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We are pleased to present you our new catalogue for Sit in Couch Tours 2021. Especially the Balkan countries are still among the most prosperous regions in tourism. This is only partly, because these countries are the last remaining spots on the map of many group- and individual travelers, but also because many other countries in the world are not to be visited at the moment, due to internal conflicts. The MAC-SUN team will be happy to advise you about the different trips and arrangements.

For the sake of the environment, we have decided from this year on to publish only one catalogue with all country information and SIC tours.

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On this note, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the good cooperation over the last 10 years and look forward to many new quests in the coming years.

Cordially Yours,

**Ewald Koenig & Team** 



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### **Montenegro - The wild Beauty**

#### 1. Day: Tivat/Podgorica - Budva

Flight to Montenegro. Transfer to our hotel.

#### 2. Day: Budva - St. Stephen - Petrovac

We start today's program with a city tour of Budva. Afterwards, we take a relaxing boat trip in the bay of Budva, passing by the islands of St. Nicholas and St. Stephen and then paying a visit to the Reževići Monastery. Furthermore, we move on to the former fishing village, Petrovac, that lies on a beautiful red sand bay. In the evening, return to the hotel.

#### 3. Day: Cetinje - Njeguši - Kotor

We leave our hotel on the coast. As next, we reach the former capital of the country, Cetinje, where we visit the royal palace. Then we drive to the village of Njeguši, where we will be tasting the famous local delicacy - the raw ham. In the afternoon comes the next journey highlight, Kotor. After a short coffee break, we take a wonderful boat trip in the bay of Kotor, taking us to the monastery island *Our Lady of the Rocks* and back to the town of Perast. Return to the hotel.

#### 4. Day: Bar - Scutari Lake

After breakfast, we first drive south to the city of Bar. The old town lies protected by a castle enthroned on a rock of the Rumija Mountains. It was not until the 19th century that this abandoned settlement developed into a new city quarter named Novi Grad. From there we get to the Scutari Lake and national park. After arrival, we set off with the boat to the far lakeshores where we reach, among other things, the former state prison - the "Montenegrin Alcatraz", a deserted prison island.

#### 5. Day: Dubrovnik Excursion.

After breakfast, we set off to Croatia. Shortly after the border passing, we reach the *Pearl of the Adriatic*, the city of Dubrovnik. During our guided city tour, we see highlights like the cathedral or the Franciscan monastery with Europe's oldest pharmacy. The afternoon is at your disposal for own explorations. On the way back to our hotel in Budva we stop by Porto Montenegro, the new meeting point of the high society in Montenegro.

#### 6. Day: Train ride to Tito's mountain railway.

A unique experience is on the program today. We take the train from Bar and drive through the gorges of Montenegro to Kolašin. On the way back, we visit the monastery Morača.

- 7. Day: Day at one's disposal.
- 8. Day: Transfer to the airport.



### **Services:**

- Accommodation in a 4\* hotel on a half board basis;
- Bus service from/to the airport as well as an English-speaking guide for the whole trip;
- City tax.

#### **Included entrance fees:**

- Boat trip in the bay of Budva;
- Reževiči monastery;
- Cetinje: visitor's tax and entrance ticket to the King Nicholas' Museum;
- Ham tasting in Njeguši;
- Kotor: visitor's tax and entrance ticket to the church of St. Tryphon;
- Boat trip in the Kotor fjord (Kotor Our Lady of the Rocks Perast);
- Entrance ticket to the Old Town Bar (Stari Bar);
- National Park Lake Scutari + Boat trip with snacks;
- Dubrovnik: Old pharmacy in the Franciscan Monastery;
- Train ride: Tito's mountain railway and entrance to Morača monastery.







## **Dates and prices 2021**

	25.04. – 02.05.2021	09.05. – 16.05.2021
	03.10. – 10.10.2021	30.05. – 06.06.2021
Price p.p. in DBL	765,00€	845,00€
Single Room Supplement	136,00€	160,00€
Sea view p.p.	65,00€	86,00€

# Our new department in Montenegro





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# <u>Montenegro – North Macedonia-</u> <u>Albania</u>

#### 1. Day: Arrival Tivat/Podgorica - Kolašin

Arrival and transfer to our hotel in Kolašin through the Morača Canyon.

#### 2. Day: Kolašin – Peć – Priština – Skopje

After breakfast we depart to Kosovo. We visit the Patriarchate Church in Pec. Then we drive to Priština, where we organize a short panoramic bus tour of the capital of Kosovo. We continue to North Macedonia, cross the border and reach the capital Skopje. In the evening, we are welcomed with traditional Macedonian dinner and music in a restaurant in Skopje.

#### 3. Day: Skopje - Mavrovo - Ohrid

City tour of Skopje: We see, among other things, the old town with the Kale fortress, the church of the Holy Ascension (Sv. Spas) and the large bazaar, as well as the new town with the Alexander Monument and the Mother Theresa House. Afterwards drive via Tetovo to the Mavrovo National Park. Fascinating landscapes and the highest mountains of Macedonia come in sight. We pay a visit to the monastery of St. John Bigorski, before continuing the breathtaking route past large lakes all the way to Ohrid.

#### 4. Day: Ohrid

We drive to the center of the UNESCO city and collect our first impressions during a boat ride along the promenade to the church Kaneo, which is probably the most famous photo spot in Macedonia. From here we explore the city on foot. Afterwards, free time for strolling around the city. Transfer back to the hotel.

#### 5. Day: Ohrid – Berat – Durres

After breakfast, we drive from Ohrid to the Albanian border. Our next destination will be the UNESCO city of Berat, also called the city of 1000 windows. We explore the architectural highlights accompanied by our guide. Then we drive to the port city of Durres, where we do the sightseeing and eventually reach our hotel in Durres.

#### 6. Day: Durres - Tirana - Shkoder - Scutari Lake

After breakfast, we continue towards Tirana and do the city sightseeing. After the sightseeing tour we are heading north to the city of Shkoder, the largest city in northern Albania. Then we cross the border with Montenegro and we reach Lake Scutari. Here we take a boat trip and see, besides enchanting nature, also the "Alcatraz" of Montenegro, an abandoned prison island. Transfer to the hotel in Budva.

#### 7. Day: Budva – Cetinje – Njeguši – Perast – Kotor

We set off to Cetinje, the old capital of Montenegro. Old embassy buildings still tell the story of the metropolis of a state once considered the poorest kingdom in Europe. We pay a visit to the royal palace. Afterwards, we drive to the village Njeguši, where we'll taste the famous local raw ham, watching the women baking bread and preparing the delicacies. In the afternoon comes the next highlight of the trip: breathtaking descent down one of the most spectacular roads of the country, reaching Perast and having a boat ride in the bay of Kotor to the



monastery island of Our Lady of the Rocks. Then we return to Kotor city and do the sightseeing, together with the St. Tryphon cathedral. Transfer back to Budva.

#### 8. Day: Transfer to the airport

# **Services:**

- Accommodation in selected 4\* hotels on half board basis;
- Bus service from/to the airport and an English-speaking guide for the whole trip;
- City tax.

#### **Included entrance fees:**

- Peć: Patriarchate Church;
- Skopje: Church of the Holy Ascension (St. Spas);
- Tetovo: Colored Mosque;
- Monastery of St. John Bigorski;
- Boat trip in Ohrid (around 25 minutes);
- Ohrid: St. Perivlepta church;
- Berat city fortress;
- National Park Scutari Lake + boat trip with snacks;
- Cetinje: city tax fee + entrance to the Royal Palace;
- Njeguši, ham tasting (snack);
- Kotor: city tax fee + entrance ticket to St. Tryphon cathedral;
- Boat trip: Perast Our Lady on the Rocks Church Perast;
- Our Lady of the Rocks Church entrance ticket.

# **Dates and prices 2021**

	25.04. – 02.05.	23.05. – 30.05.
	17.10. – 24.10.	26.09. – 03.10.
Price p.p. in DBL	675,00€	730,00€
Single Room supplement	138,00€	154,00€

# Our new department in Albania



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### **Croatian National Parks**

#### 1. Day: Arrival in Split/Zadar - Šibenik.

Flight to Split or Zadar. Transfer to our hotel in the Šibenik area.

#### 2. Day: Plitvice Lakes National park.

After breakfast, we continue our visits with the national park and by boat cross the Kozjak Lake (around 10 minutes-drive). Discover the countless lakes and waterfalls and explore Croatia's most popular tourist attraction. Travel through one of the most beautiful places in Europe, with a beautiful landscape of 16 lakes and waterfalls.

#### 3. Day: Zadar - Paklenica National park.

City tour of Zadar, the city famous for its Venetian old town and the sea organs. In the afternoon, hike through the massive canyon Velika Paklenica. (Difficulty level: medium, hiking time about 1.5 hours, ascent/descent 400 m).

#### 4. Day: Split - Trogir.

On this day, we first visit the UNESCO city of Split with its splendorous Diocletian's Palace. A visit to the famous cathedral should not be missing in our program. In the afternoon, we explore the medieval town of Trogir.

#### 5. Day: Boat trip to Kornati National Park.

A boat trip is the best way to discover the coast of Dalmatia. Discover with us the numerous islands of the Kornati archipelago. Continue to the national park Telašćica. During the cruise, a delicious lunch will be served on board. Telašćica is the largest and best protected national harbor on the Adriatic. If you wish, you can walk to the salty lake, known from "The Treasure in the Silver Lake".

#### 6. Day: Krka Waterfalls National park.

After breakfast, drive by bus to the "Canyon of rushing waters". Because of its extraordinary natural beauty, the area around the karst river Krka was declared a National Park - Krka Waterfalls. Continue then to the isolated Roski slap waterfalls. Once there, you will have the opportunity to taste dried Karst ham and strong wine in an ancient mill.

#### 7. Day: Day at one's disposal

Enjoy the beach and the amenities of our hotel today.

#### 8. Day: Departure

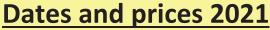


### **Services:**

- Accommodation in a 4\* hotel in the Šibenik area on a half-board basis.
- Bus service from/to the airport & English-speaking trip.
- City tax.

#### **Included Entrance fees:**

- Plitvice National Park, including boat trip;
- Paklenica National Park;
- Cathedral in Split and Trogir;
- Kornati National Park & Telašćica Nature Park (with lunch);
- Krka Waterfalls National Park.



	25.04. – 02.05.2021 03.10. – 10.10.2021	09.05. – 16.05.2021 30.05. – 06.06.2021
Price p.p. in DBL	810,00€	895,00€
Single Room Supplement	146,00€	168,00€

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### **Novi Sad & Timisoara**

#### 1. Day: Arrival in Belgrade

Flight to Belgrade. Transfer to the Hotel.

#### 2. Day: Belgrade

Detailed sightseeing of Belgrade with the Kalemegdan Fortress, the Knez Mihailova promenade and the largest Orthodox church, St. Sava. The afternoon will be at your free disposal.

#### 3. Day: Belgrade - Zrenjanin - Timisoara

After breakfast, we drive towards the Romanian border. Before it, we make a stop in the city of Zrenjanin, where we do the sightseeing of the city with its cultural and historical monuments, and the architectural heritage in the old town core. The old town consists of buildings mostly built during the 19th and at the beginning of the 20th century. There is also the unique promenade along the town lakes, created by the division of the deserted course of the river Begej. Here you will have a little free time. Then we drive further to Timisoara and arrive at our hotel.

#### 4. Day: Timisoara

Breakfast buffet in the hotel. Afterwards, city tour of Timisoara, including the Cathedral Square, Opera Square and Trinity Cathedral. Free time in Timisoara. In the afternoon, we will be tasting wine at the Recas winery. Dinner at the hotel.

#### 5. Day: Timisoara – Srpska Crnja – Novi Sad

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Then, free time in Timisoara. In the afternoon, our journey takes us back to Serbia. The road leads past Srpska Crnja back to the cultural capital, Novi Sad. Overnight in Novi Sad.

#### 6. Day: Novi Sad

This day will be dedicated to Novi Sad, the capital of Vojvodina, the cultural and economical center of the province and the second largest city in Serbia. In 1748, Novi Sad became a free royal city by a decree from Maria Theresa. In the second half of the 19th century, Novi Sad was considered the center of Serbian culture and politics in what was then called Hungary. At that time, the city was called 'Serbian Athens'. The historical core of the city is formed by the Danube Street and Zmaj Jovina Street. Most of the houses in the Danube Street date back to the 18th century and are considered monuments of great cultural, historical and architectural value. The central town square, Freedom Square, also dates back to the 18th century. The surrounding buildings, however, belong to different architectural periods and styles. The town hall was built in 1895 in neo-renaissance style, the catholic cathedral church (also in 1895) in neo-gothic style. Overnight in Novi Sad.



## **European Capitals of Culture 2021**

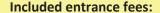
#### 7. Day: Novi Sad – Fruška Gora – Sremski Karlovci – Belgrade.

Drive to the *Fruška Gora* National Park, home of 17 active monasteries of the Serbian Orthodox Church. We will learn more about the regional wine production at a traditional winery in Sremski Karlovci. Taste the regional wine specialties here. Admire the baroque architecture of the old town, like Serbia's oldest secondary school, the Karlovci Gymnasium. Discover the Petrovaradin Fortress, also known as Gibraltar of the Danube, and marvel at the historical complex built in the 17th and 18th centuries to defend the country from the Turks. Continue to Belgrade. Check-in at the hotel and dinner.

8. Day: Transfer to the airport.



- Accommodation in 4\* hotels on a half-board basis.
- Bus service from/to the airport & English-speaking guide for the whole trip.
- City Tax.



- Belgrade: St. Sava Church;
- Timisoara: Trinity Cathedral;
- Wine tasting in Timisoara;
- Novi Sad: Museum in the Petrovardain Fortress;
- Fruska Gora: Krusedol Monastery;
- Wine tasting in Sremski Karlovci.

# **Dates and Prices 2021**

	09.05. – 16.05.2021	25.07. – 01.08.2021
	03.10. – 10.10.2021	15.08. – 22.08.2021
Price p.p. in DBL	645,00 €	695,00 €
Single room supplement	126,00€	152,00€

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## **Albania & Lake Ohrid**

#### 1. Day: Arrival Tirana - Durrës.

Flight to Tirana and transfer to our hotel in Durres.

#### 2. Day: Durrës - Berat - Apollonia - Vlora.

In the morning, we do the sightseeing of Durres and continue to Berat, the city of a thousand windows, as Berat is also called, and its fortress, which is still inhabited today. Berat is part of the UNESCO World cultural heritage. Afterwards, we move on to the excavations of Apollonia. More than 2,500 years ago the Greeks established a colony here in honor of the ancient god Apollo. After the tour, we continue to our hotel in Vlora.

#### 3. Day: Vlora - Llogara Nationalpark - Saranda.

Today, we leave Vlora and drive along the picturesque coastal road along the Albanian Riviera. Unique nature awaits us in Llogara National Park. Next stop is Himara - a true jewel of southern Albania. On the peninsula of Porto Palermo, we take a photo stop to photograph the massive triangular fort of Ali Pasha. We continue to the hotel in Saranda.

#### 4. Day: Saranda – Butrint – Ksamil – Blue Eye - Gjirokaster.

Visit of Butrint - the UNESCO World Heritage Site. During excavations, a large number of ancient buildings have been uncovered here. Parts of them are still surprisingly well preserved. Further on, we continue to Ksamil and on our way to Gjirokaster we see the "Blue Eye" springs. Hotel in Gjirokaster.

#### 5. Day: Gjirokaster – Korča.

After the breakfast, we will have a sightseeing of Gjirokastra in the morning, also a UNESCO world cultural heritage. This city is also called "the city of stones", where we visit the fortress and, if you feel like it, you can also visit the only one weapons museum in Albania. Afterwards, we continue through the mountains of Albania to Korča to our hotel for tonight.

#### 6. Day: Korča – Ohrid.

In the morning, we do the sightseeing of Korča. Then, we drive to the Macedonian border and the famous Ohrid Lake. This lake is the oldest and deepest lake in Europe. The city of Ohrid and the Ohrid lake are part of the UNESCO World Heritage. On the way to the UNESCO city, we visit the monastery of St. Naum, embedded in a unique nature. Not only the monastery is located here, but also the springs of Lake Ohrid, which we will explore during a rowing boat trip. Drive further to our Hotel in Ohrid.



# "The last mystery of Europe"

#### 7. Day: Ohrid – Elbasan – Tirana.

We start our day with a short boat trip on Lake Ohrid and let the flair of the city take effect on us from the water. Afterwards, we explore the city on foot. In the afternoon, we drive back to Albania along the old Roman road "Via Ignatia" and reach the city of Elbasan. After a short sightseeing tour, we drive further to our hotel in Tirana.



#### 8. Day: Tirana - Kruja - Tirana.

After breakfast, we drive to Kruje, the town of the national hero Skanderbeg. We see the impressive fortress and the old town with the oriental looking bazaar. Afterwards, we continue further to Tirana. Detailed sightseeing during which we will see the Skanderbeg Square with its magnificent Italian buildings and the former official residence of Enver Hoxha. In the evening, we return back to our hotel in Tirana.



#### 9. Day: Transfer to Tirana airport.

# **Services:**

- Accommodation in 4\* hotels on a half-board basis;
- Bus service from/to the airport & English-speaking guide for the whole trip;
- City tax.

#### **Included entrance fees:**

- Berat Fortress & Onufri-Museum;
- Apollonia & Butrint;
- Blue Eye;
- Gjirokaster's Fortress;
- Monastery St. Naum;
- Boat trip on Lake Ohrid & Church of St. Sofia;
- Kruja, Fortress & National Museum.



# **Dates and Prices 2021**

	24.04. – 02.05.2021 02.10. – 10.10.2021	16.05. – 24.05.2021 18.09. – 26.09.2021
Price p.p. in DBL	635,00 €	685,00€
Single room supplement	118,00 €	134,00 €













## **Bulgaria - Greece - North Macedonia**

#### 1. Day: Arrival in Sofia.

Flight to Sofia. Transfer to the hotel.

#### 2. Day: Sofia - Rila Monastery - Bansko.

In the morning, we will have a detailed city tour of the Bulgarian capital. We will also see the Aleksandar Nevsky Cathedral. Afterwards, we continue to the world famous Rila Monastery. In the evening, we arrive at our hotel in the famous winter sports resort Bansko.

#### 3. Day: Bansko - Melnik - Thessaloniki.

On the way to the Greek border, we visit the smallest town in Bulgaria - Melnik. The town has preserved itself like a museum village. Here we will taste the wines of the region of Pirin-Macedonia. Then, we cross the border with Greece and reach Thessaloniki in the afternoon. Panoramic city tour and check in at our hotel.

#### 4. Day: Thessaloniki - Vergina - Kalampaka.

From Thessaloniki today we go to the excavations of Vergina, where the burial mound of Filip II of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great, is located. This region is also called "Aegean Macedonia". Then, we reach the city of Kalampaka, at the foothill of Meteora monasteries which we will visit the next morning.

#### 5. Day: Kalampaka – Meteora – Bitola.

Today we drive up to the famous Meteora monasteries, built like birds' nests in the rocks. We visit one monastery from the inside and marvel at the unique panorama that is offered to us here. Then we continue to the Macedonian border and we reach the Republic of North Macedonia, the so called "Vardar-Macedonia". Today we have a hotel in the former diplomatic city of Bitola, where the founder of the Turkish state, Kemal Atatürk, attended the military high school. After check-in at our hotel, we take a walk through the city.

#### 6. Day: Bitola - Ohrid.

In the morning, we continue our visit to the excavations of Heraklea Lincestis, founded by Philipp II. of Macedonia. Afterwards, we drive to the UNESCO city of Ohrid, situated on the lake with the same name. Here we take a boat trip to enjoy the unique panorama of the city. In and around Ohrid there are 365 churches and monasteries, for which the city is also called "Jerusalem of the Balkans". During our city tour we also see the church St. Perivlepta with its unique frescoes. Hotel in Ohrid.



## "On the traces of ancient Macedonia"

#### 7. Day: Ohrid – Tetovo – Skopje.

On the way to Skopje, we stop in Tetovo to visit the famous "Colored mosque". Then we continue to Skopje. During our sightseeing tour we see the old town with the Kale Fortress and the big bazaar as well as the new town with the Mother Theresa House and the Alexander Monument. In the evening, we will enjoy a typical Macedonian dinner with music in a traditional restaurant.



After breakfast, we visit the Matka canyon near Skopje - a place of enchanting nature. Then, we drive towards the Bulgarian border. Before passing the border, we visit the monastery of St. Joakim Osogovski near the town of Kriva Palanka. In the evening, we reach our hotel in Sofia.

#### 9. Day: Transfer to the airport.

### **Services:**

- Accommodation in 4\* hotels on a half-board basis;
- Bus service from/to the airport & English-speaking guide;
- City tax.

#### **Included entrance fees:**

- Wine tasting in Melnik;
- Vergina;
- Monastery Meteora;
- Heraclea Lincestis;
- Boat trip on Lake Ohrid (around 20 minutes);
- Ohrid: St. Perivlepta;
- Tetovo: Colored Mosque;
- Skopje: Church of St. Spas;
- Traditional dinner in Skopje;
- Monastery St. Joakim Osogovski.

## **Dates and prices 2021**

	24.04. – 02.05.2021 09.10. – 17.10.2021	22.05. – 30.05.2021 28.08. – 05.09.2021
Price p.p. in DBL	660,00€	770,00€
Single Room Supplement	142,00€	165,00€





















### **Balkan Roundtrip**

#### 1. Day: Arrival in Belgrade.

Flight to Belgrade. Transfer to the hotel.

#### 2. Day: Belgrade - Skopje.

After breakfast, we go for a tour of Belgrade. We see highlights like the Kalemegdan Fortress, the shopping street Knez Mihailova and many more, then drive past Nis to Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia. In the evening, a typical Macedonian dinner with music awaits us. Overnight in Skopje.

#### 3. Day: Skopje - Ohrid.

In the morning, we explore the Macedonian capital. We see the old town with the fortress Kale and the big bazaar as well as the new town with the Alexander Monument and Mother Theresa House. In the afternoon, on the way to Ohrid, we stop in Tetovo, where we visit the so-called *Colored Mosque*. In the evening, we reach our hotel in the UNESCO city of Ohrid.

#### 4. Day: Ohrid - Tirana.

We begin the day with a boat trip on the Ohrid lake. The lake is one of the oldest and deepest lakes in the world. Afterwards, we explore the UNESCO city on foot and see highlights like the fortress of Czar Samuel as well as the church St. Perivlepta. In the afternoon, we continue via Elbasan to our hotel in Tirana.

#### 5. Tag: Tirana – Kruje – Shkoder – Bar – Budva.

After breakfast, we drive to Kruje, the town of the national hero Skanderbeg. Afterwards, we continue to the northern city of Albania, Shkoder, where we visit the fortress Rozafa. Then, we cross the border with Montenegro and stop in Stari Bar to learn more about life in earlier centuries. In the evening, we arrive at our hotel in Budva.

#### 6. Tag: Budva – Cetinje – Njegusi – Kotor – Perast – Budva.

After breakfast, we drive to the old capital Cetinje. Here, we see among other things, the old royal palace. Then, we continue to the mountain village of Njegusi, where we will have the opportunity to taste the famous raw local ham. Over a unique panoramic road, we enter the fjord of Kotor — which is the only fjord in Southern Europe. After our sightseeing, we continue to Perast where we have a boat trip and drive to the monastery island Lady on the Rocks. In the evening we return to our hotel in Budva.

#### 7. Tag: Budva - Dubrovnik - Neum.

Another highlight stands in the program for today. After we have crossed the border to Croatia, we reach the *Pearl of the Adriatic*, Dubrovnik city. During our 2-hour guided tour we see highlights like the cathedral or the city walls. Afterwards, some free time to relax. In the afternoon, we continue to our hotel in the Bosnian coastal town Neum.



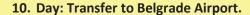
# "6 countries in 10 days"

#### 8. Day: Neum - Mostar - Sarajevo.

We drive to the city of Mostar, where we see the famous bridge during our city tour. We continue then further to the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, where a detailed city tour follows. Accommodation in our hotel in Sarajevo.

#### 9. Day: Sarajevo - Tuzla - Belgrade.

Before we leave Bosnia and Herzegovina, we stop in the city of Tuzla. The name is derived from salt, as Tuzla was the largest supplier of salt in ex Yugoslavia. After our walk to the old town square, we drive further to Serbia and reach the Serbian capital, Belgrade. Overnight stay in our hotel in Belgrade.



### **Services:**

- Accommodation in 4\* hotels on a half-board basis;
- Bus service from/to the airport & English-speaking guide for the whole trip;
- City tax.

#### **Included entrance fees:**

- Traditional dinner in Skopje;
- Skopje: Church of St. Spas;
- Tetovo: Colored Mosque;
- Boat trip on Lake Ohrid (approx. 20 min.);
- Ohrid: Church of St. Peribleptos & King Samuel Fortress;
- Kruja: Fortress & National Museum;
- Shkoder: Rozafa Fortress:
- Stari Bar;
- Cetinje: City tax & entrance King Nikola Museum;
- Ham tasting in Njegusi;
- Boat trip Perast Our Lady of the Rocks Perast;
- Kotor: City tax & entrance fee Cathedral St. Tryphon.

### **Dates and Prices 2021**

	30.04. – 09.05.2021	21.05. – 30.05.2021
	16.10. – 25.10.2021	25.09. – 03.10.2021
Price p.p. in DBL	870,00€	950,00€
Single room supplement	167,00€	192,00€





















### **Romania's Highlights**

#### 1. Day: Arrival in Bucharest.

Arrival at Bucharest airport and transfer to our hotel.

#### 2. Day: Bucharest - Bran - Brasov.

Today we drive through the Great Wallachia, past the old oil fields of Ploiesti into the Carpathians, with the famous health resorts of Sinaia and Predeal. On the pass road, we reach the Transylvanian Burzenland, which was first settled by German immigrants in the 12th century. In Bran (Thornburg) we visit the notorious Dracula Castle, a fortress from 1377. During our panoramic walk through the city of Brasov (Kronstadt), we visit the market and the historical buildings, with the highlight: *the Black Church*. Accommodation in a hotel in Poiana Brasov.

#### 3. Day: Brasov - Gura Humorului.

After breakfast, we drive through the Szeklerland and Bicazklamm gorge, an impressive natural monument with huge limestone walls several hundred meters high, along the Lacu Rosu (Red Lake) to Piatra Neamt. Then, we drive to Agapia and visit the largest orthodox nunnery in Europe. Accommodation in a hotel in Gura Humorului.

#### 4. Day: Moldavian monasteries.

Today is dedicated to the "Moldavian Monasteries". In the beautiful natural landscape of Bukovina, the painted monastery churches were built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. We visit the monastery churches of Moldovita, Sucevita and Voronet. Finally, in Marginea we are guests of those potters who make the famous black ceramics. Hotel in Gura Humorului with an overnight.

#### 5. Day: Gura Humorului - Sighisoara.

Today's program leads us over the passes Mestecanis and Borgo (known from Bram Stoker's novel "Dracula"). We reach Transylvania with a first stop in Bistrita (Bistritz) and a visit of the protestant church. We continue our journey to Sighisoara; the most beautiful medieval townscape of the country awaits us, being often used as a film set. Here we will see the Stund tower, the mountain church and the mountain school; additionally, we'll also see the towers and walls as well as the birthplace of the later Wallachian prince Vlad Dracul, who went down in the history of horror literature and movies as "Count Dracula". Accommodation in a hotel in Sighisoara.

#### 6. Day: Sighisoara - Sibiu.

In the morning, we drive to the former bishop's seat Biertan, with an excellently restored fortified church, which has been declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site.

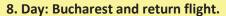


# "On the tracks of Dracula"

Afterwards, we continue to Sibiu. Extensive city tour follows. In the evening, we will have a dinner with Romanian host families in a traditional village of Sibiel. Accommodation in a hotel in Sibiu.

#### 7. Day: Sibiu - Bucharest.

After breakfast, we leave Transylvania and drive to the monastery of Cozia, famous for its magnificent frescoes from the 14th century. Via Pitesti, we reach the capital of Romania. During our panoramic city tour of Bucharest we see, among other things, the Athenaeum, the former royal castle, the Patriarchal Church, Stavropoulos Church as well as Ceausescu's megalomaniacal legacy, today's "House of the Republic". Accommodation in a hotel in Bucharest.



Transfer to the airport.

### **Services:**

- Accommodation in 4\* hotels on a half-board basis;
- Bus service from/to the airport as well as an English-speaking guide for the whole trip;
- City tax.

#### **Included Entrances:**

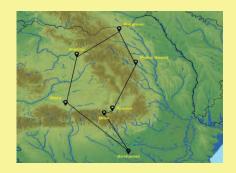
- Bran Fortress (Dracula Castle);
- Brasov: Black Church;
- Monastery Agapia;
- Monastery churches: Moldovita, Sucevita & Voronet;
- Bistrita: Protestant Church;
- Sighisoara: mountain church & birthplace of prince Dracula;
- Biertan: fortified church;
- Dinner on the farm in Sibiel;
- Monastery Cozia.

# **Dates and Prices 2021**

	25.04. – 02.05.2021 19.09. – 26.09.2021	20.06. – 27.06.2021 15.08. – 22.08.2021
Price p.p. in DBL	795,00 €	875,00€
Single room supplement	132,00€	174,00 €



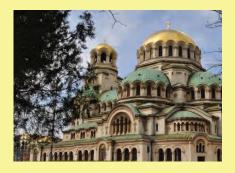




















## **Round trip Bulgaria**

#### 1. Day: Arrival.

Flight to Sofia and transfer to the hotel in Sofia.

#### 2. Day: Sofia - Rila Monastery - Bansko.

After breakfast, we do the sightseeing of Sofia with a visit to the Alexander Nevski Cathedral, the St. Sofia Church, the Rotunda of St. George, the ruins of Serdika and the Russian Church. Afterwards, we drive to the famous Rila Monastery, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, we drive to Bansko, a picturesque small town with fascinating architecture at the foothill of Pirin Mountains. In Bansko, we go sightseeing and visit the Trinity Church and the ethnographic bazaar. Accommodation in a hotel in the Bansko area.

#### 3. Day: Bansko – Plovdiv.

Today, we continue our journey with the narrow-gauge railway through the gorges of the Rhodope Mountains via Velingrad to Plovdiv. Here we will have a walking tour in the Old Town, including the Roman theatre, the ethnographic museum and the Church of St. Constantine. Accommodation in a hotel in the Plovdiv area.

#### 4. Day: Plovdiv - Kazanlak.

After breakfast, we drive to the Freedom Monument on Mount Shipka, then over the Shipka pass to the memorial church, located northwest of Kazanlak near the village of Shipka. Further to Kazanlak, the main town of the Rose Valley. City tour with visit to the Thracian Tomb (UNESCO) and the Rose Museum. Accommodation in a hotel in the Kazanlak area.

#### 5. Day: Kazanlak - Nessebar.

After breakfast, we drive to the Thracian tomb of Swechtari (UNESCO) in the historical-archaeological reserve Sborjanovo. The unique monument of Thracian culture discovered in the Ginina Mound is characterized by culinary architecture and picturesque decoration. We continue to Nessebar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and one of the Bulgarian museum cities. Old Nessebar is situated on a rocky peninsula, which is connected to the mainland by a narrow headland. Fourteen churches count for some of the best-preserved medieval cult buildings on the Balkan Peninsula. Accommodation in a hotel in the Varna area.

#### 6. Day: Varna.

Bulgaria's largest port city is considered the pearl of the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. Guided city tour with visit of the Archaeological museum where the gold treasure is exhibited, and further to the Roman baths. In the afternoon, free time and then back to our hotel in the Varna area.

#### 7. Day: Varna - Madara - Veliko Tarnovo.

After breakfast, we drive to visit the horseman of Madara. The rock relief depicts a life-size rider followed by a dog. It was hewn into a slope, more than 100 m high above a river, dating back to the 8th and 9th century and constituting a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



### " In the land of roses"

We continue then to Veliko Tarnovo for a city tour in the former capital of Bulgaria; further into the surroundings to the architectural reserve Arbanassi. Hotel in the Veliko Tarnovo area.

#### 8. Day: Veliko Tarnovo - Sofia.

After breakfast, we continue with the visit of the open-air museum Etara, a treasure trove of old craftsmanship which provides insights into Bulgarian culture. Afterwards, visit of the Troyanski monastery. Drive over the Beklemeto pass with an overnight stay in/near Sofia.

9. Day: Transfer to Sofia Airport.

# **Services:**

- Accommodation in 4\* hotels on a half-board basis;
- Bus service from/to the airport & English-speaking guide;
- City tax.

#### **Included Entrances:**

- Sofia: Nevsky Cathedral;
- Train journey Rhodope Railway;
- Plovdiv: Roman Theatre;
- Kazanlak: Thracian Tomb & Rose Museum;
- Dryanovo Monastery;
- Sborjanovo;
- Varna: Archaeological Museum;
- Horseman of Madara;
- Fortress of Veliko Tarnovo;
- Open-air museum Etara;
- Troyanski Monastery.

## **Dates and Prices 2021**

	01.05. – 09.05.2021 25.09. – 03.10.2021	19.06. – 27.06.2021 04.09. – 12.09.2021
Price p.p. in DBL	825,00 €	910,00€
Single room supplement	154,00 €	168,00€















# **Winter Paradise North Macedonia**

Ski resort Popova Shapka (approx. 50km from Skopje)

Macedonia's most important ski resort, Popova Shapka, is located west of the capital of Skopje. A visit to Popova Shapka is a unique experience, which clearly differs from other European ski resorts.

The Shar Mountains have a historically high annual snowfall of about 6-10 m. As of December, there is a relatively good amount of snow base on the ground. January, February and March offer the best ski conditions. The coldest months are February and March, bringing with the most intensive snowfalls.



### All advantages at a glance:

- No crowded slopes and long waiting times at the ski lift;
- Great terrain heights for ski touring or cat-skiing;
- Incredibly low prices compared to other ski resorts;
- Abundant and cheap food & drinks;
- 20 kilometers of slopes at 600 meters altitude;
- Daily arrival possible (mid-December end of February)!



### **Services:**

- 7x BB in Tetovo, Hotel Mercure Tetovo\*\*\*\*\*;
- Transfer from/to Skopje airport.



#### Included in the package price:

- Daily: rich breakfast and dinner;
- Package Three in One: transport, ski pass, ski equipment;
- or package Two in One: transport; ski pass;
- Citytax.





	Package 2 in 1	Package 3 in 1
Price p.p in DBL	745,00€	795,00€
Single room supplement	112,00€	134,00€
Discount for children	0-5,99 gratis	0-5,99 gratis
	6-17,99 minus 30%	6-17,99 minus 30%



# Skopje - the pearl of the Balkans

Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia, is still a largely unknown travel destination. The city has about 750,000 inhabitants. Thus, about one third of all Macedonians live in the capital.

An earthquake on July 26, 1963, destroyed 70 percent of the buildings - Skopje was then rebuilt, receiving a partially "brutally modern" appearance. As part of the Skopje 2014 construction project, many buildings were erected in baroque style, a feast for the eyes that invites you to take a walk.

Worth seeing in Skopje is the charming old town in Ottoman style with narrow alleys, mosques, Ottoman baths (Hammam) and caravanserais. The Old Bazaar is a popular shopping and nightlife area. A delicious retreat offer the restaurants that sell kebab - grilled minced meat skewers.

The Old fortress (Kale) which rises on a hill above the city, is also worth a visit. Here you can enjoy beautiful views of the river Vardar and the local mountain Vodno.

Plenty of museums and galleries offer an insight into the rich history and art expressions of the land and city. The old railway station building from 1938, which partly survived the earthquake and is now also a memorial, is converted into a city museum exhibiting artefacts from the 5th millennium before Christ until today. Let yourself drift, stroll through the streets in the center and enjoy the special atmosphere of Skopje - far away from all the western tourist hustle and bustle.

Hike or drive on Skopje's local mountain, Vodno, rising clearly 1066 meters above the capital. If you feel more like enjoying than exercising, you can reach the imposing cross on the summit (a 66-meter high steel construction visible from 100 kilometers away) by a cable car. Also, a well-constructed road leads to the middle station.

#### **Services:**

- Accommodation in the newly opened 4\* hotel "Next Door Park;
- Transfer from/to Skopje airport;
- Personal guide for a 3-hour city tour;
- City tax.

#### **DAILY ARRIVAL POSSIBLE!**

# **Dates and prices 2021**

	Price per person for 2	Price per person for 3
	overnight stays	overnight stays
Price p.p. in DBL	129,00€	158,00 €
Single room		
supplement	38,00€	52,00€















#### **Albania**

Form of government Republic

Official language
Albanian

**Capital: Tirana** 

Area: 28,748 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 2.8 million

**Currency:** 

Lek (1€ = 122 Lek)

Independent since 28.11.1912

Phone code: +355

#### **UNESCO - World Heritage:**

- Butrint
- Berat
- Gjirokaster
- Lumi i Gashit





### **Bosnia & Hercegovina**

Form of government Republic

Official language Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian

Capital: Sarajevo

Area: 51,197 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 3.5 million

**Currency:** 

BAM (1€ = 1,96 BAM)

Independent since 01.03.1992

Phone code: +387

### **UNESCO** – World Heritage:

- Mostar
- Bridge Visegrad
- Stecci (gravestones)



#### Bulgaria

Form of government Republic

Official language
Bulgarian

Capital: Sofia

Area: 110,994 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 7 million

**Currency:** 

Lew (1€ = 1.96 Lew)

Independent since 22.09.1908

Phone code: +359

#### **UNESCO- World Heritage:**

Church of Bojana
Horseman of Madara
Thracian tomb Kazanlak
Rock churches Ivanovo
Rila Monastery
Nessebar







#### Greece

Form of government Republic

Official language Greek

**Capital: Athens** 

Area: 131,957 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 10.7 million

Currency: Euro

Independent since 03.02.1830 Phone code: +30

### **UNESCO-World Heritage:**

- Delphi
- Acropolis of Athens
- Mount Athos
- Meteora Monasteries
- Vergina
- Old town Corfu etc...





#### Kosovo

Form of government Republic

Official language
Albanian & Serbian

Capital: Prishtina

Area: 10,877 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 1.9 million

Currency: Euro

Independent since 17.02.2008 Phone code: +383

#### Places of interest:

- Patriarchate of Peja
- Gracanica Monastery
- Prizren
- Decani Monastery





#### Croatia

Form of government Republic

Official language Croatian

Capital: Zagreb

Area: 56,594 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 4.2 million

**Currency:** 

Kuna (1€ = 7,45 Kuna)

Independent since 08.10.1991 Phone code: +385

#### **UNESCO-World Heritage:**

- Old Town Dubrovnik
- Split
- Plitvice Lakes
- Trogir
- Church of St. James Sibenik
- Basilica Porec etc...







#### Montenegro

Form of government Republic

Official language Montenegrin

Capital: Podgorica

Area: 13,812 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 640,000

Currency: Euro

Independent since 03.06.2006

Phone code: +382

#### **UNESCO-World Heritage:**

- Kotor
- NP Durmitor
- Cetinje (Candidate)
- Stari Bar (Candidate)
- Ulcinj (Candidate)





#### **North Macedonia**

Form of government Republic

Official language
Macedonian

Capital: Skopje

Area: 25,713 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 2.1 million

**Currency:** 

Denar (1€ = 61,5 Denari)

Independent since 08.09.1991

Phone code: +389

#### **UNESCO-World Heritage:**

- Ohrid City
- Ohrid Lake
- Markovi Kuli (Candid.)
- Kokino (Candid.)
- N.P. Mavrovo (Candid.)





#### Romania

Form of government Republic

Official language Romanian

**Capital: Bucharest** 

Area: 238,391 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 19.5 million

**Currency:** 

Leu (1€ = 4.77 Leu))

Independent since 09.05.1877

Phone code: +40

#### **UNESCO-World Heritage:**

- Danube Delta
- Moldavian monasteries
- Sighisoara
- Wooden churches
   Maramures
- Horezu Monastery
- Churches Transylvania







#### Slovenia

Form of government Republic

Official language Slovenian

Capital: Ljubljana

Area: 20,273 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 2.1 million

Currency: Euro

Independent since 25.06.1991

Phone code: +386

#### **UNESCO-World Heritage:**

- Höhlen von Skocjan
- Pfahlbauten Alpen
- Almaden & Idrija
- Buchenurwald





#### Serbia

Form of government Republic

Official language Serbian

Capital: Belgrade

Area: 77,474 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 7 million

**Currency:** 

Dinar (1€ = 118 Dinari)

Independent since 13.07.1878

Phone code: +381

#### **UNESCO-World Heritage:**

- Stari Ras & Sopocani
- Kloster Studenica
- Palast Gamzigrad
- NP Djerdap (Kandidat)
- Smederevo (Kandidat)
- Kloster Manasija (Kand.)





#### Turkey

Form of government: Republic

Official language: Turkish

Capital: Ankara
Area: 783,562 km<sup>2</sup>
Population: 83.2 million

**Currency:** 

Lira (1€ = 6,58 Lira)

Foundation: 29.10.1923

Phone code: +90

#### Moldova

Form of government: Republic

Official language: Romanian

Capital: Chisinau

Area: 33,843 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 3.6 million

**Currency:** 

Leu (1€ = 19,29 Leu)

Independent since 27.10.1991

Phone code: +373



