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Trip to the Balkans

Albania, North Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro

Day 1. Belgrade Airport - Novi Sad – 18 September 26

Arrival at Belgrade airport, meet the guide and transfer to the region of Vojvodina, to visit one of the most interesting cities in Serbia – Novi Sad.

Overnight stay in Novi Sad.

Day 2. Novi Sad - Subotica – Novi Sad - 19 September 26

After breakfast, travel to the city of Subotica. Entry included to the City Hall, an impressive building with fascinating architecture, followed by a visit to the city's synagogue. Enjoy some free time in the city center.



Subotica is home to true Art Nouveau treasures. In the AustroHungarian period, the movement was known as the Secession style. The city's buildings are colorful and richly decorated with worldrenowned Pécs ceramics, elegant architecture, green parks, delicious food, and a relaxed atmosphere.

Continue from Subotica through Lake Palić to one of Serbia and Europe's most famous wine regions for lunch and wine tasting.

Overnight in Novi Sad.



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Day 3. Novi Sad – Sremski Karlovci – Belgrade - 20 September 26

After breakfast and the visit of Novi Sad, make a short stop in Sremski Karlovci, a charming town near Novi Sad. Next, continue to Belgrade to explore its unique architectural landmarks.



Begin the Novi Sad visit at Liberty Square, the main square of the city, followed by a walk along the famous Dunavska Street. Then ascend Petrovaradin Fortress to enjoy panoramic views of the city. Novi Sad, surrounded by fertile lowlands, Fruška Gora Mountain, and the Danube River, is a cultural pearl of Serbia. Often referred to as the "Serbian Athens," it hosts Southeast Europe's biggest music festival – EXIT. Visit the city's most important fortification: Petrovaradin

Fortress.

Lunch en route.

In the afternoon, continue to Belgrade for overnight stay.

Day 4. Belgrade – 21 September 26

After breakfast, begin exploring Serbia's capital on foot through its most important streets. Continue toward Youth Park and reach Kalemegdan Fortress. Also visit the Church of Saint Sava and the mausoleum of former Yugoslav leader Tito.



Belgrade, one of Europe's oldest cities and the only one at the confluence of two rivers, is known as "the city that never sleeps" and a symbol of vibrant nightlife. With around 1.7 million inhabitants, it is the country's administrative, political, and cultural center. Various civilizations and armies have left their mark on Belgrade: the iconic Victor monument, remains of the fortress, Istanbul Gate, and the Old Palace all bear witness.

Overnight in Belgrade.

Day 5. Belgrade – Nis – Skopje - 22 September 26



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After breakfast, travel toward the Macedonian border with a stop in Niš for a panoramic tour of the city, including its fortress and the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Niš, Serbia's third-largest city, is both a university and major industrial center. Lunch in Niš.



The Cathedral, built between 1856 and 1872 and consecrated in 1878 after liberation from the Ottomans, is a major historical and spiritual landmark. Its architecture blends Byzantine, Islamic, Renaissance, and Baroque styles. The interior, covered in intricate frescoes, is particularly striking.

In the afternoon, continue to Skopje, the "city of statues."



Begin at Kale Fortress for a panoramic view of the city. Near the fortress stands the majestic Mustafa Pasha Mosque (1492). The stone bridge over the Vardar River connects the Ottoman Old Town (Stara Čaršija) with the modern part of the city. Continue to the Ottoman bazaar, rich with cobbled streets, shops, mosques, and cafés.

Visit Macedonia Square, the city's symbolic heart, where a 22-meter column supports a grand equestrian statue of Alexander the Great. Walk along Macedonia Street to reach the Memorial House of Mother Teresa.

Overnight in Skopje.

Day 6. Skopje – Cañón de Matka – Ohrid - 23 September 26

After breakfast, leave Skopje with a stop at Matka Canyon to enjoy a boat ride.



Matka Canyon, often referred to as "The Valley of the Butterflies", is one of the most remarkable natural destinations near Skopje. Located to the northwest of the capital, it sits at the exit of the Treska River through the deep Shishevo Gorge. This dramatic landscape is home to the first artificial lake in the Balkans, created in 1938 with the construction of a hydroelectric dam. The canyon is



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a true natural wonder, with steep cliffs plunging into crystal-clear waters. The area is a haven for biodiversity, with a rich variety of flora and fauna, and it's especially known for its large butterfly population, giving the valley its poetic nickname. Continue to Ohrid.

Free afternoon in Ohrid.

Overnight in Ohrid.

Day 7. Ohrid – Saint Naum – Ohrid – 24 September 26

After breakfast, explore the city of Ohrid. Visit Saint Sophia Cathedral, Saint Clement Church, and enjoy a boat ride on Lake Ohrid.



Ohrid: perched on a hill overlooking the lake, is a UNESCO World Heritage site, famous for its beauty and historical architecture. The city flourished between the 7th and 19th centuries. In the late 9th century, Saints Clement and Naum founded the first Slavic university here. It became the capital of the Slavic kingdom under King Samuel in the 11th century.

The boat tour offers an excellent view of the old town.

Continue to Saint Naum Monastery for a visit.



Saint Naum Monastery, on the southern shore of Lake Ohrid, was a major spiritual and religious center. Founded in the year 900 by Saint Naum, it became a site of pilgrimage after his burial in 910. The natural springs of the Black Drim River emerge here, adding to the site's serene beauty.

Overnight in Ohrid.

Day 8. Ohrid – Berat – 25 September 26



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28 OCTOBER - After breakfast, transfer to the town of Berat to explore its historical neighborhoods, the citadel, and the iconography museum inside the Orthodox Cathedral of the Dormition of the Virgin.



Berat: also called “the city of a thousand windows,” is known for its large-windowed houses and well-preserved architecture. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to 18th-century mosques and many Byzantine and post-Byzantine churches. Several churches feature frescoes by the famed 16th-century painter Onufri. Wine tasting and regional lunch at Pupa Winery.

<https://www.pupawinery.com/>

Overnight in Berat.

Day 9. Berat – Apollonia – Fishte – Shkoder – 26 September 26

After breakfast, visit the archaeological site of Apollonia.



Apollonia was founded in the early 7th century BC by Greek colonists from Corinth and Corcyra (Corfu). It became a prosperous commercial hub and flourished during both the Hellenistic and Roman periods. Highlights include the city walls, Prytaneion, Bouleuterion, stoas, theater, nymphaeum, and the museum located in the former monastery.

Continue to Fishta for lunch at the Mrizi i Zanave agrotourism farm, the most renowned in Albania. Take a guided tour of the farm’s facilities – the cellars, livestock, cheese-making rooms, and gardens – and enjoy a meal made entirely with fresh, local, organic ingredients.

Arrive in Shkoder and visit the city fortress for sunset views.

Overnight in Shkoder.

Day 10. Shkoder – Virpazar – Budva – 27 September 26

After breakfast, stroll through the pedestrian area of Shkodra’s old town.



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Shkoder: located by a magnificent lake and surrounded by rivers and mountains, has over 2,400 years of history. Once the country's largest and most prosperous city, it showcases remnants of its rich past, such as the Rozafa Castle. The pedestrian zone, Marubi Photography Museum, and traditional mask workshop are also worth exploring.

Continue to Virpazar for a boat ride on Lake Skadar, one of Europe's largest freshwater lakes.

Lunch in Virpazar.

Afterward, continue to Budva and explore the Old Town.



Budva is considered the holiday capital of Montenegro, thanks to its abundance of beautiful beaches and vibrant coastal atmosphere. The city's Old Town, or Stari Grad, is perched on a small peninsula and is a true cultural heritage gem. Most of the architecture in Budva reflects the Venetian style, a legacy of centuries of influence from the Adriatic's dominant maritime republic. The Old Town, enclosed within 15th-century medieval walls and bastions, is a lively hub of activity. Its narrow cobblestone streets, charming

squares,

and Mediterranean character make it one of the most picturesque spots on the Montenegrin coast.

Overnight in Budva.

Day 11. Budva – Kotor – Perast – Budva – 28 September 26

After breakfast, visit the medieval town of Kotor. Enjoy a guided walk through its well-preserved Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Stroll through the Old Town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to admire the remarkably well-preserved medieval architecture. Once a bustling hub for merchants and sailors, Kotor is a perfect example of a medieval city built between the 12th and 14th centuries. Overlooking Montenegro's most beautiful bay, its



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buildings faithfully reflect Venetian architecture, while also bearing the marks of various other cultures that have influenced the region over the centuries.

Lunch in Kotor.

Next, continue to **Perast**, a charming small town just a few kilometers from Kotor. After exploring its quaint center, take a boat ride to the island of “**Our Lady of the Rocks**” to visit the historic church and enjoy stunning views of the surrounding mountains and the Adriatic Sea.

Perast offers some of the best views of the bay, with two notable islets: one natural and the other artificial. The natural islet is home to the 12th-century Benedictine monastery of St. George, while the artificial island hosts the ancient sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rocks (Gospa od Skrpjela), dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Return to Budva.

Day 12. Budva – Sveti Stefan – Kruja – Tirana – 29 September 26

After breakfast, the journey back to Albania begins, with the first stop at the bay of Sveti Stefan.



The island of Sveti Stefan is a luxurious resort with restricted access, reserved for the political and artistic elite of the country and region. After taking photos from the viewpoint and enjoying spectacular views over the bay, the journey continues toward Kotor. Interestingly, this island is connected to the mainland by an artificial isthmus.

After crossing the border, continue to Kruja for lunch.

After lunch (not included), visit the town of Kruja, known as the center of anti-Ottoman resistance in the 15th century. It is a mountainous town dominated by a 15th-century citadel. Kruja stands out for its typical Ottoman bazaar and the Skanderbeg Museum, which is part of the visit.



KRUJA: Having survived for thousands of years, Kruja nearly



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disappeared in the early 20th century but has revived over the last 50 years. It is a tourist attraction with spectacular mountain views. The most important sites include the fortress with its citadel and the traditional bazaar. The Skanderbeg Museum (dedicated to the city's hero who fought the Ottoman invasion for 25 years in the 15th century) and the Ethnographic Museum are the most famous attractions. The old bazaar is a typical oriental market offering antiques and crafts made by local artisans.

Continue to Tirana.

Overnight in Tirana.

Day 13. Tirana – 30 September 26

After breakfast, the Tirana tour begins, including visits to Bunk'Art 2 and the Et'hem Bey Mosque.



Tirana: The capital and largest city of Albania offers a wide range of activities, museums, and monuments to explore. The main square, Skanderbeg Square, and the main avenue called "Martyrs of the Nation" host most of the city's museums and monuments. In the main square are: The National History Museum with a large mosaic on its facade called "Albania," the statue of national hero Skanderbeg, the Et'hem Bey Mosque with its unique frescoes, the

Palace of Culture (which houses the Opera and Ballet Theater and the National Library), and various government buildings on the northern side of the square. Lunch in Tirana.

After lunch (not included), free afternoon for personal activities.

Overnight in Tirana.

Day 14. Tirana – Airport – 01 October 26

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in due time for the flight back home.

End of our services



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Description of prices:

Price per person in twin / double USD4125.00, single supplement USD905.00

Hotels or similar:

- 1) Hotel Centar Novi Sad 4* <https://hotel-centar.rs/> **or similar.**
- 2) Hotel Hyatt Belgrade 5* https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/serbia/hyatt-regencybelgrade/belgr?src=corp_lclb_gmb_seo_belgr **or similar.**
- 3) Hotel Marriot Skopje 5* <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/skpmc-skopje-marriott-hotel/> **or similar.**
- 4) Hotel Unique Resort & Spa Ohrid 4* <http://www.uniqueresort.mk/> **or similar.**
- 5) Hotel Portik Berat 4* <https://portikhotel.al/> **or similar.**
- 6) Hotel Colosseo Shkoder 5* <https://www.colosseohotel.com/> **or similar.**
- 7) Hotel Bracera Budva 4* <https://www.hotelbracera.me/> **or similar.**
- 8) Hotel Rogner 5 * <https://www.hotel-europapark.com/> **or similar.**



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Included:

- 13 overnight stays in 4* and 5* hotels with buffet breakfast
- 1 meal included at the agrotourism site in Fishta, Albania
- 11 lunches in local restaurants
- 13 dinners
- Wine tasting at Lake Palić, Serbia
- Wine tasting in Berat, Albania
- Professional tour guide accompanying the group from the first to the last day
- Professional Spanish-speaking local guides in Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia
- Professional driver and modern vehicle with A/C
- Water in the vehicle: two bottles per person, per day
- All entrance fees mentioned in the program, including:
 - *Kalemegdan Fortress – Belgrade*
 - *Porterage*
 - *Tips to guides and drivers.*
 - *Church of Saint Sava – Belgrade*
 - *Tito’s Mausoleum – Belgrade*
 - *Subotica Synagogue*
 - *Subotica City Hall*
 - *Petrovaradin Fortress – Novi Sad*
 - *Cathedral of the Holy Trinity – Niš*
 - *Mother Teresa Memorial House – Skopje*
 - *Church of the Ascension of Jesus Christ – Skopje*
 - *Churches of Saint Sophia and Saint Clement – Ohrid*
 - *Boat ride in Ohrid*
 - *Saint Naum Monastery with boat ride*
 - *Berat Citadel*
 - *Iconography Museum – Berat*



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- *Archaeological Park of Apollonia*
- *Boat ride on Lake Skadar – Virpazar*
- *Old Town of Budva*
- *Old Town of Kotor*
- *Old Town of Perast*
- *Visit to Our Lady of the Rocks Church – Perast*
- *Et'hem Bey Mosque – Tirana*



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Not included:

- *Flights*
- *Any service not mentioned in the program*

Form of payment: 30% deposit by 30 November 2025 and balance of payments by 01 July 2026