



ANCIENT MACEDONIA TOUR 8 days from Skopje or Thessaloniki

MACEDONIA & GREECE

Tour Code 624

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 Skopje or Thessaloniki. Meeting with the tour guide and departure to the hotel in Prilep for O/N.

Day 2 Heraclea Luncaestys and Bitola

Morning departure to Bitola and visit of the ancient site **Heraclea Luncaestys** founded by Philip II of Macedonia, the father of Alexander the Great. In the afternoon sightseeing in the second biggest Macedonian town. O/N in Bitola

Day 3 Lake land

Drive towards Prespa lake and crossing the Galichica NP arrival in Ohrid lake area.

Visit to **St Naum** monastery complex and the unique nature. **Boat ride** above the springs of Black Drim river.

Drive along the lake coast to Ohrid for O/N

Day 4 Ohrid - Jerusalem on the Balkans

Sightseeing Ohrid. Its typical architecture together with numerous churches and monasteries are protected by UNESCO since 1979. Walking tour in the old Ohrid and visit of the most important Ohrid sights. Afternoon at leisure in Ohrid. In the evening optional dinner at the restaurant with folklore show and traditional live music. O/N in Ohrid.

Day 5 The story begins

Drive towards Macedonia-Greece border and arrival in the small fisherman village near Prespa lake. Possibility to taste a local lake fish in a restaurant (optional) Afternoon drive to the city of Kastoria. O/N in Kastoria.

Day 6 Ancient Macedonia sights

Morning departure passing Edessa to **Vergina**, where tombs of the Macedonian royal dynasty are excavated.

Afternoon visit of ruins of the capital city of Ancient Macedonian state - **Pella**.

Late afternoon arrival in Pieria area for O/N.

Day 7 Thessaloniki

Departure to Thessaloniki, the biggest city in the area of northern Greece. Panoramic city tour with visit of the **Archaeological museum**, **St. Demetrius** church and remains of the old fortification with panoramic view over the city.

In the evening, optional dinner at the quarter Ladadika. O/N in Thessaloniki.

Day 8 Departure

Depending of the flight schedule departure to Thessaloniki airport or continue with optional extension of this tour.

Optional - Additional day - Mount Athos

Instead in Thessaloniki, the last overnight will be in Halkidiki peninsula. This full day excursion begins with drive to Agios Nikolaos, from where a tourist boat starts for a **"Mount Athos tour"** sailing very close to the "Orthodox state of Mount Athos" or "Holly Mountain" where entrance is allowed only for pilgrims with special permission. Late afternoon, drive towards Thessaloniki and arrival early in the evening.

Optional - Additional day (before arrival in Thessaloniki)

Full day tour to **Meteora monasteries**, natural hills rising from the plain with unique monasteries build on the top of those hills. Visit of two most interesting monasteries and panoramic drive with photo stops in the area. In the afternoon, drive towards Thessaloniki for overnight.



TOUR INFORMATION:

Possible arrival / departure city / APT :

Skopje (Macedonia) or Sofia (Bulgaria)

What is included:

- 7 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