



TRADITION IS STILL ALIVE

BULGARIA, MACEDONIA AND ALBANIA

12 days from Sofia to Tirana

Tour Code 662

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 in Sofia airport and afternoon Sofia panoramic tour. Transfer to the hotel and O/N in Sofia.

Day 2 Bulgarian landmark - Rila monastery

Morning Sofia walking tour. Departure to **Rila Monastery**, a Bulgarian 'icon' and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Late afternoon arrival in Bansko for O/N.

Day 3 Pirin - the historical mountain

This morning is dedicated to the smallest Bulgarian town Melnik and the mystical **Sandstone pyramids**. In the afternoon border crossing and visit to **Smolare waterfalls**. O/N in Strumica.

Day 4 "In vino veritas"

Morning visit to the picturesque monastery in village **Veljusa**, near Strumica. On the way to Bitola, it is time to use senses and let your skills of a sommelier get challenged in one of the best wine cellars, in the famous wine region of Macedonia - Tikvesh (optional). Arrival in Bitola and evening city tour by walking. O/N in Bitola.

Day 5 Ohrid and Ohrid lake

Departure to Ohrid. Macedonia would not be the same without Ohrid and the Ohrid Lake! **Sightseeing tour** in this UNESCO town and visit to the most popular Ohrid sights. O/N in Ohrid

Day 6 Welcome to Albania

Morning drive along the Ohrid lake coastline and time to visit one of the historically significant sights - **St Naum Monastery Complex**. Border crossing and departure towards the coastal city of Durres. O/N in Durres.

Day 7 Albanian treasures

After breakfast departure to Kruje, and visit to the **museum and castle** of Albanian hero Skanderbeg. Arrival in Tirana in the afternoon and city tour including visit to the **National museum**. Drive back to Durres for O/N.

Day 8 Back to Macedonia

Morning departure back to Macedonian with visit to Elbasan. After border crossing formalities, drive along the river Black Drim, including visit to **Bigorski monastery**. Arrival in **Mavrovo NP** for O/N.

Day 9 The Macedonian capital

Departure to Skopje and **walking tour** in the city, the main square and pedestrian zone, including visit to **Memorial house of Mother Teresa**. O/N in Skopje.

Day 10 Nature in Skopje area

Visit to Matka gorge near Skopje. Later on, visit to **St Panteleimon monastery** and afternoon visit to a traditional village in Skopje area, with possibility to taste home made meals. O/N in Skopje

Day 11 East Macedonia

Departure to the picturesque city of **Kratovo**. After a short break, drive towards **Lesnovo monastery**. Optional lunch in nearby traditional restaurant. Crossing the border and arrival in Sofia for O/N.

Day 12 Departure

Depending on the flight schedule, Sofia airport.



TOUR INFORMATION:

Possible arrival / departure city / APT :

Tirana (Albania) / Sofia (Bulgaria)

What is included:

- 11 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