



## TASTE OF MACEDONIA

Tour grade: Easy | Recommended period: April- October

8/11 days

Tour Code 551

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

Meet your guide over a dinner in the Bohemian district of Skopje, and discuss the tour logistics and Macedonian customs while sampling Macedonian grilled cheese, peppers, and courgette. O/N in Skopje.

### Day 2 Skopje green market and Matka

Rise early so you can buy the best ingredients on the green market! Your chef will guide you through the colorful booths with fruits and spices, and he will teach you how to use them in your make-your-Balkan-style-lunch classes. Afternoon walks in Canyon Matka nature reserve. Overnight in Skopje.

### Day 3 Skopje sightseeing

Explore Skopje on foot: from the Mother Teresa monument in the busy center, to the maze of narrow cobblestoned streets of the Old Bazaar, lined with art-craft shops and oriental restaurants. Visit the Painted mosque and the Dervish convent in Tetovo and stay overnight in Mavrovo.

### Day 4 Traditional villages

Join the shepherds on Mt Bistra and learn how they produce their sharp sheep cheese. We'll spend the day walking in the National Park with few stops in old mountain villages to taste and learn the recipes of their natural homemade products. Dinner on the balcony with best view over river Radika valley. O/N in Jance.

### Day 5 Ohrid

Morning coffee with the local Turkish women at their home, where we'll learn about their traditional lifestyle and their colorful handmade accessories. On our way to Ohrid, we'll visit the cave churches and the monk cells carved in the rocks above Ohrid Lake. Afternoon guided tour of Ohrid old town. Overnight in Ohrid.

### Day 6 Ohrid lake and Galichica NP

Boat ride along the lake shore, with few stops to visit the Bay of Bones, the monastery complex St Naum and for swim on a hidden beach by St Zaum. After the lunch in a fishermen village we'll drive to Dihovo, for overnight and relaxing evening with our lovely hosts over a delicious dinner.

### Day 7 Central part of Macedonia

Morning walk and coffee in one of the cafes on the main pedestrian street of Bitola. Visit of the lively old town and bazaar in Prilep to taste the best "bieno" (beaten) cheese made by Mariovo farmers. Afternoon drive through Tikvesh wine region. Dinner with wine-tasting and overnight at chateau Popova Kula.

### Day 8 Departure or tour extension

After breakfast visit of the wine museum in Demir Kapija, and continue to Skopje Airport for flight home.

### Optional tour extension:

**Day 9:** Meet the rural side of Macedonia and the genuine hospitality of the people who live far from the busy Capital. You can feel free to pick up some eggs from the roost next-door for your breakfast.

**Day 10:** Wake up with the smell of freshly baked breakfast and coffee, and join the breakfast table in the beautiful garden of your household. Make-your-own-meal with the locals.

**Day 11:** Transfer to Skopje airport for your flight home

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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:

- 7 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.

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