



## ANCIENT LANDMARKS

MACEDONIA GREECE & ALBANIA

11 DAYS

Tour Code 671

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

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

### DAY 2: Skopje and its surroundings

Sightseeing Skopje tour in the morning - the church of Holy 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 to the Archeological and Byzantine museum in Thessaloniki. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Thessaloniki.

### DAY 4: 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. Edessa will be the place to have some rest and optional lunch above the unique Edessa waterfalls. Dinner (optional) and O/N in the area.

### DAY 5: Meteora monasteries

Passing mythological mountain Olympus and arrival to the unique Meteora monasteries, situated on the top of the rocks in the middle of Region of Thessaly. Visit to two monasteries. Afternoon departure towards Ioannina, the picturesque city located on the banks of the Ioannina lake. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Ioannina.

### DAY 6: Welcome to Albania

Passing Greece-Albania border and arrival to Butrinti ancient site. Visit to the site and in the afternoon arrival in Saranda. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Saranda.

### DAY 7: Albanian coastline

Drive along the Albanian seaside, on picturesque road via Llogara NP. Afternoon arrival in Durres and visit to the ancient theater in Durres and the Archeological museum. Accommodation, dinner (optional) and O/N in Durres.

### DAY 8: Back to Macedonia

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 towards Macedonian border. Arrival in Ohrid late afternoon. Accommodation, dinner (optional) and O/N in Ohrid.

### DAY 9: Ohrid and Ohrid lake

Ohrid tour by walking, visit to the most important churches and sights in Old Ohrid. Afternoon visit of St. Naum monastery complex and optional 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 lake

Full day tour visiting Bitola with city tour and the Ancient site of Heraclea Lynkestis. Afternoon drive back to Ohrid, passing by the second largest Macedonian lake Prespa and crossing Galichica NP, with unforgettable panoramic views of both Prespa and Ohrid lakes. Dinner (optional) and 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. Arrival in Skopje in the afternoon and depending of the flight schedule transfer at the airport.

### MAP OF THE TOUR



#### Included in basic program:

- ✓ 10 nights accommodation in 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.

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