



CRADLE OF CULTURE, LAND OF NATURE

... A perfect mixture

9 days

Tour Code 307

This is a draft program offered for closed groups and tour operators only. Further changes are possible according to the client's wishes and requirements

Day 1: Welcome to Macedonia!

Upon arrival in Macedonia transfer to Osogovo monastery, one of the biggest monasteries in Macedonia. Overnight will be in adapted monastery rooms.

Day 2: Monasteries of East Macedonia

Drive towards the most picturesque city in Macedonia, Kratovo, founded in the base of an old volcano.

Walking tour in Kratovo and afternoon visit to **Lesnovo monastery** (14th century).

Upon arrival in Berovo, accommodation at the hotel and overnight.

Day 3: Nature in Strumica area

Morning departure to Strumica and visit to the most famous Macedonian waterfalls near villages of Smolare and Koleshino. Afternoon time at leisure in the city of Strumica. Overnight.

Day 4: Strumica monasteries and Tikvesh

Visit to monasteries in **Vodocha** - St Leonitie and **Veljusa** - St. Mother of God-Eleusa.

Departure to the most famous Macedonian wine region - Tikvesh. Optional wine tasting tour and lunch in one of the oldest wine cellars in the region. Arrival for overnight in Prilep late afternoon.

Day 5: Prilep and Pelagonia region

One of the most picturesque monasteries in **Prilep area** is situated in village Varosh, near Prilep. Drive to Bitola and visit to **Heraclea Lynkestis** ancient site - the city founded by Philip II of Macedonia, the father of Alexander the Great. Bitola walking tour late afternoon. Overnight in Bitola.

Day 6: Macedonian lakes

Morning drive towards Prespa lake and across **Galichica NP** with spectacular view of both Prespa and Ohrid lakes.

Arrival in **St. Naum** monastery complex on the Ohrid lake coast in the afternoon. Visit to the monastery and unforgettable **boat ride** above the springs of Crn Drim river. Overnight in Ohrid.

Day 7: Ohrid - the city of 365 churches

Ohrid city tour starts with light walking to the hill where the Old Ohrid is situated.

Visit some of the most famous Ohrid churches sights in old town. Afternoon visit to **monasteries in village Kalishta**.

In the evening, optional folklore show with traditional Macedonian folk music and dances. Overnight in Ohrid.

Day 8: West part of Macedonia

Morning drive along the Crn Drim river and arrival at the most picturesque part of the country - the Reka region and Mavrovo national park. Visit to the **Bigorski Monastery**.

Arrival in Matka area and visit to **St. Andrew** monastery. Overnight in Skopje

Day 9: Departure

Morning Skopje sightseeing tour - The Kale fortress, Old city (Charshija) Church of **Holly Salvation** - St. Spas, The Stone Bridge and the monuments places on the main city square, finishing with the memorial house of **Mother Teresa** and the building of old railway station.

Transfer to Skopje Airport.



TOUR INFORMATION:

Possible arrival / departure city / APT :

Skopje (Macedonia). Optional from Pristina (Kosovo), Sofia (Bulgaria) or Thessaloniki (Greece)

What is included:

- 8 nights accommodation - at adapted monastery rooms on day 1 and chosen by you hotels according to the itinerary,
- Bed & breakfast base;
- English speaking local professional tour guide for all itinerary;
- All entrance fees according to the program, marked in bold;
- "Visit Macedonia" organization and maps

Not included:

- Single room supplement;
- Half board supplement;
- transportation according to the itinerary (coach, minibus, van - depending on the number of participants and further requirements);
- visits, meals and excursions described as optional
- Guide on other language than English (Supplement may apply)

Tour price

depends on the number of participants.

Confidential prices apply only for tour operators and will be provided upon request.

Tour modifications (extension or reduction of tour duration, upgrade to higher class hotels, additional meals, visits and services) are possible.

For more information about this tour, exact prices for proposed services or tailor made tour according to your requirements, please contact us on booking@visitmacedonia.mk