



## Balkan Adventure – 13 nights – 14 days

Day	Destination
1 night	Bucharest
2 nights	Brasov
1 night	Velika Tarnova
2 nights	Sofia
1 night	Skopje
1 night	Tirana
1 night	Budva
2 nights	Sarajevo
2 nights	Belgrade

### Day 1: DAY 1: WELCOME TO BUCHAREST

You'd be forgiven for thinking you were in Paris when you explore the Belle-Époque atmosphere of Romania's capital, Bucharest. Your first day will be **free to explore the city** your way, admiring the elegant boulevards that once hosted high society and an Old City filled with cobbled streets, Baroque architecture, and vintage cafes. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for dinner.

Included Meals: Dinner

## Day 2: DAY 2: BUCHAREST - BRA?OV

A full day of sightseeing stretches ahead, beginning in Bucharest, where you'll join a Local Specialist to delve into the city's tumultuous history. See the immense **Palace of the Parliament**, one of the lasting legacies left behind by dictator Nicolae Ceau?escu, whose extravagant tastes culminated in the world's second-largest administrative building, in stark contrast to the poverty of his people.



(The magnificent Pele? Castle in Romania, nestled among the forests of the Carpathian Mountains near Sinaia.)

Venture deep into the Carpathian Mountains to Sinaia and view **Pele? Castle**, the summer retreat of Romania's first king. Then, **continue to Bra?ov** and check into your hotel. Enjoy **traditional Romanian cuisine for dinner** at your hotel against the backdrop of panoramic mountain views.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### Optional Experiences:

1. Bucharest Parliament Visit

## Day 3: DAY 3: BRA?OV

The highlight of the day is this morning's visit to **Bran Castle**, the legendary home of Dracula. Dive into Culture with a Local Specialist and learn about its history as the favorite royal residence of Queen Maria of Romania. Although the connection between the castle and Bram Stoker's famous literary figure is tentative at best, its imposing walls, towering spires, and secret passageways may convince you otherwise. Next, we journey to the medieval streets of Bra?ov.



(The iconic Black Church overlooking the historic center of Bra?ov, Romania, surrounded by the Carpathian landscape.)

Join a Local Specialist who will reveal the city's trading history and Saxon roots as you walk around **Town Hall Square** and see the **Black Church**, so named following the damage caused by the Great Fire of 1689. Your evening is free to indulge in some of the local Transylvanian favorites or consider joining your travel companions for an optional dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast

### Optional Experiences:

1. Rustic Romania

## Day 4: DAY 4: BRASOV - VELIKO TÂRNOVO

Head south, through ancient villages and tranquil landscapes across the Danube River into Bulgaria. Your journey ends in **Veliko Târnovo**, the 'City of the Tsars' and former capital of the Bulgarian Empire. Relax after your scenic drive and join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel.



(The picturesque Varosha Quarter in Veliko Tarnovo showcases Bulgaria's traditional architecture, cobblestone streets, and authentic old-town atmosphere.)

After dinner, resist the urge to retire early and take a **stroll through the Old City**, admiring the Renaissance gems that line its winding streets.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 5: DAY 5: VELIKO TÂRNOVO – ARBANASI - SOFIA

The fairy-tale façades of Veliko Târnovo exude medieval history around every turn, and your Local Specialist will reveal a rich history and culture befitting a former imperial capital. At the heart of the city is **Tsarevets Fortress**, which you'll have an opportunity to visit as part of your sightseeing tour.



(Tsarevets Fortress rises above Veliko Tarnovo as one of Bulgaria's most iconic medieval landmarks and historical attractions.)

Our next stop is the **town of Arbanasi**, renowned for its Bulgarian National Revival architecture and rich spiritual history reflected in the beautiful medieval frescoed churches that can be found here. Visit the **Church of Holy Nativity** before continuing to Sofia. Later this evening, you may wish to get your foot tapping to the live-music entertainment during an optional experience.

Included Meals: Breakfast

### **Optional Experiences:**

Traditional Bulgarian Dinner with Musical Entertainment

## **Day 6: DAY 6: SOFIA**

Join a Local Specialist for an in-depth **sightseeing tour of Bulgaria's** modern-day capital, including views of the golden-domed **St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral** and **St. Sofia Church**.



(The magnificent St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Sofia is one of Bulgaria's most famous landmarks, renowned for its golden domes and grand architecture.)

Settle into the relaxed atmosphere and take a stroll along its elegant boulevards or sit in a park and people-watch. You could choose instead to join an Optional Experience to the UNESCO-listed Rila Monastery, founded by the hermit St. Ivan of Rila in the 10th century.

Included Meals: Breakfast

### **Optional Experiences:**

Rila Monastery

## Day 7: DAY 7: SOFIA - SKOPJE

Cross the Macedonian border today, bound for **Skopje**, the capital, a religious crossroads, and a vibrant medieval trading centre. See the Ottoman Empire's legacy in the mosques and bazaars as you join a Local Specialist for a **sightseeing tour** this afternoon.

Included Meals: Breakfast

### Optional Experiences:

1. Skopje Dinner Party

## Day 8: DAY 8: SKOPJE - TIRANA

Leaving North Macedonia behind, **head to** the Albanian capital of **Tirana**, where, on arrival, you'll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Delve into how the city has emerged from decades of communist rule into a vibrant, trendy tourism centre – one where dour grey city blocks have been transformed into a kaleidoscope of colourful façades.



(The iconic Clock Tower stands proudly in the heart of Tirana, showcasing Albania's rich cultural heritage and vibrant city architecture.)

You'll view such highlights as the **Palace of Culture**, the **National Library**, and the **Clock Tower** before enjoying dinner at your hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 9: DAY 9: TIRANA - BUDVA

**Travel to Budva** next, where your Travel Director will provide an orientation before you have the rest of the day to explore 'Montenegro's Miami' on your own.



(Traditional boats line the peaceful harbor of Stari Grad, one of Croatia's oldest and most picturesque coastal towns.)

**Head to Stari Grad** (the Old Town), surrounded by 15th-century ramparts, to explore its labyrinthine lanes and small squares where you could choose to sit back and watch the world go by.

Included Meals: Breakfast

### Optional Experiences:

1. Happy Hour Cruise Along the Budva Riviera

## Day 10: DAY 10: BUDVA – KOTOR – VENTURE - MOSTAR - SARAJEVO

After an **orientation in Kotor**, join a Local Specialist in Mostar for a guided tour through colourful cobbled streets.



(A breathtaking panoramic view of Sarajevo highlights the city's unique blend of natural beauty, history, and diverse architecture.)

**Head to Sarajevo** next, where you'll delve into the rich religious and multicultural heritage that has earned it the nickname, the 'Jerusalem of Europe'. Tonight you'll enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 11: DAY 11: SARAJEVO

Join a Local Specialist for a **guided walking tour of Sarajevo**, which will reveal centuries of religious

history reflected in its beautiful synagogues, mosques, and Orthodox and Catholic churches. Visit the **War Tunnel**, an underground tunnel of hope that was built in 1993 during the Siege of Sarajevo, allowing war supplies and humanitarian aid to reach the city at the height of the Bosnian War.



(The Sarajevo Tunnel served as a vital lifeline during the Siege of Sarajevo and is now one of Bosnia's most important historical attractions.)

Meet third-generation coppersmiths Adnan and Kenan, who are preserving Bosnia's Ottoman-era metalwork tradition as a unique experience. Then, enjoy a **free afternoon** to explore at your own pace. Wander through the charming streets of the Old Town, where you can discover traditional shops, lively cafes, and the poignant Sarajevo Roses. Local flavors and stories are on the menu tonight as you meet your local host.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### Optional Experiences:

1. East Meets West

## Day 12: DAY 12: SARAJEVO - BELGRADE

Travel through lush forests, pastures, and the Bosnian Mountains into Serbia – a scenic day of driving that will **end in Belgrade**.



(Belgrade combines modern urban life with rich history, making it one of the most vibrant capitals in Southeast Europe.)

The 'White City' has a long history, which you'll have an opportunity to discover tomorrow.

Included Meals: Breakfast

## Optional Experiences:

Serbian Dinner in the Bohemian Quarter

## Day 13: DAY 13: BELGRADE

Your Local Specialist will share the sights and sounds of Belgrade from an insider's perspective this morning. Delve into its Celtic, Roman, Serbian, Ottoman, and Austro-Hungarian history, then visit **Kalemegdan Fortress**, the symbol of the Serbian capital, perched perfectly on a ridge overlooking the confluence of two great rivers.



(Kalemegdan Fortress is one of Belgrade's most iconic landmarks, offering panoramic views over the Danube and Sava rivers.)

Discover how each of these empires has had a hand in rebuilding the fortress over the past 16 centuries. This evening, we reunite one final time for a rousing **Farewell Dinner** to reminisce over our shared travel experience.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## Optional Experiences:

1. The Genius & The Leader

## Day 14: DAY 14: BELGRADE

Our journey through the Balkans has come to an end. All that's left is to say a fond *dovi?enja* as you bid your new friends farewell.

Included Meals: Breakfast

## Highlights

This 14-day Balkan journey through Romania, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and [Herzegovina](#), and Serbia offers a rich exploration of history, culture, and scenic landscapes across Southeast Europe. Begin in Bucharest, visiting landmarks like the Palace

of the Parliament, then journey through the Carpathians to Braşov and the legendary Bran Castle. Continue to Veliko Tarnovo and Sofia, exploring highlights like Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, before heading to Skopje and Tirana. Discover coastal charm in Budva and Kotor, then explore historic Mostar and multicultural Sarajevo. Conclude in Belgrade, visiting the iconic Kalemegdan Fortress—making it a comprehensive journey through the Balkans' diverse heritage and landscapes.

## Price in INR (USD 3,925) (RoE: 1 USD = 95 INR)

STARTING FROM INR 3,73,542 PER PERSON ON TWIN BASIS

## Departure Dates

### Departure Dates:

#### ~~Months~~

~~May 17, 24~~

~~Jun 26~~

~~Jul 26~~

~~Aug 30~~

~~Sep 20, 27~~

~~Oct. 26~~

## Tour Includes

- 13 nights' accommodation at the selected hotel category
- Daily breakfast at the hotel
- Round-trip airport transfers
- All tours and transfers on a Private Basis (Depends on pax size)
- Services of an English-speaking guide

- Sightseeing specified as per the itinerary

## **Tour Excludes**

- Airfares/Airlines taxes
- Visa
- Travel Insurance
- Meals (unless specified)
- Peak/festival period surcharge
- Beverages NOT included in the quotation
- Entrance Fee (unless specified)
- Driver & Guide Tipping
- Room service
- Early Check-in/ Late Check-out
- Luggage truck & Porter
- 5% GST & 2% TCS (The 2% TCS can be claimed by the guest while filing their ITR.)