



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## 2019



### CULTURE EVENTS

1	6 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany - taking the holy crest out of the waters of Iskar river, old traditional custom
	21 <sup>st</sup> January	Official ceremony for the newborns in 2018 – giving away the special town symbols – Ritual hall
	15 <sup>th</sup> January - 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Exhibition photographs “Bulgarian volunteers / revolutionists” by Tosho Toshev - Gallery „Prof. Vasil Zahariev“
2	8 <sup>th</sup> February	Celebrating the victory of the Bulair battle – in front of Memorial community center “Otets Paisiy-1859”, Samokov
	19 <sup>th</sup> February	Honoring the deeds of the National hero Vassil Levski on the date of his birth – the Nunnery
	21 <sup>st</sup> February	110 years of the birth of the painter Georgi Belstoynev – jubilee exhibition – Town History Museum
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	National Holiday - Bulgarian liberation day of Ottoman yoke
	3 <sup>rd</sup> March - 15 <sup>th</sup> May	125 years of the birth of Naum Hadzhimladenov – jubilee exhibition and catalogue - Gallery „Prof. Vasil Zahariev“
	8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women’s Day Ceremony, awarding women with a contribution to the Public Life (The Ritual Hall)
	10 <sup>th</sup> March	Pokladi - a feast of forgiveness, associated with the burning of great fires in the evening, marking the beginning of lent
	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Todorovden - a church holiday celebrated with horse racing
4	1-7 <sup>th</sup> April	Campaign dedicated to the Forest Week
	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day
	26 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays
	April	Embroidered Beauty - Exhibition of local masters of Bulgarian embroidery - Sarafska house - Samokov
5	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration Day of Europe and Day of Victory
	14 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration The Liberation of Samokov from the Ottoman yoke
	18 <sup>th</sup> May	International Day of Museums
	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Official Ceremony of National Award for Arts “Zahari Zograf” – Gallery „Prof. Vasil Zahariev“
	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Festive concert for the Day of Slavonic Alphabet, Bulgarian Enlightenment and Culture - Zahari Zograf Square
	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2019
6	May	Week of Arts - Borovets resort
	1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children’s feast - Zahari Zograf Square
	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Day of national hero Botev and those who died for the freedom of Bulgaria - the monument of Hristo Botev
	15 <sup>th</sup> June - 15 <sup>th</sup> August	85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vassil Chakarov - Jubilee exhibition with catalog
	29 <sup>th</sup> June	Festival of the Rila Zelnik (culinary contest with the local specialty) - village Beli Iskar
	June	Youth Street Art Festival - Samokov
	June	Opening Summer Season in Borovets resort
7	6 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Folklore Festival “The Magic of Rila Mountain” - Borovets resort
	26 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Chakarovi celebrations - Honoring the deeds of the local hero Chakar Voyvoda with re-establishment of the battles - Chakarovi meadows
	July	Stork holidays - village Popovyane
	July	Celebration in the fortress Tsari Mali Grad - Belchin village, concerts and exhibition

	July	Demonstration and practical exercises ebru (Paper marbling) - Sarafska house		
8	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Feast of Rila mountain - Musala Hut		
	9 <sup>th</sup> August	190 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nikola Obrazopisov - Jubilee celebration - Presentation of a documentary film and exhibition – Town History Museum		
	15 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Feast of Samokov municipality – concerts, exhibitions a.o.		
	24 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Folklore Festival “Gift from Nature” - Govedarts village		
	August	International Plainair in Painting - Samokov		
	31 <sup>st</sup> August	Rock festival BoroRock in Rila - Borovets resort		
	31 <sup>st</sup> August	Folklore festival “Bobfest” /culinary celebration of bean dishes/ - Raduil village		
9	1 <sup>st</sup> September	6 <sup>th</sup> centmem8pu Unification Day of Bulgaria		
	22 <sup>nd</sup> centmem8pu	Independence Day of Bulgaria		
	September	Youth festival “Rhythm of the Mountain” - Samokov		
	September	Art workshops “Familatlon-Samokov” - Samokov		
	September	International symposium “Tsar Shishman Days in Samokov”, including Balkan Films – Town History Museum - Samokov		
	September	Feast of Dzivata and Potatos		
	September	Fiest “Day of Yavorov” (dedicated to the Bulgarian poet Yavorov) – Beli Iskar village		
10	1 <sup>st</sup> October	95 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Zafir Yonchev’s Birth - Jubilee Exhibition –Gallery “Prof. Vasil Zahariev “		
	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Festival of Old Town Songs - Memorial community center “Otets Paisiy-1859” - Samokov		
	4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> October	12 <sup>th</sup> October Feast of Kompira (Feast of the potato - one of the symbols of the region)		
	12 <sup>th</sup> October	Day of the Bulgarian Municipality		
	14 <sup>th</sup> October	Traditional fair dedicated to St. Petka - Belchin village		
	20 <sup>th</sup> October	Days of the National Enlighteners in the Town History Museum		
	10 <sup>th</sup> November	21 <sup>st</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> Festival of amateur theaters “Theatre without borders” - Memorial Community Center “Otets Paisiy-1859” - Samokov		
	October	11	1 <sup>st</sup> November	Day of National Enlighteners - Awarding Ceremony with honorary signs and certificates of the present-day Enlighteners - Sarafska house
	1 <sup>st</sup> November	Official Celebration of the 160th Anniversary of Memorial community center “Otets Paisiy-1859” - Samokov		
	9 <sup>th</sup> November	Folklore festival “Nashensko horo” - Samokov		
	November	Feast of potato - Shiroki dol village		
	21 <sup>st</sup> November	Christian Family Day		
	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Awarding Ceremony, National Photography Prize “Anastas Karastoyanov” - Gallery “Prof. Vasil Zahariev“		
12	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Turning on the lights of the Christmas tree		
	December	Ice rink - Season opening		
	6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> December	Week of the donor - Exhibition with Donations – Town History Museum		
	15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas exhibition of Association “St. Luca “- Gallery “Prof. Vasil Zahariev “		
	December	Winter Tourist Season Opening - Borovets resort		
	17 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas` and New Year`s celebrations		



# SPORTS EVENTS



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1	15 <sup>th</sup> January	Badminton – Municipal school games – Samokov
	17 <sup>th</sup> January	Table tennis – Municipal school games – Samokov
	24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> January	Alpine ski – Borosport cup – men, ladies - Borovets resort
	20 <sup>th</sup> January	World Snow Day, Borovets resort
	31 <sup>st</sup> January	Cross country – Samokov cup - men, ladies - Borovets resort
	January	Basketball – quarter finals Bulgaria cup – men – sports venue Arena Samokov
	January	Basketball – group „A” – men - sports venue Arena Samokov
	January	Basketball – regular season National basketball league – men - sports venue Arena
2	February	Winter challenge, Samokov
	February	Basketball- semifinals Bulgaria cup – men - sports venue Arena Samokov
	February	Basketball – group „A” – men - sports venue Arena Samokov
3	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Alpine ski – Chamkoria Junior cup - children from 6 up to 12 years of age - Borovets resort
	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Alpine ski – Peter Popangelov Senior cup – children from 6 up to 12 years of age - Borovets resort
	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Alpine ski – Champions memorial cup - children from 6 up to 12 years of age - Borovets resort
	12 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross country – National championship - Borovets resort
	15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Snowboard – Boroboard Junior cup - Borovets resort
	17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross country – Balkan cup – men, ladies - Borovets resort
	March	Basketball – group „A” – men – sports venue Arena Samokov
	March	Basketball – BFB cup – boys - sports venue Arena Samokov
4	April	Basketball – playoffs National basketball league – men - sports venue Arena Samokov
	April	Basketball – group „A” – men - sports venue Arena Samokov
5	May	Basketball - playoffs National basketball league – men - sports venue Arena Samokov
	May	Challenge day
6	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Motocross – European championship – moto venue Rido
	June	Athletics - Traditional municipal cross – town square Zahari Zograf
	June	Official season opening, Mountain bike park Borovets - Borovets resort

7	12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Cross country running - Borosport cup - Borovets resort
	5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Balkan offroad cup /Trophy/; National trial championship
	1 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Football tournament – Samokov cup – children and juniors
8	8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> August	International Moto Festival Borovets 2019 - Borovets resort
	11 <sup>th</sup> August	Sky run – Rila Run – Borovets resort
	15 <sup>th</sup> August	Cross country running, second round, Memorial Mankata, Borosport cup - Borovets resort
9	1 <sup>st</sup> September	Cross country running, third round, Memorial Batch, Borosport cup - Borovets resort
	8 <sup>th</sup> September	Adventure Sky Run 2019 - Borovets resort
	21 <sup>st</sup> September	Ski jumping – Samokov cup – Samokov
	September	Motocross – European motocross championship – moto venue Rido
	September	Roller skis – Samokov cup – Samokov
	September	Basketball – European club tournaments – sports venue Arena Samokov
	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Bike competition CROSS COUNTRY XC
10	6 <sup>th</sup> October	Athletics – National road running, Samokov cup in memoriam of Dragolyub Spasov – Lyuts – town square Zahari Zograf
	October	Walking day
	October	Orienteering – National championship - marathon; National night championship
	October - December	Basketball – National basketball league - men – sports venue Arena Samokov
	October - December	Basketball – Elite group – girls, boys – sports venue Arena Samokov
	October - December	Basketball– Festivals Rila / Vitosha – girls, boys – sports venue Arena Samokov
	October	Football – Municipal school games – Samokov
11	November	Athletics – Municipal school games – Samokov
	November	Wrestling – Samokov cup – wrestling sports hall – Samokov
	November	Basketball – FIBA tournaments – boys - sports venue Arena Samokov
12	December	Official ceremony "Athlete, coach and team of the year 2019" - sports venue Arena Samokov
	December	Basketball - International tournament – girls, juniors – sports venue Arena Samokov
	December	Basketball – FIBA tournaments – boys - sports venue Arena Samokov

The dates of the events may vary during the year and are subject of changes.

## OFFICIAL VILLAGES' FEASTS:

6 <sup>th</sup> May	Popovyane village
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Gutsal and Madzhare villages
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Govedartsi village
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Dospei, Mala Tsarkva, Relyovo, Belchin, Gorni Okol, Novo Selo villages
06 <sup>th</sup> July	Prodanovtsi village

20 <sup>th</sup> July	Shiroki dol, Zlokuchane villages
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Maritsa village
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Rayovo village
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Beli Iskar, Dolni Okol, Raduil, Shipochan villages
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Yarlovo village
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Alino, Dragushinovo, Klisura, Kovachevtsi villages