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When travelling - there's nothing more lavish than relaxing in a stunning venue frequented by the international elite. Stanislava Georgieva, General Manager of The Residence Exclusive Club in Bulgaria tells Stephen Penn all about their elegant offering





here's no better way to relax after a day touring a vibrant city or attending back to back business meetings, than having your every need met by a team of dedicated staff in a historic and opulent private club.

Located in the ancient Bulgarian city of Sofia in the heart of the Balkan Peninsula, travelers will find precisely that in the only private members' club of its kind in the country. From the outset, it's clear that this ornate building is something quite unique thanks to the architectural style of the interiors which hail back to the beginning of the 20th century - built in 1906.

The exquisite residence, designed in Neo-Baroque style, carries the signature of the famous architect Friedrich Grünanger, with the lavish decoration undertaken by the royal decorator of the Bulgarian Royal Family. Officially proclaimed a monument of culture as far back as 1955, the property underwent extensive reconstruction and was carefully

restored to its original glamour down to the very last detail. Then in 2011, the doors opened again - welcoming guests to the Residence Exclusive Club, a membershipbased premium private club. Created with the intention to offer the ideal atmosphere for spiritual communication, relaxation, business and personal connections among its carefully selected membership and guests base, the Residence Exclusive Club is the 'go-to' meeting point for local and expat business colleagues, diplomats and the social elite.

"At the Residence Exclusive Club you are able to enjoy impeccable service, gourmet cuisine and top quality entertainment, all presented in a harmonious blend of luxury and style," says Stanislava Georgieva, General Manager of The Residence Exclusive Club.

The Residence Lounge Bar located on the ground floor offers a calm ambiance with cosy decor and rich colours and textures - and also plays host to guest DJs and artists from the global music scene. The bar is stocked with a wide range





The first floor is dedicated to the Residence Restaurant - a gourmet sanctuary with an elegant menu that blends tradition and creative interpretation of international and Bulgarian cuisine. Not-to-miss is the wine list, which includes an impressive selection of over 500 labels and vintages. A knowledgeable sommelier is always at hand, ready to share his passion and knowledge about the enchanting world of wine. In warmer months, the restaurant opens out into a stunning Summer Terrace complete with lush greenery and flowery scents, complimented by a soothing water fountain. The top floor of the club is dedicated to the hip and modern Encore Music Bar, simply the best place to end the evening and start the night. A big bar, top-notch sound system and ample space ensure a fun time with music and dancing. The hottest local music stars are frequent guests here. The venue is also available for private events. "The Residence has everything you could wish for in an elite private club: stylish, relaxed, with a discreet atmosphere, flawless service, and top quality food and drinks," adds Stanislava. As a member of the global network of International Associate Clubs (IAC), members are allowed privileges at nearly 250 prestigious clubs worldwide. www.iacworldwide.com To find out more visit www.theresidence-club.com, call +359 882 989 300 or email info@theresidence-club.com

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