

30 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

# ULTIMATE BALKANS

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## THE OFFER

The Balkans is a region full of surprises. Whether exploring maze-like streets overflowing with grand monuments and colourful eateries, travelling through misty mountain ranges to UNESCO wonders, or strolling along the edge of vast lakes that stretch toward the blue horizon, this 30 day tour will help you uncover the myths, legends, and secrets of 10 spectacular European countries.

Begin with free time and a walking tour of beautiful Sofia in Bulgaria, skirt across the border to visit the UNESCO listed Rila Monastery, delve into the cultural charms of Skopje in North Macedonia, and then explore the narrow streets and squares of beautiful, lakeside Ohrid. Step back in time in the vibrant port of Budva, where every corner reveals another stunning view; view the famous Stari Most bridge in Mostar, and discover the stunning medieval wonders of Dubrovnik on a day at leisure. The magic continues at picturesque Lake Bled in Slovenia, the Bohemian Quarter of Belgrade, the fortified town of Brasov, the iconic city of Budapest - and more. This is genuinely the trip of a lifetime! The amazing package also includes return flights, 27 nights hotel accommodation, English speaking guides and more.

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Australia – Sofia, Bulgaria

Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth for Sofia, Bulgaria. Fly with Qatar Airways, Etihad Airways, Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Lufthansa or Swiss Airways to name a few (subject to availability).

*Please note: some departures may depart on day 2 and arrive on day 2.*

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Welcome to Sofia

Upon arrival at Sofia Airport, you will be met by a representative and be transferred to the hotel.

**Overnight: BW Plus Bristol Hotel, Sofia**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 3 Sofia City Tour – Afternoon Free At Leisure

This morning you will enjoy a walking tour in the city centre, which will include seeing the gold-domed Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Saint (Sveta) Sofia Church, the main shopping street Vitosha, the Synagogue, St. George Rotunda, the National Theatre and Banya Bashi Mosque. A visit would not be complete without a stop to the country's most important museum, The Museum of National History that contains some of the most important artefacts in Bulgaria's History.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore some more on your own or relax.

**Overnight: BW Plus Bristol Hotel Sofia**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 4 Sofia – Rila, Bulgaria – Skopje, North Macedonia (approx. 230km day)

After breakfast, you will discover Bulgaria's most famous tourist site, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rila Monastery. Being one of the largest in the Balkans it was the centre of Bulgarian culture and Orthodox belief for more than 1000 years. The monastery was founded in the 10th century by the hermit Saint Ivan Rilsky (St John of Rila). Next, leave Bulgaria behind and head to Skopje, Macedonia, where you will arrive in the evening. The city is famous for being the birthplace of Mother Teresa. Enjoy an orientation tour and then check into the hotel.

**Overnight: Hotel de Koka, Skopje**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Skopje – Lake Ohrid (approx. 170km day)

After breakfast you will discover the most attractive landmarks of Skopje during a walking tour such as: quay of the Macedonian river 'Vardar', the Memorial house of Mother Teresa, Macedonia Square with the statue of Alexander the Great on his horse, the 1500 year old fortress Kale and the narrow streets in the Old Bazaar. As one of the oldest and largest marketplaces in the Balkans, the Old Bazaar has been Skopje's centre for trade and commerce since the 12th century and is still home to several active mosques, churches and a clock tower.

Next travel to the town Ohrid, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you will enjoy a walking tour of the old city. Ohrid once had 365 churches, one for each day of the year, therefore it has been referred to as the "Jerusalem of the Balkans". You will have the chance to wander through the narrow streets

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and squares of the city situated on the banks of the lake with the same name. Lake Ohrid is famous as it's Europe's oldest lake having formed over three million years ago. The tour will include the Ancient Theatre, the Tsar Samuil's (Samuel's) Fortress, old churches, monasteries and basilicas (Sveti Sofia Church), and last, but not least the famous pedestrian shopping street.

**Overnight: Hotel Garden, Ohrid**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 6 Ohrid City Tour – Afternoon Free At Leisure

Following breakfast, you will visit the Museum on Water, also known as the Bay of Bones, an amazing archaeological complex and a reconstruction of a pile dwelling settlement, dating back between 1200 and 700 BC. Afterwards, you will visit the Monastery of St. Naum, an amazing monastery built on a rock that offers a wonderful view of Lake Ohrid. Then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or take part in an optional Ohrid boat ride around the marina and the old town & Sveti Jovan Kaneo Monastery (approx. €50 per person).

**Overnight: Hotel Garden, Ohrid**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 7 Ohrid, North Macedonia – Tirana, Albania (approx. 140km day)

Today you will travel to Tirana, the capital of Albania and see the main tourist attractions during a walking tour of the city centre such as: Tirana's massive main square (Skanderbeg), Et'hem Bey Mosque, Skanderbeg's statue and the National History Museum. Remainder of the day will be at leisure for you to explore one of the most fascinating capitals in Eastern Europe.

**Overnight: Sky 2 Hotel, Tirana**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 8 Tirana, Albania – Budva, Montenegro (approx. 180km day)

After breakfast you will travel to nearby town of Kruja. The history of this city is very much linked to the national hero of Albania, George Castriot Skanderbeg, who made Kruja a fortress of resistance against the Turkish Ottoman empire in the 15th century. You will see Kruja Castle, which is supposed to be the headquarters of the "Dragon of Albania". Then you will explore the souvenir market in the traditional Old Bazaar.

The journey will then continue to Budva, Montenegro. Here you will enjoy a walk in the city centre and see the most famous tourist attractions: the Citadel, Ballerina and Mogren Beach, the marina, Land Gate, Square of Churches, Ancient Necropolis, Njegoš's Street, Mediternaska Street and Slovenska Plaza. Enjoy your centrally located hotel and explore more of this fascinating small port town.

**Overnight: Hotel Garni MB, Budva**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 9 Budva Free Day

After breakfast enjoy time at leisure to explore the beautiful Old Town or beaches of Budva or maybe join your tour leader for an info stroll to the Podmaine Monastery.

**Overnight: Hotel Garni MB, Budva**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 10 Budva Free Day

Following breakfast enjoy time at leisure to explore the

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beautiful Old Town or beaches of Budva or alternatively take part in an optional Kotor City Tour & Boat Ride at €50 per person.

**Overnight: Hotel Garni MB, Budva**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 11 Budva, Montenegro – Dubrovnik, Croatia (approx. 90km day)**

After breakfast head to Dubrovnik, Croatia known as 'The Pearl of the Adriatic'. The medieval Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover Onofrio's Fountain and enjoy a walk along Prijeko Street to the Old Port – the key to Dubrovnik's trading and maritime success.

**Overnight: Hotel Komodor, Dubrovnik**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 12 Dubrovnik Free Day**

Today is free at leisure to explore this magical city.

**Overnight: Hotel Komodor, Dubrovnik**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 13 Dubrovnik, Croatia – Mostar, Bosnia & Herzegovina – Split, Croatia (approx. 230km day)**

After breakfast you will head to one of the most beautiful cities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mostar. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and see the Old Bridge. You will then travel on to Split, one of the most important cities along the Adriatic Sea, where you will visit the 4th century Diocletian's Palace and the city's historical centre which is UNESCO World Heritage Listed.

**Overnight: Hotel Pax, Split**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 14 Split – Plitvice – Korenica, Croatia (approx. 250km day)**

After breakfast drive Afterwards transfer to the town of Korenica and check into your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or join a short stroll around town.

After free time to relax take the opportunity to join an optional tour to travel to the nearby Plitvice National Park, Croatia's oldest National Park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you will enjoy a guided nature walking tour, a boat trip across the lakes and a panorama train ride and will be amazed by the colour of the water. The price for this optional tour is approximately €50-55 per person with 2021 pricing yet to be finalised.

Please note: the visit to Plitvice Lakes is weather dependant. In the event of bad weather the National Park can be closed. If possible, changes will be made to the following day's schedule, respecting all the visits included in the itinerary.

**Overnight: Hotel House Sapina, Korenica**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 15 Korenica, Croatia – Postojna Cave – Ljubljana, Slovenia (approx. 330km day)**

After breakfast you will cross into Slovenia and travel to the Postojna Cave (entrance not included) - one of the largest caves in Europe. For those who don't wish to enter the cave there are plenty of cafes nearby to sit and relax in. Afterwards you will travel on to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia.

**Overnight: Urban Ring Hotel, Ljubljana**

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**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 16 Ljubljana City Tour

After breakfast you will enjoy a walking tour to see the main tourist attractions of Ljubljana's city centre such as: the National University Library, Congress Square, Cobbler's Bridge, the New Square, Franciscan Church, the main square with the Prešeren Monument, the Three Bridges, the river promenade, the Municipality Square, the Open Air Market, Butcher's Bridge, the Old Square, St. Nicholas Cathedral and Dragon Bridge. Next you will visit Ljubljana Castle, a medieval castle with Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance architectural elements, located on the summit of Castle Hill, which dominates the city centre. The visit includes a return journey by funicular. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure.

**Overnight: Urban Ring Hotel, Ljubljana**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 17 Ljubljana - Lake Bled - Ljubljana (approx. 100km day)

After breakfast you will be driven to Lake Bled where you can enjoy some time at leisure. Upon arrival at the lake you can take an optional scenic boat ride (not included - approx. €20 per person) on the emerald green lake to admire lush scenery. After the optional boat ride everyone will visit Bled Castle, the oldest castle in Slovenia, dating back to the 11th century. Perched on a steep cliff high above the lake, the castle creates a dramatic backdrop to the city. Enjoy lunch at leisure in the fortress (not included). Return to Ljubljana.

**Overnight: Urban Ring Hotel, Ljubljana**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 18 Ljubljana, Slovenia - Zagreb, Croatia (approx. 140km day)

Today you will travel to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia where you will enjoy a walking tour of Zagreb's Upper and Lower Town districts and enjoy the amazing city views from the Strossmayer Promenade. You will see the main attractions: St Catherine's Church, the Stone Gate, the Lotrščak Tower and the Croatian Parliament. You will head to the Lower Town via Tkalciceva Street and pass the Dolac Market to the medieval Kaptol. Last, but not least you will enjoy the traditional architecture in Ban Jelacic Square.

**Overnight: Hotel Garden, Zagreb**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 19 Zagreb, Croatia - Novi Sad, Serbia (approx. 400km day)

After breakfast, start your drive towards Serbia. Once the capital country of all Yugoslavia, today boasts a perfect blend between cities and nature.

Enjoy a scenic ride as you are driving inland towards Novi Sad, Serbia's second largest city.

**Overnight: Garni Hotel Master, Novi Sad**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 20 Novi Sad - Belgrade - Novi Sad, Serbia (approx. 150km day)

After breakfast travel to the capital of Serbia, Belgrade. Upon arrival admire the Republic Square, the National Theatre and the National Museum, Bohemian Quarter (Skadarlija), the oldest part of Belgrade with Ottoman heritage, the only

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mosque in the city, Kalemegdan Park, Belgrade Fortress and the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers. You will also discover Pobednik ("The Victor"), the most famous symbol of Belgrade, built to commemorate Serbia's victory over the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian Empire during the Balkan Wars. Return to Novi Sad in the evening.

**Overnight: Garni Hotel Master, Novi Sad**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 21 Novi Sad Walking Tour

This morning is free at leisure or you may take part in an optional day tour to the nearby town of Sremski Karlovci for €40 per person.

This afternoon enjoy a guided walk along the way to see Zmaj Jovina Street, the promenade of Novi Sad, the Palace of the Orthodox Bishop, Dunavska Street with its long line of single-story 19th century houses, the Danube embankment and the outside of Petrovaradin Fortress on the other bank.

**Overnight: Garni Hotel Master, Novi Sad**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 22 Novi Sad, Serbia – Budapest, Hungary (approx. 380km day)

After breakfast you will travel to Budapest, "The Queen of Danube," and the capital of Hungary with a stop in Subotica, Serbia one of the least known architectural gems of Serbia along the way. Upon arrival in Budapest you may check in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Ibis Budapest City, Budapest**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 23 Budapest Free Day

Today enjoy the day at leisure in this beautiful city. This evening take the opportunity to join our optional tour with a fantastic 2 hour folklore show with traditional Hungarian dances and a scenic boat ride to see the evening lights of Budapest for €80 per person.

**Overnight: Ibis Budapest City, Budapest**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 24 Budapest, Hungary – Arad, Romania – Timisoara (approx. 320km day)

Today you will travel to Romania with the first stop in Arad, where you will admire the impressive Neo-Gothic Palace of Culture, the City Hall Palace, the Red Church, the great Catholic Cathedral and the State Theatre.

Next you will discover Timisoara, a wonderful city frequently referred to as "Little Vienna" that will become the European Capital of Culture in 2021. The charm of this city lies in its distinct architectural character and vibrant cultural life. Enjoy some free time to perhaps discover Victory Square, Union Square, the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Freedom Square or the Jewish Neighbourhood.

**Overnight: Hotel Timisoara, Timisoara**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 25 Timisoara – Corvin's Castle – Alba Iulia – Sibiu (approx. 280km day)

This morning you will visit the famous Corvin Castle, one of the most fascinating castles in Eastern Europe. Built in a Renaissance Gothic style the castle is full of amazing legends.

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Next you will travel to Alba Iulia, the city of the Great Union of Romania (national day). Here you will explore Alba Carolina Fortress and visit the Coronation Cathedral and St. Michael's Cathedral. Afterwards travel to Sibiu, the European Capital of Culture in 2007. The city is dominated by the Tower of the Clock or Council Tower that dates back to the medieval era. See the Brukenthal Museum (the former residence of the governor of Transylvania), the Big Square, the Small Square and Huet Square with the Evangelical Cathedral.

**Overnight: Hotel Imparatul Romanilor, Sibiu**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 26 Sibiu – Sighisoara – Brasov (approx. 140km day)

After breakfast you will explore the ancient fortified church of Biertan, a Saxon village. Discover the bastion where couples who wanted to separate were imprisoned in order to change their mind. Also visit the Saxon Citadel of Biertan that has preserved intact its three city walls. Next you will travel to Sighisoara, one of the best-preserved citadels in Europe still inhabited. The historic centre of Sighisoara has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999 and is dominated by the Clock Tower. Here you will see the Church on the Hill, reachable by a wooden covered staircase. You will also admire the statue of the famous Hungarian national poet Petofi Sandor. Next to the statue you will see the Catholic Church, reserved for the Hungarian community and the tower of the shoemakers. You have the option to enjoy lunch in the house where Vlad the Impaler was born (not included). Continue to Brasov and check into the hotel.

**Overnight: Hotel Coroana Brasovului, Brasov**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 27 Brasov – Bran – Sinaia – Bucharest (approx. 180km day)

Today you will enjoy a tour of Brasov, which was once an entirely fortified town. Brasov is also an important cultural and commercial centre and one of the most charming cities of Transylvania. Brasov impresses with its typically German architecture, where the Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance intersect to give life to an interesting and culturally lively city. You will see the First Romanian School, located in the oldest district of the city (the Schei district) which was inhabited exclusively by Romanians. Then you will visit the amazing Black Church, the largest evangelical Gothic church in Eastern Europe. The church houses the most beautiful 19th century mechanical organ in Romania. Next you will see the palaces and houses of the historic centre, with the Council Square and the pedestrian Avenue of the Republic.

Later you will travel to Bran where you will tour Bran Castle, also known as Dracula's Castle. In the Middle Ages Bran was on the border between Wallachia and Transylvania, therefore it was essential for the inhabitants of Brasov to build a defensive stronghold. The fortress was later transformed into a beautiful castle thanks to the intervention of Queen Maria of Romania. After lunch (not included) you will visit the famous Peles Castle, the summer residence of the first king of Romania - King Charles 1 of Hohenzollern, of German origins. The castle is famous for being one of the most modern castles in Europe at the time of its construction, between the 19th and 20th centuries. Each room is characterised by a unique style. Afterwards continue to Bucharest and check into the hotel.

**Overnight: Hotel Ambassador, Bucharest**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

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### Day 28 Bucharest City Tour

Today you will enjoy a fantastic city tour of Bucharest and lunch (not included) at a restaurant in the beautiful Herastrau Park, a relaxing place with a large lake. Explore the Village Museum, founded by a Romanian sociologist, an impressive open-air museum which offers the opportunity to learn about the lifestyle of 19th century Romanian farmers, their houses, water mills and churches made entirely of wood. You will also discover a wooden Maramures Church, which was dismantled and brought to the Museum. Next you will see the Parliament Building, an impressive monument, built at the command of the dictator in the 80's.

Then you will enjoy a tour of the historical centre of Bucharest, a completely pedestrian area, with the remains of the princely fortress of Vlad the Impaler. You will also see the 16th century Palatine Church which was built in the Byzantine style and visit the Stavropoleos Church, which is an architectural jewel of the 18th century, built in typical Wallachian style, with important oriental influences in its external decorations.

**Overnight: Hotel Ambassador, Bucharest**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 29 Bucharest, Romania – Australia

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Australia.

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

### Day 30 Arrive in Australia

*Please note: some flights may arrive +1 day.*

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the highlights of Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, Serbia, Hungary and Romania

Visit Ljubljana, Dubrovnik, Brasov, Bucharest and more

Enjoy medium sized group touring with maximum of 24 travellers per group

See Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and more on a waking tour of Sofia

Enjoy some free time at leisure in Sofia

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Rila Monastery

Explore Skopje on a guided walking tour

See the Memorial House of Mother Teresa and more

Wander the narrow streets and squares of Ohrid

Visit the amazing archaeological complex of 'Bay of Bones'

Enjoy some free time at leisure in Ohrid

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Tirana

Explore the souvenir market in Kruja's traditional Old Bazaar

See the Citadel and more on a walking tour of Budva

Enjoy a day at leisure in the beautiful port town of Budva in Montenegro

Explore historic Dubrovnik on a day at leisure

See famous Mostar Bridge (Stari Most) in Mostar, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Explore the 4th century Diocletian's Palace in Split

Enjoy a walking tour of Ljubljana

See Congress Square, Cobbler's Bridge the open air market and more

Ride the funicular to visit Ljubljana Castle and enjoy the amazing views

Enjoy an afternoon at picturesque Lake Bled and visit Bled Castle

Wander the streets of Zagreb on a guided walking tour

See St Catherine's Church, the Stone Gate and more

View the Bohemian Quarter, pobednik and more in Belgrade

Experience a day at leisure in the vibrant town of Novi Sad in Serbia

Enjoy a day free at leisure in Budapest

Stop in Arad and see the City Hall Palace, Red Church and more

Visit charming Timisoara and enjoy some free time

Explore the fascinating Corvin Castle

Visit Alba Carolina Fortress and more in Alba Iulia

See the Big and Small Squares and more in Sibiu

Explore the ancient fortified church and Saxon Citadel of Biertan

Travel to Sighisoara, one of the best preserved citadels in Europe

Enjoy a tour of Brasov, once an entirely fortified town

Visit the Black Church home a beautiful 19th century organ

Tour Bran Castle, also known as 'Dracula's Castle'

Visit Peles Castle the summer residence of the first king of Romania

Enjoy a city tour of Bucharest

Explore the Village Museum and learn about 19th century Romania

See the princely fortress of Vlad the Impaler and more

### FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/\*BNE/ADL/\*PER

### ACCOMMODATION

27 nights quality hotel accommodation

### DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

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## TOUR ESSENTIALS

English speaking tour leader and guides

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Airline taxes and surcharges

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## TRANSPORT

Transportation by premium A/C vehicles

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## TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras **MUST** be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 5th of October 2021.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

## Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$1600 applies.

## Departure Dates (2021)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure date.

## Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, Adelaide or \*Perth

## Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane: \$100 per person

Perth: \$50 per person

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Etihad Airways, Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Qantas Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines, Finnair, Cathay Pacific, Air France, KLM, Oman Air, British Airways, Scandinavian Airlines, Virgin Australia, Thai Airways, Virgin Atlantic, Korean Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Royal Brunei, Garuda Indonesia, Vietnam Airlines, Malindo Airlines and airline partners (subject to availability)

### Arrive early in Sofia, Bulgaria

\$200 per person, subject to availability

#### *Please note:*

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.

- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- Blackout dates:

\* 10 December 2020 - 20 January 2021

\* 1 April 2021 - 25 April 2021

\* 20 June 2021 - 22 July 2021

\* 17 September 2021 - 11 October 2021

\* 6 December 2021 - 30 January 2022

### Stay behind in Bucharest, Romania

\$200 per person, subject to availability

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## Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$500 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$700 one way

Locations:

\* Dubai

\* Abu Dhabi

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation

- Daily breakfast

- Return airport transfers

#### *Please note:*

- A pre and post-tour stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.

- Abu Dhabi stopovers are not available for Perth.

- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

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## Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not Available

- Business Class (International Sectors Only): \*Starting from \$5999 per person



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## *Please note:*

- \*Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration.
- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Sofia: BW Plus Bristol Hotel or similar
- Skopje: Hotel de Koka or similar
- Ohrid: Hotel Garden or similar
- Tirana: Sky 2 Hotel or similar
- Budva: Hotel Garni MB or similar
- Dubrovnik: Hotel Komodor or similar
- Split: Hotel Pax or similar
- Korenica: Hotel House Sapina or similar
- Ljubljana: Urban Ring Hotel or similar
- Zagreb: Hotel Garden or similar
- Novi Sad: Garni Hotel Master or similar
- Budapest: Ibis Budapest City or similar
- Timisoara: Hotel Timisoara or similar
- Sibiu: Hotel Imparatul Romanilor or similar
- Brasov: Hotel Coroana Brasovului or similar
- Bucharest: Hotel Ambassador or similar

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Extra Nights

- Sofia (Pre Tour): \$170 per room.

- Bucharest (Post Tour): \$170 per room.

*Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 People (subject to availability).

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

### Triple Share

Not Available

### Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 24 per vehicle.

### Optional Tours / Activities

- Ohrid: Boat Tour - €50 per person
- Kotor Area & Boat Tour - €50 per person
- Plitvice Tour - Approx €50-55 per person (2021 pricing to be confirmed)
- Budapest Folklore Show & Scenic Night Cruise - €80 per person
- Sremski Karlovci Tour - €45 per person

*Please note:*

- Prices are based on per person, are

subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: \$10 AUD per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

*Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.*

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting



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with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Romania/Bulgaria/North Macedonia/Bosnia:

Romania & Bulgaria have a temperate-continental climate with moderate features which is characteristic for Central Europe. with hot summers, long, cold winters and very distinct seasons. Abundant snowfalls may occur throughout the country from December to mid-March.

### Albania/Montenegro/Croatia/Slovenia:

May

May is when temperatures really begin to climb and the summer season truly begins. The town and ports are filling up with tourists, restaurants and bars are alive, museums open and extend their hours and the weather triumphs it all by warming up considerably. Average temperatures reach a very pleasant high of around 21°C and reach a low of a very manageable 11°C.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer

### Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

### Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

### Gratuities / Tipping:

Land

- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$10 AUD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver, and will be collected whilst on tour.

- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

### Sightseeing:

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

### Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance



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with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

A tourist visa is not required if travelling to Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Slovenia, Serbia, Hungary or Romania on an Australian passport.

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.