

Balkan Experience – 7 countries in 14 days

14 days | 7 countries | 19 cities

Departure months: Apr-Oct

Small groups
up to **15**
participants

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Embark on an unforgettable 14-day journey through the heart of the Balkans, exploring seven countries rich in history, culture, and breathtaking landscapes. This carefully curated tour takes you from the vibrant streets of Belgrade to the Adriatic coast, iconic UNESCO World Heritage sites, and charming towns steeped in tradition. Experience the diverse flavors, warm hospitality, and stunning natural beauty of Serbia, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Perfect for travelers seeking an immersive adventure across this fascinating region!



○ Start of the tour ● End of the tour ● Overnight ● Optional activity ● Sightseeing

Day 1. Welcome to Serbia

Arrive at Belgrade's "Nikola Tesla" Airport, where your guide will meet you in the arrivals hall. They will assist with currency exchange, provide essential city information, and help with check-in. You'll also be briefed on key sights and events. If you arrive earlier, you can book extra nights at the hotel. After checking in, take time to explore Belgrade independently or follow your guide's suggestions for dinner.

Overnight: Belgrade



Belgrade

Day 2. Belgrade City Tour

Start your day with breakfast before embarking on a comprehensive sightseeing tour of Belgrade. Visit Belgrade Fortress, perched above the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers, and see the Victor Monument and Chapel of Saint Petka. Then, explore New Belgrade's modern architecture, including the Genex Tower and Sava Center. Continue to Zemun, known for its charming Central European ambiance and fish restaurants by the river. Drive through Dedinje, Belgrade's upscale neighborhood, and visit the iconic Saint Sava Temple. You can explore at your own pace in the afternoon. Enjoy the Bohemian Quarter of Skadarlija in the evening, filled with traditional Serbian cuisine and lively nightlife (optional).

Overnight: Belgrade

Day 3. Novi Sad & Sremski Karlovci

After breakfast, head to Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city. On the way, stop at Sremski Karlovci, an important cultural hub from the 18th century. Explore its cobbled streets and visit the Old Patriarch's Court and the first Serbian High School. Then, enjoy a wine tasting at a local cellar.

Continue to Petrovaradin Fortress in Novi Sad, an important historic site on the Danube River. Next, explore Novi Sad's Old Town, visiting landmarks such as the monument to Svetozar Miletic and the Novi Sad Cathedral. Return to Belgrade for the evening.

Overnight: Belgrade

Day 4. Goodbye Serbia, hello Bulgaria

After breakfast, drive south to Niš, the birthplace of Emperor Constantine the Great. Visit Niš Fortress, Skull Tower, and other historic landmarks. Enjoy a local meal before heading to Sofia, Bulgaria. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and enjoy some free time to explore the Bulgarian capital independently or dine at a recommended restaurant.

Overnight: Sofia

Day 5. Sofia, Rila Monastery and North Macedonia

Begin the day with breakfast and a walking tour of Sofia, a city rich in history and culture. Built on the ruins of the Roman town of Serdica, Sofia's highlights include the iconic St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral, the St. George Rotunda, and the ruins of ancient Serdica. After a coffee break, take a trip to Rila Monastery, one of



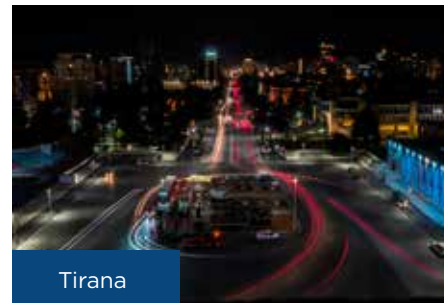
Sofia

the holiest places in the country and another **UNESCO** World Heritage site. Rila Monastery is the most important spiritual and literary center of the Bulgarian national revival, with an uninterrupted history from the Middle Ages until now. Next is North Macedonia and its capital, Skopje. Take a guided tour of the city, where old meets new in fascinating ways. Visit Macedonia Square, the Stone Bridge, the Skopje Fortress, and the Ottoman-era Old Bazaar. See Mother Teresa's Memorial House, celebrating the city's most renowned native. End the day with an evening exploring Skopje's culinary delights and warm hospitality.

Overnight: Skopje

Day 6. Matka Canyon cruise and UNESCO World Heritage site – Ohrid Lake

After breakfast, travel to Matka Canyon for a boat ride through its stunning gorge. Then, continue to Ohrid, a **UNESCO** World Heritage site known for its natural and cultural heritage. Upon arrival, take a walking tour



Tirana

through Ohrid's Old Town, visiting landmarks like the Church of St. John at Kaneo, St. Sophia Church, and the Roman Amphitheater. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, exploring the lake or strolling around the charming town.

Overnight: Ohrid

Day 7. Welcome to Albania

After breakfast, head to Albania and stop in Elbasan to visit the Castle of Elbasan and other local sights. Continue to Tirana, the capital, where you'll explore highlights such as the Et'hem Bey Mosque and the 19th-century clock tower. Enjoy free time discovering Tirana independently, or ride up Dajti Mountain in a cable car for panoramic city views.

Overnight: Tirana

Day 8. From Albania to Montenegro: Welcome to the Adriatic

Leave Tirana and drive through Skadar Lake, passing by Montenegro's beautiful scenery. Stop in Shkoder to see the Rozafa Fortress, then continue to the coastal town of Budva. After checking into your hotel, enjoy free time exploring the Old Town or walking along the Adriatic coast.

Overnight: Budva

Day 9. Full-day Montenegro Experience

Start your day with a visit to Perast, a quaint town along the Bay of Kotor. Take a boat ride to the "Our Lady of the Rocks" Church on an island in the

bay. Then, head to Kotor for a guided walking tour of this **UNESCO**-listed town. Visit St. Tryphon Cathedral, the Maritime Museum, and explore the medieval streets. After a lunch break, return to Budva for some free time.

Overnight: Budva

Day 10. "The Pearl of the Adriatic" - let's go to Dubrovnik

Today, head to Croatia and visit Dubrovnik, a **UNESCO** World Heritage site. Begin with a walking tour of the Old Town, visiting



Dubrovnik

Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, and Orlando's Tower. Afterward, explore independently, taking in the city walls or visiting the Maritime Museum. In the evening, cross the border into Bosnia and Herzegovina, arriving in Trebinje for a relaxed evening stroll through the charming town.

Overnight: Trebinje

Day 11. Herzegovina story: Mostar & Blagaj Tekke



Mostar

After breakfast, visit the **UNESCO**-listed Blagaj Tekke, a stunning Ottoman-era building by the Buna River. Then, head to Mostar, which is famous for its Old Bridge and Old Town. Walk through its narrow streets, visit the Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, and witness the daring bridge divers. After free time for lunch, head to Sarajevo, Bosnia's capital.

Overnight: Sarajevo

Day 12. Explore Sarajevo

Enjoy a walking tour of Sarajevo, exploring Bascarsija, the Turkish Bazaar, and Ottoman mosques. Visit the Gazi Husrev-bey Mosque and the Gavriilo



Sarajevo

Princip Museum. Learn about the city's history during the 1984 Winter Olympics and the Bosnian War. After the tour, head to Višegrad to see the Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge, a **UNESCO** site. Stop for lunch in Stone Town before traveling to Zlatibor.

Overnight: Zlatibor

Day 13. Western Serbia: Šargan Eight & Wooden Town

Today, explore Western Serbia's scenic beauty. First, ride the Šargan Eight railway, a historic narrow-gauge line through Mokra Gora. Then, visit the Wooden Town, a settlement built by filmmaker Emir Kusturica. After a lunch break, visit the famous House on the Drina River, perched on a rock in the middle of the river. Continue your journey back to Belgrade.

Overnight: Belgrade

Day 14. Transfer to the airport & departure

After breakfast, enjoy some free time in Belgrade before your transfer to the airport for your flight home. End of services. Have a safe flight!

Prices per person:

Lower season: 12-25.04; 10-23.05; 07-20.06; 13.-26.09; 11-24.10

	in double/ twin room	in single room	in triple room
Classic package	2,285 €	2,859 €	2,059 €
Upgraded package	2,625 €	3,425 €	2,375 €

High season: 12-25.07; 09-22.08

Classic package	2,335 €	2,909 €	2,109 €
Upgraded package	2,675 €	3,475 €	2,425 €

Included highlights and must-sees:



Explore with Local Specialists:

Belgrade, Novi Sad, Sremski Karlovci, Niš, Sofia, Skopje, Ohrid, Elbasan, Tirana, Shkoder, Budva, Perast, Kotor, Dubrovnik, Trebinje, Blagaj, Mostar, Sarajevo, Višegrad, Zlatibor, Mokra Gora



Visit Must-see Landmarks:

Belgrade Fortress, Saint Sava Temple, Petrovaradin Fortress, Skull Tower, St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Stone Bridge, Matka Canyon, Ohrid Lake, Church of St. John at Kaneo, Elbasan Castle, Et'hem Bey Mosque, Rozafa Fortress, Our Lady of the Rocks Church, Kotor Old Town, Dubrovnik Old Town, Rector's Palace in Dubrovnik, Blagaj Tekke, Mostar Old Bridge, Gazi Husrev-bey Mosque, Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge, Šargan Eight Railroad, etc.



Overnights:

4 nights in Belgrade; 1 night in Sofia; 1 night in Skopje; 1 night in Ohrid; 1 night in Tirana; 2 nights in Budva; 1 night in Trebinje; 1 night in Sarajevo; 1 night in Zlatibor;a



Meals:

13 x breakfast in a hotel, 1 dinner (Zlatibor)



Entrance fees:

Saint Sava Temple, Wine tasting during the Novi Sad trip, The Scull Tower, The Red Cross Nazi Concentration Camp, Rila Monastery, Matka Canyon boat ride, Rozafa Castle, boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks, the Wood Town, Sargan Eight train ride.

Visit www.victortours.com for your full itinerary, sightseeing highlights, dates, and prices.

Alternatively, contact your preferred Travel Advisor.



Polly Martin, Maryland

This was a great tour. Our guide was very professional and shared a great deal about each country in terms of both culture and history. We visited churches, monasteries, temples and mosques, Bran Castle, the transfagarasan road, caves, the bear sanctuary in Kosovo, the Mother Theresa memorial building, fortresses, and many other significant sites. We did a walking tour of all the cities we visited. In the late afternoon, we generally had free time to do some exploring on our own. Each night came with a suggestion of a good restaurant and they were excellent places to eat. The hotels were nice and comfortable. Our guide was very amenable to any changes we asked of him. The whole experience was one we will treasure. Highly recommended!!!

Andrew Richelson, North Carolina

Our trip went smoothly with Victor tours keeping in contact, when needed. Although the tour of 7 Balkan countries involved a great deal of driving, the scenery was one of the highlights. Our guide/driver, Vladimir, was always eager to help, answering our questions, giving information on the history of the area, and making sure our accommodations were in order. All-in-all, the trip exceeded our expectations and the Balkans now ranks near the top in beautiful landscapes.

James Buultjens, Australia

This 2 week tour of the Balkans was one of the best experiences we've had recently. The entire tour was managed very well and we especially thank our main tour guide Milos from Serbia who was exceptional. Milos has the wonderful personality mix of intellect, knowledge, efficiency, warmth and good humour. Nothing was too difficult for him and besides his exceptional driving skills taking us across 7 countries, he is a lovely affable gentleman with great moral standards. It was like we've known him for years and so it was sad saying goodbye in Belgrade. We will definitely use Victor Tours again.

Kate Hale, Australia

We were a group of 8 couples & friends travelling on Balkans Experience- 7 countries in 14 days. Our tour was fabulous, every little detail had been thought of to make it as comfortable as possible. Our guide Radenko, was unbelievably knowledgeable & helpful who answered multiple questions about anything we threw at him. He was also great company to travel with for 2 weeks. The countries we visited had a huge history on many levels through the ages, which was so interesting to us, to gain a deeper insight into. The Balkans have so many naturally beautiful rivers, mountains, fields, along with their share of castles, cathedrals & monuments. I'm so glad to have finally traveled to them. Thank you Victor Tours.

"To dive from the Old Bridge is not just a leap into water; it is a leap into the legacy of courage, tradition, and pride."

- A local proverb referring to the famous diving tradition from the bridge