



## Visit to the old town of Plovdiv

The architectural reserve Old Plovdiv is a well-preserved complex, where in a small area we can walk through different eras, see ancient buildings adapted to modern life, and feel the atmosphere of the city during the Renaissance.

The old town, as the complex is known, is located on a natural hill - the three hills (the nearby hills Jambaz, Nebet and Taksim). Many peoples have lived here over the centuries. Everyone has left both remnants of their culture and their name of the city. Plovdiv is one of the oldest cities in Europe - its origins date back to 4000 BC. In antiquity, the Thracians settled on the hill and created a fortified settlement, which in the IV century BC. was conquered by Philip of Macedon. It gives one of the many names of the city - Philippopolis, and surrounds it with thick fortress walls. Later, the Thracians regained control of the city, but after a series of battles, in the first century it came under Roman rule. A fortress on the very top of Nebet Tepe has been preserved since Thracian times.

During the Roman Empire, Plovdiv (then Trimontium) was an important regional center. The city prospered and large-scale construction of buildings and facilities, as well as roads, was in full swing.

Since then, many well-preserved remains of the thriving city remain - paved streets, fortress walls, buildings, water supply and sewerage system. Trimontium is growing so much that it goes beyond the boundaries of the fortress walls and new ones have to be built. Many parts of the city are located not on the hill, but at its foot.

More interesting sites from Roman times are the Ancient Theater, the Roman Stadium, the Ancient Forum and the Eyrene residential building. Which we will look at today.