

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Part 2 of our travel and culture newsletter! After our [Adventures along the Iskar Gorge special last week](#), we bring you inspiring stories of individuals working tirelessly to revive the Danube region through cycling, sustainable tourism, cultural festivals, and community initiatives. Their efforts are transforming the area into a vibrant destination for locals and visitors alike.

Also, dive into the world of deception and truth at the *Fake (f)or Real* exhibition in Sofia, showcasing artifacts and stories that span from the ancient Trojan Horse to modern-day disinformation.

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## Discover the Danube

The Danube River has long inspired works of art, but the river's irresistible pull they celebrate is much more than a metaphor. Putting down roots along the Danube is easy, whether you're a native or a newcomer, as you'll find out from the stories below. You will meet both Danube natives proud of their special home and people who wandered in and never left. What they have in common is their boundless love for the river. With their guidance, you will discover the Danube's true magic. Will you venture in?

**Cycling for a Cause: Deyan Katieliev's Efforts to Promote Bulgaria**

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**Love and Heritage in Tutrakan, on the Danube: Meet Lidia and Kristian**

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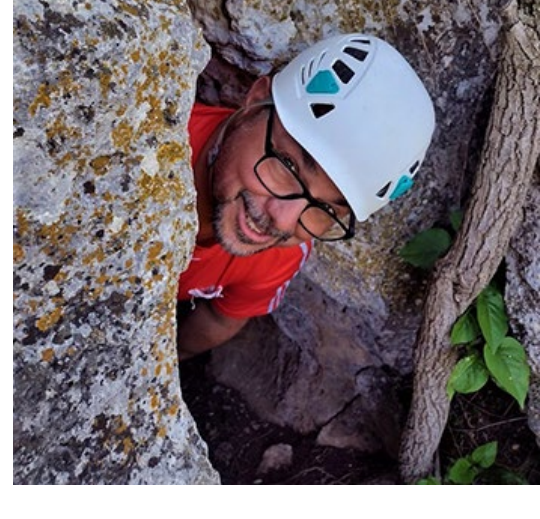
**Discover the Heart of Nature with Mihail Mihov and Prista Tourist Society**

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**Boris Begamov of Dunav Ultra, the Man Who Woke Up the Danube**

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**Young Innovators and Rural Elders Unite through Baba Residences**

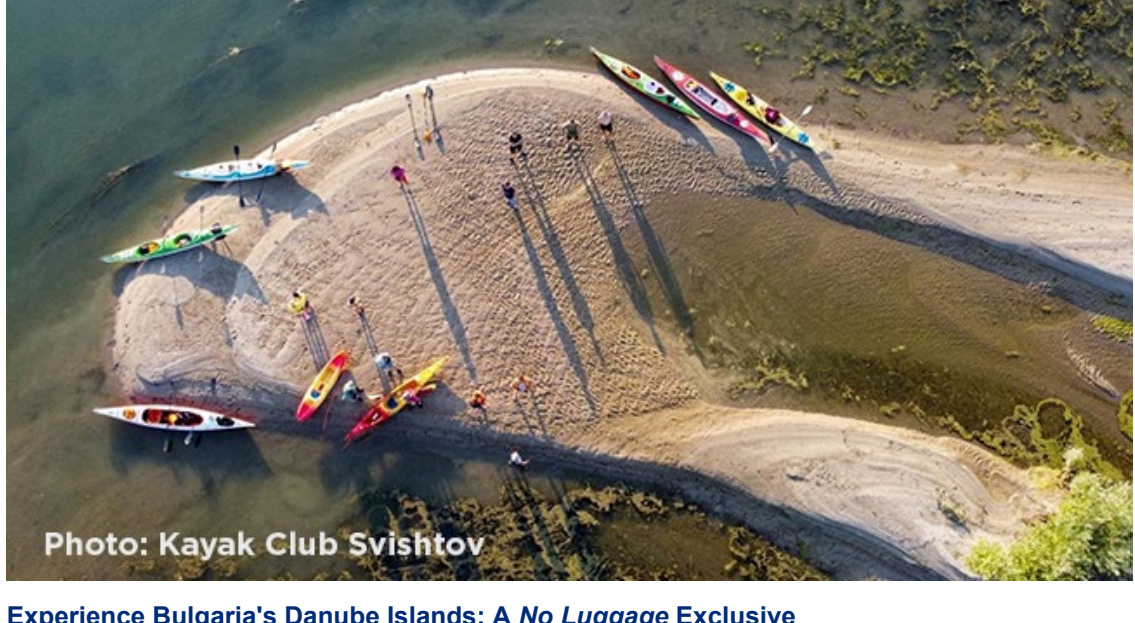
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### Evgenia Naydenova, Oryahovo History Museum: A Modern Tale of Bygone Eras

Dr. Evgenia Naydenova is the passionate director of the Oryahovo History Museum, who has transformed the museum into a vibrant cultural hub. Explore the fascinating multimedia exhibition dedicated to textile artist Marin Varbanov and experience hands-on activities that bring history to life.

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### Experience Bulgaria's Danube Islands: A No Luggage Exclusive

Watch this episode of bTV travel series *No Luggage* as it explores the untouched islands along Bulgaria's stretch of the Danube River. Discover pristine landscapes, unique flora, and idyllic beaches still learning about the natural beauty that thrives without human interference.

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## Mark your calendars



### Disinformation Is as Old as Troy: New Exhibit Illuminates Deception, Past and Present

Join us from July 17 to October 20, 2024, for the extraordinary *Fake (f)or Real* exhibition at Sofia's Ethnographic Museum, brought to you by the House of Europe in Brussels. Dive into the fascinating history of deception, from the legendary Trojan Horse used by ancient Greeks to modern-day falsifications in war, politics, and beyond.

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