



Dear Andreas,

My name is Fani Siantani and I am a student in Paralimni Gymnasium. Since 2013, I have been participating in a Comenius project with the title "Roots and Wings". Part of my work is to research about your city, Sofia. During my research, I realized that there are so many things to do and see in Sofia.

Is it true that Sofia is the capital and the largest city of Bulgaria with a population of 1.3 million residents making Sofia the 15th largest city in the European Union? I also learned that Sofia is located at the foot of Vitosha Mountain in the western part of the country. Is it true? Furthermore, is it true that its history goes back 2400 years?

Researching about the city's name, I learned that the name Sofia was first used in the 14th-century and it is dedicated to the famous ancient Holy Sophia Church. Is it true?

Is it true that the city of Sofia proudly hosts the worlds' largest Eastern Orthodox Cathedral, the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral?

I learned that Sofia has a humid continental climate. Winters are cold and snowy whereas summers are warm and sunny. Is it true?

Is it true that the city has an extensive green belt with four principal parks? Is it true that the most important is Vitosha Nature Park which covers an area of 266 square kilometers?

In addition, I learned that Sofia has many significant universities and among them is the Sofia University. Is this for real?

Finally, is it a fact that the National Art Gallery in Sofia houses over 50,000 pieces of Bulgarian art?

Could you please confirm the correctness of the information above?

Best regards

Fani Siantani