



BALKAN TOUR

Romania - Bulgaria – Macedonia - Albania – Montenegro – Bosnia & Herzegovina – Slovenia – Croatia
(8 Countries Program)

DAY 01

Arrival Bucharest (Dinner with Folkloric show included)

Departure to Bucharest where you will have free time to explore the area and discover the contrasts of Romania's cultural capital. The architecture here is an eclectic mix of historical, communist period and modern styles and it may even remind you of Paris as in fact it has its own Arc de Triomphe. Bucharest even boasts the world's second biggest building, the Palace of Parliament, built under the communist regime.

If you'd like to learn more about the traditional way of life of Romanian peasant farmers you can visit the Village Museum, an open air museum with around 300 traditional buildings filled with furniture, pottery and clothing collected from different regions of the country.

DAY 02

Bucharest (182km) ☐ Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria (222km) ☐ Sofia (Hotel B. Chinese L. Western D)

Veliko Turnovo: the medieval capital is brought to you with more than 7000-years of history. The houses, stacked one above the other, situated on the sloppy hills of the town show a remarkable, unique architectural style.

Sightseeing tour of Veliko Turnovo to see the Old Bazaar and Tsareverts Fortress (include entrance), the design of the fortress was meant to be impregnable, and the strong walls made of stone, huge and impressive gates, and high towers offered a lot of protections to the inhabitants therein.

☐ Sofia: is the capital and largest city of Bulgaria

Arrival in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation at hotel. Dinner and Overnight in Sofia

DAY 03

Sofia (85km) ☐ Rila (242km) ☐ Skopje, Macedonia (Hotel Breakfast/Chinese Lunch/Western Dinner)

Sightseeing tour of Sofia to see the Archeological Museum, The National Art Gallery, the Russian church, the Military club, the Parliament Square, the Tsar Liberator Monument, the Sofia University, the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, St Sophia Church and the Boyana Church (include entrance).

Rila Monastery: the second biggest monastery on the Balkans Peninsula. Throughout the centuries it has always been the spiritual, educational and cultural center of Bulgaria.

Skopje: the capital and largest city of the Republic of Macedonia.

DAY 04

Skopje (182km) Ohrid (Hotel Breakfast/Western lunch & dinner)

Sightseeing tour of Skopje to see the Stone Bridge, the Fortress, the Mustafa Pasha Mosque, the Mother Theresa Memorial House and the Old Bazaar.

Ohrid: the largest town in the southwestern Macedonia on the shore of Lake Ohrid. A town of vast history and heritage. It is a UNESCO heritage site since 1980.05 Ohrid (138km) Tirana, Albania (175km)

DAY 05

Ohrid (138km) Tirana, Albania (175km) Budva, Montenegro (Hotel breakfast/Western lunch, Dinner)

Tirana: the capital of Albania and the biggest city situated between the Dajti mountain on one side and the coastal plains on the other one. Sightseeing of Tirana to see the Skanderbeg Square, Sahati clock tower, Et'hem Bey Mosque, The National Library and the National Historic Museum.

Budva: a coastal town in Montenegro.

DAY 06

Budva (25km) □ **Kotor (93km)** □ **Dubrovnik, Croatia (Hotel breakfast/Western dinner)**

Sightseeing tour of Budva to see the Old Town, the Fortress Citadel, the Church of St. Ivan and St. Trinity.
Sightseeing tour of Kotor to see the Old City of Kotor, the Clock tower, the Napoleon's Theatre, the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon, the Church of St Luke, Drago, Pima and Grgur Palace, the Maritime Museum and the Ancient City Walls.

Dubrovnik: the "Pearl of the Adriatic", a standout attraction and perfectly preserved baroque city-state, To see the finest sites of the Old Walled City.

DAY 07

Dubrovnik (140km) **Mostar, Herzegovina (127km)** □ **Starigrad, Dubrovnik (Hotel breakfast/Western dinner)**

Mount Srd: a 405-meter ascent above sea level, where you can see one of the best panoramic views of Dubrovnik and the surrounding islands (include cable car).

Mostar: a beautiful valley bedded between high mountains of Herzegovina, known for its famous bridge built by the Ottoman empire, a single span stone bridge crossing the Neretha river.

DAY 08

Sarajevo (285km) □ **Bihac (Hotel breakfast/Western lunch & dinner)**

Sightseeing tour of Sarajevo to see the Bascarsija, the Gazi Husrev Mosque, the Old Orthodox Church of St Archangel's Mikhail and Gabriel, the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Old Jewish Temple.

□ Sarajevo War Tunnel Museum: was built on a historic private house whose cellar served as the entrance to Sarajevo Tunnel. The "house" museum is exhibiting archival materials including war photographs, military equipment, flags and military uniforms, flotsam and jetsam.

Bihac: a city in the north-western part of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

DAY 09

Bihac (33km) **Plitvice National Park, Croatia (181km)** **Rijeka (Hotel breakfast/Western lunch/Hotel dinner)**

Plitvice National Park: was granted UNESCO World Heritage since the year 1979. The beauty of the National Park lies in its sixteen lakes, inter-connected by a series of waterfalls, and set in deep woodland populated by deer, bears, wolves, boars and rare bird species. You will take the boat ride to explore the Park.

Rijeka: a city of history, culture and crazy fun!

DAY 10

Rijeka (67km) □ **Postojna, Slovenia (53km)** □ **Ljubljana (Hotel breakfast/Western lunch & dinner)**

Postojna Caves: the queen of the entire karst underground kingdom. Two millions years old and 27km long, the system of subterranean caves is one of the most easily accessible network underground caves in the world (include electric train).

Predjama Castle: it hangs dramatically in the middle of 123 m high rocky cliff. The interior houses an incredible collection of historical artifacts, from antique armaments to old artworks, as well as the original furnishings and decorations (include entrance).

Ljubljana: the capital of Slovenia, the city where old meets new Ljubljana.

DAY 11

Ljubljana (54km) **Lake Bled (197km)** **Zagreb, Croatia ((Hotel breakfast/Western lunch & dinner)**

Lake Bled: one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Bled is often mentioned as the pearl of the Alpine region. It is unique with its emerald-green lake, a church on the island in the middle of the lake and a medieval castle from the 11th century, perched on a cliff above the lake. You will take the Bled's typical "pletna" boat to the island.

Bled Castle: a medieval castle built on a precipice above the city of Bled in Slovenia, overlooking Lake Bled.

Zagreb: the capital and largest city in Croatia, and a typical Central European town.

DAY 12

Zagreb (Hotel breakfast/Chinese lunch/Western dinner)

Sightseeing tour of Zagreb to see the Lower Town, the Marshal Tito's Square, the Croatian National Theatre, Upper Town (include one way funicular ride), the Cathedral of Assumption, the City Museum, the Dolac Market, the Stone Gate and St Mark's Church.

Ending your tour with more shopping at Lower Town!

DAY 13

Zagreb – Departure (Hotel breakfast)

Time to bid farewell to these exciting destinations and bring home wonderful memories of Yugoslavia!
Departure to Zagreb Airport for final flight home back .

End of service

Offer includes :

- Accommodation for 13 Nights on HB basis at hotel offered below
- All land transport by A/C Modern equipped Coach DVD , Screen , MIC , Toilette
- All Sightseeing with entrance fees as above Itinerary Entrance fees from day 1 up to day 12
- Professional English speaking Guides (high quality of Politeness , experienced with far east Market)
- One Pax in **SGL** free of charge
- All meals (Breakfast – Lunch – Dinner) as mentioned in above Itinerary

Offer excludes :

- Extra meals or Drinks not mentioned above
- Tips and Personal expenses

Hotels :

Bucharest : Ramada Hotel 4* www.ramadabucharestpac.com

Sofia : Metropolitan 4* www.metropolitanhotelsofia.com

Skopje : Grand Plaza hotel 5* www.tccgrandplaza.com

Ohrid : Bellevue 4* or Meropol 4* www.metropol-ohrid.com.mk

Budva : Queen of Montenegro or Residence hotel 4* www.queenofmontenegro.com

Dubrovnik : Neptun 4* or Grand Park hotel 4* www.importanneresort.com

Sarajevo : Sarajevo hotel or Bosna Hotel or Holiday Inn www.srajevohotel.ba

Bihac : Kostelski Buk Deluxe 4*+ www.kostelski-buk.com or Emporium 4*

Rijeka : Best Western Jadran 4* www.bestwestern-ce.com

Ljubljana : Plaza hotel 4* www.plazahotel.si or hotel Mons 4*

Zagreb : International hotel 4*+ www.hotel-international.hr or the Westin hotel 5*