

9 Nights / 10 Days

# BALKAN & ADRIATIC

Serbia – Flight to Montenegro – Bosnia – Croatia



OUR MOST  
COMFORTABLE  
TOUR

- Take a look at the fascinating turquoise colour of the Neretva river from the Old Bridge in Mostar
- Discover new flavours of wine at one of Fruška Gora's most prominent wineries
- Seize the opportunity to visit 7 UNESCO protected sites on only one tour
- Take a break and listen to the Sea Organ, the world's first musical pipe organ played by the wind and sea in Zadar
- Explore the hidden gems of Dubrovnik's Old Town



*The good thing about our tours is that they can be customized to suit your desires. If you need more time to settle in and adjust before the tour, we'll be glad to book additional overnights for you. You are welcome to contact us for more details!*

## Day 1

### Arrival to Belgrade

Upon arrival in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, you will be welcomed by your driver and escorted to your hotel. On the short coach ride from the Nikola Tesla airport, sit back, relax and enjoy the sights of New Belgrade with its prominent 'blocks' – a classic example of Socialist architecture, built after World War II – and modern business centres, including the imposing Ušće Tower. Along the way, your driver will show you and tell some stories about the Western Gate of Belgrade, the famous Belgrade Arena and the monumental Palace of Serbia.



Check-in at your hotel. Use your free time to rest and prepare for the trip. At 7pm in the hotel reception, you will be greeted by your guide who will introduce himself and provide you with detailed information about the entire trip. Overnight.

## Day 2

### Leisure day Belgrade Sightseeing

After breakfast, you will embark on a tour (driving and walking) around Belgrade, a capital city well known for its various architectural styles, dynamic history and fantastic views of one of the biggest river confluences in the whole of Europe. Start the tour visiting the Museum of Yugoslav History, a memorial complex devoted to the life and deeds of Josip Broz Tito, the political leader of Yugoslavia. Next, you will pass by the stadium of FC Red Star – the former

European and World Cup champions, and proceed to the Temple of Saint Sava, Belgrade's patron saint. Very much a symbol of the city, this impressive building can be seen from any part of the capital. After a short break at the Temple's plateau, the panoramic tour will then take you from Slavija Square, to Saint Mark's Church, the Serbian National Parliament and White Palace, and on to Republic Square. This most central point of Belgrade is surrounded by such cultural institutions as the National Theatre and National Museum. The tour will then head along the lively Knez Mihailo Street, the main pedestrian and shopping zone, before stopping for a visit to the Orthodox Cathedral Church of Saint Michael the Archangel, which is located just across from the Building of Patriarchate. Your guide will tell you about the tavern around the corner, the oldest in the city and intriguingly known as "?" (Question Mark), before continuing on to Kalemegdan Park and Belgrade Fortress, the most important cultural-historic complex of the city, situated on the confluence of the rivers Sava and Danube.



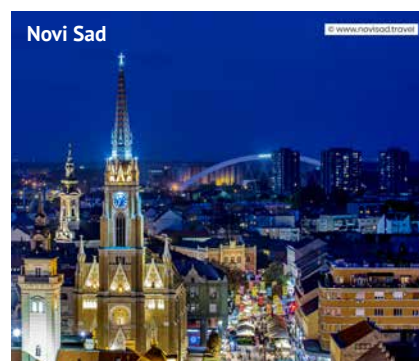
#### Optional excursions in Belgrade:

- Belgrade rivers cruise and Zemun: Danube & Sava, two great rivers and their shores will help you feel the Belgrade's spirit. You'll meet this great city from a different perspective and in the evening, explore the charming Zemun neighbourhood, enjoying dinner in one of the traditional fish restaurants
- Skadarlija bohemian night: a traditional Serbian dinner in Skadarlija
- the bohemian heart of Belgrade (drinks not included).

## Day 3

### Belgrade – Fruška Gora – Sremski Karlovci – Novi Sad – Belgrade

Breakfast. Today you will explore the most interesting sights of Vojvodina,



a province in the north of Serbia. You will be driven through picturesque scenery and Serbia's famous wine region towards the 'Serbian Holy Land', home to 17 functioning Serbian Orthodox monasteries. You will visit well preserved monastery Krušedo, where you'll have the opportunity to buy wine and rakija made by the monks. The tour continues on to Sremski Karlovci. A real gem of Serbian culture and spirituality, Sremski Karlovci feels like a 'museum town' with its Baroque centre, the Patriarchal Court, the Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Nicholas and the first Serbian secondary school (gymnasium). It is also famous for wine production and the town's annual Wineball festival. You will finish your tour of this charming town with a visit and wine tasting at one of the region's most prominent wineries.

Further on the tour, you will visit the 2021 European Capital of Culture, Novi Sad. Located on the historical border of two former empires – the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman – as a result, the capital of Vojvodina is a multi-cultural city with an interesting mix of architectural influences. On a sightseeing tour around the city, you will walk around the city's pedestrian zone, past the City Hall, a Catholic church, the old city centre, the former house of Albert Einstein's wife Mileva, the cultural foundation Matica Srpska and a synagogue. Then you'll follow the right



bank of Danube and visit Petrovaradin, or the so-called 'Danube's Gibraltar', where the fortress is located. Drive back to Belgrade. Overnight.

#### Day 4

#### Flight to Montenegro – Kotor – Dubrovnik

Breakfast. Hotel check-out and transfer to Belgrade Airport for the flight to Tivat, Montenegro. Upon arrival, you'll take a tour around the Bay of Kotor with its unique landscape, a must-see location for more than 500 cruisers during a year. The best way to explore is a walking tour around the old Mediterranean town of Kotor, a UNESCO site that dates back to the 12th and 14th century. You will have free time to continue wandering around the old paved town and perhaps have lunch in a restaurant on one of romantic squares.



Our Lady of the Rocks

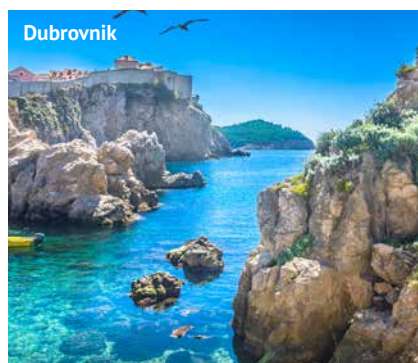
The next stop in Kotor Bay is the town of Perast, little settlement in baroque style. From Perast, you'll start a relaxing boat ride around the Bay of Kotor to the picturesque island of Our Lady of the Rocks. This manmade island is home to a church with valuable paintings by local artists, silver votive tablets and a famous votive tapestry. Drive to Dubrovnik. Check-in at the hotel.

#### Day 5

#### Leisure day Dubrovnik Sightseeing

Breakfast. Start walking tour around Dubrovnik, one of the most significant monuments in the world and one of Europe's best preserved walled cities, known since the 7th century. The old town is surrounded by a 2 km long wall that gives a great opportunity to see old Dubrovnik from above during a one hour relaxing walk; the city's churches, fortifications and monuments are a real must-see. Dubrovnik has enchanted a lot of famous persons to devote their pieces of art to the city, thus in this city of

marble and light coloured stone, you will find numerous art galleries and unique shops. In the historical centre of Dubrovnik, you will visit the main street Stradun, the main square Placa, Pile Gate, the Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, the walls of the Old Town, the church of Saint Blaise, the cathedral, the Jesuit church, Orlando's Column, Big Onofrio's Fountain, the city port and other hidden gems.



#### Optional excursions in Dubrovnik:

- Cable Car: the Dubrovnik Cable Car will take you to the top of Srđ Hill, where you can stretch your view up to 60 km across Adriatic coast, and this wonderful city.
- Seafood dinner in Dubrovnik: in the evening, you'll have opportunity to visit a local restaurant where you can enjoy Croatian seafood dishes and wines.

#### Day 6

#### Dubrovnik – Mostar – Međugorje – Split

Breakfast. Drive along the beautiful Makarska coast – with wonderful views of Croatian islands, wine & olive plantations and stone-made villages towards Mostar. Walking tour around Mostar starts with a visit to the symbol of this city, Balkan TOP 10 and the most



Mostar Old Bridge

photographed sight in the country – the Old Bridge (a UNESCO protected landmark). You will then proceed to Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, the

Crooked Bridge and the old tanner's quarter Tabhana. Free time in Mostar for getting lunch on the banks of the Neretva river, with an amazing view of the bridge that rises above you. On the way to Split, you will stop for a visit to the famous pilgrimage site of Međugorje. Since 1981, alleged apparitions of the Virgin Mary have been reported in the town and it has become a must-see destination for many travellers to the Balkans. In Međugorje, you will visit the Church of Saint James with the outer altar and statue of Christ. Drive to Split. Check-in at the hotel.

#### Day 7

#### Leisure day Split – Trogir – Split

Breakfast. Start the sightseeing tour of Split, the largest Dalmatian city, founded 1700 years ago, with a well preserved, enormously rich history. Your guide will lead you through the narrow streets of Diocletian's Palace (a UNESCO Heritage Site), built in the 4th century for the Roman Emperor Diocletian, and show you former Temple of Jupiter in the central square of the imperial complex. Today, the temple is now the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, regarded as the oldest Catholic cathedral that remains in use in its original structure. You will also pass through the Golden and Silver Gates and walk around lively markets and Riva, the city's shopping zone.



Split

The afternoon will be devoted to the beautiful town of Trogir, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. If you are a lover of photography, this is the perfect spot for you. Located on a tiny island, it boasts beautiful architecture, stunning sea views and palm trees that spread along its pleasant waterfront promenade. Watch out, or you will find yourself lost in medieval times. Walking its charming streets, you will find yourself immersed in the blend of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Look out for the



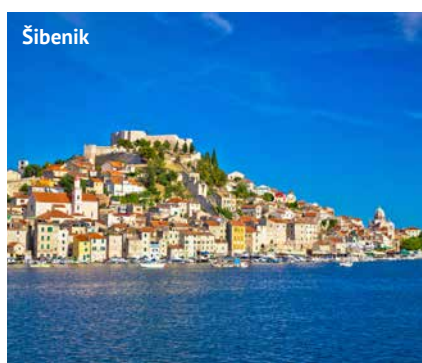
Cathedral of Saint Lawrence, the Clock Tower the Loggia, the Land Gate, Kamerlengo Castle and Saint Mark's Tower. Return to Split.

In the evening, relax in the charming Mediterranean atmosphere and while your free time enjoy dinner in a restaurant by the sea.

### Day 8

#### Split – Šibenik – Zadar – Plitvice Lakes National Park

Breakfast. The tour will then head towards Šibenik, a medieval Venetian city famous for its narrow curvy streets, stone-made houses, stairs and remains of the city walls. It is home to many significant landmarks, among which the Cathedral of Saint James (on the UNESCO World Heritage List), constructed by locals for hundreds of years, has a special place. Šibenik is the perfect place for a short break. Spend your free time strolling through the charming streets and enjoying lunch in a square surrounded by Venetian architecture.



The next stop on your discovery of the Dalmatian coast is Zadar, an ancient city and the oldest continuously inhabited city in Croatian Central Adriatic. With your guide, you will explore this Gothic-Romanesque city on a relaxing walking tour. While you wander down cobbled streets and past old houses, surrounded by ancient city walls and gates, you'll visit the 12th century Romanesque



Church of Saint Mary, the Church of Saint Chrysogonus and the Cathedral of Saint Anastasia. Another must-see on this walking tour is the Sea Organ, an experimental music instrument whose melodies are created by the breaking waves on tubes located underneath a set of marble steps.

In the late afternoon, you will arrive at the famous Plitvice Lakes National Park. In the refreshing atmosphere, you can relax and enjoy dinner either in the hotel restaurant or a local restaurant nearby.

### Day 9

#### Plitvice Lakes National Park – Zagreb

Breakfast. Start exploring Plitvice Lakes National Park, a beautiful park that contains 16 interconnected cascading lakes. On old maps, it was called 'Devil's Garden' and it is the first site in the Balkans to get UNESCO World Heritage status. You will enjoy a 3-hour guided tour that includes a visit to the upper and lower lakes. While swimming is forbidden, you will find the best places for relaxing and contemplating the untouched beauty of this lush paradise.



The final stop on this great Balkan tour is the Croatian capital, Zagreb. This small gem of European culture and civilisation is located in the heart of the continent. Sightseeing around Zagreb, touring the city's main attractions: Kaptol (the medieval part of Zagreb), the Franciscan



monastery and the 13th century Church of Saint Francis. You will also get the chance to walk around Dolac, Zagreb's best known farmers' market, and admire the baroque architecture of the 18th century Church of Saint Mary. The tour will end in the heart of Zagreb, at Ban Josip Jelačić's monument in the square named after him.

#### Optional excursion in Zagreb:

In the evening, dinner in one of Zagreb's authentic Croatian restaurants will allow you to discover the tastes of Croatian continental cuisine. Try different specialties and see how it compares to the local food from other Balkan countries.

### Day 10

#### Departure

Breakfast and hotel check-out. As most of our clients decide to extend their trip within their own organisation, transfer to the airport at the end of the tour is not included in the overall price. Any guests who would like Balkan&more to organise a departure transfer on their behalf are welcome to contact us. End of services.

*If you feel like you are not ready to end this trip and would like to spend more time on your vacation, let us know and we will book some more overnights for you. You are welcome to contact us for more details!*

### GENERAL INCLUSIONS / VALID BOTH FOR STANDARD AND SUPERIOR PACKAGE

- Flight ticket Belgrade – Tivat (Montenegro)
- Airport arrival transfer
- All sightseeing tours and transfers that are included in the itinerary, except those marked as 'optional excursion'
- Entrance ticket to the Museum of Yugoslav History and monastery Krušedol
- 3 hour tour to Plitvice Lakes National Park, includes entrance tickets, boat ride and tram ride
- Boat trip from Perast to the island of Our Lady of the Rocks
- 1 bottle of water (0.5 l) daily for each passenger
- Professional tour guidance throughout the tour
- VAT, accommodation taxes and city taxes
- Tour logistics and organisation by a licensed incoming agency

### STANDARD package / ACCOMMODATION

- 3 BB in Belgrade** in Hotel Royal Inn 4\* / Hotel Mark 4\* / Hotel Prag 4\* or similar
- 2 BB in Dubrovnik** in Hotel Lapad 4\* / Grand Hotel Park 4\* / Hotel Uvala 4\* or similar
- 2 BB in Split** in Hotel Globo 4\* / Hotel President 4\* / Hotel Art 4\* or similar
- 1 HB in Plitvice** Lakes National Park in Hotel Grabovac 3\* / Hotel Macola 3\* or similar\*
- 1 BB in Zagreb** in Hotel DoubleTree by Hilton 4\* / Hotel International 4\* or similar

### SUPERIOR package / ACCOMMODATION

- 3 BB in Belgrade** in Hotel Saint Ten 5\* / Hotel Hyatt Regency 5\* / Hotel Hilton 5\* or similar
- 2 BB in Dubrovnik** in Hotel Rixos Libertas 5\* / Hotel Neptun 4\* / Hotel Valamar Lacroma 4\* or similar
- 2 BB in Split** in Hotel Radisson Blu Resort & Spa 4\* / Hotel Cornaro 4\* / Hotel Jupiter Heritage 4\* or similar
- 1 HB in Plitvice** Lakes National Park in Hotel Degenija 4\* / Hotel 16 lakes 4\* or similar
- 1 BB in Zagreb** in Hotel Esplanade 5\* / Hotel Sheraton 5\* / Hotel Westin 5\* or similar