



Visit Macedonia

GREAT BALKAN ADVENTURE 11

Tour code 1931

Sofia to Tirana in 8 days

Traveling from east to west, you will have a chance to see & feel Balkan diversities, visiting 4 Balkan capitals and several UNESCO sites

Travel safe in small group - this tour is operated with no more than 12 people.

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Rila monastery and welcome to Macedonia

Departure towards one of the most famous monasteries in Bulgaria - Rila monastery, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit to the monastery and afternoon drive towards Macedonian border. Accommodation at hotel Ibis Skopje center 4* or similar.

DAY 2: Skopje and Matka valley

Full day Skopje city tour with local guide. Walking in the city center and Skopje old bazaar, visit to Mother Teresa Memorial house (inside). Afternoon visit to Matka valley and lake and possibility to have a boat ride to the entrance of cave Vrelo, one of the deepest underwater caves in Europe. Back to Skopje, evening at leisure. Overnight in Skopje, hotel Ibis Skopje center 4* or similar.

DAY 3: Tour to Kosovo

Full day tour to Kosovo, the youngest European country, with local guide. Visit to Grachanica monastery (inside) site protected by UNESCO. Coffee break at the capital Pristina and afternoon drive and visit to the picturesque town of Prizren. Back to Skopje in the evening. Overnight in Skopje, hotel Ibis Skopje center 4* or similar.

DAY 4: Vodno mountain and Tikvesh wine region

Day starts with visit to nearby mountain Vodno and St. Panteleimon monastery at village Nerezi (inside) Drive towards the biggest wine region in Macedonia - Tikvesh. Visit to the biggest ancient site in Macedonia - Stobi, dating from 1st century AD. Afternoon visit to a local winery where you will feature a taste of our historically significant Vranec followed by four wines of your choice, as well as fresh concept dishes that continue to create culinary memories for new diners and our favorite regulars. Departure towards Bitola for overnight.

DAY 5: Bitola, Prespa lake and Galichica NP

Morning walking tour in Bitola, the second biggest town in Macedonia with visit to Heraclea Lynkestis ancient site near Bitola. Later on departure towards the second biggest lake in Macedonia, Prespa lake, with coffee stop and drive across Galichica NP, with spectacular views of both Prespa and Ohrid lakes. Arrival in Ohrid in the afternoon. Evening at leisure and overnight in Ohrid, hotel Aqualina 4* or similar.

DAY 6: Ohrid and Ohrid lake

Ohrid and Ohrid lake are part of UNESCO World heritage. Walking tour in the old town of Ohrid with local guide and visits inside to some of the most important Ohrid sights - The Ohrid fortress (inside) the Holly area of Plaosnik with new St Klement's church (inside) the small church of St John in Kaneo (outside) and the cathedral church of St Sofia (inside). Afternoon at leisure in Ohrid old town. Overnight at hotel Aqualina 4* or similar.

BULGARIA, N.MACEDONIA, KOSOVO & ALBANIA

DAY 7: St. Naum and welcome to Albania

Morning drive along the lake and arrival at St. Naum monastery complex, with its unique church, originally built by St. Naum in 9th century, Visit to the monastery and free time to enjoy nature and possibility to have an unforgettable 40 minutes boat ride above the springs of Black Drim river (boat fee apply - to be paid on the spot)

Afternoon drive towards Albanian capital Tirana, with stop at Elbasan. O/N in Tirana, hotel Mondial 4* or similar.

DAY 8: Tirana

In a morning Tirana walking tour with local guide and visit to the National museum (inside).

Transfer to Tirana airport or Durres port is possible with supplement.

End of the tour.

YOU BOOK, YOU GO ! - Guaranteed departure even with only 1 person on tour, fixed price, no hidden fees



Scheduled departure dates

2022

10.03 14.04 12.05 16.06

14.07 11.08 15.09 13.10



MAP OF THE TOUR

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Bulgaria: Sofia | Rila monastery

Kosovo: Grachanica monastery | Pristina | Prizren

N.Macedonia: Skopje | Tikvesh wine region | Bitola | Ohrid city and lake - UNESCO sites

Albania: Tirana



What is included

- ✓ Pick up at any hotel within Sofia center
- ✓ Transportation according to the itinerary by car, minivan or minibus;
- ✓ 8 nights accommodation at 4* hotels, including daily breakfast and hotel taxes;
- ✓ 1 x wine tasting with snacks at local winery; Services of an English speaking driver and local host for the whole tour;
- ✓ Drop off at any address within Tirana centre
- ✓ Guided tours at Sofia, Skopje, full day to Kosovo, Ohrid and Tirana;
- ✓ Visits as described in the program, excluding admission fees;
- ✓ 1 bottle of water per person / per day complementary.

Not included

- ✗ Supplement for accommodation in Single room - 240 € (if required)
- ✗ Pre or post tour accommodation and airport transfer(s) are on your own.
- ✗ Any other meal (lunch or dinner)
- ✗ Gratuities for the driver/guide (not obligatory)
- ✗ Personal travel insurance

Tour Information

- ⚙ Tour code: 1931
- ⚙ Booking deadline: 7 days before departure date
- ⚙ Duration: 9 days
- ⚙ Tours starts: 8:30AM pick up time 8-8.30AM
- ⚙ Tours ends in Tirana or Durres
- ⚙ No minimum passengers required
- ⚙ Maximum passengers per date: 12

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