

13 Days 12 Nights Balkan Circle Tour from Istanbul

A 13-day, 12-night Balkan circle starting and ending in Istanbul, through Greece, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Bulgaria.

Duration: 13 Days 12 Nights **Category: Balkan Tours**

TOUR PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Istanbul – the Balkans

Arrival in Istanbul and transfer to the hotel. Overnight: Istanbul.

DAY 2

İstanbul → Edirne

Route: Istanbul → Edirne. Half-day Istanbul city tour (morning). Overnight: Edirne. Breakfast included.

DAY 3

Edirne → Kavala → Selanik

Route: Edirne → Kavala → Thessaloniki. Kavala city tour: Old Town and a photo stop at Kavala Fortress. Overnight: Thessaloniki. Breakfast included.

DAY 4

Selanik → Üsküp

Route: Thessaloniki → Skopje. Thessaloniki tour: the Upper Town (Ano Poli), a photo stop at the White Tower and the Church of Hagios Demetrios. Skopje City Tour: Macedonia Square, the Stone Bridge, the Statue of Alexander the Great, Skopje Fortress, and the Mustafa Pasha, Murat Pasha and Yahya Pasha mosques. Overnight: Skopje. Breakfast included.

DAY 5

Üsküp → Matka Kanyonu → Kalkandelen → Ohri

Route: Skopje → Matka Canyon → Tetovo → Ohrid. Visit to Matka Canyon. Tetovo city tour: the Painted (Alaca) Mosque and the Harabati Baba Tekke. Ohrid City Tour: Činar Square, the Halveti Hayati Tekke, the Church of St. Sophia, the Ancient Theatre and Kuloglu Mosque. Overnight: Ohrid. Breakfast included.

DAY 6

Ohri → Sveti Naum → Tiran → İşkodra

Route: Ohrid → Sveti Naum → Tirana → Shkodër. Visit to Sveti Naum Monastery. Tirana City Tour: photo stops at Tirana Castle, the Pyramid of Tirana and the Clock Tower. Overnight: Shkodër. Breakfast included.

DAY 7

İşkodra → Budva → Kotor → Dubrovnik → Trebinye

Route: Shkodër → Budva → Kotor → Dubrovnik → Trebinje. Panoramic tour of Budva. 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. Dubrovnik walking tour: the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, the Franciscan Monastery, Sponza Palace and the Dominican Monastery. Overnight: Trebinje. Breakfast included.

DAY 8

Trebinye → Blagay → Mostar → Saraybosna

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

DAY 9

Sarajevo → Belgrade

Route: Sarajevo → Belgrade. Sarajevo City Tour: Eternal Flame, City Hall & the House of Spite, Gazi Husrev Bey Mosque, the Bazaar, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sebilj and Baščaršija Mosque. Belgrade city tour: Bajrakli Mosque, the National Parliament, the Old and New Palace, Terazije Square, the Istanbul Gate, the National Theatre, the National Museum, Knez Mihailova Street, the Cathedral Church and Kalemegdan Fortress. Overnight: Belgrade. Breakfast

included.

DAY 10

Belgrade → Sofia

Route: Belgrade → Sofia. Sofia City Tour: Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the Holy Synod, the National Theatre and Banya Bashi Mosque. Overnight: Sofia. Breakfast included.

DAY 11

Sofia → Plovdiv → Edirne

Route: Sofia → Plovdiv → Edirne. Plovdiv city tour: Old Town and the Ancient Theatre of Philippopolis. Overnight: Edirne. Breakfast included.

DAY 12

Edirne → Istanbul

Route: Edirne → Istanbul. Edirne: visit to Selimiye Mosque and the Old Mosque (Eski Cami). Overnight: Istanbul. Breakfast included.

DAY 13

Transfer to the airport for departure

Transfer to the airport for departure. Breakfast included.

PRICING

Price	€2,340

HOTEL PROGRAMME

Day	City	Hotel	Stars
1	İstanbul	Hotel Grand Şişli	★★★★★

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.

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.