

Balkans

9 NIGHTS 10 DAYS

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DAY 1

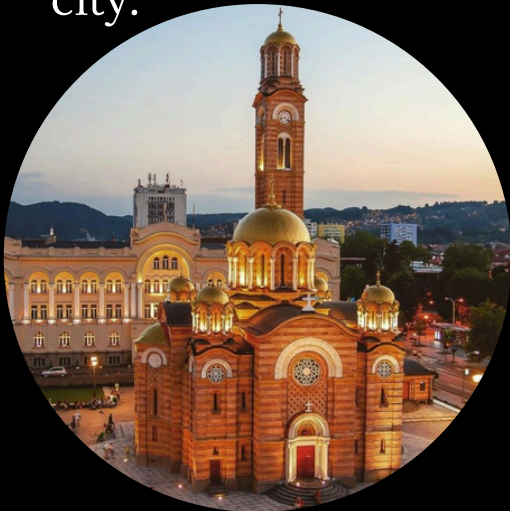


- Arrival in Zagreb - Transfer to your hotel.
- 3:00 p.m.: Meet the guide at hotel reception to join the city tour.
- 4:00 p.m.: City tour of Zagreb with a local guide
- Explore Zagreb's highlights: two hills, the old quarter, upper city, and newer neighborhoods.
Tour duration: 2 hours.
- After the tour, free time to explore on your own.
- Dinner is included.

DAY 2

ZAGREB - BANJA LUKA - JAJCE - SARAJEVO

- 07:30 a.m.: Departure from Zagreb.
- Travel through hilly and forested areas in central Croatia towards Bosnia.
- 09:30 a.m.: Border crossing into Bosnia (delays possible).
- Pass through areas marked by remnants of the 1990s war and ethnic conflict.
- 11:30 a.m.: Arrival in Banja Luka.
- Explore the capital of Republika Srpska, Bosnia's second-largest city.



- Highlights: boulevards, gardens, fortress, and Orthodox cathedral.
- 01:30 p.m.: Departure from Banja Luka.
- 03:00 p.m.: Arrival in Jajce.
- Explore the town known for its cultural mix, mosque, fortress, and impressive waterfall (admission included).
- Time for a walk and lunch.
- 04:30 p.m.: Departure from Jajce.
- Journey to the capital of Bosnia.
- 07:45 p.m.: Arrival in Sarajevo - Explore the historic center and stroll through the charming Bazaar, an old Ottoman market with traditional shops and architecture.
- Dinner included.

DAY 3

SARAJEVO - MOSTAR - DUBROVNIK CAVTAT



- Morning: Guided sightseeing tour in Sarajevo.
- Explore Sarajevo, known as the "Jerusalem of Europe" for its religious diversity (mosques, churches, synagogues).
- Visit the old town with its strong Ottoman influence, including a 500-year-old mosque and a beautiful fountain.
- 11:30 a.m.: Departure from Sarajevo.
- 02:00 p.m.: Arrival in Mostar.
- See the iconic stone bridge that separates the Orthodox, Muslim, and Catholic communities.
- 05:00 p.m.: Departure from Mostar - Continue the journey to Croatia.
- 08:00 p.m.: Arrival in Dubrovnik/Cavtat.
- Dinner included.

DAY 4

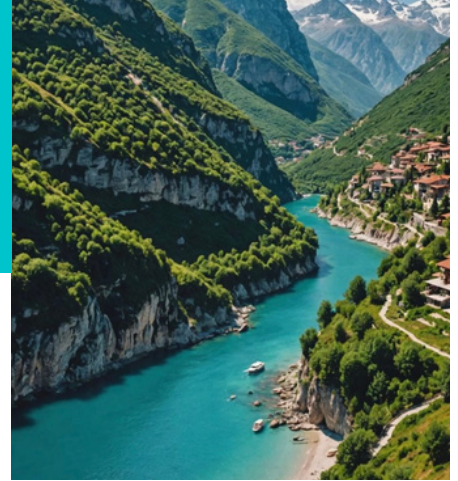
DUBROVNIK - CAVTAT



- 09:00 a.m.: Panoramic tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide.
- Tour Highlights:
 - i. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, home to the oldest pharmacy in Europe.
 - ii. Visit the Assumption Cathedral.
 - iii. Take a boat trip to Lokrum Island (15 minutes away)
 - iv. Explore the ruins of an 11th-century Benedictine monastery
 - v. Visit a popular Game of Thrones filming location
- After the tour: Free time to explore Dubrovnik at your leisure.
- Late afternoon: Return to the hotel.
- Dinner included.

DAY 5

DUBROVNIK - KOTOR - BUDVA - TIRANA



- 07:30 a.m.: Departure from Dubrovnik.
- Set off for Montenegro, passing through border procedures (may take time).
- Take a ferry across the beautiful Bay of Kotor, enjoying breathtaking scenery.
- 09:30 a.m.: Arrival in Kotor (time may vary).
- 11:00 a.m.: Departure from Kotor.
- 11:45 a.m.: Arrival in Budva - have lunch in this picturesque walled enclave.
- 01:45 p.m.: Departure from Budva.
- Travel towards Albania, passing through border procedures (may take time).
- 05:30 p.m.: Arrival in Tirana (capital of Albania). Check-in at accommodation.
- Dinner included.



DAY 6

TIRANA - STRUGA - OHRID



- Morning: After breakfast, city tour of Tirana (capital of Albania).
- Visit mosques, Clock Tower, and ministries.
- Local guide will share insights about Albania.
- Free time after the tour (note: the tour may be in the evening depending on daylight and the guide's decision).
- 11:15 a.m.: Departure from Tirana -Travel through mountain scenery towards Lake Ohrid, which forms the border with Macedonia.
- 02:30 p.m.: Arrival in Struga - Stroll around this picturesque lakeside town and enjoy lunch.
- 03:30 p.m.: Departure from Struga.
- 04:15 p.m.: Arrival in Ohrid - Explore the town center with its strong Ottoman influence, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Head to the hotel by the lake on the outskirts of Ohrid.
- Dinner included.

DAY 7

OHRID - KASTORIA - KALABAKA

- 07:45 a.m.: Departure from Ohrid - Travel through agricultural plains, passing through Bitola (historical town known as the “City of Consuls”).
- 11:45 a.m.: Arrival in Kastoria - Known as the "City of 100 Churches," with medieval streets and lakeside restaurants.
- 01:45 p.m.: Departure from Kastoria.
- 04:00 p.m.: Arrival in Meteora.
- Begin the tour of Meteora, famous for monasteries atop rock formations.
- Visit one of the monasteries (admission included) and enjoy breathtaking views.
- Dinner included. Overnight accommodation in Kalabaka, a small town in the Meteora region.



DAY 8

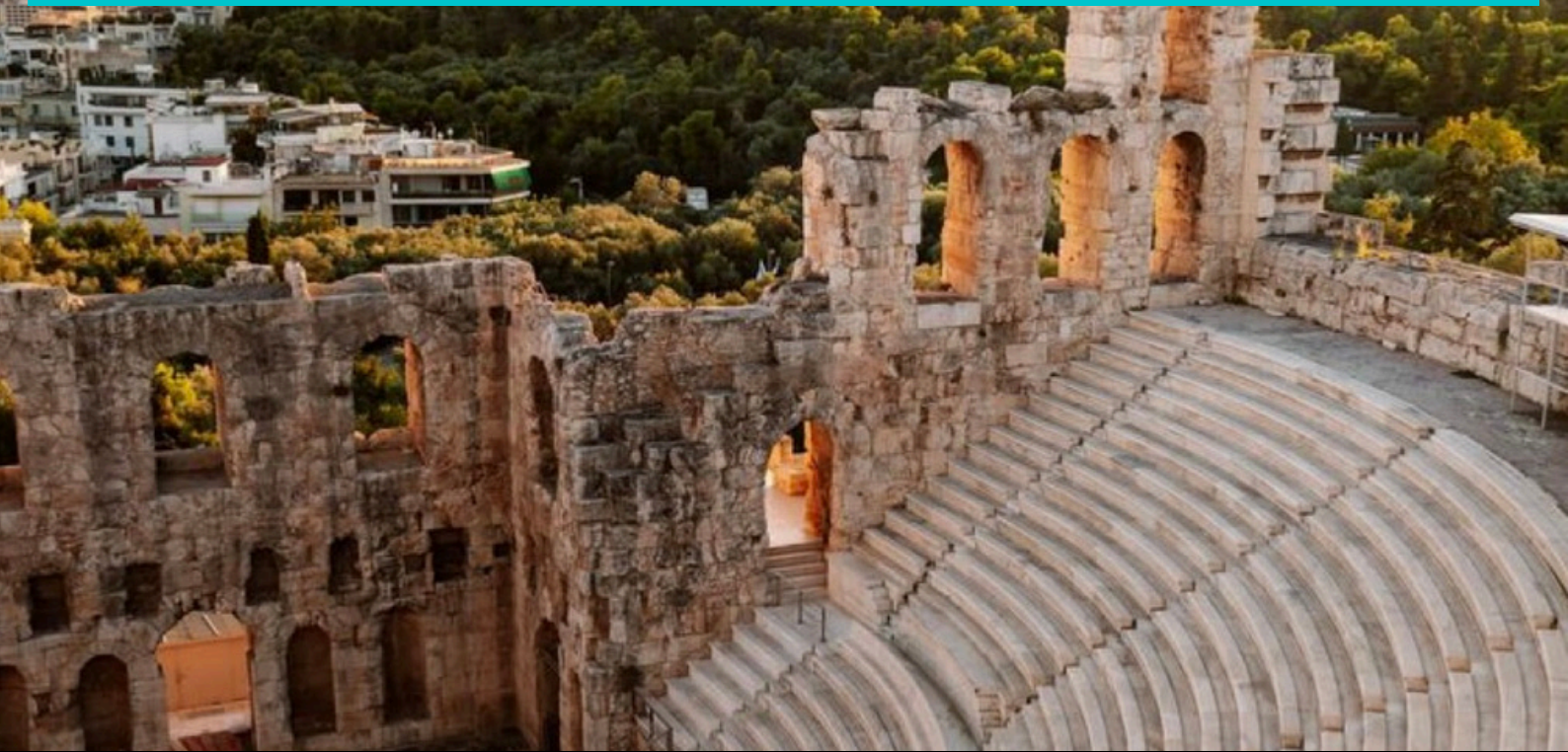
KALABAKA - DELPHI - HOSIOS
LOUKAS - ATHENS



- 08:00 a.m. – Depart from Kalabaka, travel through Thessaly to Central Greece with scenic sea views
- 11:30 a.m. – Arrive at Delphi, explore archaeological site with views of the Gulf of Corinth, lunch break
- 02:30 p.m. – Depart from Delphi, journey through mountains with Mount Parnassus as a backdrop
- 03:15 p.m. – Arrive at Hosios Loukas Monastery, visit this 11th-century Byzantine site, UNESCO World Heritage with stunning mosaics
- 04:30 p.m. – Depart from Hosios Loukas
- 07:15 p.m. – Arrive in Athens

DAY 9

ATHENS, CITY TOUR AND EVENING TRANSFER.



- City Tour Highlights:

1. Visit the Presidential Mansion
2. Explore the Panathenaic Stadium (site of the first modern Olympic Games)
3. See the National Library
4. Discover the city center squares and newer neighborhoods from the 2004 Olympics
5. Conclude the tour at the Acropolis (admission not included)

- Evening:

- > Transfer to the historic Plaka neighborhood
- > Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere and dine at traditional Greek tavernas
- > Experience the rich Greek folklore

DAY 10

DEPARTURE



After breakfast, our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories.

NOTES

- The schedules in this itinerary are indicative. The guide may adjust the timings based on the situation or season to enhance the quality of the tour.
- Please bring your passport as we will cross into other borders. Occasionally, this journey may experience delays due to traffic or border procedures.
- From November to March, there is no boat service to Lokrum, so we will not visit the island during these months.
- When we'll visit the Meteora Valley, stopping at the most important Orthodox monasteries and visiting one. Please wear appropriate clothing (skirts will be provided for women at the monastery) and comfortable footwear for climbing up to the monastery.
- Please be aware that the hotel check-out time is usually 10:00 a.m.

Inclusions

- Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance, hotel and breakfast buffet.
- Includes arrival transfer
- City tour in: ZAGREB, Sarajevo, DUBROVNIK, Tirana, ATHENS
- Boat: to Lokrum Island in Dubrovnik
- Evening transfer: Plaka neighborhood in Athens
- Experiences: Meteora Monastery
- Ticket admission: Jajce Waterfall, Franciscan Monastery and Cathedral in Dubrovnik , Archeological Site of Delphi and Hosios Loukas Monastery
- Ferry: Kotor Bay
- 7 dinner included in: ZAGREB, Sarajevo, DUBROVNIK, DUBROVNIK, Tirana, Ohrid, Kalabaka

Exclusions

- Air tickets
- Visa charges
- Insurance
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any expenses that may happen due to force majeure.



Hotel Options



- CROATIA - ANTUNOVIC (4 STAR); MOVENPICK ZAGREB (4 STAR); GRAND HOTEL ZAGREB (4 STAR); INTERNACIONAL (4 STAR)
- BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA - IBIS STYLES SARAJEVO (4 STAR); NOVOTEL SARAJEVO BRISTOL (4 STAR); HOLLYWOOD (4 STAR)
- CROATIA - GRAND HOTEL PARK (4 STAR); LERO (4 STAR); ROYAL NEPTUN (4 STAR); VALAMAR ARGOSY HOTEL (4 STAR).
- ALBANIA - HILTON GARDEN INN TIRANA (4 STAR); TIRANA INTERNATIONAL (4 STAR).
- MACEDONIA - METROPOL LAKE RESORT (4 STAR).
- GREECE - AMALIA KALAMBACA (4 STAR); KOSTA FAMISSI (4 STAR); DIVANI METEORA (4 STAR); PRESIDENT (4 STAR); NOVOTEL ATHENES (4 STAR); SKYLARK (4 STAR)

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