



CYCLING IN MACEDONIA

Tour grade: Easy | Recommended period: May- September

9 days

Tour Code 512

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

Arrival and meeting with your local guide. Transfer from airport
To Mavrovo, the biggest National Park in Macedonia, for O/N.

Day 2 Cycling (3-4 hours / 30km / 400m uphill)

Short morning drive to our starting point and we cycle to Galichnik, one of the most beautiful mountain villages in Macedonia, with houses as examples of old traditional Macedonian architecture. Coffee break and sightseeing in Galichnik. Cycle back to Mavrovo for optional lunch. Overnight in Mavrovo.

Day 3 Cycling (3-4 hours / 32km / 350m uphill)

Cycling around the lake, short stops at the surrounding mountain villages with lots of places along the lake shore for photo shooting. Delicious traditional meal in local a restaurant (optional) and drive to visit one of the oldest and most beautiful monasteries in Macedonia, St. Jovan Bigorski, built 1020. Then we drive to Vevchani village and its famous springs. Short tour in the village and transfer to Ohrid. Overnight in Ohrid.

Day 4 Leisure & rest

A day for Ohrid sightseeing. As one of the oldest always populated cities in the world (over 2500 years), Ohrid offers many places and things to see. Afternoon at leisure, taste some local food and have an evening walk. O/N in Ohrid.

Day 5 Cycling (3-4 hours / 32km / 300m)

Short drive to Kjafasan, on the border with Albania. Upon entering Albania, we start cycling along the Ohrid Lake We cycle on the Albanian side, passing through town of Pogradec and again entering Macedonian side at St. Naum monastery. Optional departure to Ohrid with boat (depending of season). O/N in Ohrid.

Day 6 Cycling (3-4 hours / 35km / 200m)

Cycling tour to Vevchani through several local villages. Vevchani is an old village situated and it is known by Vevchani springs, the most famous springs in Macedonia. Short tour in the village and optional traditional meal in local restaurant. Transfer back to Ohrid. O/N in Ohrid.

Day 7 Sightseeing and Travel

After breakfast at the hotel, morning drive to Galicica, the second National Park in the country. Visit to the water museum Bay of Bones, a pile-dwelling settlement. Short break at the stunning viewpoint over Ohrid Lake for a photo shooting. Transfer to Bitola "City of Consuls", one of the oldest cities in Macedonia, with visit of Heraclea Lyncestis ancient site - 4th century BC. Optional lunch followed by a short walk in the city. Transfer to Skopje for overnight.

Day 8 Cycling (3-4 hours / 30km / 200m uphill)

Today we cycle to Matka Canyon, the most famous outdoor destination near Skopje, through several agricultural villages. Matka has 10 caves, several medieval monasteries and churches, over 250 butterfly species, and is the perfect place for alpine hiking, rock climbing, kayaking, fishing etc. Boat tour to Vrelo Cave, one of the deepest caves in the world. Short hike to St. Nikola monastery and lunch. Return to Skopje, overnight in Skopje.

Day 9 Departure

Breakfast in the hotel. Depending of the flight schedule transfer to the airport.

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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 chosen by you hotels according the itinerary, Bed & breakfast base;
- transportation according the itinerary (coach, minibus, van - depending on the number of participants and further requirements);
- English speaking local professional Mountain 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;
- 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