



TRADITION IS STILL ALIVE

ALBANIA, MACEDONIA AND BULGARIA

12 DAYS

Tour Code 662

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 Bulgaria

Arrival in Sofia. Meeting with the local guide and afternoon Sofia panoramic tour. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Sofia.

DAY 2: Rila monastery, the Bulgarian landmark

Sofia walking tour in a morning. Departure to Rila Monastery, a Bulgarian 'icon' and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later afternoon arrival in Sandanski for dinner (optional) and O/N.

DAY 3: Historical mountains

Today we will enjoy one less intensive day in the south Pirin Mountain gate - Melnik. The scenery of the mystical Sandstone pyramids by the morning sun combined with a visit to the Rozhen Monastery founded in the year 1220. Crossing the border and visit to Smolare waterfalls. Dinner (optional) and 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 city tour in the evening. Accommodation, dinner (optional) and 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! City tour in this UNESCO town and visit to the most popular Ohrid sights. Afternoon at leisure. Optional dinner with folklore show in local restaurant. 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. Crossing the Macedonia-Albania border and drive to the coastal town of Durres. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Durres.

DAY 7: Albanian treasures

Morning visit to Kruje, a small town situated high on the mountains, where the museum and castle of Albanian hero Skanderbeg are situated. Arrival in Tirana in the afternoon and city tour including visit to the National museum. Drive back to Durres for dinner (optional) and O/N.

DAY 8: Back to Macedonia

Morning departure to Macedonian border with visit on the way to the town of Elbasan. Finishing the border crossing formalities and afternoon drive along the river Black Drim, including visit to Bigorski monastery. Arrival in Mavrovo NP for dinner (optional) and O/N.

DAY 9: Skopje, the capital of Macedonia

Today is a day to visit Macedonian capital - Skopje. After 1 hour drive, upon arrival in Skopje, a walking tour will start at the old bazaar. In the afternoon, visit to the new part, the main square and pedestrian zone, including visit to Memorial house of Mother Teresa. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Skopje.

DAY 10: Nature in Skopje area

Morning visit to Matka gorge near Skopje and optional boat trip to the entrance of cave Vrelo, one of the deepest underwater caves in Europe. Later on, visit to St Panteleimon monastery. In the afternoon, optional visit with cable car to the "Millenium cross". Dinner (optional) and O/N in Skopje.

DAY 11: East Macedonia

Departure to the picturesque town of Kratovo. Visit to Osogovo monastery on the way to Bulgaria. Arrival in Sofia in the afternoon. Farewell dinner (optional) and overnight in Sofia

DAY 12: Departure

Depending on the flight schedule, time at leisure until departure to Sofia airport.



Included in basic program:

- ✓ 11 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