

# **SOFIA AIRPORT TO BELI ISKAR DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

Thank you for choosing Zelnik Rentals and welcome to Bulgaria. One of the many benefits of Borovets and Beli Iskar is their close proximity to Sofia International airport. In less than an hour after collecting your luggage you can be relaxing in your luxury apartment.

The drive from the airport to Samokov and on to Beli Iskar is very straightforward. If you are fortunate enough to have a daytime flight you will be rewarded with some stunning views of the Rila Mountains and Lake Iskar.

If you have hired a car from Autojet, one of their representatives will meet you in Arrivals and take you to your hire vehicle.

## ***Arrivals at Terminal One***

After collecting your hire car, exit the car park by following the one way system around the car park perimeter. Take a right, at a sign, signposted "Centrum". Head straight on and then go straight on at the traffic lights onto the main road.

## ***Arrivals at Terminal Two***

Leave the terminal building and follow the road straight on and bear right at the T-junction. At the next traffic lights, turn left onto the main road.

## ***Sofia to Samokov***

After approximately 2km, look out for a flyover bridge. Here you need to take a right, it should be signposted Plovdiv (Пловдив). This road immediately leads into a tight 180 degree right turn, right in front of a Shell petrol station. Keep your wits about you as you merge onto the main carriageway as the slip road is very short!

Keep driving for about 10 minutes, looking out for a large Metro supermarket on the right. Take a right turning here – signposted for Borovets/Samokov (Боровец/самоков).

You are now on the road that goes all the way to Samokov. Don't be perturbed by the abundance of car parks, showrooms and garage forecourts on the first stage of this road - you are in "car city" and we can assure you that you are on the right road.

Just stay on this road for approx 50 minutes, after which you should be entering the outskirts of Samokov.

When you reach the next main crossroads (there is a petrol station on the right hand side) you have two options. You can either go direct to Beli Iskar (see "Direct to Beli Iskar") or stop off at the well stocked new Billa supermarket for some supplies (see below).

## ***Directions to the Billa Supermarket (Samokov)***

At the crossroads, turn left and head over the bridge spanning the River Iskar. Once on the other side, turn right immediately. The Billa supermarket is on the right, just before the new sports hall (large silver building).

Once stocked up, return to the other side of the river (turn left out of the supermarket car park, and then next left to cross the river).

Go straight on at the next crossroads, but after approx. 100m take the next left, signposted by a blue sign marked Beli Iskar (бели искър). (Now skip to the section entitled "The road to Beli Iskar").

### ***Direct to Beli Iskar***

At the crossroads (with the petrol station to your right), take the right turning. Get ready though as you will need to take the next left (after about 100m), signposted by a blue sign marked Beli Iskar (бели искър).

### ***The road to Beli Iskar***

This next road takes you all the way to Beli Iskar. Just before you enter the village, you will see that the road bears right towards the villages of Madzhare (Маджаре) and Goverdartsi (говердарци). Don't follow this road to the right, bear left into Beli Iskar.

### ***Welcome to Beli Iskar***

Once in the village, you should see the magnificent rock formation, known as Eagles Rock, rising before you in the distance. Follow the road around to the left, over the bridge (the River Iskar again!) and at the fork in the road, just before the old school building, bear to the left. This takes you up the hill past the new Eagles Rock development (with the characteristic witches hats on the towers) up to Chalet Iskar, which can be found on the left hand side.

### ***Return Journey***

Your return journey is simply a matter of going back the way you came until you reach the outskirts of Sofia. At this point it is good idea to refuel your hire vehicle at one of the many petrol stations dotting the carriageways. You will notice on the map of Sofia, a slightly different return section marked in red. This brings you onto the main Sofia/Plovdiv (софия/пловдив) road in a more direct route. This shortcut is easily spotted by keeping an eye out for a group of 4 tall, factory chimneys in the distance. Head straight for the chimneys and at the junction with the main dual carriageway, turn left. Once safely on the highway, you will see the signposts for Sofia airport, which is a right turn. Immediately after turning right and merging onto the new road, you need to move across to the left hand side of the road in order to keep going straight ahead to the terminal building. Both the old and new terminals are signposted as you approach.

Your AutoJet representative will meet you at the terminal.

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## Tips for a safer journey in Bulgaria

### ***Speed limits:***

<b>Area</b>	<b>Limit(Km/h)</b>
Built up areas	50
Rural (out of town)	90
Main road/dual carriageway	130

The Bulgarian traffic police are very strict and do not tolerate speeding. They also have very strict drink driving laws that can result in heavy fines and a years driving ban for offenders. Please be sensible, stick to the speed limits and absolutely no drink driving.

### ***Useful telephone numbers***

<b>Number</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Police	166
First Aid	150
Fire Brigade	160

Zelnik Rentals hope you have a fantastic time here in Bulgaria.

Enjoy your holiday!