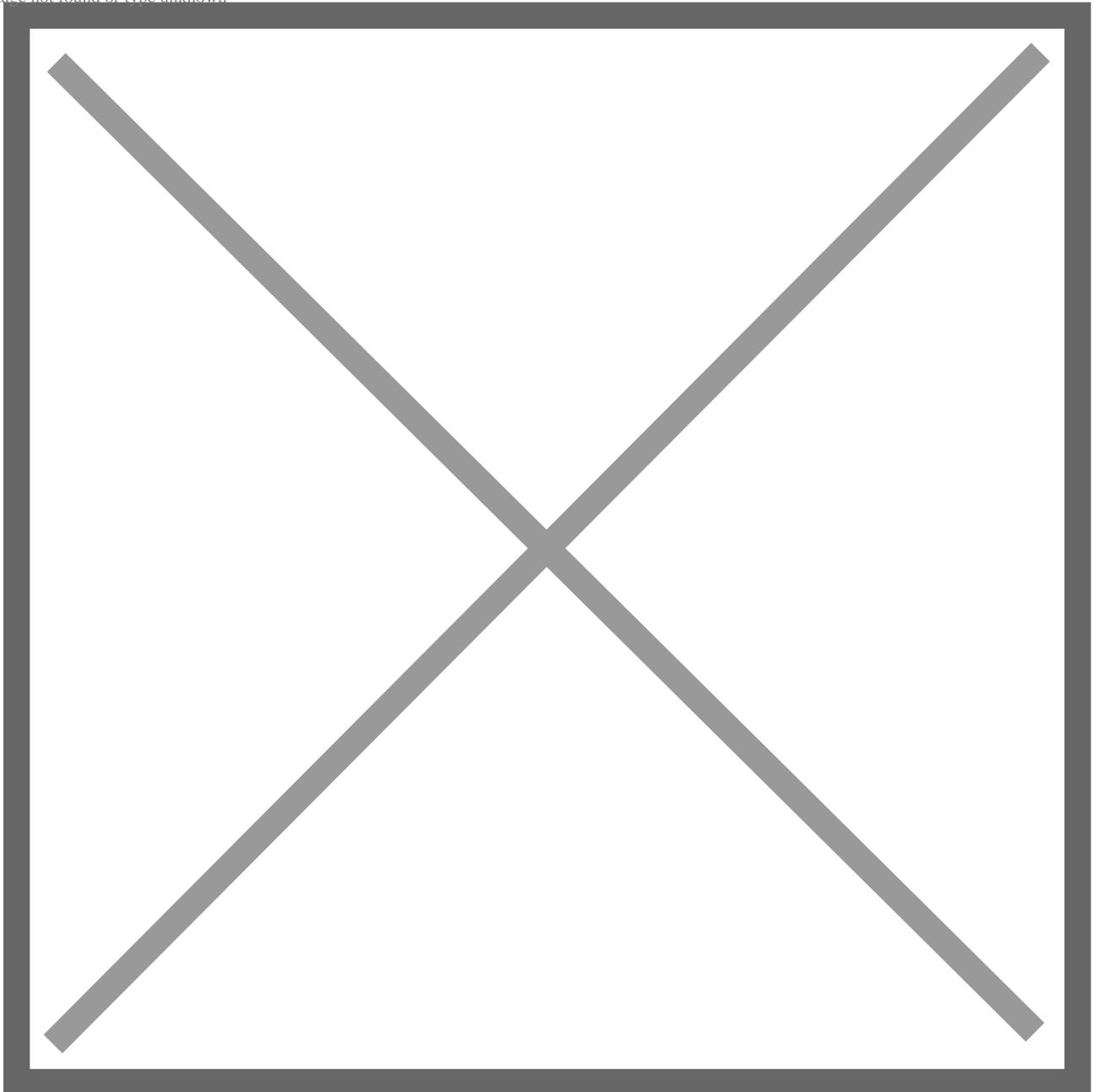


## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 24 Day Europe - Balkan Countries Tour

This exclusive tour is consisted of many different countries to include Turkey, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia and Greece with an exciting itinerary to let you enjoy the Adriatic coast and the Balkans entirely where you will also get to see Aegean Region and experience a journey through Greece.

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

24 days

**TOUR ID**

22522

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Istanbul - Turkey - Arrival Day

Dinner Included

Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour - Turkey

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Pick up at 08:30am from your hotel for the daily tour of old Istanbul city.

Visit to TOPKAPI PALACE The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed.

SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the BLUE MOSQUE because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine.

We will then take you to the GRAND SPICE BAZAAR for Shopping. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Free Evening and optional Istanbul Evening Shows or Bosphorus Dinner Cruise including traditional Turkish entertainment and dinner. Overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 3 : Istanbul - Bursa, Uludag Skiing Tour - Turkey

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, at 08:00m, we depart for Bursa Uludag Skiing Resort.

Uludag, located couple 4 hours from Istanbul is the most popular and elegant ski resort in Turkey and yet it offers many and more attractions during all seasons. Mountain has different levels of runways which are suitable for absolute beginners as well as experienced adults. If you wish to Experience skiing in Uludag, you can easily rent the skiing equipment when you are there. It is definitely the right address for a fantastic ski tour. Before check in to the hotel, we will do a short Bursa city tour. Overnight in Bursa.

Please note that, even skiing period begins and yet not enough snow for skiing, you can still see the amazing view of Uludag from the top of Mountain.

### Day 4 : Bursa - Kusadasi – Sirince Village Tour - Turkey

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast and at 08:00, we have 5 Hour drive to Ephesus. We have lunch in Ephesus and then we will do a Turkish Village Tour. Sirince's construction style today belongs to Anatolian Greeks. The houses on the slope are all original with their white paints. Sirince Village also has a fantastic reputation for making some of the best wines in Turkey - especially fruit wines. We will visit the vineyards and it is time to learn how to make fruit wine with Turkish wine makers. In the evening you will be tested about your knowledge of making fruit wine. On the way we will visit one of the famous leather production centers of the region, where you will have the opportunity to get a good factory rate. After the art tour, we drive to Kusadasi. Overnight in Kusadasi.

### **Day 5 : Kusadasi - Ephesus Tour - Turkey**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast and at 08:00 We will visit to Ephesus, one of the best preserved ancient sites in the world en - route, visiting the Temple of Artemis, Curates street, famous Roman baths, Celsus Library and Grand theatre. After the tour, we will visit the place of one of our sponsors which continues to perform one of the oldest arts of Turkey in a carpet weaving center. During our visit, we will have a chance to see the Turkish women who are working in the factory. After the art tour, we drive to back to Kusadasi. Overnight in Kusadasi.

### **Day 6 : Pergamon - Troy Tour - Kusadas - Turkey**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

We depart at 08:30 and drive around 3 hours to Pergamon. Lunch break around 13:00pm and after the lunch, we depart for tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamon. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre at that times. Bergamon is a famous city for its jewellery, stones and silver. So on the way, we will visit a jewellery center for 30 minutes, after lunch, drive to ancient sight of Troy. Visit the famous archeological and mythological site of Troy, home of the Trojan Horse and Helen of Troy. After Troy tour, Arrival to Canakkale by 18:00pm. Overnight in Canakkale.

### **Day 7 : Canakkale - Gallipoli Tour – Edirne - Turkey**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

At 07:30am, we depart for Gallipoli to visit the battle fields. Two hours later, we will give you 20 minutes to relax in a restaurant area. We arrive Gallipoli around 12:00am and we have lunch break, relax a little bit and then depart for the battle fields. Visit Gabatepe Museum. Start visiting the fields with Ariburnu Cemetery and Anzac Cove because these are the places where the war had started. Then Beach Cemetery, Shrapnel Valley and Plugges Plateau. Afterwards, we drive towards to border. Dinner and overnight in Edirne.

### **Day 8 : Edirne - Turkey – Plovdiv - Bulgaria**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and Depart for Bulgaria. Arrival in Plovdiv around noon in Bulgaria. Check in to hotel and rest of day is yours. Explore Plovdiv city, shop in the local markets or enjoy many big parties or games in Casinos. Overnight in Plovdiv.

### **Day 9 : Plovdiv – Sofia - Bulgaria**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Departure for Sofia. Guided sightseeing Tour of the city center including visit to Alexander Nevski Cathedral - one of the largest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in Europe, as well as one of Sofia's symbols and a primary tourist attraction; St. George Rotunda, St. Sophia Church, built by the Roman Emperor Justinian in the 6th century, National Theatre, former Royal Palace, today housing the National Revival Art Gallery and the Ethnographic Museum, Presidency, etc. Upon request - dinner at a traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances. Overnight in Sofia.

## **Day 10 : Athens - Greece**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Departure for Rila Monastery - the most exquisite example of the monastery art and architecture in Bulgaria. Guided tour of the monastery complex. Visit to Nativity of the Virgin Church with its miracle icon of the Virgin and splendid gilded iconostasis, the old kitchen, the monastery museum where you can learn about the long and heroic history of the monastery, the wood carved cross made for a period of twelve years by a monk called Rafael, Hrelyo's Tower and many spectacular views from the mountain and the surrounding nature. Drive to Sandanski in the afternoon. Dinner at hotel and overnight in Sandanski.

## **Day 11 : Sandanski – Melnik - Bulgaria – Thessaloniki - Greece**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Drive to Melnik - the smallest town in Bulgaria famous for its excellent wines and sandstone rocky pyramids. Visit to Kordopulova museum-house. Around noon departure for Greece. It is your free day to explore and enjoy Thessaloniki on your own. Depending on the time of arrival, you can spend the day walking around, doing the shopping or relaxing in one of many cafeterias or Taverns in Thessaloniki down town. Dinner in Thessaloniki

## **Day 12 : Thessaloniki - Vergina - Thermopylae – Athens - Greece**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, drive to Vergina, the most important remains of the monumental palace of the Kingdom of Macedonia, lavishly decorated with mosaics and painted stuccoes, and the burial ground with more than 300 tombs some of which date from the 11th century B.C. One of the royal tombs is identified as that of Philip II, who conquered all the Greek cities, paving the way for his son Alexander and the expansion of the Hellenistic world. Lunch will be offered at a local restaurant in Vergina. After lunch, drive back to Athens. On the way, make a short stop at Thermopylae where a fierce battle took place between the Persians and Greeks during the Persian invasion of 480-479 BC. The Greek force (300 strong) was very small but was determined to make a stand against the huge Persian army. Overnight in Athens.

## **Day 13 : Athens - Greece**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After Breakfast Athens full day city tour starts for a visit to Acropolis, Parthenon, Olympic Stadium, Olympian Zeus Temple, Lycabettus Hill and Greek Ancient Market. Lunch and Shopping afterwards at Syntagma Square, Monastiraki. Back to hotel, Dinner and overnight at hotel.

#### **Day 14 : Athens – Kalambaka - Greece**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast. Proceed to Kalambaka. Lunch at arrival. Half day city tour with a visit to Meteora, Theopetra Cave. Check in hotel. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Kalambaka

#### **Day 15 : Kalambaka - Greece - Ohrid - Macedonia**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast. Proceed to Ohrid. Arrival, lunch. Half day city tour with a visit to Hadzi Turgut Mosque, Old Bazaar, Zeynel Abidin Pasha Tekke, Krst Dazmija. Check in and Dinner at hotel

#### **Day 16 : Ohrid - Macedonia – Tirana - Albania - Budva - Montenegro**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast. Proceed to Tirana. Half day city tour: Mosque of Ethem Bay, Clock Tower, National Museum. Lunch. Proceed to Budva. Arrival, check in hotel. Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Budva

#### **Day 17 : Budva - Montenegro - Dubrovnik - Croatia**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast. Half day city tour: Old town Budva. Lunch at arrival. Proceed to Dubrovnik. Arrival, check in the hotel. Dinner and Overnight in Dubrovnik.

#### **Day 18 : Dubrovnik - Croatia**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast at hotel , city tour of this UNESCO protected pearl of the Adriatic and its Cathedral , Rector's Palace, Franciscan Monastery (included Old Pharmacy), Clock Tower, Orlando's Columns, Sponze Plaza, Dubrovnik City. Lunch in the old City, Free time, Dinner and Overnight at hotel in Dubrovnik.

#### **Day 19 : Kusadasi - Ephesus Tour - Turkey**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast, Check out hotel. Transfer to Mostar), Proceed for city tour – visit Karadjoz Bey mosque and Muslibegovic house – walk through the old town and old bridge listed as UNESCO heritage site. Continue drive to Sarajevo, Lunch at Local Restaurant on the Way at Jablanica, arrive at Sarajevo, Free time at Old City and check-in the hotel, Dinner and Overnight in Sarajevo.

## **Day 20 : Sarajevo - Bosnia**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast at hotel. Proceed for tour to visit Vrelo Bosne – spring of river Bosnia, Tunnel museum – the only means of going in and out during the siege of Sarajevo in last war. On Foot Tour of old town Bascarsija, Latin bridge, place where the Austro Hungarian Archduke was assassinated, what triggered the 1st World War; Brusa bezistan – covered market place; Gazi Husref Bey Mosque- built in 1530 year during the Ottoman era – and Gazi Husref Bey Madrass; Morica Han built in 1551 ; Vijecnica – town hall for the Austro-Hungarian era. Lunch at the local restaurant. Afternoon, free for shopping. Back to hotel, Dinner and Overnight in Sarajevo

## **Day 21 : Sarajevo - Travnik - Bihac - Bosnia**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast at hotel, check-out the hotel to Bihac on the way visit of the Pyramids of Bosnia. Continue driving to Travnik, visit to the mosque in Travnik including Suleimania. Travnik is located 90 km to the west of the city of Sarajevo, the Bosnian governor from 1697 to 1850 , Lunch at Local Restaurant in Travnik , continue drive to Bihac , Check-in the hotel , Leisure time enjoying the waterfalls and Una river which is best for Rafting , Dinner and Overnight in Bihac .

## **Day 22 : Bihac - Bosnia - Plitvice Lake - Croatia - Ljubljana - Slovenia**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast at hotel, Check-Out and proceed to Ljubljana, towards Plitvice National Park, a well-known UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tour of the 16 crystal - blue lakes cascading into 92 spectacular waterfalls. Walk on the wooden promenades with magnificent views on the waters where every turn leads to a breathtaking scenery and yet another waterfall. Surrounded by dense woods, Plitvice Lake is a natural phenomenon of rare and unique beauty. Continue drive to Ljubljana, view the Central open-air Market, Baroque Town Hall, Robba's Fountain, the Three Bridges, and Lunch at Local Restaurant, Check-in the hotel, Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel.

## **Day 23 : Zagreb - Croatia City Highlights Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Proceed to city visit of the highlights after the breakfast including the upper and lower town, the majestic Cathedral, Archbishop's Palace, Lunch at Local Restaurant, free time exploring the winding streets of the old town, free at leisure for the rest of the day, Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel.

## **Day 24 : Zagreb - Croatia - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

Breakfast at hotel. Check-out the hotel. Departure to the airport. We hope this was a memorable tour for you and looking forward to see you again on another tour of ours. Thank you for joining us.

## **Includes**

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- 2 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 2 nights hotel in Kusadasi
- 1 night hotel in Canakkale
- 1 night hotel in Bursa
- 1 night hotel in Thessaloniki
- 2 nights hotel in Athens
- 1 Night accommodation in Edirne
- 1 Night accommodation in Kalambaka
- 1 Night accommodation in Ohrid
- 2 Nights' accommodation in Dubrovnik
- 1 Night accommodation in Zagreb
- All coach transportation by fully equipped buses
- All Sightseeing Trips with entrance fees as above
- All meals ( Breakfast – Lunch – Dinner ) as mentioned in above Itinerary
- 1 Night accommodation in Plovdiv
- 1 Night accommodation in Sofia
- 1 Night accommodation in Sandanski
- 1 Night accommodation in Budva
- 2 Nights' accommodation in Sarajevo
- 1 Night accommodation in Bihac
- 1 Night accommodation in Ljubljana

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Country entry Visa
- Extra meals or Drinks not mentioned above
- Tips and Personal expenses

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

1 April, 2019 - 31 December, 2019    Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

17 January, 2020 - 31 March, 2022   Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

SILVER TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Pullman Hotel or Ramada Golden Horn Hotel Bursa Sheraton Suhan 360 Hotel Troia Tusan Hotel Ramada Hotel Princess Hotel Sofia - Jasmin Hotel Mondial Hotel Neptun Hotel Hollywood Hotel - Grand Hotel Polis Grand Hotel Sveti Nikola Hotel Ramada Antoniadis Hotel Kostelski Buk Deluxe Plaza hotel Movie hotel GOLD TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS The Marmara Pera Hotel Bursa Sheraton Suhan 360 Hotel Troia Tusan Hotel Ramada Hotel Princess Hotel Sofia - Jasmin Hotel Mondial Hotel Neptun Hotel Hollywood Hotel - Grand Hotel Polis Grand Hotel Sveti Nikola Hotel Ramada Antoniadis Hotel Kostelski Buk Deluxe Plaza hotel Movie hotel