

# How well do you know Bulgaria?

Let's start!

# 1. When was Bulgaria founded?

a. 885 A.D.

b. 864 A.D.

c. 681 A.D.

d. 1185 A.D.



Monument of Khan Asparukh in Strelcha,  
Bulgaria

# That's correct!

In 681 A.D. Khan Asparuh  
founded the Bulgarian state, the  
First Bulgarian Kingdom.



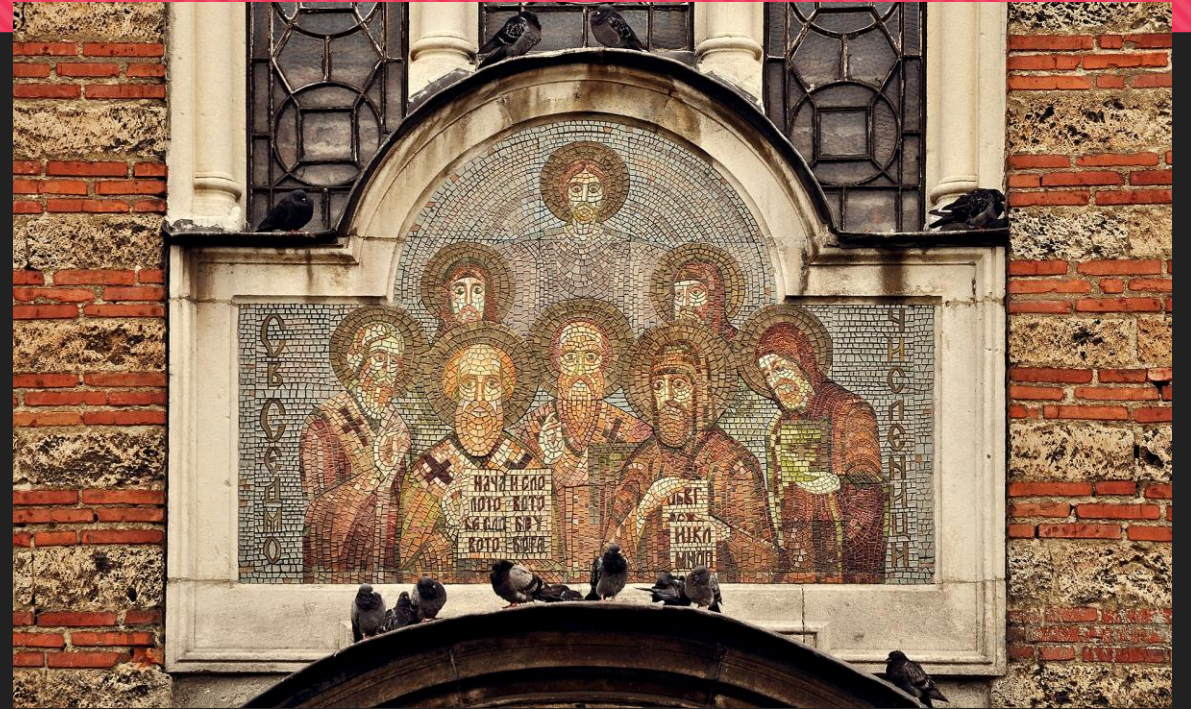


# That's not right but...

## Did you know

In 855 A.D. the Bulgarian prince Boris I adopted the Bulgarian alphabet – the Cirylic alphabet, when he welcomed the students of Cyril and Methodius.

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Mosaic of the Seven Saints in Seven Saints Church, Sofia





# That's not right but...

## Did you know

In 864 A.D. the Bulgarian prince Boris I adopted the Christianity and the Bulgarians were baptized.

Please go back and try again.



Christening of the Bulgarians, a miniature from the Vatican transcript of the Chronicle of Manasseh, 14th century.



# That's not right but...

## Did you know

In 1185 A.D. the Second Bulgarian Kingdom is established, after the revolt of Assen and Peter against Roman rule. The coronation of Peter IV as Bulgarian king and the subsequent truce with the Roman Emperor Isaac II Angel established the restoration of the Bulgarian state.

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Bulgaria during the uprising.

## 2. On which sea is Bulgaria's coastline?

a. The Aegean Sea

b. The Mediterranean

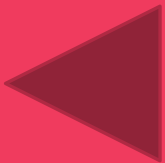
c. The Sea of Azov

d. The Black Sea



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# That's correct!

The Bulgarian Black Sea Coast (Bulgarian: Черноморие, romanized: Chernomorie), also known as the Bulgarian Riviera, covers the entire eastern bound of Bulgaria stretching from the Romanian Black Sea resorts in the north to European Turkey in the south, along 378 km of coastline.





3. Bulgaria has a common frontier with five other countries. With which of the following it does NOT have a common frontier?

a. North Macedonia

b. Greece

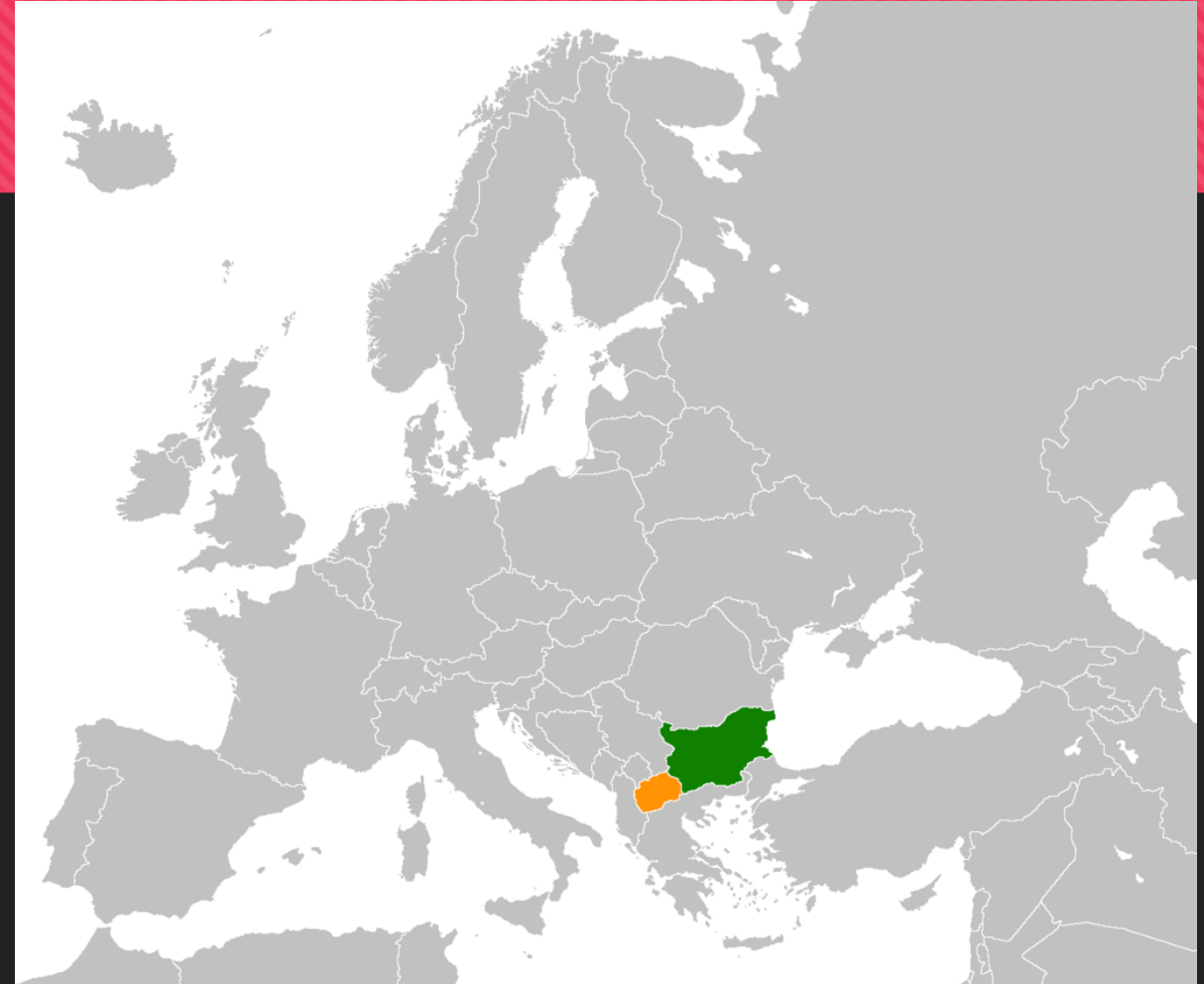
c. Moldova

d. Romania

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Bulgaria is bordered by North Macedonia to the west, as well as Serbia.

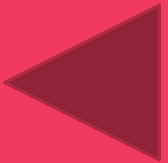
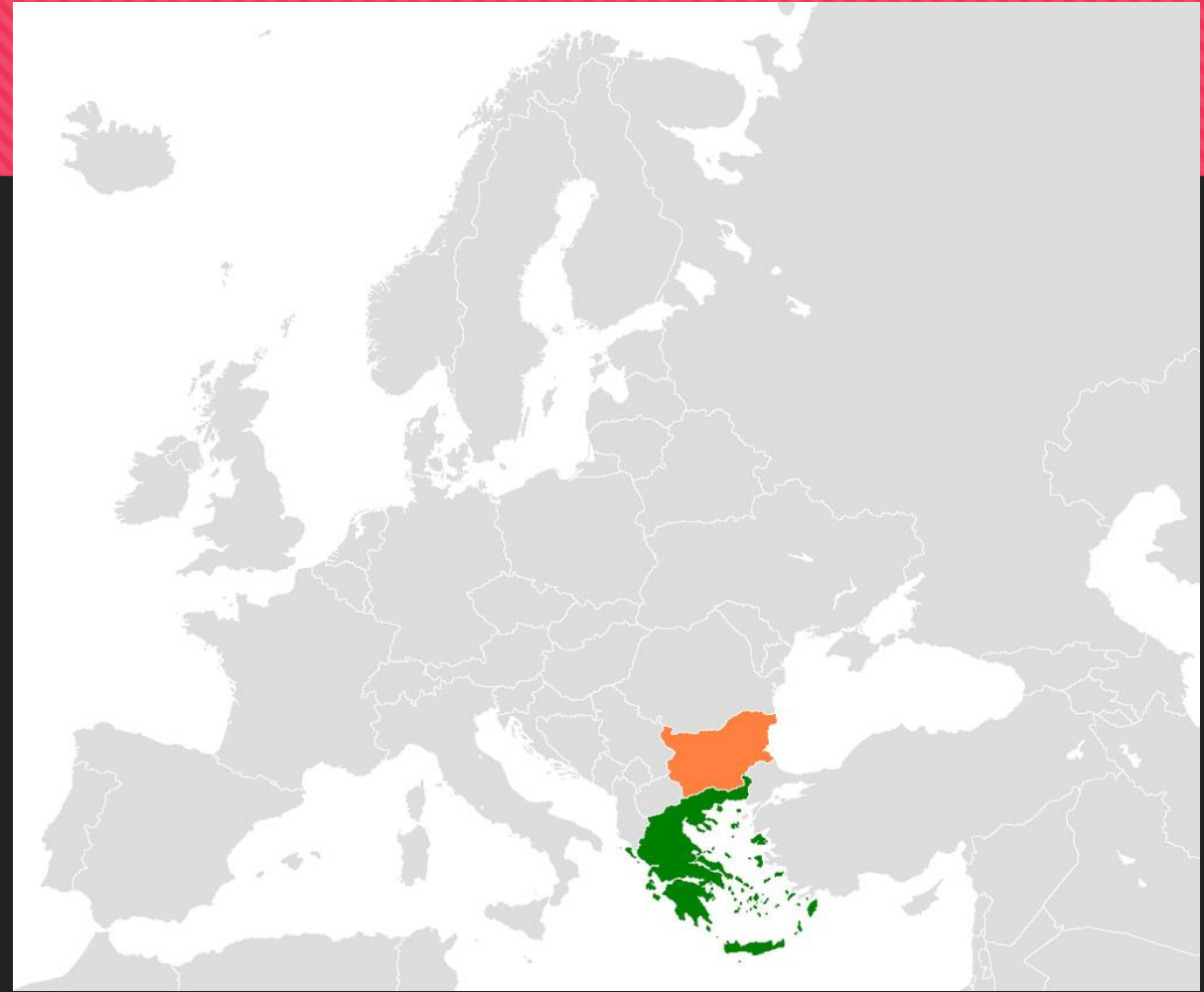
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# That's not right!

Bulgaria is bordered by  
Greece to the south.

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That's correct!

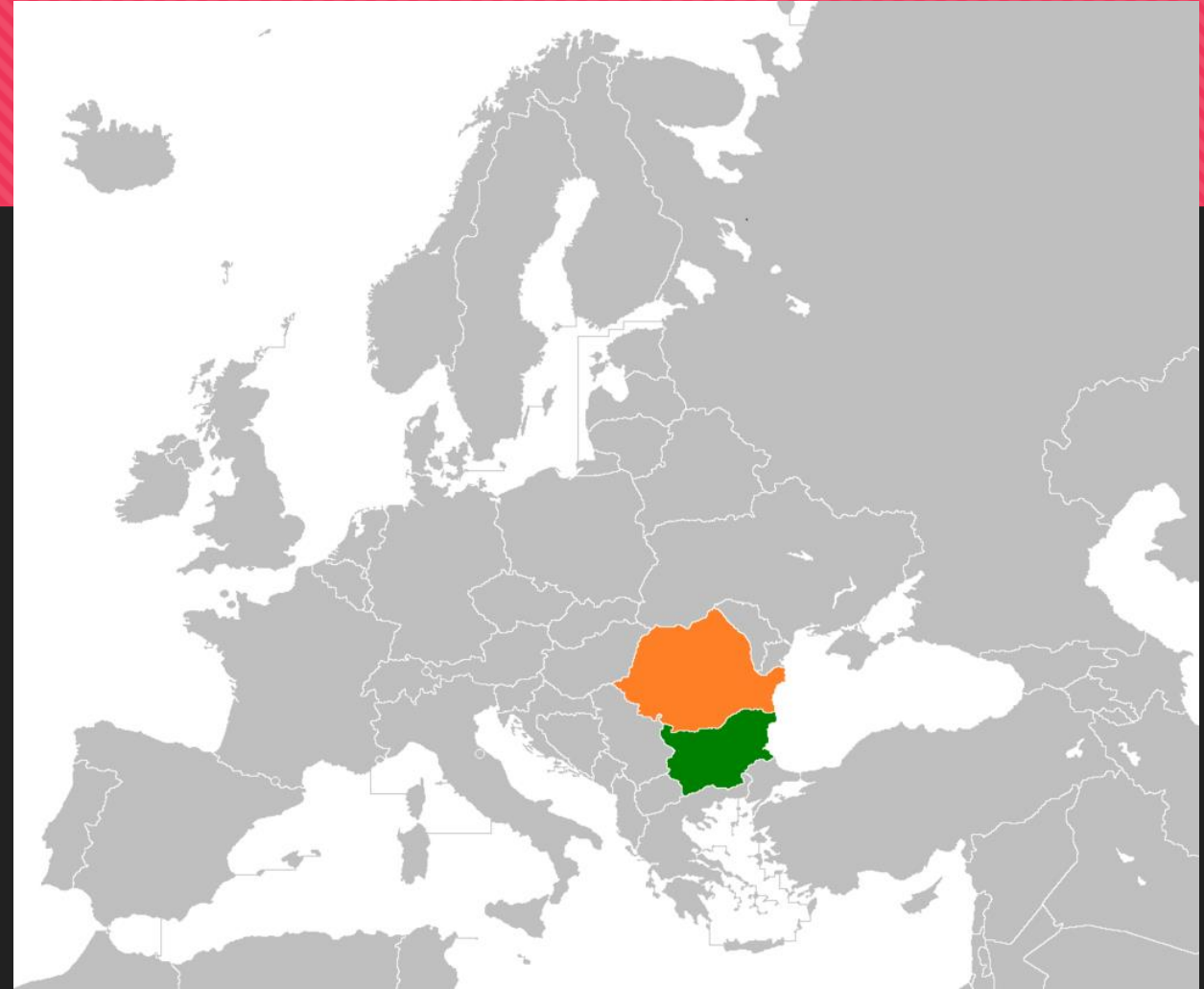
Bulgaria and Moldova do not share a common border.



# That's not right!

Bulgaria is bordered by  
Romania to the north.

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4. Which of the following pictures represents the Bulgarian flag?





# That's not right!

That is the Italian flag.

Please go back and try again.



# That's not right!

That is the *Madagaskar* flag.

Please go back and try again.



# That's not right!

That is the Hungarian flag.

Please go back and try again.





**That's correct!**



This is the Bulgarian flag.



5. The capital city of Bulgaria is Sofia.  
What is its old name?

a. Serdica

b. Pliska

c. Philippopolis

d. Odesos

# That's correct!



The eastern gate of Serdica in the  
"Complex Ancient Serdica"

Serdica is the historical Roman name of Sofia and is also the name of a district located in the center of the city of Sofia.





# That's not right but...

Did you know

Pliska was the first capital of the First Bulgarian Empire during the Middle Ages and is now a small town in Shumen Province.

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The Great Basilica in Pliska





# That's not right but...

## Did you know

Plovdiv (the second-largest city in Bulgaria) was known by the name Philippopolis after Philip II of Macedon during most of its recorded history.

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The theatre of Philippopolis



# That's not right but...

Did you know

Odessos is the ancient name of Varna which is the third-largest city in Bulgaria and the largest city and seaside resort on the Bulgarian Black Sea Coast.

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Remains of ancient Roman Odessos



## 6. Which of these foods finds its origin in Bulgaria?

a. falafel

b. lyutenitsa

c. İmam bayıldı

d. gyros



# That's not right but...

## Did you know

Falafel is a traditional Middle Eastern food, commonly served in a pita, which acts as a pocket, or wrapped in a flatbread known as taboon.

Please go back and try again.





# That's correct!



Lyutenitsa is a vegetable relish/chutney in Bulgarian cuisine. The ingredients include peppers, eggplants, carrots, garlic, vegetable oil, sugar, salt, and tomatoes. It comes in many varieties: smooth; chunky; with chili peppers or eggplant; and hot or mild.



# That's not right but...

## Did you know

İmam bayıldı is a dish in Ottoman cuisine consisting of whole eggplant stuffed with onion, garlic and tomatoes, and simmered in olive oil.

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İmam bayıldı with yoghurt and rice. From a restaurant in Selçuk, Turkey.





# That's not right but...

## Did you know

Gyros is a Greek dish made from meat cooked on a vertical rotisserie. It is typically served wrapped or stuffed in a flatbread known as pita, along with ingredients such as tomato, onion, fried potatoes, and tzatziki.

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## 7. The approximate population of Bulgaria nowadays is:

- a. 7.8 million
- b. 8.3 million
- c. 6.5 million
- d. 10.4 million

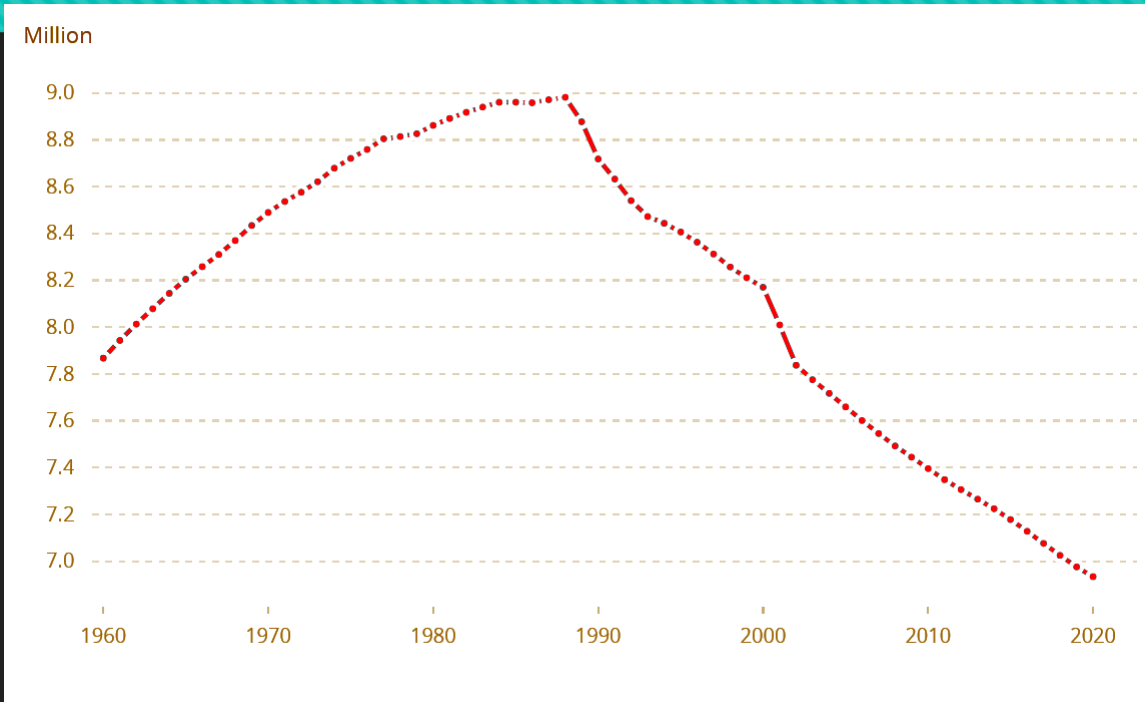


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# That's correct!



Population trend since 1960.

Bulgaria has a high Human Development Index of 0.813, ranking 51st in the world in 2018 and holds the 38th position in Newsweek's rankings of the world's best countries to live in, measuring health, education, political environment and economic dynamism.



## 8. When is the National Holiday of Bulgaria?

a. 1<sup>st</sup> March

b. 1<sup>st</sup> November

c. 24<sup>th</sup> May

d. 3<sup>rd</sup> March

# That's not right but...

## Did you know

On 1<sup>st</sup> March Bulgarians celebrate the Day of Baba Marta and exchange martenitsi (red and white coloured bands or figurines that symbolise health and happiness, a lucky charm against evil spirits).



Martenitsi, hung on fruit tree in blossom, Bulgaria.





# That's not right but...

## Did you know

On 1<sup>st</sup> November is the National Awakening Day in Bulgaria which celebrates the work of Bulgarian educators, writers and revolutionaries - awakeners of the reviving national spirit, the pursuit of education and literature.





# That's not right but...

Did you know

On 24<sup>th</sup> May is the Day of the Holy brothers Cyril and Methodius, of the Bulgarian alphabet, education and culture and of Slavic literature.



Statue of the two Saints in front of the SS. Cyril and Methodius National Library in Sofia.

# That's correct!

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March Bulgarians celebrate the Liberation Day. The Treaty of San Stefano signed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1878 envisaged the Ottoman Empire to accept the refoundation of the Bulgarian state that was conquered in 14th century during the Bulgarian–Ottoman wars.



Bulgarian National Guards parading on Liberation Day, 3 March 2018 in Sofia.



**That's all! Thank you! 😊**