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# Gateway to Balkans

(8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS)

### **Cultural & Historical Tour**

Starting from 436€

# Day 1 Skopje

Welcome to Skopje! At the airport, keep an eye out for the Camellia Travel for your transfer to the hotel. Upon you arrival at the hotel, have an informal welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travellers. After the short break sightseeing of Skopje by vehicle first and walking tour: Sultan Murat Mosque, The Clock Tower, The National Library St. Clement Ohridski, Macedonian Academy of Science and Arts, The Orthodox Church St. Bogorodica (Holly Maria), The National Bank, The New Railroad Station, Tobacco Factory, The Old Railroad Station (Museum of Skopje), The Cathedral of Macedonian Orthodox Church St. Clements Ohridski, The building of the Government of Macedonia, The building of the Parliament of Macedonia, Macedonian National Opera and Ballet, Skopje Fortress. After this, starts the walking part of the city tour. Entrance to the Fortress (Kale) to see the panorama of the central area of Skopje. Free time for launch at Old Bazar and tasting our traditional meal. The tour ends at the Memorial House of Mother Teresa. Free time until next morning. **Overnight in Skopje** 

- Accommodation Hotel 4 Star (central)
- Included Activities
   Welcome Meeting
- Optional Activities
   Group Dinner 20eur



#### Day 2 Ohrid – Sightseeing – St. Naum – Ohrid

Breakfast. After the breakfast departure to Ohrid. Meeting with the local experienced guide. Ohrid is the very ancient town located at the shores of the Ohrid Lake. It is rich with monuments from different historic periods. Because of the historic treasury the town and the lake are on the list of UNESCO as the World Treasury. At the main square of Ohrid, next to the Port are the monuments of the holly brothers St. Cyril and Methodius, who designed the Glagolic Alphabet, and their disciples St. Klement and St. Naum. In the old town of Ohrid there are many typical and traditional houses and historic churches. One of the most important is the Cathedral St. Sophia from 11 c. The walls are painted with frescoes from that period. The tour continues to the Ancient Theatre from 3 or 2 C.B.C. Visit to the church St. Bogorodica Perivleptos from 13 c, and to the world famous Icon Gallery where the icons from 11 to 19 c. are exhibited. At the top of Ohrid Hill dominates the Samoilo Fortress. From the top of the towers the tourists enjoys the wonderful view of Ohrid town and Ohrid Lake. Visit to the Plaosnik, where St. Klement established the first Slavic University in the end of 9 and beginning of 10 c. At that site is the early Christian Basilica (4 - 6 c.) which floor is decorated with mosaic. The tour continues towards the church St. John Kaneo. This church is located at the rock just above the Ohrid Lake. Going back to the center of the town and ride a boat in The Ohrid Lake and visit the complex of the monastery St. Naum, which is located next to the border with Republic of Albania. In the area of the monastery are the biggest springs of the Ohrid Lake. As the part of the National Park Galicica they are untouched nature. The best way to enjoy the beauties is by riding small boat. From the boat are visible the bubbles created by the water, coming out of the ground, it is possible to listen the songs of the birds and to be amazed by the colours of the nature. Traditional lunch (optional)



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in the monastery restaurant or on the restaurant located on the Iceland into the springs. Back to city of Ohrid. Optional Balkan Night with traditional food and folklore dancers. Overnight in Ohrid.

- Accommodation
  - Hotel 4 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Included Activities
   Ohrid City Tour with local guide
- St. Naum tour with the bus with local guide

  Optional Activities
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   Balkan Night With Dinner 25 eur
   St. Naum Tour with Boat 20 eur



#### Day 3 Ohrid - Tirana

We hit the roads following breakfast, next stop Albania! On our way, we pass through Elbasan continue to Tirana. A panoramic city tour of Tirana will embrace Ethem Bey Mosque, one of the best preserved and most beautiful samples of Albanian architecture; as well as the Clock Tower, and the Skanderbeg Square – the town centre, named after the Albanian national hero Skanderbeg. After individual lunch we go to hotel for check in. Free time until next morning. **Overnight in Tirana** 

- Accommodation Hotel 4 Star (central)
- Meals Included
   Breakfast
- Included Activities
   Tirana City Tour with local guide
- Optional Activities
   Dajti express Cable Car 25eur
   Group Dinner 20eur



#### Day 4 Tirana-Budva

After the breakfast we depart for Budva. Montenegro with its calming natural beauty and characteristic architecture; a less-crowded and more authentic version of Dubrovnik with its impressive citadel. Following a walking tour of the old town with our expert guide and some free time, we make our way to the popular touristic hub of the region, Budva. Your guide will take you on a brief walking tour of the vibrant summer town with great food, impressive views and lovely nightlife. **Overnight in Budva.** 

- Accommodation
   Hotel 4 Star (by the beach)
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Included Activities

  Budva visiting old town with local guide
- Optional Activities
   Group Dinner 20eur





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#### Day 5 - Budva - Kotor

After a delicious breakfast, we will drive to Kotor, UNESCO world heritage city. You arrive in Boka Kotorska Bay and the old town of Kotor by walking down from Lovcen. The descent is steep but rewarding; you are free to choose between three similar walks (the same route but different distances) for this part of the itinerary. Either choice will offer breathtaking views of the Boka Kotorska Bay and the surrounding mountains. After some time exploring the old town of Kotor, you will then take a transfer to Perast by bus **Overnight in Budva.** 

- Accommodation
   Hotel 4 Star (by the beach)
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Included Activities
   Kotor City Tour with local guide
   Visiting Perast with the tour leader
- Optional Activities Group Dinner 20eur



# <u>Day 6 - Budva – Sarajevo</u>

Get ready for a long day. After a substantial breakfast, hop on the bus and make your way to the Bosnian capital. We make a stop for optional lunch on our way to Sarajevo. Upon arrival in Sarajevo we make check in to Hotel. **Overnight in Sarajevo** 

- Accommodation Hotel 4 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Optional Activities
   Group Dinner 20eur



# Day 7 Sarajevo

After breakfast join us on Times of Misfortune Tour. Find out what it was like to live without food, water, electricity, gas, how the children were going to school and what was the cultural and sports life. (Optional Tunnel Museum) Upon arrival at the Tunnel Museum, you'll pass through 20m of the original tunnel and see the movie about the war in Sarajevo upon which the guide will explain the role of the tunnel during the siege, its construction, use method and will happily answer all your questions.

Once back to the town, let's make a short Bosnian coffee break that is going to be a great introduction into the tasty afternoon and our Eat, Pray, Love Tour.

Let's discover together the City Hall, National Library, Bravadžiluk and Kazandžiluk streets of the old handcrafts which have existed in Sarajevo since 15th century, Baščaršija – the heart of the Ottoman rule, caravan sarays and much more. The best part of the tour are gastro tests. The first one – ćevapi (small grilled rolls of minced beef, lamb or mixed in half pita bread), the second one – different kinds of pies and the most popular one – Bosnian aphrodisiac baklava (flaky pastry with a filling of nuts, drenched in sugar syrup or honey). Discover the line between two worlds – Eastern and Western. Free time for individual activities. **Overnight in Sarajevo** 



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- Accommodation Hotel 4 Star
- Included Activities
   Sarajevo City Tour with local guide
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Optional Activities
   Tunnel museum 20eur
   Group Dinner 20eur



#### Day 8 Sarajevo

After the breakfast time to say goodbye Balkans until next time! Transfer to airport. End of the tour

 Meals Included Breakfast

Price in Eur, per pax in dbl/twin room: HOTEL 4\*

Pax	20-25	26-29	30-35
Eur	484€	450€	436€
Single supplement	135€	135€	135€

Price in Eur. per pax in dbl/twin room: HOTEL 5\*

Pax	20-25	26-29	30-35
Eur	662€	625€	607€
Single supplement	285€	285€	285€

Day no.	DATE	LUNCH	DINNER	STAY
Day 1		N/A	Optional Skopje	Skopje
Day 2		N/A	Optional Ohrid	Ohrid
Day 3		N/A	Optional Tirana	Tirana
Day 4		N/A	Optional Budva	Budva
Day 5		N/A	Optional Budva	Budva
Day 6		N/A	Optional Sarajevo	Sarajevo
Day 7		N/A	Optional Sarajevo	Sarajevo
Day 8		END OF SERVICE		

# The tour price and the local payment cover the following services:



# Accommodation

4 star hotels



#### Meals

7 breakfasts



#### Transportation

Air-conditioned non-smoking coach Euro 6



#### Airport Transfer

From Skopje Airport (on day 1) – Sarajevo Airport (on day 8)



#### Guide

Services of experienced Camellia Travel local guides licenced by the Ministry of Tourism



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# What is not included in the tour price

- Any flights
- Travel insurance
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips & gestures
- Visa fees
- Entrance fees to the sights and museums
- Optional activities
- Other services not stated in the itinerary

# **Cancellation policy**

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50 days before the check in - no penalty shall apply			
49 - 30 days before the check in - 50% charge applies			
29 – 14 days before the check in - 80% charge applies			
13 days before check in or No Show - 100% charge applies			
Payment policy			
20% of the total amount - after signing the contract			
the rest 80% - 13 days before the check in of the group			