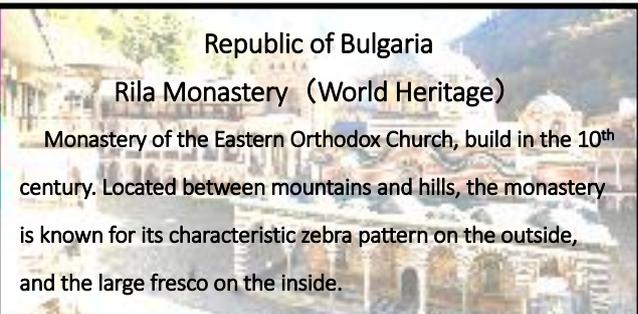




### Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup in Sofia: Group Performance

- Simona Dyankova • Erika Zafirova • Laura Traets
- Madlen Radukanova • Stefani Kiryakova

In Bulgaria, rhythmic gymnastics is so popular that post stamps with successful athletes are sold throughout the year.



Republic of Bulgaria  
Rila Monastery (World Heritage)

Monastery of the Eastern Orthodox Church, build in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Located between mountains and hills, the monastery is known for its characteristic zebra pattern on the outside, and the large fresco on the inside.



Large Straw Sandals  
at the Sensō-ji Temple in Tokyo

Murayama City fosters a friendship with Tokyo's Taitō Ward, in which the Sensō-ji temple is located. To honor this friendship, Murayama City citizens craft and donate large straw sandals to the temple every 10 years.



Rose Camp Public Performance  
(Training Camp in Murayama City)

In preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Murayama City started hosting annual training camps from 2017. During the camps, the Bulgarian rhythmic gymnastics athletes gave public performances.



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Republic of Bulgaria- Rose Valley

Bulgaria's national flower is the rose. Along the Balkan mountain range stretches a valley that is filled with roses, which color pink from May to June. The photo on this stamp was taken by Dimitra Lefterova, who held an exhibition in Murayama.

Republic of Bulgaria  
Alexander Nevsky  
Cathedral

Cathedral located in Bulgaria's capital city Sofia.

Republic of Bulgaria  
Roman Theater

Located in the ancient city of Plovdiv. Photo taken by Dimitra Lefterova.

Bulgarian National  
RG Team Athlete  
Neviana Vladinova

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Bulgarian National  
RG Team Athlete  
Boryana Kaleyn

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Bulgarian National  
RG Team  
Group Athletes  
(Golden Girls)

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Bulgarian National  
RG Team Athlete  
Katrin Taseva

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Popular Food in  
Murayama: Ita Soba

Noodles made from locally grown buckwheat, served on a wooden platter.

Hayashizaki Iai Shrine  
in Murayama

Birthplace of the Iai-dō sword fighting style. You can try it yourself in the nearby dojo.

Higashizawa Rose Garden in Murayama

The official flower of Murayama City is the rose. This is reflected in the beautiful Higashizawa Park, which is surrounded by three lakes and filled with 750 types of roses from all over the world. The park was given the "Lover's Sanctuary" title for its romantic scenery.