



The Hidden treasures of the Balkans (#16848)

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Trip Highlights

Belgrade-Zagreb-Bled-Plitvice-Split-Dubrovnik-Tivat-Tirana

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 1, Thursday, arrive in Belgrade, Serbia

Welcome to Belgrade. Time to relax before meeting your fellow travelers and Tour Director for a Welcome Dinner.

Meal: Dinner



Day 02**Day 2, Friday, in Belgrade**

After breakfast, full day excursion out of Belgrade: Our first stop is Krusedol monastery, founded in the beginning of the 16th century and considered one of Serbia's most significant monasteries. Continue to Sremski Karlovci, a picturesque town with its baroque and neoclassical houses and buildings. After the orientation tour, we will departure to one of the famous local wineries for lunch and wine tasting. Afterwards, we visit the intriguing Petrovaradin fortress, with its underground trenches and tunnels. The last stop is the city of Novi Sad, where will have a quick orientation tour and some free time before returning to Belgrade and your hotel. Lunch in a local restaurant.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 03**Day 3, Saturday, in Belgrade**

Your morning sightseeing tour includes a visit to the imposing Kalemegdan Fortress, dramatically set at the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers. You'll also see Republic Square and Knez Mihailova Street, Saint Sava Temple, the largest Orthodox Church in the city, and Tito's Memorial. Continue to Avala. The rest of the day is free. In the afternoon, Optional excursion to Topola, where George Petrovic, better known by his sobriquet Karadjordje, was chosen as the leader of the First Serbian Uprising against the Ottoman Empire in 1804. A very short drive away is the local St. George's Church, also known as Oplenac, the burial place of the Ducal and Royal Family of Serbia and Yugoslavia. After a lunch break (on your own), we are going back to Belgrade. Evening is on own. Dinner in a local restaurant.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 04**Day 4, Sunday, to ZAGREB**

Leave Belgrade towards Zagreb, capital of Croatia. Dinner, overnight.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 05**Day 5, Monday, ZAGREB**

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, Parliament, and Government Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the winding streets of the old town or take an optional excursion to see the countryside.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 06

Day 6, Tuesday, to LJUBLJANA & BLEĐ, SLOVENIA

After breakfast head towards Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. See the most significant sights of the old city center on a walking tour. Highlights include the picturesque open-air Central Market, the Three Bridges, Baroque Town Hall, and Robba's Fountain. Then, continue to Bled.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 07

Day 7, Wednesday, BLEĐ

An Alpine Lake surrounded by high peaks, Bled was "discovered" by travelers in the middle of the 19th century. Since then, a small town of hotels, villas, and restaurants has developed around the lake, turning Bled into a lively, all-seasons resort. A sightseeing tour features the charming town and the lakeshore, and visits imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake. The balance of the day is at leisure. Perhaps join an optional excursion visiting the small island in the middle of the lake, browse through the shops and boutiques, or simply relax and enjoy the enchanting scenery.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 08

Day 8, Thursday, to POSTOJNA to OPATIJA & PLITVICE, CROATIA

The journey continues to Postojna, home to one of the largest caves in Europe. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to the coast, have a stop in Opatija. Enjoy the walking tour of this fashionable resort in the 19th century, dotted with Habsburg era villas. After some free time, continue towards Plitvice Lakes.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner



Day 09**Day 9, Friday, to SPLIT**

After breakfast, have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of sixteen terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. After the tour, head to Split. Overnight in Split

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10**Day 10, Saturday, SPLIT**

In the morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Then see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. The rest of the day at leisure to stroll through the beautiful streets of Split, enjoy at the beach or join us on an Optional Excursion to Jet Set spot of rich and famous – Island of Hvar.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 11**Day 11, Sunday, to DUBROVNIK**

After breakfast travel to Dubrovnik. Day at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 12**Day 12, Monday, in DUBROVNIK**

After the breakfast, walking tour of Old Dubrovnik visit the Rector's Palace, and see the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, Sponza Palace, the Dominican Monastery, and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is free or join us for Optional Excursion home hosted Dubelj with dinner.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 13

Day 13, Tuesday, to TIVAT, MONTENEGRO

After breakfast, our journey takes us to Montenegro viewing Kotor Bay, the only South European fiord and tour of old town Kotor, a UNESCO heritage Site. On to Tivat for the night.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 14

Day 14, Wednesday, to TIRANA, ALBANIA

After breakfast we leave Tivat and drive via Budva and Bar towards town of Shkodra, nowadays a major Albanian cultural center. Shkodra was the center of the Illyrian tribe Labeat and was taken by the Romans in the year 168 B.C. We will see Rozafa Castle, magnificently situated on a rocky outcrop of limestone high above the city. Continue drive to Tirana.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 15

Day 15, Thursday, TIRANA

On a Morning sightseeing tour, see Sheshi Skenderbej (Skanderbeg Square) the Mosque of Ethem Bey, the Clock Tower, and the statue of G.K. Skanderbeg, Albania's national hero; the Palace of Culture, built with Soviet assistance, and the National History Museum with a mosaic on its façade portraying Albanian history. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring on your own, shop, or simply just relax.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 16

Day 16, Friday, depart TIRANA

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight.

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions



Included Features:

First class hotels

Arrival transfer Belgrade airport to hotel on day 1

Departure transfer hotel to Tirana airport on day 16

Breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 9 dinners

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:

Belgrade

Zagreb

Bled

Postojna Cave

Plitvice Lakes

Split

Dubrovnik

Kotor

Tirana

Exclusions

International airfares

Optional activities

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Personal equipment

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included



Note

Hotels:

Belgrade: Hotel Moskva/ Courtyard by Marriott (F) or similar

Zagreb: Zonar (F) or similar

Bled: Kompas (F)/ Bled Rose (F) or similar

Plitvice: Jezero (F) or similar

Split: Hotel Corner (F) or similar

Dubrovnik: Lero (F) or similar

Tivat: Palma (F) or similar

Tirana: Colloseo (F) or similar

Because of the narrow and cobbled streets, walking is the primary way of getting around. Please make sure you pack comfortable walking shoes.

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed Departure

13 Jun, 2024

First class hotels

AUD 7,681 P P twin share

AUD 9,698 P P single

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25 Jul, 2024

First class hotels

AUD 8,191 P P twin share

AUD 10,804 P P single

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05 Sep, 2024

First class hotels

AUD 7,681 P P twin share

AUD 10,293 P P single

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