

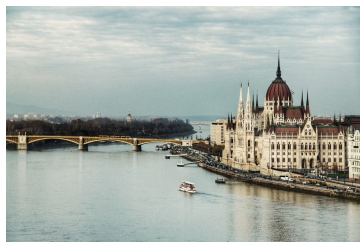
Itinerary Details

Highlights of the Balkan - Summer 2020

16Nights 17Days



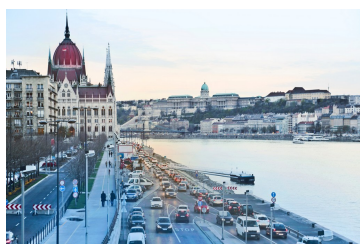
Day 1 : Welcome to Budapest.



Welcome to Budapest - situated on two sides of the River Danube. Meet your friendly Travel Professional outside the baggage hall and proceed to our hotel. (Check-in after 1500 hrs.). Overnight in Budapest. (Dinner)

Dinner

Day 2 : Enjoy a guided city tour of Budapest. Embark on an exhilarating cruise on River Danube.



Today morning proceed on a guided city tour of Budapest. Drive past Heroes' Square - the largest and most impressive square of the city, Gellert Hill – a point from where you can view the skyline of Budapest, the Castle district – packed with historical attractions and museums, and St. Matthew's church – a Roman Catholic Church. Also, visit the Fishermen's bastion located on a hill in the Buda area. The point gives you a spectacular top view of the city and the River Danube. Later in the day cruise on River Danube and get floored by the architectural wonders of this riverside city. Overnight in Budapest. (Breakfast/Dinner)

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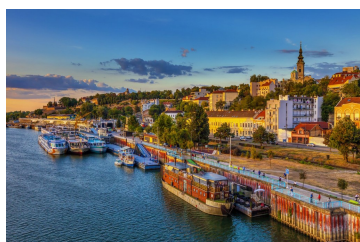
Day 3 : Onto Belgrade – Capital of Serbia.



Sit back in the comforts of your coach as you proceed to Belgrade - the capital and largest city of Serbia known for its lavish nightlife. Arrive in Belgrade. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Belgrade. (Breakfast/Local Dinner)

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Day 4 : Guided walking tour of Belgrade with entrance to Belgrade Fortress. Onto Timisoara for a guided walking tour.

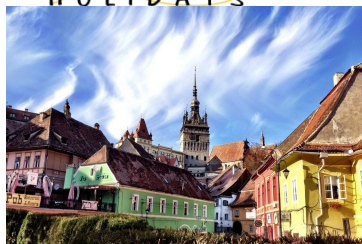


Today enjoy a guided walking tour of Belgrade. See Nikola Pasic Square, Kneza Milosa Street, Yugoslav History Museum, Partizan Stadium, St. Sava Temple, Slavija, Kralja Milana Street, Terazije Square, Republic Square, Student Square, Kalemegdan Lower Town, The Cathedral, Branko's Bridge, Usce Shopping Mall, Zeleni Venac, and Moskva Hotel. View the Nikola Tesla Museum (traffic permitting). Later visit Belgrade Fortress, consisting of the old citadel and Kalemegdan Park on the confluence of the River Sava and Danube. Then proceed to Timisoara - the capital city of Timiș County, and the main social, economic and cultural center in western Romania. Take a guided walking tour of the illuminated town by twilight. Overnight in Timisoara. (Breakfast/Local Dinner)

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Day 5 : Orientation tour of Sighisoara. Onto Brasov.

Today morning depart to Brasov. Enroute take an orientation tour of Sighisoara, one of the few still inhabited medieval fortresses not only in Transylvania but in whole of Europe. It is the birthplace of the famous Vlad the Impaler. The town has been listed



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by UNESCO as World Heritage Site. Proceed to Brasov - a city in the Transylvania region of Romania, ringed by the Carpathian Mountains. Rest of the day at leisure for you to relax. Overnight in Brasov. (Breakfast/Dinner)

Day 6 : Orientation tour of Brasov. Onto Bucharest. Enroute visit Peles Castle and Bran Castle – commonly known as Dracula’s Castle. Enjoy wine and dine at the Folklore show.



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Depart on an orientation tour of Brasov - Brasov is a holy city boasting many churches, monasteries, cathedrals, and synagogues that are historical monuments as well. View the Town's landmark - the Clock Tower, and the Church on the Hill. Later visit the Peles Castle and admire the stunning interiors of the castle. Later proceed to Bran for a visit to the Castle. Discover the myth and legend of Count Dracula! Post tour proceed to Bucharest. Evening free to explore. Overnight in Bucharest. (Breakfast/Dinner)

Day 7 : Guided city tour of Bucharest with entrance to Palace of the Parliament.



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This morning proceed on a guided city tour of Bucharest - a city of contrasts with many multicultural scenes. Visit the Palace of the Parliament. Also known as “The People’s House,” which according to Guinness World Records is the most extensive and most expensive administrative building in the world. View the Patriarchal Church from the 17th century and the open-air Village Museum. Rest of the day is free to explore the city on your own. Evening proceed for a traditional Romanian folklore show. Enjoy a glass of wine while you watch the show with local cuisine. Overnight in Bucharest. (Breakfast/Local Dinner)

Day 8 : Onto Sofia - the capital of Bulgaria. Enroute take an orientation tour of Veliko Tarnovo



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Today morning board your coach and proceed to Veliko Tarnovo a city located in the center of Bulgaria, halfway between Sofia and Varna. Its unique location on the three hills Tsarevets, Trapezitsa, and Sveta Gora, makes the town one of the most beautiful in Bulgaria and also adds special charm to the city’s appearance and its own identity. You can have some free time to take a walk through this ancient city on through its narrow cobblestone streets. Later proceed to Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. Sofia is located in the west of the country, below Vitosha Mountain. The city’s churches and monuments reflect more than 2,000 years of history, including Greek, Roman, Ottoman and Soviet occupation. Overnight in Sofia. (Breakfast/Dinner)

Day 9 : Guided walking tour of Sofia with entrance to St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

Today morning enjoy a guided walking tour of Sofia. View the Eagles’ Bridge, Saint Sofia Church, National Opera, The Russian Church, Ivan Vazov National Theatre, National Art Gallery, National Archaeological Museum & Sofia Synagogue. Visit the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral - a Bulgarian Orthodox cathedral in Sofia. Proceed to the King’s Palace - Built in 1873, it was the residence of the ruling governor



during the Ottoman occupation, with administrative offices and police headquarters on the lower floors. Rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city on your own. Overnight in Sofia. (Breakfast/Dinner)

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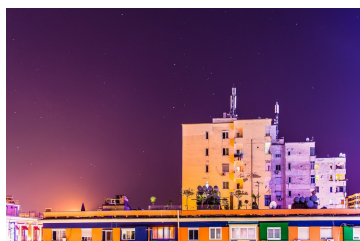
Day 10 : Onto Skopje. Enjoy a guided tour of Skopje.



Proceed to Skopje the capital of the Republic of Macedonia, in the center of the Balkan Peninsula. The 15th-century Stone Bridge connects the Ottoman Old Bazaar on the Vardar River's north bank with contemporary Macedonia Square to the south. The Skopje Fortress overlooking the river has defended the city for centuries. The town is also the home of the humanitarian and Noble Peace Prize Laureate Mother Teresa. On arrival enjoy a guided tour that will show you the main square, the Old Quarter (or the Ottoman quarter) and an outside view of the Kale fortress. Later visit the Mother Teresa Memorial House, dedicated to the humanitarian and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Mother Teresa. Overnight in Skopje. (Breakfast/Local Dinner)

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Day 11 : Onto Tirana - the capital of Albania. Enroute take an orientation tour of beautiful Ohrid. Enjoy a cable car to ride to the Dajti Mountain.



Proceed to the city of Ohrid. This picturesque town lies on the shore of the lake with the same name, right on the border of Albania and Macedonia. While Ohrid is, in fact, one of the biggest city in the country, it doesn't feel that way. The place looks and feels quiet and idyllic. The regular part of the city with school, hospitals, etc. is located further from the lake, while the shore is bequeathed for tourism. Take an orientation tour of this beautiful city and move to Tirana - the capital of Albania. Tirana is known for its colorful Ottoman - Fascist- and Soviet-era architecture. On arrival continue to Dajti Mountain. Dajti is also a National Park, with much diversity of flora and fauna. Enjoy the exquisite view from the cable car leading to nearly the very top of Dajti Mountain. Overnight in Tirana. (Breakfast/Dinner)

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Day 12 : Take a guided walking city tour of Tirana and later proceed to Dubrovnik via Kotor



Enjoy a guided walking city tour of Tirana beginning at Skanderbeg Square, named after the Albanian hero, and the main landmark of the city. Visit the Et'hem Bey Mosque where pilgrims go to offer prayers. Walk past the Clock Tower, the Palace of Culture, the monument to Mother Albania and the National Historical Museum, which are some significant places every visitor must see. Later see the Clock Museum; the museum documents the history of tower clocks in Albania through models, documents, prints, graphics, and other historical items. Then proceed to Dubrovnik - Smitten by the beauty of the city George Bernard Shaw famously said: "Those who seek paradise on Earth must come to Dubrovnik." On the way take an orientation tour of the Kotor Town and spend some time on your own. Kotor has one of the best preserved medieval old towns in the Adriatic and is a UNESCO world heritage site. Overnight in Dubrovnik. (Breakfast/Local Dinner)

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Day 13 : Enjoy a guided walking tour of Dubrovnik.



Proceed on a guided walking tour of the city of Dubrovnik which is on UNESCO's List of Cultural Heritage. This ancient town, surrounded by ramparts and fortresses, is a treasure trove of architectural and cultural places, scrupulously preserved over the centuries. Rest of the day is free to explore this beautiful city on your own. Overnight in Dubrovnik. (Breakfast/Local Dinner)

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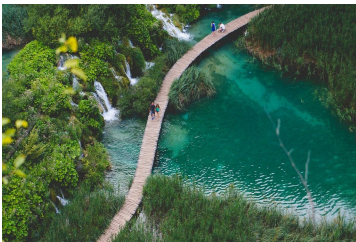
Day 14 : Onto Split - a town on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast. Visit to Diocletian's Palace.



Today morning sit in the comfort of your coach and proceed on an exciting drive along the Adriatic Sea to Split. The city of Split, the second largest city in Croatia, is situated in the warmest region of the northern Mediterranean coast, in the very center of the Adriatic eastern coast. On arrival, proceed on a guided tour of Diocletian's Palace an ancient palace built for the Roman Emperor Diocletian. It is facing the harbor and one of the most imposing Roman ruins in existence. Overnight in Split. (Breakfast/Local Dinner)

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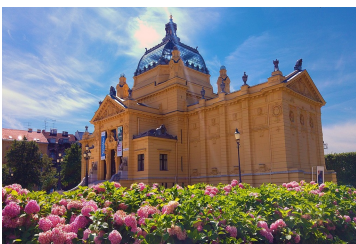
Day 15 : Drive to Zagreb – along the journey visit the enchanting Plitvice Lake National Park.



Drive to the Croatian capital Zagreb, one of the most visited places in East Europe. Enroute visit the Plitvice Lake National Park - a 295 sq. Km. Forest reserve in central Croatia. It's known for a chain of 16 terraced lakes, joined by waterfalls that extend into a limestone canyon, renowned for their distinctive colors, ranging from azure to green, grey or blue. The colors change constantly depending on the number of minerals or organisms in the water and the angle of sunlight. It is the largest national park in Croatia and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue further to Zagreb. Overnight in Zagreb. (Breakfast/Dinner)

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Day 16 : Indulge on a guided city tour of Zagreb.



Proceed on a guided city tour of this lovely city. See the famous monuments in Zagreb and witness Zagreb's present life. Visit the oldest parts of the city and hear fascinating stories about its glorified past. Experience the vividness of the city center and enjoy strolling along the green promenades, in a friendly atmosphere. Explorer the Gornji Grad (upper town), Donji Grand (lower town). Rest of the day is free to explore the city on your own. Overnight in Zagreb. (Breakfast/Dinner)

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Day 17 : Fly back home.



Your Holiday ends, today it's time to fly back home. Check out and depart for the airport for the flight home. (Breakfast)

Breakfast

Highlights

- Value for money holidays that you will cherish for a lifetime.
- Enjoy a guided city tour of Budapest – exploring the historical facets of the city.
- Take an evening cruise on River Danube.
- Enjoy a guided walking tour of the old quarter of Belgrade.
- See the Old Citadel at the Belgrade Fortress.
- Take a stroll on the streets of Timisoara on a guided walking tour.
- Embark on an orientation tour of Sighisoara and see the birthplace of Vlad Dracula
- Enjoy an orientation tour of Brasov
- Fall in love with the spectacular Peles Castle.
- Visit the imposing Bran Castle – Home of Count Dracula.
- Enjoy a Folklore show with wine and local cuisine in Bucharest.
- Guided city tour of Bucharest with a visit to the Parliament Palace.
- Orientation tour of Veliko Tarnovo.
- Familiarize yourself with the city of Sofia on your walking tour.
- Visit the St. Alexander Neveski Cathedral.
- Visit the King's Palace in Sofia – build in 1873.
- Take an interesting guided walking tour of Skopje.
- Visit Mother Teresa Memorial House – the birthplace of the Nobel prize Laureate.
- Visit Ohrid – the beautiful city on the banks of Lake Ohrid for some time at leisure.
- Enjoy a cable car ride to Dajti Mountain.
- Watch significant landmarks of the city on a guided tour of Tirana.
- Spend some quality time at Kotor – located on one of the world's most beautiful bay's in Montenegro.
- Get smitten by the beauty of the city on a guided tour of Dubrovnik.
- Visit Diocletian's Palace on an orientation tour of Split.
- Experience the color changing limestones at the Plitvice Lake National Park.
- Stroll along the green promenades on a guided city tour of Zagreb.
- Service of multilingual & knowledgeable tour manager who will accompany you throughout the tour.