

Balkan Soul: Four nations, one journey

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Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Serbia

13-day journey through the heart of the Balkans, beginning in Croatia and ending in Serbia. This carefully curated itinerary blends natural wonders, UNESCO-listed heritage, and rich cultural encounters. From the cascading lakes of Plitvice and Adriatic coastal gems like Split and Dubrovnik to the Ottoman echoes of Sarajevo and the spiritual calm of Serbian monasteries, each day offers a new perspective on the region's history and beauty. Step into one fascinating world, very different than what you have seen before.

DAY 01: ARRIVAL IN ZAGREB

- Activity: Arrival, sightseeing
- Distance: airport transfer
- Meal: breakfast

Discover the charm of Croatia's capital, where neoclassical architecture meets a lively café culture. Visit the historic Upper Town, shop for local produce at Dolac Market, and enjoy the atmosphere of Tkalčićeva Street, known for its bars and small eateries.



DAY 02: PLITVICE LAKES & SIBENIK

- Activity: Sightseeing
- Distance: 270 km
- Meal: breakfast

Walk along wooden paths over crystal clear lakes and waterfalls in Plitvice, one of Europe's most stunning national parks. We continue to the Adriatic coast and explore Šibenik, home to the UNESCO listed remarkable stone built St. James Cathedral – a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture.



DAY 03: TROGIR & SPLIT: FROM ROMAN TO MEDIEVAL

- Activity: Sightseeing
- Distance: 75 km
- Meal: breakfast

Wander through the medieval island town of Trogir, a UNESCO site known for its Romanesque and Venetian buildings.

Continue to Split, where Diocletian's Palace forms the heart of the city – a rare example of an ancient Roman palace still bustling with modern life.



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Medieval walled cities of Croatia & Montenegro

DAY 04: HVAR ISLAND

- Activity: beach & sea
- Distance: 70 km
- Meal: breakfast

Take a ferry to Hvar, a sun-soaked island famous for lavender fields, clear waters, and Venetian flair. Explore its elegant old town and climb to the fortress for sweeping views over the Adriatic and surrounding Pakleni islands.



DAY 05: DUBROVNIK

- Activity: sightseeing
- Distance: 230 km
- Meal: breakfast

Dubrovnik is the "Pearl of the Adriatic," whose dramatic city walls and marble streets have inspired countless artists and filmmakers. The old town's baroque churches and sea views are a testament to its powerful maritime past. Many centuries ago, it used to be a maritime republic that rivaled Venice.



DAY 06: MONTENEGRO: BAY OF KOTOR

- Activity: sightseeing, hiking
- Distance: 90 km
- Meal: breakfast

We enter Montenegro through the majestic Bay of Kotor, a stunning natural harbor ringed by dramatic peaks. We stop at the storybook town of Perast with its twin island churches, then admire Kotor's walled old town, a UNESCO-listed treasure with centuries of Venetian influence. Optional hike to Kotor fortress hill with the best views of the entire bay.



DAY 07: BOSNIA : MOSTAR, TREBINJE & POCITEJ

- Activity: sightseeing
- Distance: 160 km
- Meal: breakfast

We start in **Trebinje**, known for its serene riverside promenade and Ottoman bridges. Climb through the stone citadel of **Počitelj**, a preserved Ottoman hillside town. **Mostar** is Bosnian's most beautiful town, with an iconic Old Bridge and the enduring spirit of its historic streets and bustling bazaar.



Fascinating nature reserves & historic trails of Bosnia & Serbia

DAY 08: SARAJEVO

- Activity: sightseeing
- Distance: 130 km
- Meal: breakfast

A unique European capital where Ottoman bazaars, Austro-Hungarian avenues, and brutalist architecture converge. Baščaršija square features copper workshops and mosques, the Latin Bridge marks a turning point in world history, and the Tunnel Museum reveals a lifeline from the 1990s siege.

DAY 09: VISEGRAD & TARA NATIONAL PARK

- Activity: sightseeing
- Distance: 230 km
- Meal: breakfast

Višegrad is known for the iconic Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge, immortalized in Ivo Andrić's novel The Bridge on the Drina. We continue into Serbia and enter **Tara National Park**, a haven of deep forests, wildlife, and hidden viewpoints above the Drina River canyon.



DAY 10: UVAC CANYON & TOWN OF NOVI PAZAR

- Activity: sightseeing
- Distance: 190 km
- Meal: breakfast

Our day starts with a visit to dramatic meanders of the Uvac River canyon and spot rare griffon vultures soaring above the cliffs. We drive to Novi Pazar, a multicultural city with medieval UNESCO listed Serbian monasteries and Ottoman era mosques standing side by side.



DAY 11: MEDIEVAL MONASTERIES & SPA TOWNS

- Activity: sightseeing
- Distance: 120 km
- Meal: breakfast

Visit to **Djurdjevi Stupovi** and the remote **Studenica Monastery**, both listed by the UNESCO and important monuments of Serbian medieval heritage and spirituality.

Afternoon in **Vrnjačka Banja**, a popular spa town known for its mineral springs and relaxing parks.



Final days in the Serbian capital

DAY 12: BELGRADE

- Activity: sightseeing
- Distance: 200 km
- Meal: breakfast

Our journey ends in Belgrade, Serbia's capital, where empires have clashed for centuries. On the confluence of two large rivers, the Kalemegdan Fortress offers sweeping views over the city, while Knez Mihailova Street and floating restaurants reveal the city's bold spirit and restless energy.



DAY 13: DEPARTURE FROM BELGRADE

- Activity: departure, airport transfer

Departure day, with the option to extend time in one of Europe's most surprisingly dynamic capitals.



INCLUDED

- Transport
- Accommodation
- All entrance fees
- Private guidance
- Breakfast



EXCLUDED

- Personal expenses
- International flights
- Visas (if necessary)
- Lunch & dinner
- International insurance

