



## BULGARIA



**ISO Country Code – BG**

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### Designated Authorities

#### Civil Aviation Authority

Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and  
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Civil Aviation Administration - CAA  
9, Dyakon Ignatii Str.  
1000 Sofia  
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Tel: (+359 2) 937 1047  
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AFTN: LBSFYAYX  
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Bulgarian Air Traffic Services Authority - BULATSA  
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#### Customs

Ministry of Finance  
Customs Agency  
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1040 Sofia  
Republic of Bulgaria

Tel: (+ 359 2) 980 7660  
Fax: (+ 359 2) 980 6897  
Email: [pr@customs.bg](mailto:pr@customs.bg)

### **Immigration**

State Agency for Refugees within the Council of  
Ministers  
Ovcha Kupel Residential District, 21A Montevideo Str  
1618 Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria

Tel: (+359 2) 818 1208  
(+359 2) 818 1204

### **Health**

Ministry of Health  
Public Relations Office  
5, Sveta Nedelia Square  
1000 Sofia  
Republic of Bulgaria

Tel: (+359 2) 930 1166  
(+359 2) 930 1113  
Fax: (+359 2) 930 1254

### **En-route and Aerodrome Charges**

Bulgarian Air Traffic Services Authority - BULATSA  
Route Charges Department  
1, Brussels blvd.  
1540 Sofia  
Republic of Bulgaria

Tel: (+359 2) 937 1520  
(+359 2) 937 1524  
Fax: (+359 2) 937 1322

### **Agricultural Quarantine**

Ministry of Agriculture and Food  
Information, Public Relations and Protocol  
Directorate  
55, Hristo Botev blvd.  
1040 Sofia  
Republic of Bulgaria

Tel: (+359 2) 985 11 383

### **Investigation of Accidents, Serious Incidents and Incidents**

Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and  
Communications  
Civil Aviation Administration  
9, Dyakon Ignatii Str.  
1000 Sofia

Republic of Bulgaria

Fax: (+359 2) 980 5337

### **Aeronautical Information Services (AIS)**

Aeronautical Information Service  
Bulgarian Air Traffic Services Authority  
1, Brussels blvd.  
1540 Sofia  
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FAX: (+359 2) 980 0043

AFTN: LBSFYOYX  
Email: [ais@bulatsa.com](mailto:ais@bulatsa.com)

### **International NOTAM Office**

International NOTAM Office  
Bulgarian Air Traffic Services Authority  
1, Brussels blvd.  
1540 Sofia  
Republic of Bulgaria

Tel: (+359 2) 937 4250  
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AFTN: LBSFYNYX  
Email: [notam@bulatsa.com](mailto:notam@bulatsa.com)

### **Embassy to the United States from Bulgaria**

Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria  
1621 22nd Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20008

Tel: (202) 387 0174; (202) 299 0273; (202) 483 1386  
Fax: (202) 234 7973

Email: [office@bulgaria-embassy.org](mailto:office@bulgaria-embassy.org)  
Website: <http://bulgaria.usembassy.gov/>

### **United States Embassy to Bulgaria**

U.S. Embassy Sofia  
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Bulgaria

Tel: (+359 2) 937-5100  
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Non-immigrant Visa Matters: [NIV\\_Sofia@state.gov](mailto:NIV_Sofia@state.gov)  
Immigrant Visa Matters: [IV\\_Sofia@gov](mailto:IV_Sofia@gov)  
American Citizen Services Matters: [ACS\\_Sofia@state.gov](mailto:ACS_Sofia@state.gov)

## Flight Information

The accuracy and currency of information contained in this guide is uncertain due to the difficulty in obtaining the information and the rapidly changing environment. Aviators should always check with a country's aviation authority or a local aviation handler to determine any specific aircraft airworthiness/equipment and crew/passenger entry requirements.

### Airports of Entry

<a href="#">LBBG</a>	<a href="#">Burgas International Airport</a>
<a href="#">LBGO</a>	<a href="#">Gorna Orayahovitsa International Airport</a>
<a href="#">LBPD</a>	<a href="#">Plovdiv International Airport</a>
<a href="#">LBSF</a>	<a href="#">Sofia International Airport</a>
<a href="#">LBWN</a>	<a href="#">Varna International Airport</a>

### Entry/Exit Requirements

Entry and exit requirements are for aircraft departing the United States non-stop to country of destination. These requirements do not include any technical stops. Please refer to **Technical Stop** section in **Additional Flight Information** for the country at which the technical stop will be made.

Entry and Exit documentation forms vary from country to country. In general, however, ICAO member countries will accept the following standard ICAO Annex 9 Entry/Exit documents:

- General Declaration
- Passenger Manifest
- Cargo Manifest
- Embarkation/Disembarkation Card
- Certificate of Residual Disinsection

Examples of these documents can be found at *IFIM Home>General Information>International Flying Overview> ICAO Annex 9 Entry/Exit Documents*. The acceptance of these ICAO documents must be confirmed by the appropriate AIS.

### Entry Requirements (Departing the U.S.)

- File an [eAPIS](#) manifest outbound (recommend inbound at this time, too)
- File and activate international flight plan
- Land at a designated airport of entry (AOE) – customs and immigration

The following entry documents are required:

#### *Passengers –*

- Valid passport
- [Visa](#) for some countries (not required for USA up to 90 day visit)

*Pilots* – Same as passengers

*Note:* Other pilot/crewmember requirements may be applicable in lieu of those stated. Contact appropriate AIS for further clarification prior to flight.

*Aircraft* –

No Information

### **Exit Requirements (Departing Bulgaria)**

- Depart from an AOE
- File [eAPIS](#) manifest if inbound to the U.S.
- File an international flight plan
- Call U.S. Customs at filed U.S. airport of entry

## **Additional Flight Information**

### **Aircraft Instruments and Equipment**

All aircraft operating in the airspace of the Republic of Bulgaria shall adhere to the provisions of ICAO Annex 6 and Annex 8.

ICAO Documents can be purchased from ICAO at: <http://store1.icao.int/>

The items listed below are for pilots' reference to determine if the aircraft meets minimum instrument and equipment requirements of the destination country. Additional equipment may be required to comply with the airspace navigation requirements.

- VHF two-way radios with 25 khz spacing (8.33 khz spacing above FL195)
- SSR Transponder Mode C
- RNAV – 5
- VOR/DME
- ACAS (turbine engine with MTOGW over 5700 kg or more than 19 passengers)

### **RVSM**

[Domestic and International RVSM](#) guidance is provided on the IFIM Home Page. Click on the **Air Traffic** tab and select **Separation Standards** from the drop down list.

### **Technical Stop / Overflight**

Authorization for overflights through the airspace of the Republic of Bulgaria must be obtained not later than 5 (five) working days before the day of operation.

The applicant shall be informed of the granted flight clearances not later than 24 (twenty four) hours before the beginning of the flight.

A flight plan must be filed not later than 1 hour before the beginning of the flight to the following addresses:

Integrated Initial Flight Plan Processing System in Europe - IFPS:

AFTN: EUCBZMFP и EUCHZMFP

SITA: PAREP7X and BRUEP7X

Fax: (33 1) 698 838 22 and (32 2) 729 9041

Flight Planning Department:  
Bulgarian Air Traffic Services Authority - BULATSA  
Flight Planning Department  
1, Brussels Blvd.  
1540 Sofia  
Republic of Bulgaria

Tel: (+359 2) 945 9029  
(+359 2) 937 1272  
Fax: (+359 2) 937 4795

AFTN: LBSFZGZX  
SITA: SOFZGYF  
Email: [fdp@bulatsa.com](mailto:fdp@bulatsa.com)

Authorizations for flight in Bulgarian airspace must be granted by the following authorities:

Consular Department  
2, Alexander Zhendov Str.  
1040 Sofia  
Republic of Bulgaria

Tel.: (+359 2) 948 2003  
(+359 2) 973 4326  
Fax: (+359 2) 873 4262  
(+359 2) 971 3376

Or

Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and  
Communications  
Civil Aviation Administration  
9, Dyakon Ignatii Str.  
1000 Sofia  
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Tel.: (+359 2) 937 1047  
(+359 2) 937 1094  
Fax: (+359 2) 980 5337  
Email: [caa@caa.bg](mailto:caa@caa.bg)

AFTN: LBSFYAYX  
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### **Non-scheduled Flights (Charters)**

See Technical Stop/Overflight

A flight clearance for non-scheduled international flights is granted by the CAA after submission by the applicant of the relevant information required. The required advance time of submission, of the required information, varies depending on the number of flights to be conducted. See the on-line Bulgaria AIP for details.

### **Private Flights**

Only flight plans are required for private flights to Bulgaria.

### **Float Planes**

The IFIM Staff is not aware of any Float Plane requirements or restrictions.

### **Light Sport Aircraft**

The IFIM Staff is not aware of any Light Sport Aircraft requirements or restrictions.

### **Fees**

Users should anticipate varying fees for landing, parking, passengers, use of air bridge, security, noise and air navigation. See the on-line Bulgarian AIP for details.

### **Fuel**

All of the AOE's have Jet A1 and Avgas except for LBPD – Plovdiv, which only offers Jet A1.

### **VFR/Night VFR**

The visual flight rules between sunset and sunrise shall be operated only for take off, landing and flights within the traffic pattern.

Enroute VFR shall not be operated above FL200 or at transonic or supersonic speeds.

### **Island Hopping**

The IFIM Staff is not aware of any Island Hopping requirements or restrictions

### **Aeronautical Charts**

Aeronautical charts are available for purchase from:

Airspace management  
Bulgarian Air Traffic Services Authority  
1, Brussels Blvd.  
1540 Sofia  
Republic of Bulgaria

Tel: (+359 2) 937 1221  
(+359 2) 937 1222  
(+359 2) 937 1223  
Fax: (+359 2) 980 0043

E-mail: [biser.jelev@bulatsa.com](mailto:biser.jelev@bulatsa.com)

### **Prohibitions, Restrictions and Notices**

Prohibitions, Restrictions and Notices may be found on the IFIM main page under General Information. Click [HERE](#) to open.



## Country Specific Travel Information

### Public Health Requirements

*Aircraft* – The pilot-in-command or a duly authorized representative, shall fill in and submit to the frontier health authorities the General Declaration of the aircraft upon arrival at the airport of destination

.Pilots should refer to the DOT website below for any current requirements.

DOT: [Aircraft Disinsection Requirements](#)

*Passengers* – All persons subjected to a sanitary border inspection are required to present international Certificate of Vaccination, issued according to the terms and conditions, prescribed by the World Health Organization.

Please refer to the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization websites below for any current requirements.

CDC: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/bulgaria.htm>  
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/vaccinations.aspx>

WHO: <http://www.who.int/countries/bgr/en/>

### Public Holidays (2014)

New Year's Day	01 January
Liberation Day - National Holiday	03 March
Easter	18,19,20,21 April
International Labor Day	01 May
Day of the Bulgarian Army	06 May
Day of the Bulgarian Culture	24 May
Union Day	06 September
Independence Day	22 September
Christmas Eve	24 December
Christmas Day	25 & 26 December

Other non-working days in Bulgaria for 2014:

02 May  
05 May  
31 December

### Pets

An original veterinary Certificate, issued by a competent state veterinary authority in the state of origin is required for each consignment with living animals, raw materials or products of animal origin.

### Additional Links

Official Government Tourism website: <http://bulgariatravel.org/en/>

CIA World Factbook:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/bu.html>

## **Aeronautical Information Publication AIP**

<http://www.ead.eurocontrol.int/eadcms/eadsite/index.php.html>

Website: [www.bulatsa.com](http://www.bulatsa.com). Free online AIP, General section only