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BULGARIA SKI TRIP 2027

Dates:

5th Feb - 11th Feb 2027 (7 days)

Price

£1,395 (approx \$1,876 /€1,628) OR £1590 (approx \$2,139 /€1,855)

Secure your spot with just a £49 deposit (approx \$65/€57) - Payment plans available

Operator

The trip will be run by @adventure360official, the UK's leading independent specialist travel company for 18-35s.



Everything you need to know

PRICES FROM:

LGBTQ+ Backpackers Bulgaria Ski - without lessons - **£1,395**

LGBTQ+ Backpackers Bulgaria Ski - with 3 lessons - **£1,590**

Prices shown are correct on the 4th Aug 2026 and are subject to change

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Find new friends on this LGBTQ+ Backpackers exclusive
- Ski like a pro or learn new skills
- Push the limits with our costume contest - the wilder, the better!
- Après and bar crawl your way through Bansko at night
- Enjoy a night out in Sofia, Bulgaria's fairytale capital

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 6 nights of accommodation
- 6 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- All in-trip transport
- Group leader
- Night out in Sofia
- Explore Bansko's old town
- Your ski gear
- Après-ski socialising
- 24-hour emergency support
- 3 ski lessons*
- Ski Lift Pass

**If chosen, the 'with lessons' option*

WHATS NOT INCLUDED:

FLIGHTS, VISA'S, TRAVEL INSURANCE, SOME MEALS, SNACKS AND DRINKS, EXTRA SKI LESSONS



Coming Solo?

Perfect - most people on our trips do! Our trips are **designed to help travellers meet and make new friends**, so whether you're joining alone, with a partner, or alongside friends, you'll quickly feel part of the group.

A **dedicated group leader will be with you throughout the trip**, making sure everyone is mixing, socialising, and having an amazing time together. Adventure360 also **creates a WhatsApp group around a month before departure**, so you can start chatting and breaking the ice before you even arrive.

Several travellers across multiple trips have even ended up **getting matching tattoos together**, and there have been **countless reunions happening all over the world** since - which really says a lot about how close the group becomes by the end of the trip!

Tattoos



Thailand 2025



Philippines 2025



Thailand 2026

Reunions



Amsterdam pride



Brighton pride



Switzerland

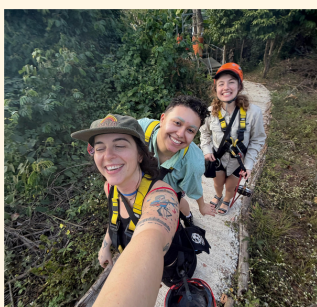


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Who is the trip open to?

This trip is open to **LGBTQ+ backpackers aged 18-35 from any country!** Our trips **usually attract queer women, trans, and non-binary people**, but they're open to - and we encourage - **everyone across the LGBTQ+ community to join!**

Our insta gives a good glimpse into the kind of lovely people you can expect to be travelling with! (@lgbtq_backpackers).



Reviews

As our trips are operated by trusted travel partners, we don't collect reviews directly ourselves. However, **the reviews below were left on Adventure360's Reviews.io profile** specifically for our LGBTQ+ Backpackers Trips.

Adventure360, the operator for this trip, is rated 4.8/5 on Reviews.io, and we'd definitely encourage you to check out their reviews!

Daisy ★★★★★

Solo travel is always an exciting yet intimidating prospect and sometimes, as someone who is a part of the LGBTQ community, it can feel more intimidating than exciting. That's why I was so excited to be able to go on a fully queer trip and I have never been so glad that I did. What a fantastic, vibrant and beautiful group of people I got to spend time with, all while discovering a new country. We really got to see the wide variety that Thailand has to offer: from beautiful beaches, expansive jungle and bustling cities. Throughout the trip, the organised experiences gave us the chance to become extremely close as a group and there really was something for everyone. There was also the chance for additional activities such as rock climbing. It is impossible to leave a review for this trip and not mention the incredible Mr Patrick. It's safe to say that we would have been lost without him and that he made this trip the best it could possibly be for all of us. Mr Patrick led us all through the experience with jokes, hugs and anti-sea sickness medications and we never were unsure about our next move. I cannot recommend him more highly as a guide and fully express what a wonderful person he is. Everyone in their life needs a Mr Patrick ❤️ thank you for making such an inclusive and safe trip possible for all of us.

Jen ★★★★★

Wow - what an incredible experience! I haven't got a single bad word to say about this tour and our wonderful, caring and fun guide Patrick! From day one he helped bring our group together ready to see his country not with strangers, but with new friends. This activity packed tour was so well organised: I always felt safe, knew what our plan was and could easily ask for suggestions for our free time. Patrick put so much work into making our time together memorable and worry free, it really wouldn't have been anywhere near as good without him and I am so grateful for him! I couldn't recommend doing a Gap360 tour as part of the LGBTQ+ backpackers group enough! It was so special and I now have a group of queer people from all around the world that I can call family - I will definitely be doing it again!

Anonymous ★★★★★

This trip was so fun! We did so many amazing things and I've met the best people! Our guide Mr. Patrick took so good care of us and made the trip the best it could've been:) I felt so safe as queer the whole time

MJ ★★★★★

I had an incredible time on the LGBTQ Backpackers Thailand trip. Everything was very well organized and planned, and I loved the group activities we did as well as the freedom to go off and explore a bit on my own, which I had a great time doing. I loved the hill trek and the night in the jungle village as well. I do wish we could have spent more time in Bangkok and Chiang Mai, though- it would have been nice to get to explore the city and learn about the culture. As a vegan, I was amazed at how well gap360 accommodated my dietary needs for all of the included meals. I never found myself in a situation where I felt like there wasn't anything I could eat; and often, a separate vegan meal was prepared for me without even having to ask! Our tour guide Mr Patrick was an absolute delight. He did an amazing job and made the trip so fun. He helped us so much on the trip and it wouldn't have been the same without him!

Ella ★★★★★

I had a fantastic 18 days in Thailand, exploring all of this country's beauty. I specially want to shout out our guide, Patrick, for expertly shepherding 22 of us around the whole country and taking us on the most fantastic excursions!

Samantha ★★★★★

What a life changing experience. I had the absolute pleasure joining the LGBTQ+ backpackers trip and had the most heartwarming experience. This was my first time traveling solo which going with Gap360 allowed the comfort of traveling with a group alongside gaining the feel of backpacking. We saw the most beautiful locations with a mix between chilled beach time, adrenaline pumping activities and learning a lot about the culture! Highlights were definitely the elephant sanctuary and the hill village stay. I have come out of this trip with so many beautiful new friends and memories that I will cherish forever. I was very worried about going to Thailand with a peanut allergy but the tour provided safe meals and our amazing tour guide helped every step of the way with communicating and pointing me in the right direction of safe alternatives. We had the absolute delight of Mr Patrick's company on our tour. Patrick was the perfect tour guide for our LGBTQ+ tour. He has a strong knowledge of cultural history and had many suggestions for places/activities for us to do in each location during free time which were always welcomed. Mr Patrick deserves a full five stars. He is such an inspiration and joy to have met! For a diverse group who struggle to sometimes feel safe in different locations, Mr Patrick made us all feel safe every step of the way. Thank you Mr Patrick ❤️

Aisling H ★★★★★

I was very nervous leading up the queer trip to Thailand but once I got there, I felt so at ease. Travelling around Thailand with a beautiful bunch of people was an unforgettable experience. I have made some lifelong friends and will always be grateful for this trip. Mr. Patrick was amazing. He knew everyone's names from the start and joined in on our fun when he was able to. His communication was excellent, we always knew what the plan was and timings etc, he was always there with the anti-sickness tablets too. Mr. Patrick was the perfect person to show a bunch of queers around Thailand. Would do it all again in a heartbeat.

Post-Trip Chat Vibes

We believe there's no better way to get a sense of how incredible the trips are than by taking a sneak peek into the post-trip group chat messages!



From @saskf



From @jana_o4



From @lifeofrachel_x



From @danncannon



From @hfarris



The following
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Day 1

Trip Overview

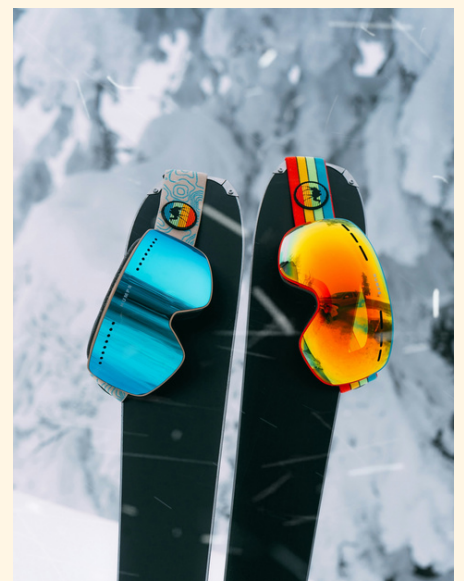
Are you ready for the ultimate winter adventure? Experience Bulgaria on the LGBTQ+ Backpackers exclusive trip. What starts as a Sofia city break will quickly become ski, après and repeat on the snowy hills of Bansko. It's the dreamiest winter wonderland you've ever seen, especially when you're sharing each memory with new friends you can't imagine life without. Total beginner or experienced skier - doesn't matter, because all levels are welcome!

Day 1: Welcome to Bulgaria!

It's the moment you've been waiting for. Today we arrive in Sofia, the fairytale capital famed for its rich local history, art galleries, scenic parks, bustling boulevards, local markets, and just about everything you can imagine.

Meet your new group of friends who'll quickly become family tonight. This will be our first and final night in Sofia, so you may wish to arrive early and spend your afternoon sightseeing. With Bulgaria winning Eurovision this year, we have a feeling that Sofia is about to become VERY popular soon - so we're ahead of the trend!

Your group leader will take you to an incredible spot for dinner and drinks before we see where the night takes us. Let's raise a glass to all the memories we're about to make... And if you're wondering how to say "Cheers" in Bulgarian, it's "Наздраве" (pronounced "Nahz-drah-veh")!



Day 2 & 3

Day 2: Sofia to Bansko.

Yesterday you met your crew, and today we meet our home base! Hop on a private coach as we journey to Bansko. From wooden chalets to soaring peaks, get ready for Bulgaria's ultimate winter wonderland. On the drive down, we'll play some games and a few more ice-breakers. Drop your bags later, then this afternoon we'll get our ski gear fitted, before exploring Bansko's old town.

Those cobbled streets will make you feel pure wanderlust, especially when they lead to artisan food spots, local cafés and traditional taverns. Mulled wine? Of course! Tonight we have another delicious group dinner planned at our hotel. We officially start skiing tomorrow morning, so how late you want to party tonight is completely up to you. Just know that Bansko's après is pretty legendary!

Day 3: Skiing and après.

It's time! Fuel up on breakfast, grab your ski gear, and get ready to hit the slopes. If you have booked the with lessons included option, your first lesson will be this morning.

After, you can keep on exploring or hop on a ski lift to soak in the mountain views from above. Then later this afternoon, we'll regroup for après! Pick up your drink of choice, whether that's an Aperol Spritz, the local beer, or downing shots of Rakia. Either way, get ready to dance! Tonight, you guessed it, we'll grab dinner together before our first BIG night out... Don't be fooled by Bansko's cosy vibes; at night things get pretty wild!



Day 4 & 5

Day 4: Snow much fun.

Rise and shine! Nothing cures a hangover quite like fresh mountain air, so after breakfast we're grabbing our ski gear once more. Hold onto your phones as we ride the chair lift, because jaw-dropping views are incoming. Then hop off and ski your heart out! If you're not ready to dive in right away, you and your new mates can grab hot chocolates up top. Or you can continue mastering those skills in another lesson if you choose with the lessons option.

When the morning winds down, your afternoon is just getting started! And it's completely free, so you can keep on skiing or switch up the scenery with a wander in town. Whatever vibe you and your friends are feeling today, Bansko has got something to match it!

Day 5: Ski, après, repeat.

You know the drill! Chat with your friends over breakfast, then head out to carve up the slopes. They say that practice makes perfect, so try those tricks you've been wanting to. Continue with that last ski lesson, to master the skills (included lessons option only)

Then it's time... Time for more après, of course! Our plans for tonight are dinner and an epic bar crawl. After a few Rakia shots, you may find yourself dancing on a table. When in Bansko! You're also free to take it easy breezy (especially since we've got a fun surprise planned tomorrow!).



Day 6 & 7

Day 6: Costume contest.

Think of your craziest costume idea and times it by x1000. We wanna see it! Today we're going skiing together one last time, so bring on the onesies, the fancy outfits, or the outlandish headgear. Because even if you're the worst skier, you can still be the best-dressed!

When today comes to a close... Just kidding, we're only getting started! This is our final night in Bansko, and you can bet that we'll make it count. Your group leader has something really fun planned, and we don't want to give it away, sooo, let's just say it's one to remember!

Day 7: Ski ya later!

And just like that, our winter adventure week is over. Even if you're not a ski pro, you've definitely found your people! We have a private coach journey today back to Sofia, and your group leader can help organise your next steps. Until next time!

All activities, inclusions and itineraries are subject to change.



More Info

Arrival Info

This trip starts in Sofia on day 1. There is no airport transfer included.

Departure Info

On day 7, the group will travel back to Sofia by private coach, where the trip will end. There is no departure transfer, but your trip leader can assist you with this.

Accommodation

6 nights of accommodation are included for this trip. You'll be staying in twin/triple share rooms.

Meals

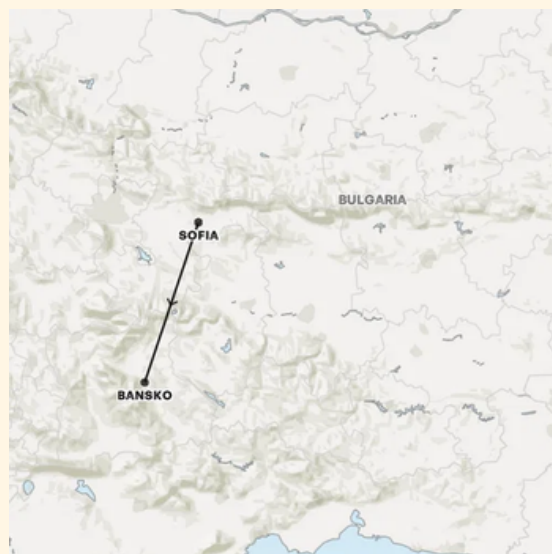
6 breakfasts and 5 dinners are included for this trip. Your group leader has got you covered with the best local recommendations for where to eat and drink during your free time.

Bulgarian food is packed with flavour and has a similar vibe to Turkish cuisine. You'll find vegetable-based dishes, flaky pastries, grilled meats, salted cheeses, and baked casseroles. We cannot think of anything more perfect for the winter weather!

If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know upon booking so that we can assist with alternatives.

Group Size

Max 26



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Interested?

To secure your space you just need to pay a £49 non-refundable deposit (if you're paying via a payment plan) or £199 non-refundable deposit (if you want to pay the rest just 12 weeks before)

As this trip is operated by Adventure360, all terms and conditions are with them.

To book, please visit <https://www.lgbtqbackpackers.com/group-trips>

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