



## TRACING THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

MACEDONIA, KOSOVO, ALBANIA, MONTENEGRO & BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**10 DAYS**

Tour Code 681

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. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Skopje.

### DAY 2: Ottoman monuments of Skopje

Skopje city tour will be focused on the old part of Skopje where a lot of monuments and remains from the Ottoman time can be seen and visited. In Skopje bazaar, several inns and Turkish hamamms, together with the biggest and oldest mosque in Skopje area. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Skopje.

### DAY 3: West Macedonia

Departure to the city of Tetovo and visit of the unique Dappled mosque. Later on, visit of the Tetovo tekje and meeting with the Bektashi order. Drive towards Mavrovo national park and passing picturesque old villages. Afternoon arrival in Ohrid and city tour. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Ohrid.

### DAY 4: Bitola and Prespa lake

Full day tour - visit to Bitola and city tour at pedestrian zone "Shirok sokak", the main square, the Turksih bazaar, the City museum with part dedicated to Mustapha Kemal Ataturk, who spent part of his life in Bitola. Time at leisure in Bitola. Afternoon, drive towards second largest Macedonian lake Prespa. Crossing Galichica NP and drive back to Ohrid.

In the evening, an optional dinner and folklore show with Macedonian dances and folk music. O/N in Ohrid.

### DAY 5: Welcome to Albania

Leaving Ohrid and Macedonia, tour continue to Albania. Arrival to the most picturesque city in Albania - Berat, known also as "the city of 1000 windows". Visit of the castle and Onufri museum. Arrival in Tirana in the evening. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Tirana.

### DAY 6: From Albania to Kosovo

Morning panoramic Tirana city tour and continue to Kruje, a small town situated high on the mountains, where the museum and castle of Albanian hero Skanderbeg are situated. Drive north towards Kosovo and picturesque town of Prizren. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Prizren.

### DAY 7: Ottoman treasures of Kosovo

Morning Prizren city tour and visit to the main mosque and the Old Bridge, symbol of the city. Drive towards Pristina and visit to "Turbe" site, where remains of the Ottoman sultan Murad I are buried. Afternoon drive towards Montenegro border. Early in the evening arrival to the mountain resort Kolasin. Dinner (optional) and O/N in Kolasin.

### DAY 8: Entering Bosnia & Herzegovina

Departure towards Podgorica, the Montenegro capital and via Niksic to Bosnia & Herzegovina, passing Trebinje. Visit to the magnificent Blagaj with Dervish house and sources of river Buna. Arrival in Mostar late afternoon for dinner (optional) and O/N

### DAY 9: Ottoman treasures of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mostar city tour with visit to the Old bridge and the "Turkish house". Later on, drive towards Sarajevo, the capital of the federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Afternoon Sarajevo city tour visiting the most important remains from the Ottoman times. Farewell dinner (optional) and O/N in Sarajevo

### DAY 10: Departure

Depending of the flight schedule, time at leisure until transfer to Sarajevo 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.

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