



# 她从远古走来—— 普罗夫迪夫 42°N 中欧、西亚文明的连接处

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**北**纬 40°，这一盛产文明古城的神奇纬度线附近，有这样一座城，她在亚、非、欧三大洲交界处，巴尔干半岛东南部，中欧与小亚细亚的连接线上。她从远古走来，史前文明、色雷斯文明、希腊文明、罗马文明、拜占庭文化、中世纪文化、奥斯曼帝国文化、文艺复兴文化、现代文化相互交融，共同孕育了一个独一无二的文明古城，她就是——普罗夫迪夫！

普罗夫迪夫，保加利亚第二大城市、普罗夫迪夫州首府。这座古城有多老，看看她那有着 2000 年历史的古城墙和古罗马时期的露天剧场就知道了。

普罗夫迪夫是远古时期色雷斯地区的中心地带，也是古希腊神话中神秘音乐家俄耳甫斯的诞生地。不熟悉俄耳甫斯没关系，但对于星座迷来说，一定要知道这位兼具诗人及音乐家气质的神话音乐家以及有关他和“天琴座”的凄婉故事。传说中的硬汉角斗士斯巴达克斯也是诞生在这里。

罗马帝国时期是普罗夫迪夫历史上最为辉煌的时刻，当时修建了大量公共建筑，如教堂、浴室、剧院等。这些凝固在石头里的艺术在 2000 多年后的 1972 年，竟然从普罗夫迪夫老城南门附近的地下被意外发现。

古罗马露天剧场为半圆柱形希腊古典式建筑，建于公元 2 世纪。全部用白色大理石依山砌成，由下至上有 20 排大理石座位呈扇形包围着舞台。舞台高 3.1 米，两边保留着栩栩如生的大理石雕像，当时可容纳 7000 多名观众，经改造后，如今可容纳 3500 名观众。

如今，沉寂了 2000 多年的古罗马露天剧场重新奏响了华丽的乐章。威尔第夏季音乐节（Verdi Festival）成为普罗夫迪夫一年一度的音乐盛事。当音乐响起，《游吟诗人》《茶花女》一一从舞台上走下来，你将不知今夕是何年，难免生出“此曲只应天上有，人间能有几回闻”的感慨来。夏季到普市，



一定不要错过这场与古代对话的音乐盛宴。

普罗夫迪夫老城位于市中心的山丘上，历史上曾作为守卫用的城堡。这里集中了普市传统建筑的精华，在保加利亚建筑史上占有十分重要的位置。城内的老街古巷至今还保持着古老的风貌，居民住房上层用斜拱承托，层层凸出，非常有年代感。不少民居还被辟为博物馆，有的已被命名为国家重点文物保护单位。游客可以在集中的区域内穿越不同的历史时期，观赏古老的建筑，感受普罗夫迪夫的古老与质朴。

民族博物馆位于普罗夫迪夫老城区，拥有许多能够代表保加利亚以及保加利亚文化的展品，馆内共有三间不同主题的展厅。这座博物馆建于 1847 年，是

一位富商私人所有。博物馆本身就是十分珍贵的艺术品。

如今的普罗夫迪夫是保加利亚中南部富庶的农业区，马里查河把城市分为两部分，主要工业区在北岸。从 1933 年起，普罗夫迪夫每年举办春、秋两次日用品及工业用品国际博览会。

北纬 40° 线附近，不仅盛产文明古城，还盛产玫瑰和上好的葡萄酒。作为葡萄酒的发源地之一，自古以来，酿造葡萄酒就被视为普罗夫迪夫市民要特别掌握的技能 and 灵感的来源。保加利亚前总统彼得·斯托扬诺夫就出生于普罗夫迪夫市，一款葡萄酒就以他的名字命名。在普罗夫迪夫，如果细细品味老城的风韵还不过瘾的话，玫瑰和葡萄酒将为您在欧洲之行画上圆满的句号。





## Plovdiv (42°N)— A City of Antique

Where Central European and Western Asian  
Civilizations Meet

**L**atitude 40°N, a concentration of ancient cities, houses a city where the borders of Asia, Africa, and Europe meet. It sits on the southeast side of Balkans and the line connecting central Europe and Asia Minor. Here brings together civilizations of prehistoric times, Thrace, Greek and Rome, and cultures of Medieval, Ottoman, Renaissance, and modernity in magic mix, and becomes a unique city of civilization, the Plovdiv!

It is the second-largest city in Bulgaria, and the capital of Plovdiv Province. The 2,000 year old ancient walls and outdoor theatre in Ancient Rome are easy evidences of how old this city is.

It was situated at the center of

the antique Thrace, and Orpheus, the mysterious musician in ancient Greek myths, was born here. Constellation enthusiast must learn about this poetic musician hidden in mystery and his pathetic story with Lyra. Legend goes that the tough gladiator Spartacus was also born here.

Plovdiv had its prime during the Roman Empire, when a large number of public buildings were erected, including churches, bathes, and theatres. These fossil works of art, after over two millennium in 1972, were uncovered accidentally under the south gate of the old town.

The magnificent amphitheatre was built in 2nd century AD, all with white

marble against the hill. A total of 20 rows of marble seats enclose the stage in a fan pattern. The 3.1 meter high stage is lined with vivid marble sculptures. It once held about 6000 spectators. Now largely restored, it can seat 3500 audiences, once again hosting large-scale special events and concerts after sleeping underground for over 2000 years. Verdi Festival is a grand music gathering in Plovdiv. When the music is on, the *Il Trovatore* and *The Lady of the Camellias* come onto the stage, you will seem to travel back time, sighing that "What a great opera and song!" Coming to Plovdiv in summer, you won't want to miss this music feast and a dialogue with the past days.



The old town sits on the hill in downtown, and was once a castle to defend enemies. Here is the apex of traditional architectures in Plovdiv, and crucial to Bulgarian history of architecture. The old streets and alleys are still in their original, vintage styles, with the upper floors supported by oblique arches. Many houses are converted into museums, and some are recognized key relics under state protection. Tourists can take the time machine back to different periods while appreciating the antique buildings of the old Plovdiv.

Ethnographic Museum, located in the old town, displays many exhibits representing Bulgaria and the Bulgarian culture. It has three exhibition halls of different themes. It was built in 1847, and owned by a wealthy businessman. The museum itself is a precious work of art. Plovdiv is now a wealthy agricultural district in mid-south Bulgaria. The Maritsa splits the city into two parts, and industrial districts concentrate on the north bank. Starting from 1933, Plovdiv would hold International Fair Plovdiv for

consumer goods and industrial supplies every spring and autumn. The latitude 40°N concentrates not only ancient cities, but also top roses and wine. Brewing wine has long been a must-get skill and source of inspiration for the residents of Plovdiv, a birthplace of wine. Petar Stefanov Stoyanov, former Bulgarian President, was born in Plovdiv, and a wine was named after him. If you want more than the charming old town of Plovdiv, rose and wine will put a perfect end to your trip to Europe.

