



ANCIENT LANDMARKS MACEDONIA, GREECE AND ALBANIA

11 days from Skopje
Tour Code 671

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

After arrival, meeting with the local guide and transfer to Skopje for afternoon Skopje city tour. O/N in Skopje.

Day 2 Skopje and its surroundings

Sightseeing Skopje tour in the morning - the church of **Holly Salvation** with magnificent wooden iconostasis, the old bazaar and Turkish baths and inns. On the way to Tikvesh wine region, stop over and visit of the biggest Macedonian ancient site - **Stobi**. Optional dinner with wine tasting at a wine cellar in Tikvesh wine region. O/N in Tikvesh area.

Day 3 Thessaloniki area

The road is leading along the longest Macedonian river Vardar. Crossing Macedonia - Greece border and arrival the Thessaloniki, the biggest city of the Greek region of Macedonia. Panoramic city tour, the fortress, white tower and visit of the **Archeological museum** in Thessaloniki. O/N in Thessaloniki.

Day 4 The traces of Ancient Macedonia

Today is a day for history and archeology. The ruins of the ancient Macedonian capital **Pella** and the royal tombs in **Vergina** are just a small part of rich archeological treasure of Ancient Macedonia, the land of Philip II of Macedonia and his son, Alexander the Great. Late afternoon drive along mythological mountain Olympus to Kalambaka for overnight.

Day 5 Meteora monasteries

Morning visit to unique **Meteora monasteries**, situated on the top of the rocks in the middle of Region of Thessaly. Afternoon departure towards Albania, with coffee break at Metsovo village. Evening arrival in Saranda for O/N.

Day 6 Mystical treasures of Albania

Morning visit to **Butrinti ancient site**. Drive along the picturesque Albanian coast to Vlore. Evening at leisure. O/N in Vlore.

Day 7 Albanian coast line

Departure towards biggest Albanian port Durres with visit to ancient site of **Apolonia** on the way. Visit to the **Archeological museum** in Durres and the ancient theater. Arrival in Albanian capital Tirana late afternoon. O/N in Tirana

Day 8 Skenderbey story

Morning Tirana sightseeing tour - the Skenderbey square, **National museum**, **E'tem bey mosque** in the city square, the University of Tirana. Departure to the historical city Kruje where **the museum** dedicated to Skender bay and Albanian history will be visited. In the afternoon, departure back to Macedonia. Arrival in Ohrid early in the evening. O/N in Ohrid

Day 9 Ohrid and Ohrid lake

Ohrid tour by walking, visit of the most important **churches and monasteries in Old Ohrid** and a chance to get know better with the city. Afternoon visit of **St. Naum monastery complex** and **boat ride** above the springs of Crn Drim River. In the evening, an optional dinner and folklore show with Macedonian dances and folk music. O/N in Ohrid

Day 10 Bitola and Prespa area

The city of Bitola and the Ancient site of **Heraclea Lynkestis** are topics of today's excursion. Afternoon drive back to Ohrid, passing by the second largest Macedonian lake Prespa and crossing **National park Galichica**, with unforgettable panoramic views of both Prespa and Ohrid lakes. O/N in Ohrid

Day 11 The greenest part of Macedonia

Drive towards **Mavrovo National park** passing the greenest part of the country - The valley of Radika river and lakes made by Crn drim river. Depending of the flight schedule transfer at the airport.



TOUR INFORMATION:

Possible arrival / departure city / APT :

Skopje (Macedonia) or Sofia (Bulgaria)

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.

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