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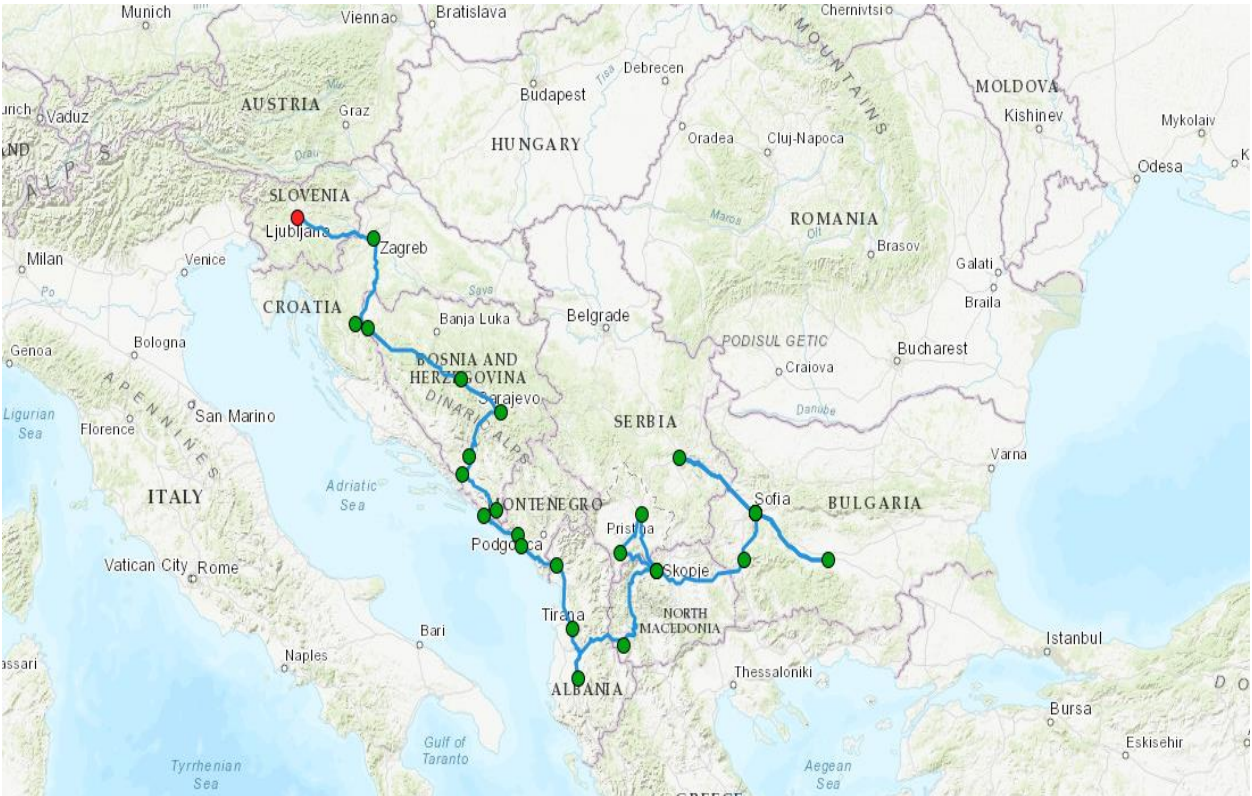
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ALL BALKAN IN 16 DAYS



Photos captured across the Balkan countries

Travel Route Overview





Lead Traveler:
Email:
Phone number:
Date:

Day 1: Arrival in Bulgaria. Explore Sofia City and Traditional Dinner

- Arrival at Sofia International Airport. When you exit the airport building you will find the tour guide holding a sign of ALBANIA INBOUND. After the meet up, you will be swiftly transported to your hotel in the city center to check in.
- Embark on a 1.5-hour walking tour of the city center where you will be introduced to the culture of Albania and the history of Tirana city. Several facts and information will be provided to you while you visit several landmarks like: Sofia Palace of Justice, Sveta Nedelya Church, Sofia Monument, Saint Joseph's Cathedral, Saint Petka Church, Banya Bashi Mosque, St George Rotunda Church, Bulgarian National Art Gallery and in the end the famous Hagia Sophia.
- You will finish the walking tour of Sofia at a traditional restaurant. Explore various Bulgarian traditional dishes.

Hotel: *(free time in the evening, Sofia)*

Day 2: Plovdiv: Europe's Oldest Town

- Start your drive and follow the traces of Bulgarian history in Europe's oldest town. Enjoy a 2-hour guided walking tour of the Old Town.
- Explore beautifully preserved Revival-era houses, panoramic hilltop views, the Roman Theatre and Stadium, and the lively main pedestrian street.
- Enjoy free time to explore the city at your own pace for lunch, shopping or visiting museums.
- Return back to Sofia.

Hotel: *(free time in the evening, Sofia)*

Day 3: Enter Serbia: Nish Day Trip from Sofia

- Today you will take a de-tour to the historic city of Nis. You will see the most historic sites of Nish like: Nis Fortress, Skull Tower, Nazi Concentration Camp, Niš Cathedral of the Holy Trinity and will enjoy a walk in the historical old part of the old city .
- Enjoy traditional Serbian food at the old town.
- On the way back, make a short coffee break at Pirot city and enjoy the view of the Ottoman fortress.

Hotel: *(free time in the evening, Sofia)*

Day 4: Enter Macedonia: Skopje

- Today we will start our drive towards Sofia, but before we cannot miss the famous Rila lakes and monastery. Enjoy some breathtaking views of the 7 Rila Lakes. You will have several short tracks you can choose from once there.
- Visit Rila Monastery, the biggest and most important symbol of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church.
- Arrival in Skopje. Situated in the northwestern part of North Macedonia, along the Vardar River, Skopje is the capital and largest city of North Macedonia.
- Uncover Skopje's neoclassical charm, wandering through Macedonia Square, the Art Bridge, and the Old Bazaar.

Hotel:

(free time in the evening, Skopje)

Day 5: Visit Kosovo: Prishtina & Prizren

- Today, you will spend your whole day visiting Kosovo from Skopje. Thanks to the proximity of the cities (5-hour total drive time from Skopje), you can visit both the Capital city and the most important cultural city of Kosovo in 1 day.
- First reach Prishtina and embark on a walking tour of Prishtina city and visit several landmarks like: Skanderbeg Statue, NEWBORN and HEROES monument, Mother Theresa Cathedral, the boulevard of Prishtina and Gazimestan monument.
- Enjoy free time in the city.
- Depart Prishtina for Prizren. Immerse yourself in the city's rich history, exploring landmarks like Kalaja Fortress, the Albanian League of Prizren House, Carshia e Vjeter, Sinan Hoxha Mosque, and St. George's Orthodox Cathedral.
- Visit the Castle of Prizren and enjoy the breathtaking views of the city from the top.
- Return back to Skopje.

Hotel:

(free time in the evening, Skopje)

Day 6: Visit Ohrid, the city of 365 churches

- After your last breakfast in Skopje, head towards the picturesque Ohrid.
- Embark on a walking tour of the old town, exploring several landmarks like: Tsar Samuel's Fortress, the Ancient Theatre, and the awe-inspiring frescoes in the Church of St. Sophia, Saint John church and the famous Hand Made Paper Museum.
- Immerse yourself in the lively Old Bazaar, shopping for souvenirs and visiting local mosques. Enjoy an overnight stay in Ohrid.

Hotel:

(free time in the evening, Ohrid)

Day 7: Enter Albania. Visit Berat, the city of 1001 windows

- Today your journey commences in Ohrid. In Belsh town you'll pause for a brief coffee beside the largest of the town's 84 lakes.
- Ascend the castle hill for a visit to the castle itself. On the walking tour of the castle, we will learn the history of this ancient city while visiting several sites.
- Enjoy a traditional Albanian lunch with a local family residing within the castle.
- Descend to the city center and explore the renowned Mangalemi neighborhood.
- Explore significant landmarks such as: The city gate and former Pasha's residence, The Sultan's Mosque, Berat's bustling boulevard, and more.
- Pass by the famous Gorica Bridge and explore the old Gorica neighborhood.
- Take some time to relax in the hotel to prepare for an exceptional Wine Tasting Tour at one of the local wineries in Berat.

Hotel:

(free time in the evening, Berat)

Day 8: Visit the capital city, Tirana and Shkodra city

- After breakfast, start your drive towards Tirana city, Albania. Enjoy a free time by the artistic and modern capital city of Albania.
- Continue your journey to Shkodra. You will first visit the castle of Rozafa, where the 2000-year-old history of the city is hidden on the walls of the castle. Explore the city's boulevard before heading to your hotel.

Hotel:

(free time in the evening, Shkodra)

Day 9: Montenegro: Budva & Kotor

- Continue your journey along the beautiful Adriatic Sea shore. While on the journey, take a brief detour to the island of Sveti Stefan. Revel in its breathtaking views and scenic beauty.
- Arrival in Budva. Explore the old town of the city and other historical landmarks like: Budva Citadel, The Church of Sveti Ivan, the grave of Stefan Mitrov Ljubisa, Roman Villas remains, Santa Maria's church and much more.
- Stop for lunch by the hillside overlooking the city and seaside.
- Continue your journey to Kotor, just 30 minutes from Budva.
- Take part in a walking tour to delve into the majestic old town of Kotor. Visit all the historical landmarks of the town.
- Overnight stay in Budva

Hotel:

(free time in the evening, Budva)

Day 10: Enter Croatia: Dubrovnik

- Depart from Kotor towards Dubrivnik. During the journey briefly visit the city of Trebinj. Explore its historic landmarks and enjoy the unique public pool in the cities center.

- After arriving in Dubrovnik, start your exploration with the St. Lawrence Fortress. It stands as a testament to Dubrovnik's rich history and remains a must-visit landmark for tourists exploring the stunning Dalmatian coast.
- Uncover Dubrovnik's Old Town, visiting several sites like: Rector's Palace, Spozna Palace, Onofrio's fountain, Old Port, Cathedral, Orlando's Column, Church of St. Blaise, Old Pharmacy, Luza Square and much more.
- Take a ride on Dubrovnik's Cable Car. Ascend to the top of Mount Srdj and enjoy the breathtaking panoramic view of the historic Old Town, the Adriatic Sea, and the surrounding islands

Hotel: *(free time in the evening, Dubrovnik)*

Day 11: Enter Bosnia & Herzegovina: Mostar

- Head north towards the Bosnian city of Mostar. A mere 40 km from the city you will visit the breathtaking Kravica Waterfall. Take a swim at the pool located at the base of the waterfall.
- Visit the city of Mostar. Explore the Mostar Old Town, a captivating and historically rich district located in the heart of the city.
- Steeped in Ottoman-era charm, this area offers a unique blend of cultural, architectural, and scenic attractions like: Mostar Old Bridge, The Old Bazaar, Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, Cobblestone street and Alleys and much more...
- Enjoy your free afternoon in the city and an overnight stay.

Hotel: *(free time in the evening, Mostar)*

Day 12: The Capital: Sarajevo

- Embark towards the heart of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the capital city Sarajevo. Explore this fascinating and historically rich destination that has played a significant role in the cultural and political landscape of Southeastern Europe.
- Visit several important landmarks like: Gazi Husrev-beg Mosque, Morica Han, Sebilj Brunnen (Fountain), Kazandziluk, Sarajevo City Hall, Emperor's Mosque, Katedrala Sarajevo, Gazi-Husrev Beg's Bezistan, Serbian Orthodox Cathedral and much more...
- Visit the Latin Bridge, the site where Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary was assassinated on June 28, 1914, triggering the events that led to the outbreak of World War I.
- Enjoy a free afternoon and an overnight stay in Sarajevo.

Hotel: *(free time in the evening, Sarajevo)*

Day 13: Bosnia Bypass, reach Bihac

- Today driving will be slightly longer (5 hours) than the average day but a quite unique sightseeing one through the countryside of Bosnia. Enjoy the beautiful landscapes of Bosnia on a calm drive.

- Midway you will make a pit stop at Travnik, an old ottoman town. Enjoy a walk through the city's old town and a traditional lunch to prepare you for the rest of the drive.
- After, stop by Jajce for a coffee by Jajce's waterfall.
- Reach Bihac, the hidden gem of North Bosnia & Herzegovina. Marvel at the traditional beauty of the city while visiting several landmarks like: Fethija Mosque, Sokolac Fortress ruins, Bihać Old Town and Ottoman Museum.
- Enjoy free time during the afternoon.

Hotel: *(free time in the evening, Bihac)*

Day 14: Enter Croatia: Plitvice Lakes and Zagreb

- After breakfast at the hotel we will depart for Zagreb, Croatia.
- Before reaching Zagreb, visit the Plitvice Lakes National Park. Enjoy free time in this nature wonder.
- Reach the capital of Croatia. Embark on a walking tour of the city, visiting several sites like: Zagrebačka katedrala, Dolac, Tkalčićeva ulica, Kamenita vrata, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića, Strossmayer Promenade and much more.
- Enjoy the final overnight stay of the tour.

Hotel: *(free time in the evening, Zagreb)*

Day 15: Final country of the Balkans, Slovenia

- After 15 long days, finally you will arrive at the last country of the Balkan region.
- Start your drive towards Ljubljana and visit the city.
- Embark on a walking tour of the city tour and visit the following sights: Prešeren Square, Triple Bridge, Butchers Bridge, Plečnik's Market, Dragon Bridge, Cathedral, Town Square, Town hall , Robba Fountain and much more...
- Enjoy a free afternoon in Ljubljana.

Hotel: *(free time in the evening, Ljubljana)*

Day 16: Airport transfer, welcome back!

- After breakfast you will be swiftly transferred to the airport where you will catch your flight back. Thank you for coming to the Balkan region and welcome back!

(more information on the next page)

INCLUDED:

- Accommodation: City-center locations, 4-star hotels with breakfast (*15 nights*)
- Highly experienced English-speaking private tour leader
- Comfortable SUV transportation with all necessary features
- Welcoming dinner (*Day 1*)
- Wine tasting (*Day 7*)
- Entrance fees
- Border taxes
- Online support from dedicated travel agent

ACTIVITIES:

- Cultural visits
- Guided tours
- Nature exploring and sightseeing
- Culinary experience
- Village visits
- Cross country

TOUR ESSENTIALS:

- PASSPORT AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
- Comfortable shoes.
- Clothing for 16 days.
- Luggage.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat.
- Protection from sun.