



A SMALL BYZANTINE TOUR MACEDONIA, GREECE AND BULGARIA

10 DAYS
Tour Code 651

This program is draft version and could be rearranged and adjusted according your ideas and expectations. It is just an inspiration for you to start creating completely customized tour.

DAY 1: Welcome to Macedonia

Arrival in Skopje. Meeting with the local guide and afternoon Skopje panoramic tour. Welcome dinner (optional) and O/N in Skopje.

DAY 2: Byzantine monasteries in Skopje area

Visit to two Byzantine monasteries near Skopje with lunch break in Matka gorge, the unique part of nature. Optional boat trip to the entrance of cave Vrelo - one of the deepest underwater caves in Europe. Afternoon drive towards Mavrovo NP. Dinner (optional) O/N in hotel in Mavrovo national park.

DAY 3: West Macedonia

Morning drive along Radika valey and arrival in Ohrid. Afternoon walking tour in old Ohrid, including visit to several Byzantine churches. The city is well known as "Balkan Jerusalem" because of numerous churches with unique fresco paintings. Optional dinner with folklore show at local restaurant. O/N in Ohrid.

DAY 4: Bitola and Edessa

Morning departure to Bitola. City tour and visit to Heraclea Lynkestis ancient site with its unique mosaics. Passing Macedonia - Greece border and arrival in Edessa. Visit to Edessa waterfalls and continue to Thessaloniki. Optional dinner at local restaurant and O/N in Thessaloniki.

DAY 5: Thessaloniki and Halkidiki peninsula

Morning city tour with visit to the most important Byzantine church in this town - St. Demetrius. Afternoon drive towards Halkidiki peninsula. Accommodation at hotel in Halkidiki area. Dinner (optional) and overnight.

DAY 6: The Holy mountain

A Full day unforgettable boat cruise to Athos peninsula. So called "Holy Mountain" is a semi-autonomous region of monastic orders originally settled in the early years of the Byzantine Empire. Once there existed 40 monasteries, but today the number has declined to half of that. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Halkidiki area

DAY 7: Welcome to Bulgaria

Drive towards the ancient site of Philippi. It was the first European city accepting Christianity in the 5th century. Arrival in the small town of Melnik. Dinner (optional) in local restaurant. Overnight in Melnik or Sandanski.

DAY 8: Rila monastery, the Bulgarian landmark

Drive towards Rila Monastery, a Bulgarian 'icon' and also a UNESCO World Heritage. Visit to the monastery. Upon arrival in Sofia city tour by walking. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Sofia.

DAY 9: Back to Macedonia

Drive towards Bulgaria - Macedonia border. On the way to Skopje, visit to St George monastery in village Staro Nagorichane. Afternoon arrival in Skopje. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Skopje.

DAY 10: Departure

Depending of the flight schedule, possibility to visit St. Panteleimon monastery. Transfer to Skopje airport.



- Included in basic program:**
- ✓ 9 nights accommodation at 4* tourist class hotels, Bed & breakfast base;
 - ✓ Experienced English speaking local tour guide for all itinerary;
 - ✓ "Visit Macedonia" organization fee.

- Not included:**
- ✗ Single room supplement (on request);
 - ✗ Half board supplement (on request);
 - ✗ Transportation according the itinerary (coach, minibus, van - depending of the participants and further requirements);
 - ✗ Entrance fees according the program;
 - ✗ Visits, meals and excursions described as optional;
 - ✗ Guide on other language than English (supplement may apply);

Important note:

Confidential prices apply only for tour operators and will be provided upon request. Tour modifications (extension or reduction of tour duration, start / end of the tour at different cities than proposed, 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