GROUP TOURS IN MACEDONIA

Tour Highlights: Sights of Skopje, the Macedonian capital | Skupi ancient site | Monasteries of west Macedonia | Ohrid - UNESCO site and its byzantine heritage | Heraclea Lynkestis ancient site | Prilep area | Stobi ancient site | Byzantine monasteries near Strumica | Berovo area | Lesnovo monastery and Kratovo

ARCHEOLOGY, RELIGION AND NATURE

... The winning combination

11 days

Tour Code 312

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 transfer to the Macedonian capital city Skopje. O/N in Skopje

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Day 2: Skopje and West Macedonia
Morning Skopje sightseeing tour - The Kale fortress, Old city (Charshija) **Church of Holly Salvation** - St. Spas, The Stone Bridge. Visit to **Skupi ancient site** near Skopje. Departure to Tetovo and visit to the unique **Dappled Mosque**. Arrival in Mavrovo National park for overnight.

Day 3: The greenest part of Macedonia
Drive along Radika river and visit to **Bigorski Monastery** in Reka region. After refreshment with some local specialties in a traditional village, tour continue to the **Rajchica monastery** near Debar. O/N in Ohrid

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Day 4: Ohrid - the Balkan pearl
Ohrid city tour and visit to the most famous **Ohrid sights**. Time at leisure at the Old city. Afternoon visit to **Kalishta area** and the unique cave church. In the evening, optional folklore show with traditional Macedonian folk music and dances will end this day in Ohrid. O/N in Ohrid

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Day 5: Land of Lakes
Morning visit to **St.Naum** monastery complex with unforgettable **boat ride** above the springs of Crn Drim river. Drive across **Galichica NP** with spectacular view of both Prespa and Ohrid lakes. Optional visit to **St.George Church** in village of Kurbinovo on the way to Bitola, the second largest Macedonian city, for overnight.

Day 6: A day for ancient sites
Morning visit to **Heraclea Lynkestis** ancient site. Departure to Prilep and visit to the **Varosh monastery**. Afternoon visit to another ancient site - **Stobi**, the biggest Roman site in Macedonia. Optional - dinner with wine tasting in one of the oldest wine cellars in the region. O/N in Tikves area.

Day 7: Archeology and religion
Departure to Gevgelija and visit to **Vardarski Rid** ancient site. Near Strumica, visit to **Byzantine monasteries in Veljusa and Vodocha**. Afternoon visit to Smolare waterfalls. O/N in Strumica.

Day 8: Nature of east Macedonia
Drive towards Berovo and Berovo lake - the untouched beauty and pure nature. Relaxing day by the lake - a day for Macedonian cuisine. O/N in Berovo.

Day 9: Archeology and Religion
Drive across east Macedonia and arrival in **Lesnovo Monastery.** After visit to the monastery complex, departure to the picturesque city of Kratovo, situated in the base of an old volcano.. O/N in Kratovo

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Day 10: Kokino - the Macedonian Stonehenge
Kokino - the recently discovered megalithic observatory, together with **St.George** church in Staro Nagorichane is today's sights. In the afternoon visit to Matka valley near Skopje. O/N in Skopje

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Day 11: Departure
Depending on flight time, optional morning visit to St. Panteleimon monastery near Skopje or drive with cable car to the top of Vodno mountain.
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:
- 10 nights accommodation at chosen by you hotels according the itinerary, Bed & breakfast base;
English speaking local professional tour guide for all itinerary;
- All entrance fees according the program, marked in bold;
- "Visit Macedonia" organization and maps

Not included:
- Single room supplement;
- Half board supplement;
- transportation according 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 your requirements, please contact us on booking@visitmacedonia.mk

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