

## **EAC 2018 SYMPOSIUM: EXCURSION DAY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

### **Morning, 9:15-12:30: Walking tour of the central part of Sofia**

**Starting point:** In front of the National Archaeological Museum, Atanas Burov Square, 9:15.

The tour will lead the participants past the main landmarks and historical buildings in the center of Sofia, dating from various periods of the city's development – Late Antiquity, Ottoman Period, late 19<sup>th</sup> – early 20<sup>th</sup> c., and the Communist Period. The program includes several visits:

- Alexander Nevsky Patriarchal Cathedral (built 1904-1912), the second largest Orthodox church on the Balkans;
- St. Sophia Basilica from (late 5<sup>th</sup>-early 6<sup>th</sup> c. AD) with part of Serdica's Eastern Necropolis – various structures from the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> c. AD, including several painted tombs;
- The National Archaeological Museum.

End of half-day trip.

Lunch break for the full-day trip participants, 12:30-14:00 (free program, no organized lunch).

### **Afternoon, 14:00-17:00: Visit to Boyana and return to the center**

**Starting point:** National Archaeological Museum, 14:00.

The afternoon leg of the tour will take the participants to Boyana – a suburb of Sofia at the foot of the Vitosha Mountain. The tour will be a combination of walking and transport provided by NAIM-BAS. It includes two visits:

- The medieval Boyana Church (10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> c. AD) and its famous frescoes, part of UNESCO's World Heritage;
- The National History Museum (accommodated in the former official residence of the Communist regime).

In case of rain, the walking parts of the tours may be reduced, but the visits to indoor locations will continue as planned.