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ABOUT STONE & COMPASS
Stone & Compass is a global education, ecotourism, and cultural retreat center in Stolat, Bulgaria. Located in the foothills of the Balkan Mountains the idyllic natural setting of the retreat center encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to create cultural understandings and connections that foster friendships, ideas, and inspiration.

Nestled in the heart of Bulgaria, the 2000 acre property of the Stone & Compass offers something for everyone including enclosed recreational space, a vineyard, forest, and agricultural land. This peaceful natural setting allows visitors to unwind, rest, and explore. Need to connect back home? Not a problem with our complimentary wifi.

Multiple open gathering areas invite conversation and connection

About The Courses
Take one or two of the following courses over a two or four week session:

ANTH 307
Modernization in Global Perspective
ANTH 440
Ethnographic Field School
ANTH 490
Special Topics in Anthropology

Various internships also offered depending on student interest and focus.

Connect  Educate  Inspire
OVERVIEW

We are excited to announce that enrollment is now open for 3 courses in our 2-week or 4-week study abroad program in Bulgaria. Join us this June and July to learn ethnographic theory and methods and gain experience through various internships while immersed in Bulgarian languages and cultures. Bulgaria is a country that is undergoing tremendous cultural and political change as a former Soviet Bloc state and as one of the newer member states of the European Union. We will explore how these shifts continue to impact the lived realities of those who live and work in Bulgaria including how individuals conceptualize Bulgaria and Bulgarian-ness in the 21st century. We will spend the majority of our time in the village of Stolat in north-central Bulgaria, traveling to and overnighting in other locations around the country, including the capital city of Sofia. Depending on the program you choose, you may also work with students and professors at Veliko Tarnovo University, seniors at the Elder Center of Stolat, or activists at the Amalipe Center for Intercultural Dialog and Tolerance. All courses are open to students from CSULB or other universities as well as to community members who are interested in learning about Bulgarian culture, history, and ethnography. You can choose which classes fit your interests and/or graduation needs: ANTH 307: Modernization in Global Perspective, ANTH 490: Special Topics, or ANTH 440: Ethnographic Field School. You can take 1 or 2 classes on the same trip. Open to all majors (as well as staff, faculty, alumni, and community members on a space available basis).

AFFORDABLE COSTS

14 Days or 28 Days

$1,006 Course Tuition
One course = 921.00 tuition and 85.00 insurance. You may enroll in 2 courses!

$1,100 (2wk)-$1,800 (4wk) Ground Costs
ALL Bulgarian ground transportation, hotels, and meals; translators; Bulgarian health insurance of 30,000 euros; museum & historical sites admissions; tour guides.

Flight
Flight not included. Cost approx. $800.00 - $1200.00.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
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