing the Black Sea (salt water) is allowed the whole year.



Ropotamo River



Whats Included:

- Translator and Guide**
- Transport to and from the Airport**
- Bed and full English breakfast**
- Packed lunch**
- Evening meal**
- Transport to lakes or rivers**
- Free rod and tackle hire (if required)**
- No visa requirements**
- License fees included**

Bulgarian Charm offers some unique fishing opportunities, we have searched the formally hidden countryside of Bulgaria to bring you a selection of the best Bulgaria has to offer the sporting fisherman.

We have three lakes and two rivers as well as the Black Sea itself to thrill and excite you. They vary from a man made lake to natural lakes and winding rivers.

Fishing Seasons in Bulgaria

Autumn – During the autumn season most fish take the bait actively and then as they are getting ready for the cold winter months, they go down to the deeper waters because of the higher temperatures found there.

Winter - Carp tend to become lethargic and can be hard to tempt to take bait. The predatory fish (pike, perch, zander and trout) are active during the entire winter season. Fishing sometimes has to be performed on ice. Also active during the winter months are the dace and rudd.

Spring – With the warming of the weather the fish, which have not been that lively during winter, start getting active and move to shallow waters which have flooded the coasts and the out falls of the rivers, searching for food. During the warmer days the fish are more active. The predatory fish also come close to the shores and are particularly active...

Summer- When the temperature reaches the maximum for Bulgaria, fish are most active in the mornings, evenings and during the nights. During the heat of the day the fishing can be slow.

Fishing Climate in Bulgaria

During autumn and spring, fine mornings usually bring frosts that plummet to -3c so good woolen clothing is necessary. Rain and wind can be expected at any time of the year.

During the winter from December to the end February everything is covered with snow and the temperatures are around -7 to -8 C.

Summer: Daylight is from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and temperature starts in the morning at approx. 12 – 18c and rises to 30-35c.

Autumn and Spring: Daylight 6 am - 7 pm and temperature starts in the morning at approx. 5a.m. - 8c, day time rises to 10c-20c.

Winter: Daylight is from 7 am - 6 pm and temperature starts in the morning at -10c to 0c, day 0 to -10c.

The Black Sea

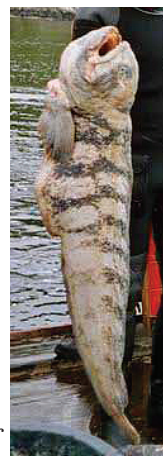
Black Sea is an inland sea covering an area of about 420 thousand square kilometers reaching at 2206 meters in its deepest point.

There are many rocky shore lines that are excellent for beach casting, these offer up many types of smaller fish, but these are perfect for the BBQ.

But we also have the perfect deep water solution meet our captain, Captain Christoe is ready to escort you to the fishing grounds of the Black Sea only a seasoned skipper with years of experience could lead you to. His beautifully restored traditional Bulgarian fishing boat caters for six comfortably, as a guide to his skill this skipper and boat have landed over 3,000 euro's worth of fish in a single day!

The boat is registered out of the old traditional fishing village of Sozopo, this picturesque setting provides the perfect backdrop to the perfect sea fishing experience. All bate is supplied and tackle is available at no extra charge for those that need it.

Among the species present in the Black Sea are: Belted Bonito with a super flavour much like Tuna, Haddock, Turbot, Golden Gray Mullet, Flathead Mullet, So-iuy Mullet, Leaping Mullet, Sand Sole, Flounder, Common Stingray, Black Sea Turbot, Gobiidae family and European Seabass also known as Sea Wolf - the most desirable fish to catch! Captain Christoe himself has landed a Belted Bonito weighing over 16 Kilos. Fishing is available throughout the year (weather permitting), however the fish are particularly active between September and November.



Sea Wolf



Poyroy Lake

This large lake fed by the Hadzhiyska River is situated in southeast Bulgaria in beautiful countryside south of Burgas. Rich of catfish, carp, zander, perch, chub, it has a dam at its easterly end and is home to some extremely large fish.

It is easily accessible all the year round being on the old 906 Varna Road, there are fish at least 15 kilos in weight, fish here are so plentiful there is even a small shop on the road only stocked with fish caught in the lake, it is always well stocked!

The track runs from the main road around the lake and our guides will take you to the best swims, bait will of course be supplied along with a packed lunch. Tackle can be supplied if required, just let us know in advance.



Aheloy Lake

This large lake fed by the Aheloy River is remote lake is rarely fished by tourists. Only known by the locals it didn't appear on maps until recently, it is a rich in many sorts of fish especially 'Tom' (толстолоп) with many specimens reaching 14 kilos. If our clients wish they can bring a 'bivvy' or we can supply a small tent and fish over night, cooking what they catch on a BBQ we can lend you!

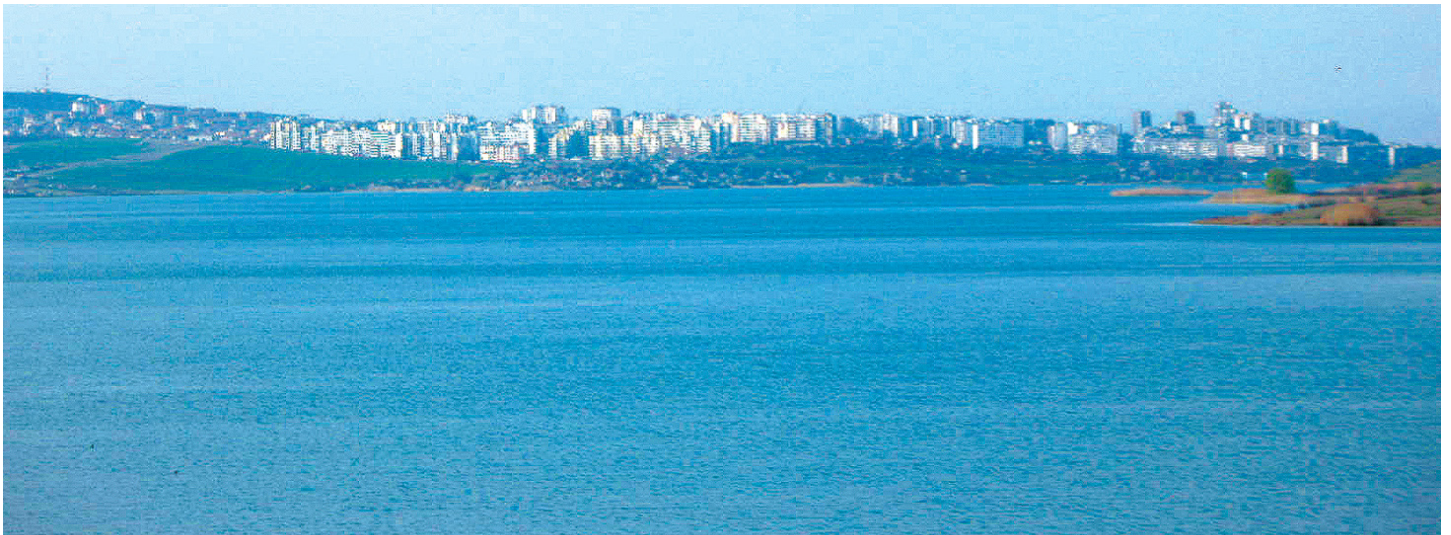
This special water is reached by a four kilometre dirt track hence its unspoilt appearance (because of its special location it may not always be reached in bad weather). Tackle can be supplied by Bulgarian Charm if required, just let us know in advance.

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Fakiyska River

The Fakiyska River - is one of the three main rivers feeding into Burgas Lake, with its lush banks and cool shade it is the perfect back drop for a days fishing. With many fish such as Pike, Carp, Trout and others. Over night fishing can be arranged by Bulgarian Charm and all bate is included, licenses etc.



Rapotamo River

The Rapotamo is one of the largest rivers in this part of Bulgaria, meeting the sea at Primorsko, where it passes through the National Park, (this part of the river is not open to fishing), the remaining parts of the river provide wonderful sport, with many species of fish. The river contains some specimen trout, carp and many smaller varieties of fish.



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