

13 Days 12 Nights Milan – Istanbul Ultimate Balkan Adventure

A 13-day, 12-night grand journey from Milan to Istanbul through Italy, Austria, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, North Macedonia, Bulgaria and Turkey.

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

TOUR PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Day 1

Arrival in Milan and transfer to the hotel. Milan City Tour: Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Sforza Castle and the glamorous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele with its luxury stores. Overnight: Milan.

DAY 2

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Route: Milan → Venice → Udine. Venice City Tour: Piazza San Marco, the maze of narrow alleys, charming squares and superb art galleries. Optional: gondola ride in Venice. Overnight: Udine. Breakfast included.

DAY 3

Day 3

Route: Udine → Vienna. Vienna City Tour: Opera House, Ringstrasse, Hofburg Imperial Palace, City Hall, Parliament,

St. Stephen's Cathedral and Stadtpark. Overnight: Vienna. Breakfast included.

DAY 4

Day 4

Route: Vienna → Zagreb. 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. Overnight: Zagreb. Breakfast included.

DAY 5

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Route: Zagreb → Plitvice Lakes → Bihać. Optional: guided tour of Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Overnight: Bihać. Breakfast included.

DAY 6

Day 6

Route: Bihać → Sarajevo. Sarajevo City Tour: Eternal Flame, City Hall & the House of Spite, Gazi Husrev Bey Mosque, the Bazaar, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sebilj and Baščaršija Mosque. Overnight: Sarajevo. Breakfast included.

DAY 7

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Route: Sarajevo → Mostar → Dubrovnik. Mostar City Tour: Old Town, Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, the Old Bridge of Mostar and the Crooked (Narrow) Bridge. 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. Overnight: Dubrovnik. Breakfast included.

DAY 8

Day 8

Route: Dubrovnik → Kotor → Shkodër. 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: Shkodër. Breakfast included.

DAY 9

Day 9

Route: Shkodër → Tirana → Ohrid. Tirana City Tour (panoramic by coach): Skanderbeg Square and Et'hem Bey

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

DAY 10

Day 10

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

DAY 11

Day 11

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

DAY 12

Day 12

Istanbul City Tour: the Roman Hippodrome where chariot races were held, the Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmed), Hagia Sophia and Topkapı Palace. Overnight: Istanbul. Breakfast included.

DAY 13

Day 13

Free time for shopping at the Grand Bazaar and other local bazaars. Transfer to the airport for departure. Breakfast included.

PRICING

Price	€2,340

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: Venice boat transfer, Hagia Sophia, Topkapı Palace.

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.