



HIKING ON THE HIGHEST BALKAN PEAKS

Duration: 14 days | Tour grade: Moderate | Recommended period: June - September | TC 702

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 Arrival Tirana - Vlora

Landing at the airport of Thessaloniki. Panoramic tour and sightseeing. Dinner and O/N in Thessaloniki area.

DAY 2: Macedonian royal tombs at Vergina with Hike on Olympus Mountain

Transfer to Vergina where the grave of Philip II was discovered. Transfer to the Lithoro on the slopes of Olympus mountain and hike to the mountain hut Agapito. Hike duration about 3.5 hours. Dinner and O/N at the lodge.

DAY 3: Ascent to Olympus

From MH Agapito hike to the top Mitikas or Skolios. Majestic view of the neighboring peaks, the Kazania Gorge and the sea to the Atos Peninsula. Duration of the hike about 8 hours. Dinner and O/N in Lithorou.

DAY 4: Mountain Kajmakchalan - City Edessa - boundary crossing - City Bitola

Transfer to the ski center on Mount Vora - Kajmakchalan. Hike to the summit and rest in the village of Loutraki. Visit to the waterfalls of Edessa and drive to Macedonia. Dinner and O/N at a Pelister NP.

DAY 5: NP and mountain Pelister

Full day of hiking in Pelister NP, via so called "historical path", to the mountain hut Kopanki. Tea break there and hike up to the summit Pelister. Duration of the hike about 9.5-10 hours. Dinner and overnight as before

DAY 6: Bitola - Galichica - Ohrid - Skudrinje

Transfer to Ohrid via NP Galichica. From the pass, climbing to the top Magaro. Majestic views simultaneously on both lakes. City tour on foot in Ohrid with optional visits. Departure to Mavrovo NP for dinner and O/N.

DAY 7: Villages Skudrinje Lazaropole Tresonce Selce Galichnik

Drive to the mountain village Lazaropole. From there, hike through the paths of the Bistra mountain via Tresonce and Selce. Arrival to the mountain village Galichnik. By bus down to the shore of Lake Mavrovo. Duration of the hike about 5.5-6 hours. Dinner and O/N at the hotel on the lakeshore.

DAY 8: NP Mavrovo - Tetovo - Skopje - Osogovo Monastery

Transfer to Tetovo and hiking in Shara Mountain. Continue to Skopje capital of Macedonia with a short city tour. Evening arrival at the monastery of St. Joakim Osogovski. Dinner and O/N at adapted monastery rooms.

DAY 9: Borovets - Musala - Borovets

Passing to Bulgaria and on to Rila massif and the most visited Bulgarian ski center Borovets. Climb the highest Bulgarian mountain peak Musala. Duration in both directions about 5-6 hours. Dinner and O/N in Borovets.

DAY 10: Borovets - Maljovica - Bansko

Transfer to Maljovica and climb. Hike to the seven glacial lakes of Rila. Descent to the biggest Bulgarian ski center Bansko and Pirin mountain. Duration of the hike about 6 hours. Dinner and O/N in Bansko.

DAY 11: Bansko - MH Vihren - Mountain Pass Todorkina Porta - MH Demjanica

Transfer to MH Vihren. From there, hike up to the saddle Todorkina Porta. Descent through this pass to MH Demjanica. Duration of the hike approximately 4.5-5 hours. Dinner and O/N at the Mountain Hut Demjanica

DAY 12: BH Demjanica - T'vno Lake - Samodivski Ezera - MH Bezbog

Hike to the largest lake "Tevno" (Silent Lake). From there walk to the "Samodivski" lakes. Descent to the "Bezbozno" lake east of the mountain peak Bezbog. Duration about 5 hours. Dinner and O/N in Bezbog.

DAY 13: Goce Delchev - Bansko - Rojen Monastery - Melnik - Thessaloniki

Hike from the MH Bezbog with descent to MH Goce Delchev (hike about 2.5 hours). Alternative riding down the cable car. Transfer to Rojen Monastery. Visit to the monastery town of Melnik. Dinner and O/N in Thessaloniki.

DAY 14: Departure Depending on the flight schedule, transfer to the airport.



⚙️ **Planned arrival /departure city :** Thessaloniki (Greece). Possibility to rearrange the tour with start/end in Sofia (Bulgaria) or Skopje (Macedonia)

⚙️ **Included in basic program:**

- ✓ 13 nights accommodation at 4* tourist class hotels, Bed & breakfast base;
- ✓ Experienced English speaking local mountain 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, 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