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### Highlights of the Balkan

#### Highlights (Starting from 1.950 € pp)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore Thessaloniki's Byzantine monuments</li><li>• Visit the UNESCO Gjirokastra</li><li>• Taste local cuisine in Sarajevo</li><li>• Visit Belgrade's impressive Orthodox churches</li><li>• Discover the pearl of the Balkan – Ohrid</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Age range: 18 – 80 years</li><li>• Minimum group size: 20 people</li><li>• Maximum group size: 40 people</li><li>• Travel Style: Discovery, Adventure</li><li>• Accommodation: Hotel</li><li>• Transportation: Coach / Bus</li><li>• Guide: English guide</li><li>• Optional tours</li><li>• Meals: 14 Breakfast</li></ul> |
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## Highlights

Start and end in Skopje! With the discovery tour Skopje and the Balkans Tour, you have a 15 day tour package taking you through Skopje, Macedonia and 15 other destinations in Europe. Skopje and the Balkans Tour is a small group tour that includes accommodation in a hotel as well as an expert guide, meals, transport and more.

### Day 1 Skopje

Welcome to Skopje, upon your arrival, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Starting at 15:00, the afternoon will be for a gentle walking tour of the center, visit Kale Fortress, the Church of the Holy Savior with its iconostas, one of the finest samples of traditional walnut woodcarving, Old Bazaar and Stone Bridge. Overnight Skopje - 4 star

### Day 2 Skopje - Ohrid (Macedonia)

This morning, we drive to Ohrid, this UNESCO world heritage site is known as the 'Macedonian Jerusalem' due to its large number of churches. Nestled on the shores of a large lake which is renowned for the clarity of its water. Discover highlights of Ohrid, The church of St. Sofia (11th century), the most eminent mediaeval monument in Macedonia with magnificent Byzantine fresco paintings and St. Clement Church with its icon of Annunciation. Overnight Ohrid - 4 star – Breakfast.

### Day 3 Ohrid - Thessaloniki (Greece)

Today we set off towards Thessaloniki, famous for its UNESCO listed Paleochristian and Byzantine Monuments and the foreshore lined with cafes, cocktail lounges, bars and restaurants. Overnight Thessaloniki - 4 star – Breakfast.



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#### Day 4 Thessaloniki - Delphi - Athens

This morning we drive to Delphi where we will explore the incredible site and museum of Delphi. The sanctuary of Delphi, where the oracle of Apollo spoke, was the religious centre of the ancient Greek world. We then continue to Athens. Overnight Athens - 4 star – Breakfast.

#### Day 5 Tuesday - Athens

Your Athens city tour starts from the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896. Continue and pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament buildings and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library and Constitution Square (Syntagma). At the Acropolis visit, the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon. Overnight Athens - 4 star - Breakfast

#### Day 6 - Athens - Meteora

Today we head to Meteora, a unique and enchanting place where monasteries are elevated by otherworldly sandstone pillars. We spend an evening in the nearby traditional Greek village of Kalambaka. Overnight.

#### Day 7 - Meteora - Tirana (Albania)

Today we leave Greece behind and head towards to Albania. En route we visit the UNESCO listed town of Gjirokastra, a rare example of a well preserved Ottoman town, and then we continue to the capital, Tirana. Overnight Tirana - 4 star – Breakfast.

#### Day 8 Tirana - Budva - Kotor (Montenegro)

After breakfast, we have a walking tour of the town visiting the Clock Tower, Et'hem Bey Mosque, St Paul's Cathedral, National Historical Museum, Piramida, National Art Gallery and Mother Teresa Square. We then leave Albania and drive to Budva, Montenegro. Apart from its natural beauty, its bay islands and beaches, Budva is rich in historic monuments. Budva Old Town lies on a small peninsula and represents a treasure chest of culture heritage. Crossed with narrow streets and squares are famous buildings, the Church St. Trojica, housing the tomb of writer Stjepan Mitrov Ljubisa, the Churches of St. Ivan, St. Bogorodica and St. Sava. We continue to Kotor, which is set on the beautiful Bay of Kotor and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Overnight Kotor - 4 star – Breakfast

#### Day 9 Kotor - Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Amongst the sights to see, at Kotor, are the well-preserved Old Town and its city walls, along which you can walk, and the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon (built in 1166). We continue along beautiful southern coast of Croatia to Dubrovnik, a city legendary for its well-preserved stone walls, and is often referred to as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. On arrival, head out on a guided walk along the city walls, enjoying views of the Adriatic Sea. You'll also visit Big Onofrio's Fountain, built by the European architect Onofrio della Cava in the 15th century to supply water to the city, the 13th century Franciscan monastery and the Sponza and Rector's Palaces. At the end of your journey, perhaps you'd prefer to simply unwind on a beach. Overnight Dubrovnik - 3 star – Breakfast.



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#### **Day 10 Dubrovnik - Split**

After breakfast, we will drive along the Adriatic coast line towards to Split. In the afternoon we will have walking tour of the city visiting, Diocletian Palace, a Roman imperial palace and UNESCO World Heritage site. We will walk the southern part of palace, the Bronze Gates, through the Vestibul of the Emperor's Palace, The Mausoleum, St. Dujam's Cathedral, Cathedral Treasury, Temple of Jupiter, St. Martin's Church (Golden Gate) and conclude the tour at the fruit square and visit the Venetian castle, Milesi Palace and the Monument of Marko Marulic. Overnight Split - 3 star – Breakfast.

#### **Day 11 Monday - Split - Mostar - Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)**

Today depart for Sarajevo via Mostar, a town situated in a beautiful valley in the high mountains of Herzegovina. The city was the most heavily bombed settlement in Bosnia during the war, but it has since been rebuilt and now features on UNESCO's World Heritage list. On the way, we visit the famous Stari Most Bridge, built by the Ottomans in 156. It was the great architect Mimar Hajrudin who succeeded with the impossible mission to cross the Neretva River with a single span stone bridge. Afterwards, we drive to Sarajevo, which is Bosnia and Herzegovina's small but vibrant capital. Twenty years after the end of a devastating war, Sarajevo is slowly asserting itself as one of Europe's most beautiful and interesting cities. The city mixes east and west dotted with minarets, mosques, bazaars and the aroma of coffee. In the evening, perhaps enjoy a simple but delicious meal in Bascarsija, Sarajevo's old bazaar and you must try the local specialty of 'bosanski cevapi' (grilled minced meat mixed with mild spices). Overnight Sarajevo - 3 star – Breakfast.

#### **Day 12 Sarajevo - Belgrade (Serbia)**

This morning, after breakfast, we depart for Serbia's capital, Belgrade, which is famous for its grand Orthodox churches and museums. In the evening, head down to Skadarska Street in the bohemian quarter of Skadarlija to sample some authentic local food and enjoy the lively atmosphere, in a place where Orthodox churches vie for space next to fashionable nightclubs. Overnight Belgrade - 4 star – Breakfast.

#### **Day 13 Wednesday - Belgrade**

Today, we will visit the city's wide boulevards and squares, and the historic and green heart of Kalemegdan Park. The park is home to Kalemegdan Fortress, which has overlooked the Danube River here for centuries. Overnight Belgrade - 4 star – Breakfast.

#### **Day 14 Thursday - Belgrade to Skopje (Macedonia)**

Early departure from Belgrade towards to capital of Macedonia, Skopje. In the afternoon we head to the gorgeous Matka Canyon and Lake area. You can visit the several churches and monasteries in the area, explore caves or take an optional boat trip before returning back to Skopje. Overnight Skopje - 4 star – Breakfast.

#### **Day 15 Friday - Skopje**

After breakfast, our tour concludes with a transfer to Skopje airport. – Breakfast.



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#### Accommodation

Overnights in comfortable 4\* hotels - all overnights are based on double rooms with private WC/shower  
14 nights in hotels (twin or double) Single Rooms are available with payment of a 'Single Supplement'

#### Guide

The trip is coordinated by a tour leader from Camellia Travel, who is responsible for the logistics of the tour – updating you on the daily itinerary, arranging your passport checks at the border-crossings, handling the check-ins at each hotel, communicating with the driver and arranging the local guides as scheduled in the program. Detailed information about the countries and some of the sites will be presented by the local city guides included in the itinerary.

#### Meals

14 breakfasts

This tour offers Vegetarian and Vegan food options on request. Simply let our tour leader know the food option that you prefer.

#### Transport

The type of the vehicle of the tour depends on the size of the group –For group over 20 pax we travel in a bus (49 seater) with the tour leader and also the driver;

### Not included

- Flights
- Insurance
- Optional
- Additional service



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### Additional Services

- Transfer - Inbound - Skopje - Skopje Alexander the Great Airport (SKP)
- Transfer - Outbound - Skopje - Skopje Alexander the Great Airport (SKP)
- English-speaking tour driver for the duration of the tour
- Tips except driver and guide
- Highlights :-
- Athens - Acropolis - UNESCO Heritage site, Acropolis Museum, Hadrian's Arch, Panathenaic Stadium, Parthenon, Propylaea, Temple of Athena Nike, Temple of Olympian Zeus
- Athens City Tour
- Belgrade - Overnight, Overnight, Kalemegdan Fortress, Skadarlija (Bohemian Quarter)
- Budva, Church of St. Ivan, Old Town
- Delphi - Archaeological Site - UNESCO Heritage site, Temple of Apollo, Treasury of Athens
- Dubrovnik - Overnight, Big Onofrio's Fountain, Franciscan Monastery, Old Town - UNESCO Heritage site, Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace
- Gjirokastra - UNESCO Heritage site
- Kalambaka - Greek Village
- Kotor - UNESCO Heritage site, Cathedral of St. Tryphon
- Kotor Bay
- Matka Canyon, Matka Monastery, St. Andrew Monastery, St. Nikola Monastery
- Meteora - Hilltop Monasteries - UNESCO Heritage site
- Mostar, Old City and Bridge - UNESCO Heritage site
- Ohrid - UNESCO Heritage site, St. Clement Church, St. Sofia
- Sarajevo - Overnight
- Skopje, Church of the Holy Savior, Kale Fortress, Kamen Most (Old Stone Bridge), Old Bazaar
- Split, Overnight, Church of St. Martin, Diocletian Palace - UNESCO Heritage site, Fruit Square, Milesi Palace, St. Dujam's Cathedral, Temple of Jupiter, Venetian Castle
- Thessaloniki - UNESCO Heritage site
- Tirana - Et'hem Bey Mosque, Mother Teresa Square, National Art Gallery, National Historical Museum, Piramida, St. Paul's Cathedral
- Tirana Clock Tower