

## SOFIA – THE ACCESSIBLE CITY

Tourists visiting the capital city of Sofia are welcomed at the entry point,  
**Airport Terminal 2**

<http://www.sofia-airport.bg/pages/content.aspx?lm01=101&lm02=96>

which is a part of the modernized infrastructure to facilitate the movement of people with disabilities. Then the guests learn that in the last decade Sofia works harder than ever for people with disabilities. For them built have been facilities to ensure their access to monuments and historical sites. Many of the latter have never been visited by disabled people because of the lack of appropriate facilities. Open for disabled persons are the following institutions and sights:

### **National History Museum**

<http://www.historymuseum.org/page.php?key=informasao>

### **National Museum of Natural History at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences**

<http://www.nmnh.com/facilities-bg.html>

### **National Archaeological Institute and Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences**

<http://naim.bg/bg/content/category/700/34/>

### **National Military History Museum**

<http://www.militarymuseum.bg/Kontakti/kontakti.html>

### **Sofia Art Gallery**

<http://www.sghg.bg/newsite/index.php?module=pages&lg=bg&page=address>

### **National Polytechnic Museum**

[http://www.polytechnicmuseum.org/index.php?option=com\\_frontpage&Itemid=72](http://www.polytechnicmuseum.org/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=72)

### **Metropolitan Library**

<http://www.libsofia.bg/modules/news3/article.php?storyid=113>

One of the most visited attractions of the city -

### **St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral**

[http://bulgariatravel.org/bg/object/239/Hram\\_pametnik\\_Alexandyr\\_Nevski](http://bulgariatravel.org/bg/object/239/Hram_pametnik_Alexandyr_Nevski)

also allows Christian believers and tourists pray and light a candle in the Memorial Church.

In Sofia, construction never stops. Older buildings are reconstructed, new ones are built. Their architectural plans are already made to conform to the requirements for accessibility by disabled people. The cinemas in the new shopping centres are open to everyone, as well as the modern Arena Armeec Hall.

### **Arena Armeec Hall Sofia**

[http://www.arenaarmeecsofia.com/%D0%A5%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B0-%D1%81-%D1%83%D0%B2%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B6%D0%B4%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%8F\\_l.st\\_k.dp\\_lang.en.html](http://www.arenaarmeecsofia.com/%D0%A5%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B0-%D1%81-%D1%83%D0%B2%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B6%D0%B4%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%8F_l.st_k.dp_lang.en.html)

In addition to operating as a sports hall, the Arena is often used for a wide range of cultural events.

The hotels in the city are also beginning to offer increasingly better access and specialized rooms for people with disabilities. Among these are:

### **Hilton Sofia**

<http://www.hotel-rez.com/hw/a194345/index.htm>

### **Easy Hotel**

[http://easyhotel-sofia.bg/?page\\_id=87](http://easyhotel-sofia.bg/?page_id=87)

### **Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan**

<http://www.sheratonsofia.com/bg/location.html>

and others.