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OVERVIEW

Get set for the ultimate Balkan adventure. Explore the natural and cultural treasures of the region and learn about its stormy history.

DAY

1

Belgrade arrival

Arrival at Belgrade airport. Meet and greet with your private guide for the tour who will take you to the hotel. The rest of the day free to relax. Overnight in Belgrade.

DAY

2

Belgrade

We start the day with a tour of Belgrade. Visit the old fortress- Kalemegdan, Knez Mihajlova Street, the Cathedral, and drive to one of the largest churches in the world St. Sava. Finish the day in Dedinje where we visit the tomb of Yugoslav president Tito. Overnight in Belgrade.

DAY

3

Belgrade – Fruška Gora – Novi Sad – Belgrade

Today we go on an excursion to Fruška Gora National Park, a green mountain/hill range. Hidden in the forest, you can find up to 16 medieval monasteries that make the area known as the Sacred Mountain. Continue to Novi Sad and enjoy the best views of the Danube from Petrovaradin Fortress. Return to Belgrade for an overnight.

DAY

4

Belgrade – Sarajevo

Leave Belgrade in the morning and cross the border to arrive in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia & Herzegovina. Check-in to the hotel and free time to relax and stroll down the city center. Overnight in Sarajevo.

DAY

5

Sarajevo

In the morning we explore the old streets of Sarajevo. Due to its long and rich history of religious and cultural variety, Sarajevo was sometimes called the "Jerusalem of Europe". Visit of Bascarsija district where East meets West and then drive in the suburbs to visit the "Tunnel of life" that saved the city during the siege in the 1990s. Overnight in Sarajevo.

DAY

6

Sarajevo – Tito's bunker – Blagaj – Mostar

Our first stop is Tito's bunker (entrance at 12.00), one of the biggest secrets and largest investments of former Yugoslavia, which is hidden under the mountain Zlatar near the city of Konjic. Tito's bunker was an investment worth 4.6. billion USD, making it the third-largest investment of Yugoslavia. Before arriving in Mostar you will also visit Blagaj with the spring of river Buna and Blagaj Tekija (Tekke) built around 1520 as a Dervish cult monastery. Overnight in Mostar.

DAY

7

Mostar - Dubrovnik

After breakfast, we visit Mostar with its Turkish-style old town and famous bridge. Walk on alleys that form a bazaar and are full of shops and market stalls and the Old Bridge Museum. A narrow staircase leads to the terrace of Koski Mehmed-Pasha Mosque for panoramic city views and in Turkish house you can see typical architecture of medieval Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the evening drive to Dubrovnik for an overnight.

DAY

8

Dubrovnik

Full day to explore the most famous Croatian town of Dubrovnik with its mighty defensive walls along the coast. On the tour, you will walk through the old town on Stradun street (Pjaca) along Onofrio's fountain, Franciscan monastery, and towards the old harbour, past St. Blaise church, Rector's palace, and cathedral. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

DAY

9

Dubrovnik - Kotor - Budva

Drive to Kotor to visit the beautiful bay of Kotor and the old town that goes by the same name. Later we continue to Budva, the most famous coastal site in Montenegro. Overnight in Budva.

DAY

10

Budva – Kruje – Tirana

We leave Budva and continue to Kruje, a small town perched high on a mountain facing the Adriatic Sea and the Western plain of Albania. Walk through the bazaar and visit of the Skenderbegs fort, today the National museum of Albania. In the evening drive to Tirana, the capital city of Albania. Upon arrival, sightseeing of the town and some free time. Overnight in Tirana.

DAY

11

Tirana – Durres - Berat

In the morning we drive to Durres- the ancient Greco-Roman port city of Dyrrachium. The legend says that it was founded by Epidamnos, the Illyrian King of the area, who called it by his own name and named the port area after his grandson – Dyrrah. In the afternoon we arrive to Berat. Visit the Lead Mosque, Bachelor's Mosque, Gorica Bridge, and many dwelling houses of the 18th and 19th centuries. Overnight in Berat.

DAY

12

Berat - Ohrid

In the morning we continue to Lake Ohrid which is half Albanian, half Macedonian. There used to be 365 churches around Ohid in the past. Stop at St. Naum, just across the border to admire the beautiful monastery. Overnight in Ohrid.

DAY

13

Ohrid – Skopje

From Ohrid we continue to Skopje. Sightseeing of the old town with its famous stone bridge, fort Kale and Railway clock. Overnight in Skopje.

DAY

14

Skopje – Gracanica y Pristina stop – Prizren - Skopje

In the morning we continue first to Gracanica monastery, built by Serbian king Milutin in 1321 which is nowadays one of the principal UNESCO sites in Kosovo. We continue our drive and make a short coffee stop in Pristina. In Prizren visit of the Ottoman Old Town, known for its gold and silver filigree craftsmen, the hammam, the museum of Prizren League, the Helveti Tekke, Sinia Pasha Mosque, and the church of Our Lady of Ljevis. In the evening we return to Skopje for an overnight.

DAY

15

Skopje departure

Transfer to the Skopje airport and end of our services.

HIGHLIGHTS

Unexplored Tirana

Amazing beauty of Kotor bay

Walk through the old bridge of Mostar

Tito's secret bunker

'Newborn' Pristina

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation in double room with breakfast in selected hotels
- Private guide/driver along the whole tour
- Rent of a private car/van for the time of the tour with all expenses (fuel, parkings, insurance...)
- English speaking local guides (Belgrade, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Kruje, Tirana, Durres, Berat, Skopje, Ohrid, Kosovo)
- Entrance fees (Franciscan monastery in Dubrovnik, City walls Dubrovnik, tunnel of hope in Sarajevo, Tito's bunker, Tito's mausoleum in Belgrade, the cathedral in Kotor, a mosque in Mostar, st. Kanev and St. Naum in Ohrid)
- Organisation of the program
- VAT

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfares
- Meals and drinks not described in the program
- Personal expenses of any kind (phone calls, laundry, minibar, room service...)
- Travel & cancelation insurance
- Tips

Date: on request (all year)