

10 Days 9 Nights Tirana – Zagreb Balkan Heart Tour

A 10-day, 9-night journey into the heart of the Balkans from Tirana to Zagreb, through Albania, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Duration: 10 Days 9 Nights **Category: Balkan Tours**

TOUR PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Day 1

Route: Tirana → Berat. Arrival in Tirana and transfer to the hotel. Tirana City Tour (panoramic by coach): Skanderbeg Square and Et'hem Bey Mosque. Overnight: Berat.

DAY 2

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Route: Berat → Ohrid → Struga. Ohrid City Tour: Lake Ohrid, Činar Square, the Halveti Hayati Tekke and the Church of St. Sophia. Overnight: Struga. Breakfast included.

DAY 3

Day 3

Route: Struga → Skopje → Prizren. Skopje City Tour: Macedonia Square, the Stone Bridge, the Statue of Alexander the Great, Skopje Fortress, Mustafa Pasha Mosque and Murat Pasha Mosque. Overnight: Prizren. Breakfast included.

DAY 4

Day 4

Route: Prizren → Fierzë → Lake Koman → Shkodër. Prizren City Tour: Sinan Pasha Mosque, the Turkish Bazaar, the Stone Bridge and the Bedesten. Scenic route through the Albanian Alps along Lake Koman. Overnight: Shkodër. Breakfast included.

DAY 5

Day 5

Route: Shkodër → Podgorica → Kotor → Dubrovnik. Podgorica city tour. Kotor City Tour: City Walls, Square of Arms, Clock Tower, Prince's Palace, Napoleon's Theatre, Cathedral of St. Tryphon, Maritime Museum and Orthodox Square. Overnight: Dubrovnik. Breakfast included.

DAY 6

Day 6

Route: Dubrovnik → Počitelj → Blagaj → Mostar. Dubrovnik City Tour: Stradun, Orlando's Column, the Rector's Palace, the oldest pharmacy in Europe, the Clock Tower, the War Museum and the Franciscan Monastery. Počitelj Tour: Hajji Ali Pasha Mosque, the hill of Počitelj and the Clock Tower. Overnight: Mostar. Breakfast included.

DAY 7

Day 7

Route: Mostar → Sarajevo. Blagaj: the historic Dervish Lodge (Tekke) at the source of the Buna River. Mostar City Tour: Old Town, Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, the Old Bridge of Mostar and the Crooked (Narrow) Bridge. Overnight: Sarajevo. Breakfast included.

DAY 8

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Sarajevo City Tour: Eternal Flame, City Hall & the House of Spite, Gazi Husrev Bey Mosque, the Bazaar, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sebilj and Baščaršija Mosque. Sarajevo surroundings: the Tunnel of Hope (Tunel Spasa) and Vrelo Bosne, the source of the River Bosna national park. Overnight: Sarajevo. Breakfast included.

DAY 9

Day 9

Route: Sarajevo → Travnik → Jajce → Bihać. Travnik City Tour: Travnik Castle, Ibrahim Pasha Madrasa, Varoš Mosque and the Plava Voda (Blue Water) spring. Jajce Tour: Pliva Waterfall and Lake, and the Mlinčići open-air museum of historic watermills. Overnight: Bihać. Breakfast included.

DAY 10

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Route: Bihać → Plitvice Lakes → Zagreb. Visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site): turquoise lakes linked by cascading waterfalls. Zagreb City Tour: Cathedral of St. Stephen, Dolac Market, the Stone Gate, St. Mark's Square, Museum of Naïve Art, Ban Jelačić Square, Zagreb City Scale Model and Strossmayer Promenade. Transfer to the airport for departure. Breakfast included.

PRICING

Price	**€1,800**

INCLUDED IN TOUR FARE

✓ Accommodation in the hotels listed in the programme with daily buffet breakfast.

✓ All transfers between cities and hotels (18, 28/30 or 48/54-seat vehicle depending on group size).

✓ Under EU rules coaches may operate max. 12 hours per day; the itinerary may be adjusted for delays beyond our control.

✓ 0.5 L of water per person per day.

✓ English-speaking tour escort from the beginning until the end of the tour.

✓ Local tour guides in the cities specified in the itinerary.

✓ All city taxes, parking, local taxes and highway charges.

✓ Entrance fees: Blagaj Dervish Lodge, Tunnel of Hope, Vrelo Bosne, Travnik Castle, Plitvice Lakes National Park.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR FARE

- Lunches and dinners.
- Flights / airfare.
- Travel insurance.
- Visa fees, if required.
- Personal expenses: drinks, hotel extras, laundry, telephone and medical expenses.
- Porterage services.
- Gratuities for guide and driver (minimum €3.00 per day for the guide + €2.00 per day for the driver).
- Optional activities and any services not specifically mentioned in the itinerary.