



Camping Veliko Tarnovo

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Transport Options To Camping Veliko Tarnovo

Camping Veliko Tarnovo is located in the village of Dragizhevo, Lyaskovets Municipality in central north Bulgaria. The below information is to help with planning travel itineraries to / from the campsite.

Airports

Bulgaria

There are four main airports in Bulgaria who operate flights across Europe including the low cost airlines. All of the airports are about 3-4 hours travel time from the campsite.

Sofia Airport	SOF	www.sofia-airport.bg
Varna Airport	VAR	www.varna-airport.com
Plovdiv Airport	PDV	www.plovdivairport.com
Burgas Airport	BOJ	www.burgas-airport.com

Romania

Romania is also an option but travel time is slightly longer at 5-6 hours.

Bucharest "Henri Coandă" International Airport (formerly Otopeni Airport)	OTP	www.otp-airport.ro
Bucharest "Aurel Vlaicu" International Airport (formerly Băneasa Airport)	BBU	www.baneasa.aero

National Bus Companies

There are two large companies that run bus services to and from Veliko Tarnovo. The bus station is the South Bus Station (Автора̀а ю̀р in Bulgarian). It is 14 Kms from Veliko Tarnovo to the campsite.

You can buy a ticket at the bus station but it is advisable to purchase in advance of the date that you wish to travel. You can buy online via the websites. Websites are in English language.

Vehicles are modern, clean, reliable. The bus companies are good at keeping to the scheduled times – that is, they are not often late leaving or arriving.

There are no food and drink services on the bus. Eating food and drink is not allowed in theory, but is tolerated as long as you are discreet. Buses are usually non stop between cities (e.g. Sofia to Veliko Tarnovo) so most buses have a toilet but take your own hygiene products.

Be respectful of the 'quiet policy'– i.e. limit the use of your mobile phone.

Tickets have seat numbers and generally people sit in their allocated seat. Look for the word " Мя̀сто " on the ticket, which means place, to find which seat number you have been allocated. The seat numbers are on the side of the chair near the floor. If you sit in the wrong seat do not be surprised if you are asked to move to the correct seat.

Overhead storage for small bags; large bags go in the cargo area. The driver will place a sticker on the bag and a sticker on your ticket. This is your proof that your bag was loaded onto the bus.



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Safety at bus stations – most bus stations have dedicated police officers on patrol but it is advisable to take the usual safety precautions with your valuables and bags. Theft is rare but like bus stations across the world, an unwary traveller is an easy target.

Note, if catching a bus to the airport (Sofia for example) not all of the buses stop at the airport – make sure you book the correct bus.

Example Price : Sofia to Veliko Tarnovo approx 24.00 Leva, 12.00 Euro one way.

Etap / Grup Plus
Biomet

www.etapgroup.com
www.biomet.bg/en/

Trains

The national train company is BDZ. The company operates trains services across the country.

There are two train stations suitable to reach the campsite; Veliko Tarnovo (Велико търново in Bulgarian) and Gorna Oryahovitsa (Горна Оряховица in Bulgarian). The train station at Gorna Oryahovitsa is a larger station with more connections and it is closer to the campsite. Veliko Tarnovo is 14 Kms to the campsite, Gorna is 8 Kms to the campsite. For example the trains from Sofia, Bucharest, Varna etc. stop at Gorna before stopping at Veliko Tarnovo so it is often easier to use the Gorna train station.

You can buy a ticket at the train station but it is advisable to purchase in advance of the date that you wish to travel. You can buy online via the website. Website is in English language, but it is a new website so not all services are bookable online yet.

Trains are not so modern but are clean and reliable. The train company is good at keeping to the scheduled times – that is, they are not often late leaving or arriving.

There are no food and drink services on most trains so for a long journey take a picnic with you. Toilets are on the train but take your own hygiene products.

Be respectful of quiet areas on the train – i.e. limit the use of your mobile phone.

Tickets have carriage and seat numbers and generally people sit in their allocated carriage / seat. If you sit in the wrong carriage / seat do not be surprised if you are asked to move to the correct carriage / seat. Tickets are checked by inspectors during the journey.

Safety at train stations – most train stations have dedicated police officers on patrol but it is advisable to take the usual safety precautions with your valuables and bags. Theft is rare but like train stations across the world, an unwary traveller is an easy target.

Trains are generally slower than the bus for the same journey i.e. Sofia to Veliko Tarnovo is four and half hours by train compared to three and half hours by bus. Also there are 'slow' trains and 'fast' trains so make sure you book the correct train i.e. Sofia to Veliko Tarnovo fast train is four and half hours while the slow train is seven hours.

There are First Class Tickets and Second Class Tickets – the difference in price is not that great and the difference in quality is not that great either !



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Example Price : 1st Class Sofia to Veliko Tarnovo approx 24.00 Leva, 12.00 Euro one way.

BDZ

www.bdz.bg/en/

Local Bus Companies

It is possible to take a bus from Veliko Tarnovo to the campsite but you need to change buses at Gorna Oriahovitsa

The bus from Veliko Tarnovo to Gorna Oriahovitsa is :

Bus Number 14

Departs Western Bus Station (Автогара Запад)

Departs at 10, 20 and 50 minutes past each hour.

The price is 1.50 Leva.

You can check the times here :

http://gtvt2012.blogspot.bg/p/blog-page_6299.html?m=1

The bus from Gorna Oriahovitsa to the Campsite is :

Bus Number 99

Departs from Gorna Oriahovitsa at these times :

08:30, 10:20, 11:30, 13:30, 14:30, 16:20.

The price is 0.70 Leva

Ask the bus driver to stop at the Camping - "Къмпинг" in Bulgarian

You can check the times here :

http://www.lyaskovets.net/d2_ref_transport.php

Taxi Information

In general taxis fit four people and luggage (some can be small cars so don't be surprised if the journey is a little cramped). All taxis must display their rates on the dashboard and in the window. Check the price before you commit to the journey. There have been fraudulent taxi's at airports and train stations charging very high rates to the unwary traveller. The airports and larger train stations have offices where you can book a taxi to ensure that you get the correct price.

Taxi's at Veliko Tarnovo

We have used the same taxi service for seven years and the service has always been reliable. You can contact Dimitar, who speaks English, on 00 359 877 767 200.

Dimitar can arrange most services :

Taxis – 4 seat

Taxis – 7 seat

Minibuses - 20 seats

Buses - 50 seats.

The service can be used for transport from (to) a bus / train station and the campsite or for sightseeing

activities in the Veliko Tarnovo area. It is possible to book a 50 seat coach to take a group into Veliko Tarnovo for the day etc. Price will vary depending on size of bus, kilometers travelled, time of day / night, waiting time at tourist site etc.

Example Prices:

4 Seat taxi from Veliko Tarnovo to Campsite – 14.00 Leva, 7.00 Euro.

4 Seat taxi from Gorna Oryahovitsa to Campsite – 10.00 Leva, 5.00 Euro.