

Practical information for Museum Big Data Week 2026

10–14 November 2026 • Sofia, Bulgaria

Sofia doubled the number of its citizens in the last decades. It has a central part which is pleasant to navigate on foot and reasonable transport where fares are paid by tapping a card. The city centre is well served by metro, tram, trolleybus and bus, while the airport is directly connected to the metro network.

Arriving in Sofia

- Sofia Airport has two terminals. The metro station is next to Terminal 2.
- If you arrive at Terminal 1, use the free airport shuttle to Terminal 2 for the metro connection.
- Metro line M4 connects Terminal 2 with central Sofia. The journey to the centre is roughly 20–30 minutes, depending on your destination.
- For a taxi, use the official airport taxi service / designated taxi desk and avoid unsolicited drivers in the arrivals hall who might approach arriving passengers.

Useful airport/metro information: [Sofia Metro – Airport](#)

Getting around Sofia

- Public transport includes metro, trams, trolleybuses and buses.
- A 30+ ticket costs €0.80 and allows transfers within 30 minutes after first validation. Revalidate when changing vehicles.
- You can pay directly with a contactless bank card on public transport. When using the same bank card, repeated eligible journeys are automatically capped at the daily pass price of €2.00.
- Metro tickets can also be purchased at ticket machines and station cash desks.
- For route planning and current timetables, use the Sofia Urban Mobility Centre or a standard maps/navigation app.

Official transport information: [Sofia Traffic](#)

Conference venues – [check the Google map](#)

10–11 November — Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (IMI-BAS)

Acad. Georgi Bonchev St., Block 8, 1113 Sofia

Autumn School: AI for GLAMs

12 November — Headquarters of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

1, 15 Noemvri St., 1040 Sofia

3D Digitisation and 3D Mapping Masterclass; Museum Big Data Conference – Day 1; 3D Heritage and 3D Mapping Showcase & Reception

13–14 November — National Gallery – Square 500 (Kvadrat 500)

1, 19 February St., 1000 Sofia

Museum Big Data Conference – Days 2 & 3

November weather

- November is cool to cold. Typical daytime highs are around 11°C, while nights average around 1°C.
- Rain is possible, although November is usually relatively dry. Early-morning frost and occasional colder spells are possible.
- Bring layers: a warm jacket or coat, a sweater, comfortable closed shoes and a compact umbrella or water-resistant outer layer.
- Sofia lies at about 550 m above sea level, so evenings can feel noticeably colder than the daytime temperature suggests.
- Check the short-range forecast shortly before travelling, as November conditions can vary considerably from week to week.

A few practical tips

- Central Sofia is very walkable; many major landmarks, restaurants and museums are close together.
- Allow extra time during weekday morning and evening traffic, especially when travelling by road.
- Keep your contactless bank card or transport ticket ready for validation each time you travel.
- For the conference days, check the venue carefully before leaving your hotel, as Museum Big Data Week uses three different locations.