*1.5 lira = 1 lev (approximately)*

*In Edirne:*

Limon Hotel, Mithatpasa Mahallesi Gazeteci Mehmet Karagoz Sokak Kaleici. 0532 551 4883.

*Dindanalti Meyhanesi: Saraclar Cad. #127 0284 212 2149*

*Bike Rentals: Nail Bey, 0555 530 1985. 20-25 TL per day.* (0542 591 6659 if necessary)

Breakfast: Bizim Bahce

*In Svilengrad:*

*Mini Hotel (20 lev for shared room) 9 Ulice Vasil Levski 0888 278 217 or +359/379/71406. Only 9 beds.*

*Other hotel - directions at the Mini Hotel.*

*Restaurant - Maritsa. I have their business card in Bulgarian: take a photo before you set off.*

Distances:

Hotel -> bike rental place: 700 meters

Hotel -> breakfast place: 2 km (total)

Hotel -> windmill where you turn right, bearing north-west: 4 km

-> border: 7.6 km

-> useless map and excellent water tap: 14.3 km

-> petrol station: 20 km

-> first view of Svilengrad (there's a Greek village to the right: look for white apartment blocks in the town just visable to the north of there): 30 km. This is at a place that's at the top of a hill: there is a long but not steep pull up a hill with lots of street lights and a lovely downhill stretch afterwards.

-> sign saying "Bulgaria 11 km: 34 km

-> sign saying "Bulgaria 8 km: 38 km

-> cemetery: 40 km

-> glorious downhill: 44km

-> border: about 47 km

-> svilengrad: 53 km

Directions from Edirne to Svilengrad:

\*\* Leave the breakfast place and go west.

Continue on the cobble roads about 2km til you come to a windmill. Turn right.

Carry on until the Greek border. Cross.

Go due west through town. (There's only one place that you might go wrong - ask for Bulgaria if you aren't sure). Come to the highway.

Turn north on the highway. About 4km later you'll come to an indecipherable, useless map on the right as the road swings west. Directly opposite that map is a tap with excellent water.

Continue on that highway until you come to the Bulgarian border. Cross.

Follow the signs for Svilengrad. Be careful to turn right (for the centre) when you come to the airplane in the middle of the road - the left fork will take you around the north of town to the highway.

Cross the river, entering the town. The square 100m later has a good bank machine in it and the Mini Hotel is right over the road (peach-coloured building).

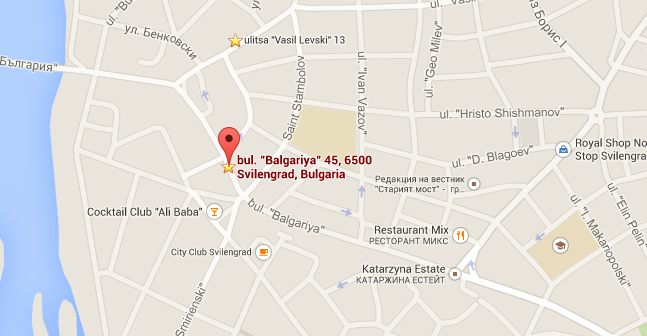
The centre square, where we'll meet in the evening, is about 150m south-east of there: asking for "centrum" will get you directed there.

The Royal Hotel is 300m east of the Mini Hotel. Go due east, NOT following the main road as it curves left, and past the church. Watch for the signs, and for a yellow building just around the corner on your left.

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| English | Turkish | Bulgarian (pronunciation) | Bulgarian |
| right, left | sag, sol | nadyasno, nalyavo | надясно, наляво |
| centre | merkez | centrum | център |
| one, two | bir, iki | edin, dva | един, два |
| room, bed, person | oda, yatak, insan | staya , leglo, chovek | стая, легло, човек |
| I (don't) want... | iste(mi)yorum | az (ne) iskam | Аз не искам |
| good; problem | iyi; problem | dobry; problem | добре, проблем |
| thank you | tesekker ederim | blaggo-darya | благодаря |

Marked on the map top to bottom: Edirne hotel, Edirne bike rentals, Edirne breakfast, Svilengrad Royal Hotel, Svilengrad Mini Hotel, Svilengrad dinner





Top to bottom on the map: the Limon Hotel in Edirne; the bike rental place; the breakfast place; the Mini Hotel in Svilengrad, and the WRONG location of the hotel in Svilengrad. To get to the correct hotel, you should be on Bul. Balgariya half-way between the bottom star and the Katarzyna Estate.