

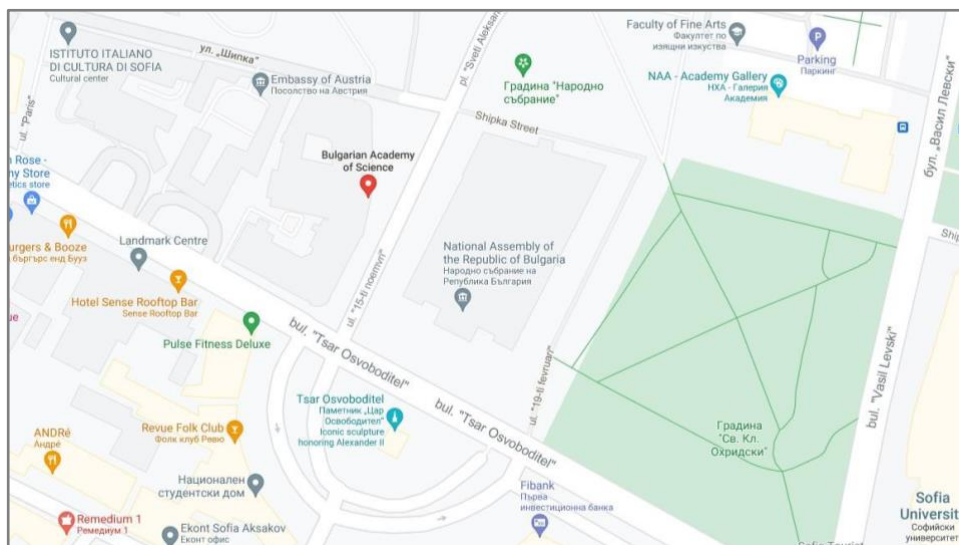
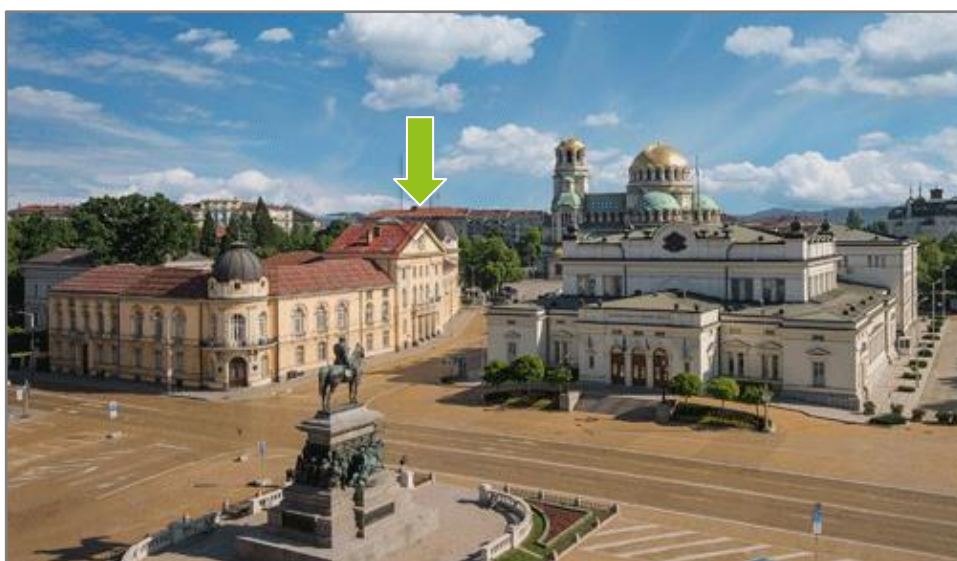


## The Conference Venue

### Main building of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

"15 Noemvri" St. No. 1, 1040 Sofia, Bulgaria (or Narodno Sabranie Square)

Enter the building through the main entrance.



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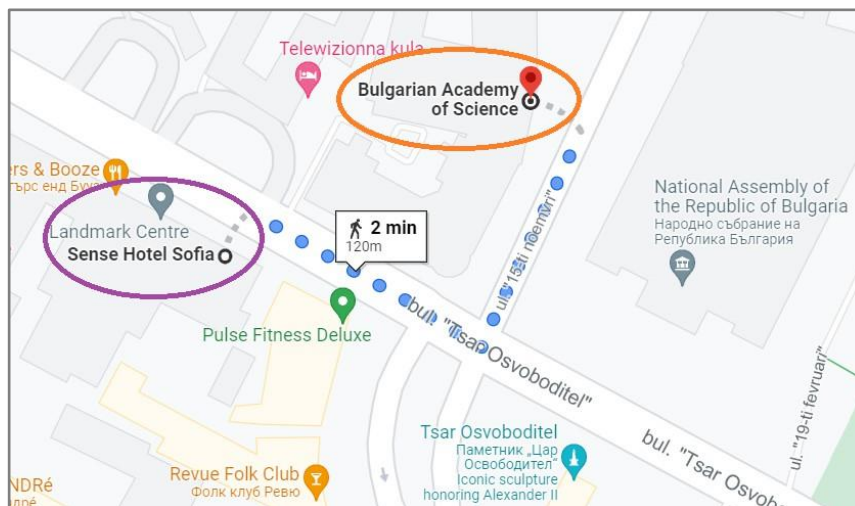
## Hotel Suggestions

We have negotiated special conference prices with two hotels close to the venue. We also recommend two lower-cost hotels within a 15-minute walk.

### Sense Hotel

Sense Hotel is a two-minute walk from the conference venue.

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### How to book:

Please book via [this link](#) for a special rate of €155 per night.

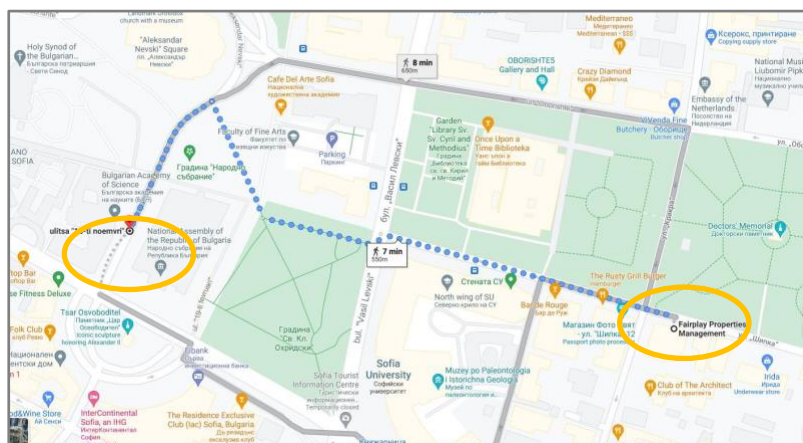
The offer is valid until 15 September.





### Hotel Crystal Palace

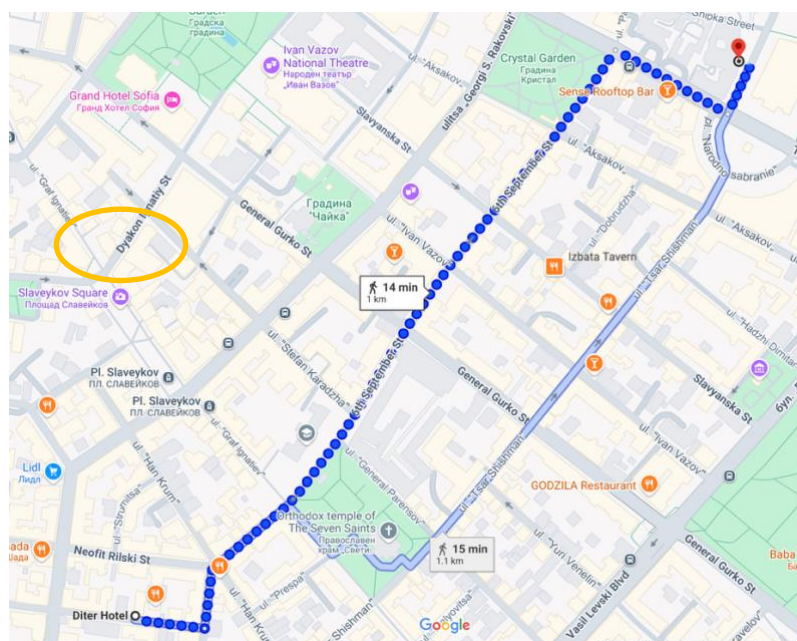
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**How to book:** Please book via [the hotel's website](#) and enter the **promo code skilmeet25**

### Diter Hotel

The Diter Hotel is about 15 minutes' walk from the venue. View in Google Maps [here](#).

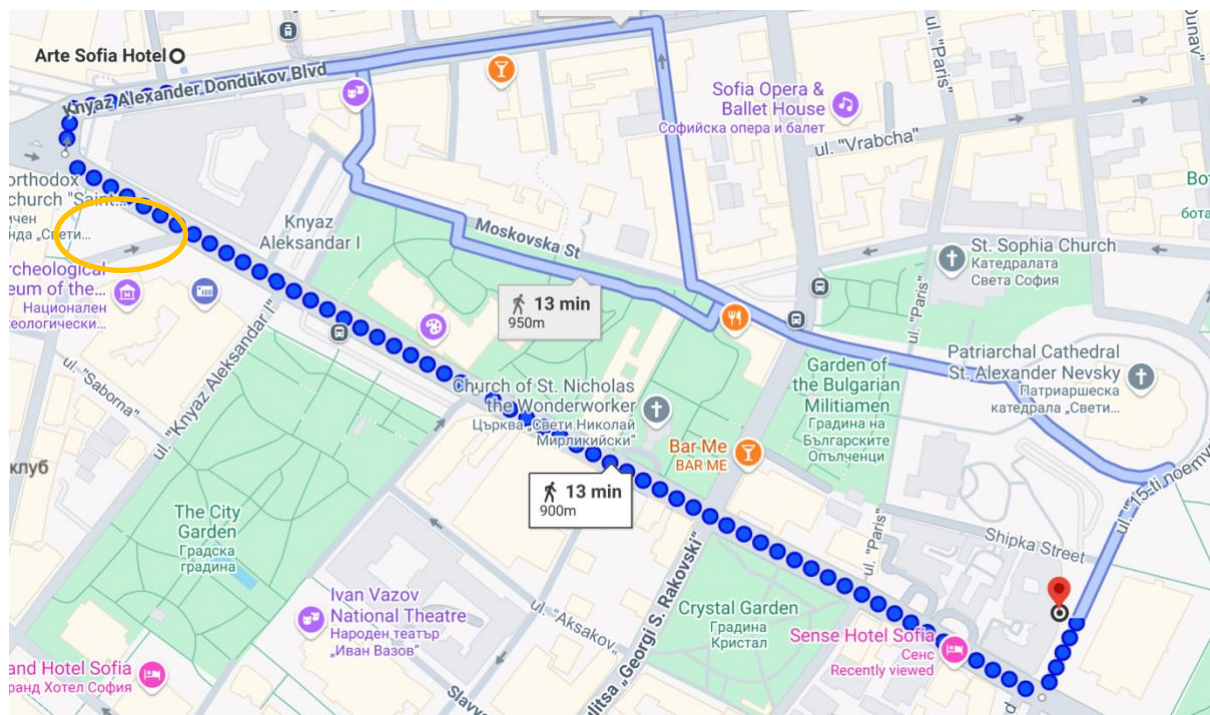


**How to book:** Please book via [the hotel's website](#). Standard rates are €40-70 per night, without breakfast.



## Arte Sofia Hotel

View in Google Maps [here](#).



**How to book:** Please book via [the hotel's website](#). Standard rates are €80-100 per night, including breakfast.





## How to Get To the Conference Venue and the Hotels

**BY TAXI:** For your comfort and safety, we recommend the services of the taxi operator Yellow!, the official partner of Sofia Airport. Look for the Yellow! cars at the main taxi ranks or request the service at the offices of Yellow! in the Arrivals of Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. [www.yellow333.com](http://www.yellow333.com).

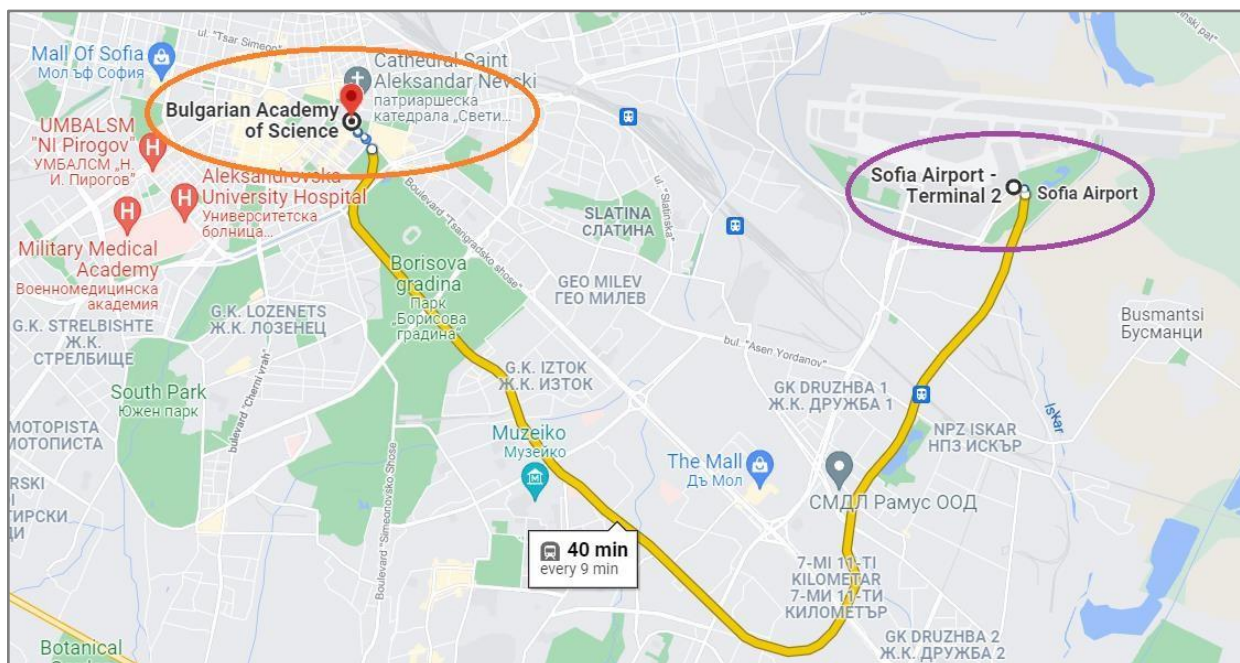
The TaxiMe app is another good option.

A taxi from the airport to the hotels/conference venue costs approximately €10.

**WARNING!** For your safety, we recommend that you do not use taxi services offered outside the office of the taxi operator, or from other drivers waiting in front of the terminal.

**BY METRO:** The metro station at Sofia Airport is located in Terminal 2. You can reach it by following the floor markings in blue in the public area of Terminal 2.

**The SU Sv. Kliment Ohridski metro station serves the Bulgarian Academy of Science building**



View in Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/SjySXwTthhALzHhr26>



Sofia Airport provides free-of-charge transport between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 every 30 minutes. The shuttle bus stops located in front of the terminal buildings are designated by signage and pavement markings. The inter-terminal transfer service operates as follows:

- Terminal 1 – Terminal 2 route: from 5:00 a.m. to 09:00 p.m., every 30 min.
- Terminal 2 – Terminal 1 route: from 05:15 a.m. to 08:45 p.m. every 30 min

From 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., inter-terminal transport is available by request from the information desks in the public areas of the two terminals, or by calling +359 2 937 22 11/12/13.





If you arrive at Terminal 1 (low-cost companies except Ryanair) outside the shuttle service operating hours, you can take Bus No. 84 to the city centre. Buy your ticket from the bus driver (1,60 BGN, €0.8), or use a debit/credit card at the self-service machine inside the bus.

**The first metro** from the Airport to the city centre departs at 5:26 am on working days, and at 5:27 am on holidays. The last one is at 10:43 pm on working days and at 11:04 pm on holidays. Exit the metro at the **11th stop: SU Sveti Kliment Ohridski**. From there it is a 5-minute walk to the hotels/conference venue (400 m).

A one-way ticket (available at self-service machines at metro stations) costs BGN 1.60 (€0.80). The machines accept Bulgarian banknotes and coins; at the airport, at least one accepts credit cards as well. Ticketed passengers are allowed to take up to two pieces of hand luggage on public transport vehicles free of charge. Any additional luggage requires a separate ticket. More information on the types of luggage, transport conditions, routes and timetables can be found at: Sofia Urban Mobility Centre and Metropolitan Sofia.

## General information about Bulgaria and Sofia

- Sofia is the capital
- Official language: Bulgarian
- Official script: Cyrillic
- Main religion: Orthodox Christianity
- Currency: BGN – pronounced “lev” (plural leva); €1 = BGN 1.96
- International phone code: +359
- Time zone: EET (CET/CEST+1)
- Drives on the right side
- Power plugs – see more at: <https://world-power-plugs.com/bulgaria>
- Weather in Sofia in the end of September/beginning of October: <https://www.weather-atlas.com/en/bulgaria/sofia-weather-september>
- The weather is still pleasant at this time of year, with typical temperatures from 11-23°C.



- Information on cultural events and museums can be found at <https://www.visitsofia.bg/en/> and <https://programata.bg>
- Welcome to Sofia: [https://youtu.be/d3\\_q3ozJOZ0](https://youtu.be/d3_q3ozJOZ0)
- Top 25 Things to Do and See in Sofia: <https://youtu.be/gljZlnP5ZW5>
- Various videos about Sofia: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=sofia+guide](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sofia+guide)
- Sofia free walking tours in English: <https://freesofiatour>.