



## Discover Balkan Tour - 8 Days (#17309)

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **08-09-2024** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

## **Overview**

Sunday Arrival

## **Trip Highlights**

Dubrovnik, Budva/Montenegro, Shkodra/Albania, Tirana, Ohrid/North Macedonia, Skopje, Kolašin /Montenegro, Cetinje, Kotor, Dubrovnik

## **Detailed Itinerary**

**Day 01** 

Day 1 Dubrovnik – Arrival, Sunday (D)

Upon arrival at Dubrovnik Airport, transfer to hotel. Meet the tour guide, dinner and overnight.







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**Day 02** 

# Day 2 Dubrovnik – Budva/Montenegro – Shkodra/Albania – Tirana, Monday (B, D)

Morning sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik, included in the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. You will visit Franciscan Monastery with Europe's third oldest pharmacy, the Rector's Palace and the Cathedral. Departure for Tirana; we drive inland via Budva, crossing the Albanian border at Shkodra, once the capital of the Illyrian Kingdom (3rd century B.C.). Dinner and overnight in Tirana.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 03

#### Day 3 Tirana – Ohrid/North Macedonia, Tuesday (B, D)

Morning sightseeing tour of Tirana, the capital of Albania, including Skender Bey Square, the Mosque of Ethem Bey and a visit to the National Museum representing the flow of Albanian history and housing the finds from archeological sites across the country. Afternoon departure for Ohrid, driving via Elbasan and crossing the North Macedonian border at Cafasan. Dinner and overnight in Ohrid.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 04** 

#### Day 4 Ohrid, Wednesday

Full day in the lakeside resort of Ohrid, classified as UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage site. Through the activity of St. Clement and St. Naum of Ohrid, the first pan-Slavic University in Europe, the famous "Ohrid Literary School" was founded here. Morning sightseeing tour includes the church of St. Sofia (11th century=, the most eminent mediaeval monument in North Macedonia with magnificent Byzantine fresco paintings and St. Clement Church with its icon of Annunciation. In the afternoon a short drive to visit St. Naum Monastery built on the shores of Ohrid Lake in 900 A.D. and dedicated to the Slavic missionary and educator St. Naum of Ohrid. Dinner in a local restaurant. Return to hotel for overnight.

**Day 05** 

#### Day 5 Ohrid – Skopje, Thursday (B, D)

Morning departure for Skopje. Sightseeing tour of Skopje, including the Kale Fortress, the Church of the Holy Savior with its iconostas, one of the finest samples of traditional walnut wood carving, Old Bazaar and Stone Bridge. We drive to the



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slopes of the Vodno Mountain where we visit the Monastery of Saint Panteleimon with its 12th century iconostas and frescoes ranking among the highest achievements of Byzantine art of this period. Dinner and overnight in Skopje.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 06** 

Day 6 Skopje – Kolašin/Montenegro, Friday (B, D)

Morning departure for Kolašin, driving via Pe? and Berane and along the impressive Mora?a River Canyon. Afternoon arrival at Kolašin, spreading on the left bank of the river Tara, situated at the altitude of 954 m. The whole area is surrounded by the thick pine forest of the Bjelasica Mountain and is a popular skiing and air spa resort. Dinner and overnight in Kolašin.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 07** 

Day 7 Kolašin – Cetinje – Kotor – Dubrovnik, Saturday (B, D)

Morning departure for Cetinje where we visit King Nikola's Museum, once the residence of the Montenegrin King Nikola I Petrovi? Continuation to Kotor, classified as UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage site, where we visit its Romanesque Cathedral dedicated to Saint Tryphon, the city's patron saint. We continue to Dubrovnik driving along the picturesque Bay of Kotor. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 08** 

Day 8 Dubrovnik – Departure, Sunday (B)

Breakfast followed by departure transfer to Dubrovnik Airport.

Meal: Breakfast

## **Inclusions**

First class hotels including accommodation on half board basis.

Arrival shared transfer from Dubrovnik airport to hotel and departure





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shared transfer from hotel to Dubrovnik Airport on the first and the

last day of the tour.

Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach.

Professional Tour Director throughout.

Luggage handling (1 pc per person).

Whisper technology enhanced touring.

Service charges and hotel taxes..

#### SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

Professional English-speaking guide for city tours of Dubrovnik, Tirana, Ohrid, Skopje, and Kotor.

Entrance fees to Franciscan Monastery and Rector's Palace in Dubrovnik; National Museum in Tirana; St. Sofia, St. Clement and St. Naum in Ohrid; Church of Holy Savior and Monastery of St. Panteleimon in Skopje; Residence of King Nikola I Petrovi? in Cetinje; Saint Tryphon Cathedral in Kotor.

## **Exclusions**

Drinks, extra meals.

All other entrance fees not mentioned in the inclusions.

### Note

HOTELS USED OR SIMILAR

DUBROVNIK: Adria 4\* or similar TIRANA: Sky Tower 4\* or similar OHRID: Metropol 4\* or similar

SKOPJE: Next Door Park 4\* or similar

KOLAŠIN: Bianca 4\* or similar

#### SUPPLEMENTS (OPTIONAL):

Private car transfers available on request (Vehicle transfers are not available in the pedestrian areas).

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B-Breakfast, D-Dinner





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**Escorted Experience** 

## **Fixed Departure**

08 Sep, 2024
First Class Hotels
AUD 3,611 P P twin share
AUD 4,315 P P single
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06 Oct, 2024
First Class Hotels
AUD 3,519 P P twin share
AUD 4,222 P P single
AVAILABLE

