

The Balkans & The Adriatics: 7 UNESCO World Heritage sites in two weeks

14 days | 7 countries | 18 cities

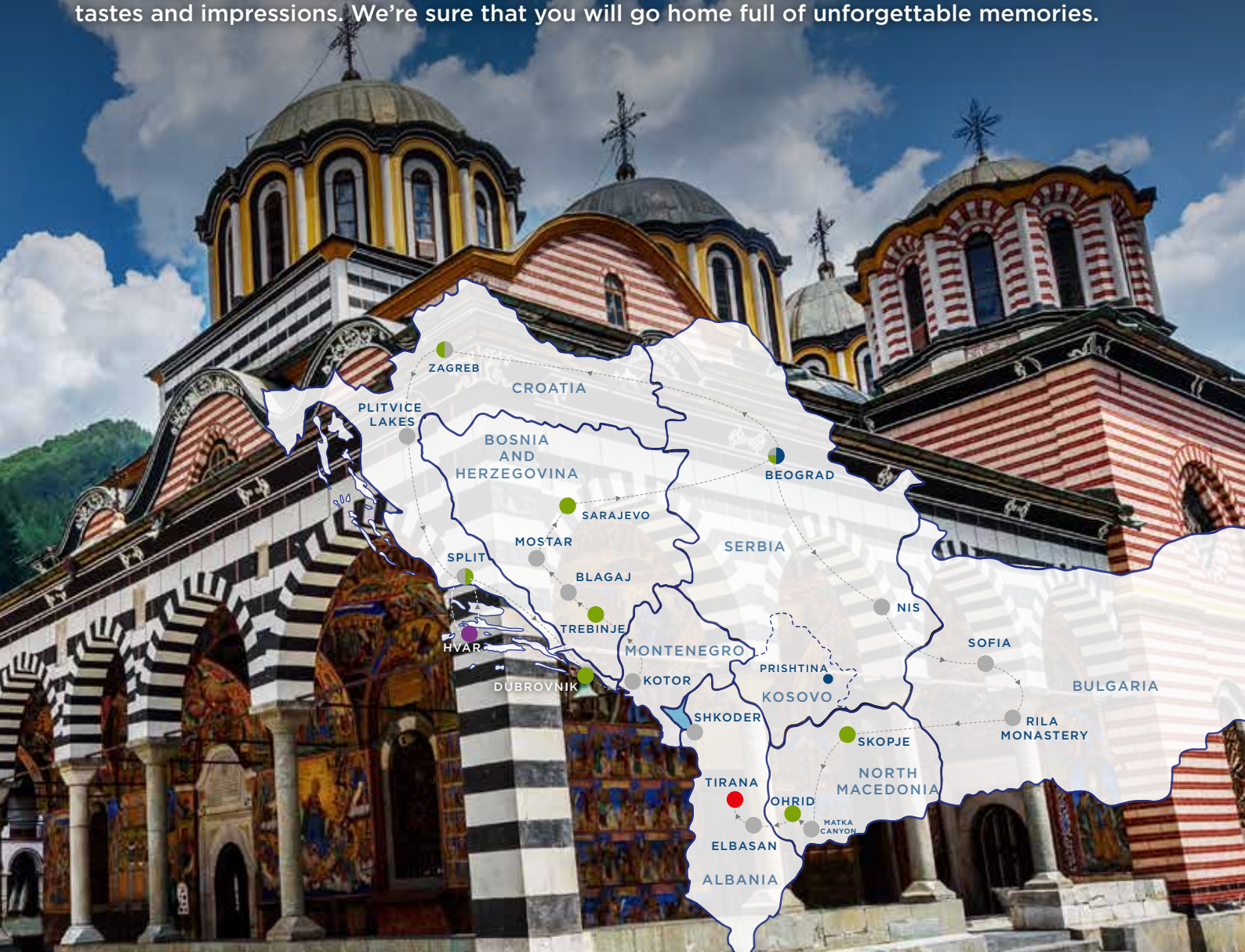
Departure months: May-Oct

Small groups
up to **15**
participants

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We strongly believe that most places and sights on your “must-see in the Balkans” bucket list are part of this tour. Check them out in only two weeks with our comprehensive yet easygoing journey. From the medieval walls of Dubrovnik and the stunning beauty of the Croatian seaside, the famous Old Bridge in Mostar, Plitvice National Park with its spectacular waterfalls, Belgrade with its 2000year history, to UNESCO World Heritage sites such as Kotor and Perast area in Montenegro and Ohrid Lake in North Macedonia, this tour is an extensive blend of history lessons, cultural identities, natural beauties, various traditions, tastes and impressions. We're sure that you will go home full of unforgettable memories.



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

Day 1. Welcome to Serbia

Arrival at “Nikola Tesla” International Airport. Our guide will meet you, assist with money exchange, provide essential Belgrade information, and help with check-in. If your flight is delayed, don't worry—we'll monitor it and meet you accordingly. A short 20-minute ride brings you to the city center. Check-in at the hotel, explore Belgrade, or follow dinner recommendations. Use the evening to explore Kalemegdan Park or stroll along Knez Mihailova Street, which is lined with shops and cafes. Consider visiting one of Belgrade's lively bars to experience the city's vibrant nightlife. Alternatively, indulge in local delicacies like ćevapi or ajvar in a traditional Serbian restaurant.

Overnight: Belgrade

Day 2. Explore Belgrade

After breakfast, tour Belgrade Fortress, including the Victor Monument and Zindan Gate. Drive through New Belgrade to see the Genex Tower and Sava Center. Visit Zemun for its cobblestone streets and Danube fish restaurants. Drive through Dedinje to visit Saint Sava Temple. Spend the afternoon at Nikola Tesla's Museum, central streets, or Skadarlija for Serbian cuisine and nightlife. Alternatively, walk along Ada Ciganlija, a river island with beaches and outdoor activities.



Belgrade

In the evening, enjoy traditional Serbian music at a local “kafana”. Consider visiting one of Belgrade's theaters for a cultural experience.

Overnight: Belgrade

Day 3. Transfer to Zagreb & Walking Tour

After breakfast, travel to Zagreb, Croatia. After about 4 hours, arrive and check in. Start with Zagreb

Cathedral, Krvavi Most, and St. Mark's Church. Visit Parliament and Ban Jelacic Square. Explore Ilica Street for cafes and shops. There will be some free time to visit the “Museum of Broken Relationships” or enjoy Zagreb's vibrant bar scene in the evening. Take a leisurely walk through Zrinjevac Park to admire its fountains and greenery. For dinner, try local dishes like “štrukli” or goulash.

Overnight: Zagreb

Day 4. From Plitvice Lakes to Dalmatian Coast

After breakfast, drive to Plitvice Lakes National Park for a 3-hour guided tour of its 16 lakes and waterfalls. Marvel at the lush greenery and crystal-clear waters while learning about the park's ecosystem.



Plitvice Lake

After lunch, continue to Split, a UNESCO site. Check-in and enjoy dinner by the sea, perhaps sampling fresh seafood along the Riva promenade. Take a sunset stroll along the waterfront for a magical experience. Don't miss trying the local specialty, peka, a slow-cooked dish.

Overnight: Split

Day 5. Split - Diocletian's Palace & Free Time

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 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: Split

Day 6. Dubrovnik, The Pearl of the Adriatic

After breakfast, driving to Dubrovnik. Arrive after 3 hours, check-in, and tour the UNESCO-listed Old Town. Visit Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, Orlando's Tower, and City Walls. Enjoy free time to explore ramparts, Lokrum Island, or the cable car. For dinner, consider dining at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the Adriatic. End your day with a walk along Stradun, Dubrovnik's main street, to soak in the evening atmosphere. For a unique experience, take a sunset cruise along the coastline.

Overnight: Dubrovnik

Day 7. Montenegro's Bay of Kotor & Trebinje

After breakfast, head to Montenegro's Bay of Kotor. Stop in Perast, walk the promenade, and visit Our Lady of the Rocks. Continue to Kotor for a guided tour of its medieval architecture. Stroll its winding streets and enjoy local delicacies. Proceed to Trebinje, Bosnia, a quaint town by the Trebišnjica River. Stroll and enjoy dinner at a riverside restaurant. Don't miss a chance to try the local wine, as Trebinje is known for its excellent vineyards. Visit the Tvrdoš Monastery to sample their homemade wine.

Overnight: Trebinje

Day 8. Herzegovina's Mostar & Blagaj Tekke

After breakfast, visit Blagaj Tekke, an Ottoman monastery on the Buna River. Continue to Mostar to see the iconic Old Bridge, Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, and Crooked Bridge. After lunch, explore the Old Town's shops and cafes. Head to Sarajevo in the afternoon. Check-in and enjoy your free time. Consider visiting Avaz Twist Tower for panoramic views of Sarajevo. End your evening with a walk through

Baščaršija, Sarajevo's Old Bazaar.

Overnight: Sarajevo

Day 9. Explore Sarajevo

After breakfast, tour Sarajevo's Turkish Bazaar, Gazi Husrev-bey Mosque, Sebilj Fountain, and City Hall. Drive past the 1984 Olympic Stadium and visit the Gavriilo Princip Museum. Learn about Sarajevo's complex history.



Sarajevo

Take free time along the Miljacka River before returning to Belgrade in the afternoon. Relax during the drive and enjoy the scenic landscapes. End your evening with a stroll along Knez Mihailova Street. For dinner, try local dishes like burek or Bosnian pot.

Overnight: Belgrade

Day 10. Goodbye Serbia, Hello Bulgaria

After breakfast, visit Niš, including Niš Fortress, Skull Tower, and Red Cross Concentration Camp. Continue to Sofia, Bulgaria. Check-in and explore Sofia's streets independently or enjoy dinner. Stroll Vitosha Boulevard for shopping or a cozy cafe experience. In the evening, admire the illuminated St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral. Consider a guided night tour to see the city's landmarks beautifully lit.

Overnight: Sofia

Day 11. Sofia, Rila Monastery and North Macedonia

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Overnight: Skopje

Day 12. Matka Canyon & Ohrid Lake

After breakfast, stop at Matka Canyon for a boat ride through stunning scenery. Continue to Ohrid, a UNESCO-listed site. Tour St. John at Kaneo Church, St. Sophia, the Roman amphitheater, and Samuel Fortress. Spend the evening exploring the Old Town. Try a lakeside restaurant for a romantic dinner. Consider a boat ride to explore the serene beauty of Ohrid Lake at night. Don't miss tasting Ohrid trout, a local specialty.

Overnight: Ohrid

Day 13. Welcome to Albania

After breakfast, cross into Albania, stopping at Elbasan's castle, mosque, and clock tower. Continue to Tirana for a city tour, including Et'hem Bey Mosque and the Roman Mosaic. In the evening, you can explore Tirana's vibrant atmosphere. Consider visiting Bunk'Art, a historical museum in a former bunker. Enjoy a lively evening at Blloku, Tirana's trendiest neighborhood. Try local dishes like byrek or fërgesë.

Overnight: Tirana

Day 14. Transfer to the Airport

After breakfast, enjoy free time until your flight. Transfer to the airport. End of services. Safe travels!

Prices per person:

Lower season: 04-17.05; 01-14.06; 05-18.10.

	in double/ twin room	in single room	in triple room
Classic package	2,849 €	3,389 €	2,565 €
Upgraded package	3,149 €	3,849 €	2,829 €

High season: 06-19.07; 03-16.08; 07-20.09.

Classic package	2,989 €	3,499 €	2,689 €
Upgraded package	3,349 €	3,999 €	3,015 €

Included highlights and must-sees:

Explore with Local Specialists:



Belgrade, Zagreb, Plitvice, Split, Dubrovnik, Perast, Kotor, Trebinje, Blagaj, Mostar, Sarajevo, Niš, Sofia, Rila, Skopje, Ohrid, Elbasan, Tirana.

Visit Must-see Landmarks:



Belgrade Fortress, Victor Monument, Zagreb Cathedral, St. Mark's Church, Ban Jelacic Square, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Riva promenade, Diocletian's Palace, Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, Dubrovnik City Walls, Stradun, Our Lady of the Rocks, Tvrdoš Monastery, Blagaj Tekke, Old Bridge (Mostar), Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, Crooked Bridge, Baščaršija, Gazi Husrev-bey Mosque, Sebilj Fountain, Skull Tower, Red Cross Concentration Camp, St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral, St. George Rotunda, Rila Monastery, Macedonia Square, Stone Bridge, Matka Canyon, St. John at Kaneo Church, St. Sophia (Ohrid), Ohrid Lake, Elbasan Castle, Et'hem Bey Mosque, Roman Mosaic, Bunk'Art, Blloku.



Overnights:

3 nights in Belgrade; 1 night in Zagreb; 2 nights in Split; 1 night in Dubrovnik; 1 night in Trebinje; 1 night in Sarajevo; 1 night in Sofia; 1 night in Skopje; 1 night in Ohrid; 1 night in Tirana;



Meals:

13 x breakfast in a hotel



Entrance fees:

Saint Sava Temple, Plitvice Lakes, boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks, Blagaj Tekke, Rila Monastery The Red Cross Nazi Concentration Camp, The Scull Tower, Matka Canyon boat ride

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

Alternatively, contact your preferred Travel Advisor.





Emma Johnson, United States

“My husband and I went on this tour, and it was absolutely perfect for a couple’s getaway. The combination of romantic spots like the sunset walk in Dubrovnik, and the serene beauty of Ohrid Lake made it unforgettable. Every day was well-paced, and the guides ensured we had time to relax while exploring fascinating places.”

Liam O’Sullivan, Ireland

“I joined this tour with a group of friends, and it was a blast! We loved the lively cities like Belgrade and Tirana. Still, we also relished the peaceful moments at Plitvice Lakes and Matka Canyon. There was something for everyone, whether it was nightlife, history, or breathtaking nature. We’ve already started planning another trip together!”

Sophia Müller, Germany

“This was an amazing experience for our family. My kids loved the boat rides at Matka Canyon and the scenic walks in Plitvice Lakes, while my husband and I enjoyed the cultural highlights like Rila Monastery and Mostar’s Old Bridge. The tour was family-friendly and well-organized, with plenty of time to explore independently as well.”

Aisha Al-Nuaimi, United Arab Emirates

“I went on this tour with my sister, and it was the perfect mix of culture, history, and relaxation. We loved exploring places like Sarajevo and Split together, and the food everywhere was incredible. The boat ride at Matka Canyon and the stroll through Baščaršija in Sarajevo were personal highlights. It’s an experience we’ll cherish forever.”

Maria Gonzales, Mexico

“I joined this tour as a solo traveler, and I was a bit concerned about a single woman traveling experience, but all 6 of us in the group had an incredible time on this tour! It was a fantastic blend of fun and discovery, from enjoying wine tastings in Trebinje to the nightlife in Belgrade and Tirana. The guides were friendly and flexible, ensuring everyone in the group had a great time. Highly recommended for solo travelers looking to explore the Balkans!”

Not all those who wander are lost.”

- J.R.R. Tolkien