

The Best of Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria in 12 days



12 days | 3 countries | 14 cities

Departure months: May-Oct

Small groups
up to **15**
participants

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With the Tour Best of Serbia, Romania, and Bulgaria in 12 days, a perfect tour package takes you through the most beautiful parts of these not-so-often-traveled countries. Travel in a small group to ensure a personalized experience. The package includes accommodation in carefully chosen hotels, an expert guide service, transportation, and entrance fees.



- Start of the tour
- End of the tour
- Overnight
- Optional activity
- Sightseeing

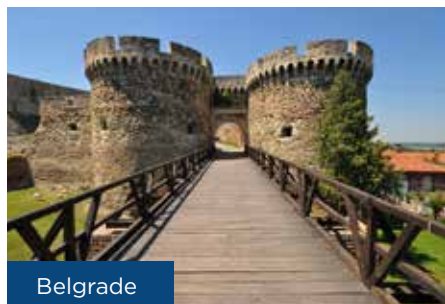
1. Welcome to Serbia

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, explore Belgrade independently or follow your guide's suggestions for dinner.

Overnight: 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.



Belgrade

Drive through Dedinje, Belgrade's upscale neighborhood, and visit the iconic Saint Sava Temple. You can explore at your own pace in the afternoon.

In the evening, enjoy the Bohemian Quarter of Skadarlija, filled with traditional Serbian cuisine and lively nightlife (optional).

Overnight: Belgrade

Day 3. Goodbye Serbia, hello Romania!

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

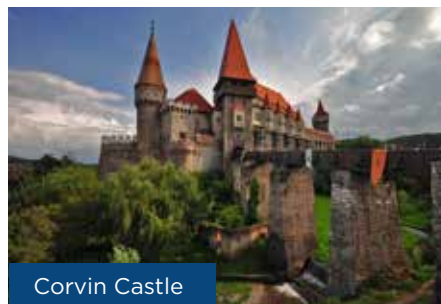
Sad's Old Town, visiting landmarks such as the monument to Svetozar Miletic and the Novi Sad Cathedral. Next, we will proceed to Romania. After roughly two and a half hours of relaxed travel, we will arrive in Timisoara, Romania's fourth-largest city and the capital of the Romanian Banat.

Check in at the hotel, and use this afternoon to find out why Timosara is nicknamed "The Little Vienna," walk around gorgeously renovated public squares, and try delicious traditional Romanian food.

Overnight: Timisoara

Day 4. Timisoara - Corvin Castle - Sibiu

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Timisoara's historical center, covering landmarks such as the Orthodox Cathedral, Victory Square, Liberty Square, Union Square, and the Serbian Orthodox Cathedral.



Corvin Castle

Following lunch, travel east to Corvin Castle (Hunyadi Castle), one of Transylvania's most spectacular Gothic castles, filled with medieval history and legends. Arriving in Sibiu, a 12th-century city built by German settlers and often called "The City of Eyes" due to its unique roof architecture, check into your hotel. Take a guided tour through the Large Square, Small Square, Council Tower, Bridge of Lies, Stairs Passage, and the Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, inspired by Hagia Sophia. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Sibiu

Day 5. "The Transylvanian Triangle", Sibiu - Sighisoara - Brasov

Today, continue exploring the Transylvanian Triangle with a visit to Sighisoara, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its colorful houses and medieval watchtowers and as the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler (Dracula). Visit landmarks

like the Clock Tower, Dominican Monastery, Tailors' Tower, and the Covered Stairway. Next, head to Brasov, one of the most picturesque towns on the journey. Walk along its medieval streets to discover the Black Church, Catherine's Gate, Beth Israel Synagogue, and even the narrowest street in the world. Enjoy the evening in Brasov's charming atmosphere.

Overnight: Brasov

Day 6. Brasov - Bran Castle - Peles Castle - Bucharest

Today, immerse yourself in Transylvania's legendary castles. First, visit Bran Castle, famously linked to Dracula's legend, and explore its dramatic towers and narrow staircases. Next, visit the magnificent Peles Castle, a Neo-Renaissance masterpiece built as a royal summer residence. With over 160 rooms adorned with intricate wood carvings, stained glass, and sculptures, it is considered one of Europe's most beautiful castles. After this unforgettable experience, continue to Bucharest. Check into your hotel and enjoy a free evening.

Overnight: Bucharest

Day 7. Explore Bucharest

Today, we'll show you why Bucharest is nicknamed "Little Paris." It is known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards, glorious Belle Époque buildings, and reputation for its high life.



Bucharest

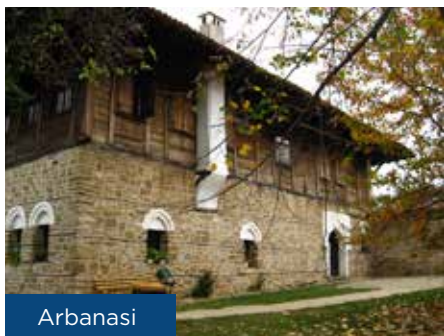
While exploring this magnificent city filled with parks, we will see a very interesting blend of French, Byzantine, and communist architecture in the many stylish buildings. We will visit all the major sights in the city: Piața Unirii with Parliament (the second largest building in the world after the Pentagon), Roman Square, The Arch of Triumph, Romanian Athenaeum, Lipscani Street, the Calea Victoriei

Avenue, and finally, the Revolution Square. Time this afternoon on your own, explore the city, enjoy the bars and terraces, and in the evening, enjoy the vibrant atmosphere that Bucharest is famous for.

Overnight: Bucharest

Day 8 Bucharest – Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo – Arbanasi – Veliko Tarnovo

After breakfast, cross into Bulgaria and visit the Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo, a **UNESCO**-listed complex of 12th-century monastic chapels carved into the cliffs. Continue to Arbanasi, a scenic open-air museum with 80 preserved medieval houses.



Finally, arrive in Veliko Tarnovo, the medieval City of Tsars, where you'll explore the impressive Tsarevets Fortress, once home to Bulgarian royalty.

Overnight: Veliko Tarnovo

Day 9. Veliko Tarnovo – Etar Ethno Village – Kazanlak – Plovdiv

We'll drive to the Open-Air Ethnographic Museum Etar, which contains a collection of 50 objects, including water-powered installations and houses with artisans' workshops. The complex exhibits central Bulgaria's architecture, way of life, and economy during the Bulgarian National Revival. Using original instruments and following old traditions, it presents the Bulgarian customs, culture, and characteristics of 20 regional crafts. The next stop on our tour will be the town of Kazanlak, which is a tour through the rose fields, where you'll have an excellent opportunity to take some great photos. Then, we continue east to the Ethnographic Complex Damascena, located in the heart of the Valley of Roses. Here, you will learn why Bulgaria is famous for rose oil production, followed by some free time for lunch. The next stop is visiting

the famous Thracian tomb from the 4th century BC—a **UNESCO** World Heritage site.

We'll end the day in the beautiful and ancient city of Plovdiv, one of the oldest cities in Europe. This city has a cultural mix of different civilizations and a unique blend of architectural elements.

Overnight: Plovdiv

Day 10. Plovdiv – Koprivshitsa – Sofia

Tour Plovdiv, visiting the Ancient Theatre of Philippopolis, Roman Stadium, and the Church of Saint Constantine and Helena. Wander through Kapana, an arts district filled with galleries and cafés. Stop in Koprivshitsa, a 19th-century town with well-preserved Bulgarian Revival architecture, before continuing to Sofia.

Overnight: Sofia

Day 11. Sofia City Tour & Optional Trip to Rila Monastery

Discover Sofia's landmarks, including the Roman Serdica fortress, St. George Rotunda, St. Sofia Basilica, St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, and National Theatre.



Enjoy free time or take an optional trip to Rila Monastery (40 EUR per person), Bulgaria's most significant spiritual center and **UNESCO** site.

Overnight: Sofia

Day 12. Depart Sofia

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. End of services.

Prices per person:

	in double/ twin room	in single room	in triple room
Classic package	2,275 €	2,715 €	2,045 €
Upgraded package	2,405 €	2,915 €	2,165 €

Available dates: 13-24.05; 10-21.06; 15-26.07; 12-23.08; 16-27.09; 14-25.10.

Included highlights and must-sees:



Explore with Local Specialists:

Belgrade, Novi Sad, Sremski Karlovci, Timisoara, Sibiu, Sighisoara, Brasov, Bucharest, Veliko Tarnovo, Arbanasi, Kazanlak, Plovdiv, Koprivshitsa, Sofia



Visit Must-see Landmarks:

Belgrade Fortress, Saint Sava Temple, Petrovaradin Fortress, Corvin Castle, Sighisoara Clock Tower, Black Church, Bran Castle, Peles Castle, Parliament Palace in Bucharest, Tsarevets Fortress, Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo, Thracian Tomb, Ancient Theatre of Philippopolis, Rila Monastery, St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.



Overnights:

2 nights in Belgrade; 1 night in Timisoara; 1 night in Sibiu; 1 night in Brasov; 2 nights in Bucharest; 1 night in Veliko Tarnovo; 1 night in Plovdiv; 2 nights in Sofia



Meals:

11 x breakfast in a hotel



Tickets & Entrance fees:

Saint Sava Temple in Belgrade, Wine tasting during the Novi Sad trip, Corvin Castle, Bran Castle, Peles Castle, Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo, Etar Open Air Museum, Arbanasi Historical Village, Thracian tomb of Kazanlak, Rose Museum Kazanlak

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Michael Patterson, USA

“This tour is a dream for history lovers! From the ancient fortresses in Serbia to the medieval charm of Transylvania and the rich heritage of Bulgaria, every day was packed with fascinating stories and breathtaking sights. Our guide was incredibly knowledgeable, making each stop even more engaging. The highlight for me was exploring Bran Castle and learning about the legends of Dracula. Highly recommend this tour for anyone passionate about history and culture!”

Emma Richardson, UK

“One of the best parts of this tour was the incredible food and wine! From traditional Serbian cuisine in Belgrade’s Skadarlija district to the wine tasting in Sremski Karlovci and the delicious Romanian and Bulgarian specialties, every meal was an experience in itself. I was particularly amazed by the fresh, local flavors in Transylvania. If you’re a foodie and love trying authentic dishes, this tour is a must!”

Lucas Müller, Germany

“This trip exceeded all my expectations when it came to breathtaking landscapes and stunning architecture. Walking through Sighisoara’s colorful old town felt like stepping back in time. At the same time, Peles Castle in Romania was simply a fairytale come to life. The contrast between Belgrade’s fortress, Plovdiv’s ancient ruins, and Sofia’s grand cathedral made every destination unique. If you love photography, prepare for some of the most stunning shots of your life!”

Sophia Martinez, Canada

“This was one of the most well-organized tours I’ve ever been on. Everything from hotel check-ins to border crossings was seamless, and our guide made sure we had the perfect balance of guided experiences and free time. The pacing was great—not too rushed, but still covering so much in just 12 days. I loved seeing not just the famous sights but also hidden gems like the rock-hewn churches in Bulgaria. Truly a stress-free and enriching travel experience!”

***“Traveling - it leaves you speechless,
then turns you into a storyteller.”***

***- Ibn Battuta, a 14th-century Maghrebi
traveler, explorer, and scholar***