

# A107 – Grand Balkan Tour

**CROATIA, SLOVENIA, BOSNIA&HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO, ALBANIA & MACEDONIA**

Guaranteed Departure Tour 2019 / 13 days, 12 nights / **ENG / SPA**

## Day 1 Tuesday ZAGREB – Arrival

Upon arrival at Zagreb Airport, transfer to hotel. Meet the tour guide, dinner and overnight.

## Day 2 Wednesday ZAGREB – BLED – LJUBLJANA

Morning city tour of **Zagreb**, including the fortified Upper Town, city's historical centre, St Mark's Church with its multicolored roof, the Cathedral, the Croatian National Theatre and the University. Free time, then departure towards Slovenia. Explore Lake Bled and its mountainous environs and stunning topography. Continue to Ljubljana. Dinner and overnight.

## Day 3 Thursday LJUBLJANA – PLITVICE

Morning city tour of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia and a home to one of the oldest Philharmonics in the world; Explore the baroque town buildings and stroll beside majestic Ljubljana River. Departure for Plitvice and then tour the **Plitvice Lakes National Park** on the UNESCO's List of World Natural Heritage. Sixteen lakes, each at a different level, are connected in a series of cascading waterfalls. Surrounded by dense wood, Plitvice Lakes are a natural phenomenon of a rare and unique beauty. Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Plitvice.



## Day 4 Friday PLITVICE – TROGIR – SPLIT

Morning departure for Trogir, where we visit the **Cathedral of St. Lawrence**. Continuation to Split; city tour of **Split**, including the **Diocletian's Palace** on the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage with the Peristyle, the



Jupiter's Temple and the **Cathedral**. Dinner and overnight in Split.

## Day 5 Saturday SPLIT – DUBROVNIK

After breakfast, departure for Dubrovnik, via Bosnia & Herzegovina. Short stop in Mostar, recently included in the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage with its elegant Bridge, Old Bazaar, the **Mosque** and a typical **Turkish house**. Continuation to **Dubrovnik**. Afternoon city tour Sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik, included on the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. You will visit the **Franciscan Monastery** with Europe's third oldest pharmacy, the **Rector's Palace** and the Cathedral. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

## Day 6 Sunday DUBROVNIK

Day at leisure in Dubrovnik. Dinner and overnight.

## Day 7 Monday DUBROVNIK – BUDVA / Montenegro – SHKODRA / Albania – TIRANA

Departure for Tirana; we drive inland to Budva known for its Old City encircled by walls from the Venetian period. Continuation to Shkodra, once the capital of the Illyrian Kingdom (3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C.). Dinner and overnight in Tirana.

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### Day 8 Tuesday TIRANA – OHRID / Macedonia

Morning sightseeing tour of **Tirana**, the capital of Albania, including Skender Bey Square, the Mosque of Ethem Bey, and a visit to the **National Museum** representing the flow of Albanian history, also housing the finds from archeological sites across the country. Afternoon departure for Ohrid, driving via Elbasan and crossing the Macedonian border at Cafasan. Dinner and overnight in Ohrid.

### Day 9 Wednesday OHRID

Full day in the lakeside resort of **Ohrid**, classified as UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage site. Through the activity of St. Clement and St. Naum of Ohrid, the first pan-Slavic University in Europe, the famous "Ohrid Literary School", was founded here. Morning sightseeing tour includes the Church of **St. Sofia** (11<sup>th</sup> century), the most eminent mediaeval monument in Macedonia with magnificent Byzantine fresco paintings and **St. Clement Church** with its icon of Annunciation. Afternoon short drive to **St. Naum Monastery**, built on the shores of Ohrid Lake in 900 A.D. and dedicated to the Slavic missionary and educator St. Naum of Ohrid. Return to hotel for overnight.



### Day 10 Thursday OHRID – SKOPJE

Morning departure for Skopje. Sightseeing tour of **Skopje**, including the Kale Fortress, **Church of the Holy Savior** with its iconostas, one of the finest samples of traditional walnut woodcarving, Old Bazaar and Stone Bridge. We

drive to the slopes of the Vodno Mountain where we visit the **Monastery of St. Panteleimon** with its 12<sup>th</sup> century iconostas and frescoes ranking among the highest achievements of Byzantine art of this period. Dinner and overnight in Skopje.

### Day 11 Friday SKOPJE – KOLAŠIN / Montenegro

Morning departure for Kolašin, driving via Peć and Berane and along the impressive Morača River Canyon. Afternoon arrival at Kolašin, the town spreading on the left bank of the river Tara, situated at the altitude of 954m. The whole area is surrounded by the thick pine forest of the Bjelasica Mountain and is a popular skiing and air spa resort. Dinner and overnight in Kolašin.

### Day 12 Saturday KOLAŠIN – CETINJE – KOTOR – DUBROVNIK

Morning departure for Cetinje where we visit **King Nikola's Museum**, once the residence of the Montenegrin King Nikola I Petrović. Continuation to **Kotor**, classified as UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage site, where we visit its Romanesque **Cathedral** dedicated to St Triphon, the city's patron saint. We continue to Dubrovnik, driving along the picturesque Bay of Kotor. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

### Day 13 Sunday DUBROVNIK – Departure

Breakfast followed by departure transfer to Dubrovnik Airport.

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### Tour includes:

- Arrival transfer from Zagreb Airport to hotel and departure transfer from hotel to Dubrovnik Airport on the first and the last day of the tour
- Accommodation in 3\* and 4\* hotels on half board basis, except in Ohrid on Day 8 (bed and breakfast)
- Dinner in a local restaurant in Plitvice Lakes
- Local guides for sightseeing tours of Zagreb, Ljubljana, Split, Dubrovnik, Tirana, Ohrid, Skopje and Kotor
- Entrance fees to the Lake Bled; the Plitvice Lakes National Park; St. Lawrence Cathedral in Trogir; Diocletian's Palace and St. Duimus Cathedral in Split; Franciscan Monastery and Rector's Palace in Dubrovnik; National Museum in Tirana, St. Sofia, St. Clement and St. Naum in Ohrid; Church of Holy Savior and Monastery of St. Panteleimon in Skopje; Residence of King Nikola I Petrović in Cetinje; St. Triphun Cathedral in Kotor
- ATLAS air-conditioned motor coach throughout
- ATLAS tour escort throughout

### Hotels:

Zagreb: International 4\*  
Ljubljana: Union hotels 4\*  
Plitvice: Park 4\*  
Split: Katarina 4\* or similar  
Dubrovnik: Ivka 3\*  
Tirana: Sky Tower 4\*  
Ohrid: Metropol 4\*  
Skopje: Karpoš 4\*  
Kolašin: Bianca 4\*

Hotels listed in this brochure will be used on almost all departures. If changes become necessary for any reason, substitute hotels will be similar to those in the brochure.

### Rates and departure dates:

Price per person  
Double occupancy in €

GRAND BALKAN TOUR	
May 07, 28	€ 1 675,00
Jun 18	€ 1 675,00
Jul 09, 30	€ 1 750,00
Aug 20	€ 1 750,00
Sep 10	€ 1 750,00
Single supplement	€ 390,00 net