

ULTIMATE BALKAN

Biking – Hiking – Rafting – Kayaking
Cruising – Food & Wine Experience

18 days Adventure



Season

March – November



Arrival

Belgrade



Accomm.

4*/5* hotels



Group Size

Small Group



Activity Level

Relaxed



Departure

Podgorica



Meals

21 Meals Included



9 UNESCO Sites



Highlights

Absorb the stunning panoramic view from Banjska Stena viewpoint in Tara National Park

Listen the echo of dervish's pray at tekija on the spring of Buna River

Catch the glitz and glamour of the glorious Hvar town

Make the best shot from the very top of Lovcen NP



Introduction:

As much as you think that you already know all about it, Europe still has aces to get you! Serbia for sure is one of those, with its wondrous nature, cultural immersion, lavish and illustrious heritage, cordial and generous hospitality. A visit to the hearth of the Balkans shows why Serbia is seen as a "crossroad" of Southeast and Central Europe, and leaves long lasting emotional echo that will warmly call for you to return for more. Bosnia, its glorious nature, mainly undiscovered, is represented by: rugged Dinaric Mountains, tiny access to the Adriatic coastline, idyllic and fertile valleys, pristine rivers and lakes. Rich cultural heritage comes from a blend of ethnical and religious abundance from the ancient times. All the diversity of the turbulent history, memorable flavours of the traditional cuisine and warm hospitable locals will give an incredible experience

If you are arriving in **Belgrade** a few days prior to the tour departure, you can book additional nights with us, at the same hotel.

Arrival transfer from the listed airport is included. Private transfers from non-listed airports **are available on request**.

Please check the options with your local expert.

Day 1 Arrive Belgrade

Belgrade, the Serbian capital, one of the oldest European cities, adventurous and proud as it is, will welcome you with an open heart and show you its incredible historical and cultural wealth, vibrant night life and flavorful cuisine. Built where the Danube and Sava Rivers meet, Belgrade is a city of so many layers, and each one you discover will tickle your brain and hug your heart. Our guide on transfer will introduce you to it and give you all the essential instructions for the first day. **Overnight: Belgrade**



Day 2 Taste & Bike Belgrade Experience Tour

 18 km  4 h  65 m

You can never really get to know Serbian culture and soul until you live through its local routine. That's why combined Taste & Bike Belgrade Experience® tour starts off with a daily ritual - a morning coffee at the oldest but really trendy Belgrade quarter, Dorćol. A decent dose of caffeine will push you up further through the day. Your next stop is at an old family bakery, a holy place for Serbs, and with some fresh bread in the bag, you will explore one of the oldest green markets in Belgrade, Bajloni. The entire place is covered with the scent of rural Serbia, so you can almost see the villages, cattle and gardens where vegetables and fruits are grown. The first, walking part of the tour will also take you to the traditional, old school (with machines, décor and ambiance untouched since the 80's) pastry shop too, where sweets will reveal the rich Balkan heritage to you: a Serbian foundation with Oriental and European touch.



After a tasty morning, it's time to burn some calories on a bike! Hop on your bikes by the Sava River and cycle towards New Belgrade and Zemun, different faces of Serbian capital. Crossing the River Sava over Branko's Bridge, you will reach New Belgrade. Feel its energy while you bike along the wide boulevards and blocks, between skyscrapers and company headquarters! The Palace of Serbia, on its wide, flat plateau, stands out between the building blocks as a great symbol of communist architecture. Pleasant ride is going to take you to the bohemian Zemun set on the bank of Danube with marvellous fish restaurants. From Millennial tower you will feel the echo of Central Europe and get why Zemun is the city in the city (Belgrade). Refreshing breeze, the view of the Great War Island and the confluence of the rivers Sava and Danube are highlights of the ride along the quay on our way back.
Overnight: Belgrade.

Day 3

Northern Serbia Highlights: NP Fruška Gora hiking – S. Karlovci with wine tasting – City of Novi Sad

 8,4 km  2:15 h  300 m  195 m

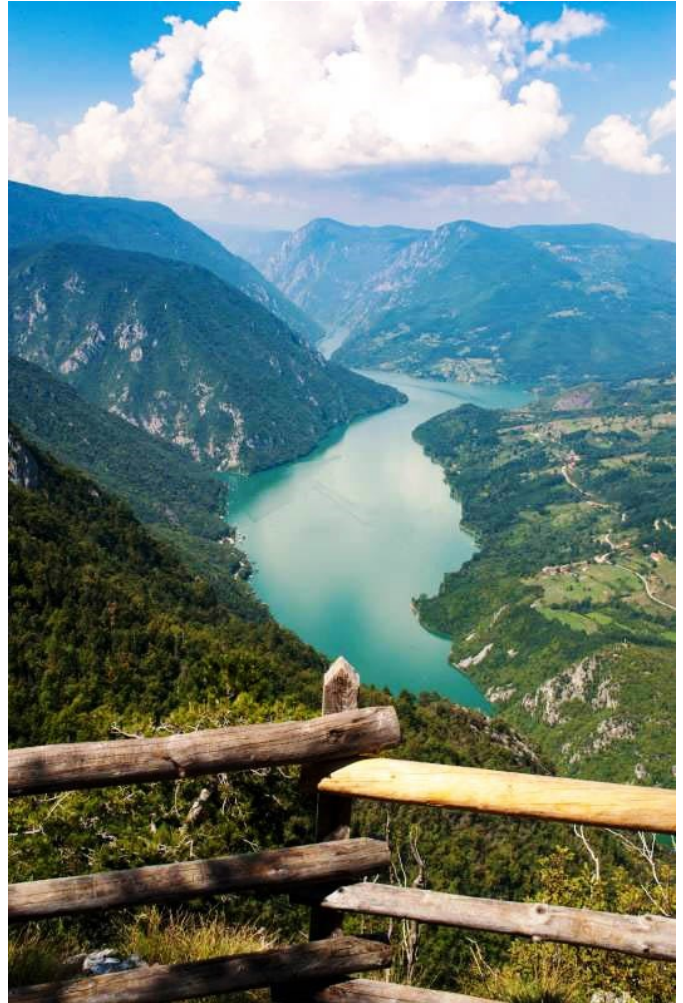
Heading to the North, you will realize that Fruška Gora Mountain is the only thing that spoils the simple, colourful plain of Vojvodina region. There, you will visit Novo Hopovo monastery, one of the 17 religious gems of the Serbian Orthodox Church hidden in the mountain. Built in the 15th century, this stone and brick monastery was the most important enlightenment centre in Serbia once: famous cultural and philological figure Dositej Obradović lived and worked here.

More dynamic part of the tour is about to follow. The two-and-a-half-hour-hike with couple awesome viewpoints gives full impression about idyllic Fruška Gora. We move on to Sremski Karlovci which with the Patriarchy Palace, St. Nicholas church and the first Serbian modern gymnasium established in 1791 is justifying informal title - museum town. One of the best sides of Karlovci is probably the wine production, so here's the great occasion to visit a traditional winery and try a local sort of wine!



Vivid facades with a specific type of windows (kibic-fenster), one cannonball in a wall as a remainder, street musicians, and charming passages are a sign that you are in Novi Sad and its picturesque downtown. This 2022 European capital of culture, a city with true

multicultural ambience, offers a long list of important sights worthy of attention that will make you fall in love with it. **Overnight: Belgrade.**



Day 4

Vivid Western Serbia: Drina River – NP Tara Mountain hiking – Wooden Town – Zlatibor Mountain

 11 km  3 h  145 m

The following three days are saved for an exciting and unforgettable adventure in Western Serbia, the most vivid region in the country. You will spend this amazing time surrounded by stunning nature, delicious cuisine and friendly, hospitable people. The route leads along the gorgeous Drina River and an isolated and unique house made of logs on a river stone, House on the Drina. Don't miss your chance to take some lovely photos of this widely famous attraction.

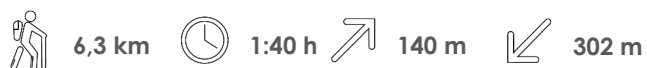
After a ride through attractive landscapes with mind-blowing views, some walking will do you good. A hike to the astonishing viewpoint Banjska Stena at the Tara National Park rewards you with an exceptional panorama from the mighty cliffs over emerald Drina River, wide Perućac Lake and Eastern Bosnia. Short break for lunch will refresh you enough just before a visit to the enchanting ethno-village Drvengrad (Wooden Town), built by famous director Emir Kusturica. All the objects at this movielike setting are made of natural materials, mostly wood, hence the name. With head and soul full of impressions, you'll finish the day on

Zlatibor Mountain, the royal health resort in Serbia, officially established at the end of 19th century.
Overnight: Zlatibor Mountain.



Day 5

Zlatibor Rhapsody®: Tornik Hill with cable car and hiking - Sirogojno Old Village - Stopića Cave



After rich mountain breakfast, you are ready for Zlatibor Rhapsody®! Go aboard the Zlatibor Gold Gondola Lift which brings you a great opportunity to enjoy the majestic view from the Zlatibor's highest peak - Tornik. Experience the stunning scenery of the lush Zlatibor meadows and the tranquillity of the Ribničko Lake. Don't forget to bring your camera and make some fantastic photos! Astonishing landscapes of Western Serbia will be a perfect backdrop for your hike down the Tornik Hill, giving you a chance to truly get the beauty of Zlatibor – wavy hills with colourful flowers and herds of sheep slowly grazing over the pastures.

Not trying mouth-watering local delicacies would be called a sin. That is why we'll take you to a family restaurant where each piece of furniture is a part of a six-generation heritage and where it will be hard to choose between the best trout, homemade pastries and pies, and selection of dairy or meat products.

As the full stomach not allows any intensive activity, in the second part of the tour, more leisurely sights await. The Stopića Cave, river-type cave through which the Trnava stream flows, is known by its big tubs and is one of the most beautiful caves of Serbia. After a short drive, you will arrive to Sirogojno Old Village, mostly famous for its open-air museum and prominent Sirogojno sweaters made of raw wool. You will see the ethnological exposition of the distinctive outdoor complex and learn about the history of the architecture, housing and the everyday family and cultural life, as well as the economic and social relations among people in the mountainous area of the region. **Overnight: Zlatibor Mountain.**

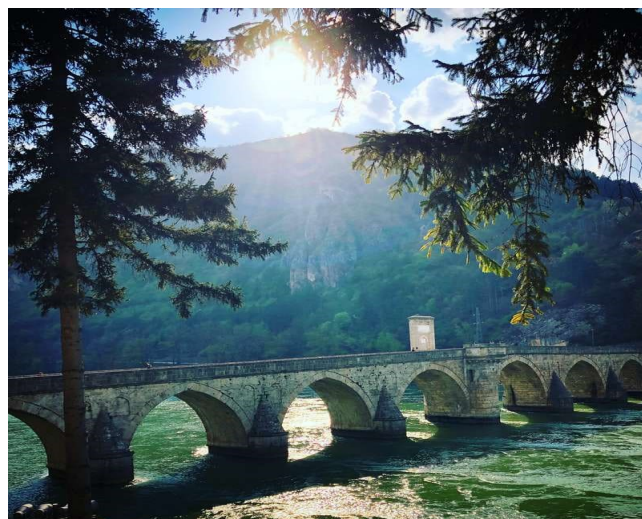
Day 6

Uvac Lake meandering and hiking – Višegrad stop – Sarajevo



This day is dedicated to mind-boggling views and epic photos which for sure will become lifelong memories. It is dedicated to the Uvac Special Natural Reserve, a stunning example of Mother Nature being the ultimate, ingenious creator. Here, you will discover many masterpieces of nature, but the most attractive ones are the unreal meanders of the Uvac River. During the boat ride along it, you can understand how this miraculous canyon was patiently carved for a long time and how the curves in some places turn at an angle of 270 degrees. Climb up to the Molitva viewpoint (Viewpoint Prayer) which brings you a chance to feel the full power of this river-maze. Another great gift of nature here is the Griffon Vulture. It is a special kind of scavengers and a very rare species of birds whose biggest population in Europe is right here. The wing span of this spectacular bird is about three meters, so you can get a visual image of the grandiosity of this bird. After the unforgettable boat ride, you are ready for a picnic lunch, authentic for this region, with unavoidable cheese, kajmak, prosciutto, buckwheat etc.

After being immersed in the dazzling scenery and dynamic morning, it is time to discover one of the most precious gems of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Head West, towards the town of Višegrad – a small town with an immense importance throughout the centuries. It is known as a birth place of the Nobel prized writer, Ivo Andrić, who described it in one of his greatest novels. The UNESCO's Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge, on the Drina River, is the symbol of this town. Višegrad used to be the border between Eastern and Western Roman Empire, and today, it is an inevitable destination on the route throughout the Balkans. Its Andrić Town, designed and supported by the world famous director, Emir Kusturica, is a unique homage to one of the most significant writers of the region and the most important historical events of the town. **Overnight: Sarajevo.**



Day 7

Sarajevo Food Experience Walking tour® - Springs of Bosnia River & Tunnel of Hope



4 h



Dive into Sarajevo Food Experience Walking tour® that will please both your mind and stomach. With a concept of combining history and cuisine, the past will look more alive and the gastronomy will get a deeper meaning! Storytelling starts with eclectic Vijećnica (City Hall), originally dated from the end of the 19th century and reopened in 2014, and anecdotes about "Inat-house" (spite house) or Šeher-Čehaja Bridge. The very heart of the downtown, Baščaršija with authentic souqs and crafts shops from the Ottoman era, and the fascinating Gazi Husrev-bey mosque follows. Once distinctly multicultural Sarajevo today can be seen in traces: examples are the Museum of the Jews, the Orthodox Church from the 16th century and Catholic cathedral of Sacred heart. Tour starts on a river and ends above it, on the most known bridge – Latin bridge, where the successor to the Austro-Hungarian throne Franz Ferdinand was shot, consequently causing the First World War.

Among the highlights, quite number of places, significant for locals, and different food shops will bring you a chance to feel a true pulse of the city. The best examples are small, family-run gastro points with expertise in a unique traditional specialty. You will have a chance to taste: authentic meat pie known as 'burek', the most famous Bosnian delicacy 'čevapi' in homemade bread and the most gorgeous looking and tasting sweet called 'tufahija'. You will also enjoy "domestic coffee" and a slightly forgotten refreshing drink called 'boza'. To this already colorful painting of Sarajevo, final touch is a visit to the Bezistan, a lively bazaar (a market from the 16th century) with a great variety of fragrances, colours, fabrics...



The tour continues to the Sarajevo Airport zone where the "Tunnel of Hope" is located – it is a war tunnel built during the siege of Sarajevo in 1993. Just like the old, medieval tunnels, its main purpose also was to connect the city under siege with the free territory, but eventually, it became the symbol of hope. For the end of the day, take a final spin to Sarajevo's green oasis, The Springs of Bosnia River. This remarkable area around the spring of the river, to which this country owes a part of its name, is turned into a beautiful park. Several small islands and verdant plains with small waterfalls are connected with old-time wooden

bridges. If you feel like getting the full experience of this little paradise, get on a horse carriage ride through the beautiful oak valley.

In your free time we highly recommend you not to miss Sarajevo brewery museum where along the great beer you can enjoy number of urban legends from its over 150-year long history. **Overnight: Sarajevo.**



Day 8

Lukomir Village: Hike the highest and most isolated village in Bosnia - Mostar



15,1 km



5:30 h



790 m

The picturesque ride through Bjelašnica Olympic Mountain will take you to Umljani village known by the UNESCO World Heritage site - Dolovo Stećci Medieval Tombstone Graveyards. Umljani village is right where our hiking adventure begins, with a goal to reach Lukomir village, the highest and most isolated village in Bosnia and Herzegovina, located at 1.500 metres of altitude. On your way to Lukomir you will reach Gradina, a small settlement primarily used by the locals as a base (camp) for summer pastures. As hike continues upwards, spectacular panoramic view of Studeni potok (Cold Stream) and its valley spreads around. At the end of the three-hour-hike the reward is expecting you: conquering the peak Obalj (1.896 metres high). Once at the top, you will experience an extraordinary view of the peaks of the mountains Bjelašnica, Treskavica and Visočica, as well as the Rakitnica River Canyon and many faraway villages. After a short refreshment, your hike continues down to Lukomir, an exceptional village with a 600-year-long tradition, an unforgettable and one of a kind experience. Don't miss the great opportunity to learn about their own tradition, cooking methods, and clothing that have remained intact in this village from the medieval ages. A true treat will be meeting the locals and learning first-hand about the difficulty, but also simplicity of life in the mountains. Savour a traditionally prepared lunch and coffee (included), and take some fantastic photos of the medieval stone-made mountain houses.

After the lunch break, you will hike back through one of the least discovered canyons in Europe, the canyon of the Rakitnica River. As you hike through the canyon, 800 metres deep and, in some places, only 1 metre wide, you will be amazed by the rare sight of virgin

nature in its full glory. The hiking route leads all the way to the starting point so the circle for this day is closed.

With your body and mind full of impressions, sit back and relax during your ride through the beautiful Central Bosnia, along the Neretva River all the way to the town of Mostar. **Overnight: Mostar.**



Day 9

City of Mostar - Medieval Počitelj village – NP Biokovo - Split



The central point of the Mostar walking tour is the symbol of the city, Balkan TOP 10 and the most photographed sight in the country – the Old Bridge (a UNESCO protected landmark). Use your free time to blend in with the locals on the busy cobbled streets of old town, climb to the top of Koški Mehmed Pasha Mosque tower or simply enjoy a homemade coffee at its courtyard, check out the Crooked Bridge and the old tanner's quarter Tabhana. An absolute must is to taste traditional meals on the banks of the crystal clear Neretva River, with an amazing view of the bridge rising above.

The great historical Herzegovina heritage is also depicted in the medieval village Počitelj, protected by UNESCO thanks to its authentic oriental architecture. Fortified town of Počitelj was built by Bosnian king Stefan Tvrtko I in 1383, but it was never really confirmed. The town's significance has varied throughout history and two most important periods were during the 8 years of the rule of Hungarians and 2 centuries of Ottomans' rule. If you are lucky enough, you will have a chance to meet some of the locals, chat with them and be treated with some of homemade delicacies.

The adventure continues towards Croatia. Biokovo National Park is the best place to begin to discover the surreal beauty of Croatian nature. The Biokovo Mountain whose rampart peaks, 1.500 meters above Makarska Riviera, offer the exceptional views of the sea and nearby islands. It is one of Croatia's most popular hiking destinations with numerous paths that wind up the hills past olive groves, vineyards and pine forest. Some say it owes its name to the whiteness of the snow covered peaks (bio in Croatian word for white) while others claim that word biokovo used to be a synonym

for tempest – a specific type of wind locally also called bura. The nature reserve is known among nature lovers by the great number of endemic animal and plant species. Recently, its fame has spread thanks to the Skywalk - a 25-meter-long glass promenade that offers a spectacular view of Makarska Riviera. The local myth says that when the sky is clear and bright, you can even see Italy, all the way across Adriatic!

Overnight: Split.

Day 10

The Historical Maze of Dalmatia: Trogir and Split



Feeling lucky to start your day in Trogir, a charming little town with medieval walls, magical architecture and a wonderful sea view, you are ready for today's adventure. Being in this town will seem like you travelled back in time through centuries, all the way to the Trogir's Golden era, today, still visible in the magnificent Cipiko Palace, the Venetian Cathedral of St. Lawrence, the Gothic town hall and mighty walls along the waterfront. Walking through the city centre (UNESCO World Heritage Site) with cobbled streets and passages, among different architectural styles, listening to the stories about medieval time and feeling the atmosphere of the glorious times past, you will find yourself immersed in the incredible history of Trogir.

A natural unfolding to this fulfilled day is a visit to the city of Split, the successor of Solin, the capital of Roman province Dalmatia. Split was actually the periphery of Solin whose very important citizen – the emperor Diocletian, chose Split's downtown as a place for his palace. That is how the splendour of Split began and how the heart of the city was shaped. Walking down the Split's streets is similar to wandering through a historical labyrinth. You will enter the bronze gate in the south, pass by the cathedral of St. Domnius, one of the best preserved buildings of Roman times, reach the golden gate in the north to touch the left toe of the statue of Gregory of Nin. According to the legend, all visitors who touch the toe of the statue will ensure their return to Split someday. Our tour ends on the busy seafront, complete with palms and yachts, colourful shops in Roman passages, and charming bars with creative interiors. **Overnight: Split.**








Day 11 Brač – Flavours and Sceneries of the authentic Croatian island®




 5,5 km  2 h  778 m

The next three days you will be discovering the incredible Adriatic coast and Dalmatian archipelago. Your first stop is the island of Brač, with the highest peaks among the Croatian islands. With a smaller number of tourists, but without big crowds and pomp as the glittering islands in its neighbourhood, Brač provides an excellent opportunity to delve into the authentic life of locals, particularly in the inland. Your sightseeing starts at the Museum of olive oil since olive cultivation here dates back all the way to the Venetian time and there's over a half-million trees planted. Warmly welcomed by hosts, you will get interesting insights into the production process. Spice up your visit by tasting various local delicacies. Later on, head up to Vidova Gora, the roof of the Croatian islands. From this point, you will go downhill along the rocky trails to the town of Bol. This small place, adorned by lovely old houses, offers great restaurants for lunch or snack by the promenade. Walk a little bit more and spend your well-deserved break at one of the most attractive beaches in the world – the Golden horn (Zlatni Rat).

Later in the afternoon, meet again with your guide at the harbour for your half-hour catamaran ride to the island of Hvar. **Overnight: Hvar Island.**

Day 12 Hvar Island: The ghost-like villages with lavender scent - Medieval Hvar town

 3,6 km  1 h  165 m

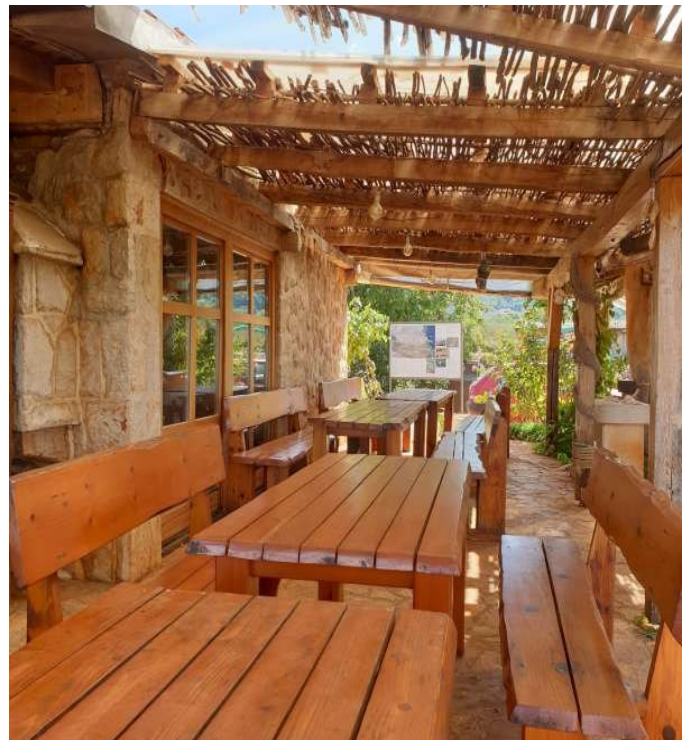
 5,3 km  1:30 h  100 m

After breakfast, the queen of the Croatian islands – Hvar is expecting you. It is so much more than just the glitz and glamour of its main town. The significance of the island dates back from the ancient times. The

important strategic and nautical position of Hvar had been the main cause of rich and turbulent times throughout its history. Its separation from the mainland protected the island from some of the modern influences and preserved the harmony between man and nature. This is visible in the white-washed towns and historic cobbled streets, in the fields of lavender and azure waters, as well as the home-style restaurants serving delicious Dalmatian fare. With all this in mind, you will visit one of the households that cultivates lavender and hike through the abandoned ghost-like village Malo Grablje. Somewhere in the middle of the Hvar hiking route, you'll get to the Milna just in time for refreshment at one of the restaurants with a wide seafood offer. As you continue hiking along the coast, you will be rewarded with marvellous views. You will arrive in the capital of the island – the city of Hvar.

Quite often visitors describe their time spent in the town of Hvar like being a part of a fairy-tale. The scenography features 13th-century walls surrounding beautifully ornamented Gothic palaces and traffic-free marble streets. This small bay town will show you its full glory especially through the stories about significant historical events and people, related to the cathedral, monastery or fortress.

Some would say that this incredible island simply has it all: rich history, vibrant nightlife, high-class service, wonderful nature and stunning viewpoints to admire it. Finally, you will have spare time to enjoy the crystal clear waters. **Overnight: Hvar Island.**



Day 13 Wine Duet: Korčula Island & Pelješac Peninsula – Walls of Ston

 3 h 

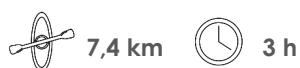
The third island in our itinerary will be sure to astonish you as well. Korčula, the most tranquil island of our adventure, got the name from the Greeks due to its dense pine forest - Korkyra Melaina (Black Corfu). The

Korčula Town is also known as Little Dubrovnik for its mighty city walls, medieval squares, churches, palaces and houses. Locals say it still keeps secrets about the life of one of the most famous explorers in history – Marco Polo. Tip of the day: there is a nice bar in the Zakerjan tower at the far end of the old town where you can enjoy spectacular views of the strait in the distance.

The Mediterranean climate, soil quality and the terrain's morphology provide the perfect conditions for wine-growing. In Lumbarda village, the heart of Korčula's wine making, you will have the opportunity to taste various sorts of wine, as well as the most authentic ones, pošip and grk. The perfect ending to your visit to Korčula is tasting some of the most known Croatian wines and snacks at the local family winery. After this wonderful experience, get on the ferry, and head to your next destination, leaving behind old little houses, settled on the edge of the island. Upon your return to continental Croatia, enjoy the ride through the Pelješac peninsula. The largest Croatian peninsula, covered with macchia, is widely known by two trademarks: wine and oyster. This region, Dingač, with its famous symbol - the donkey, is the first protected wine region in Croatia. On your way to Dubrovnik, along the coast of the Adriatic, there will be a short photo stop by the impressive old city walls above the town of Ston. **Overnight: Dubrovnik.**



Day 14 UNESCO's Dubrovnik: Movielike Old Town and Kayak Experience



Get ready for a lovely walking adventure through Dubrovnik's Old Town. This maze of beautiful white marble streets (UNESCO World Heritage Site) is surrounded by a 2 km long wall which hides medieval treasures: the city's baroque churches, magnificent palaces, significant monuments, medieval gates and marble streets. Its numerous art galleries and unique artisanal shops keep the artworks of many artists who found inspiration in this light-coloured-stone city. Walking through the historical centre, you will start and end your visit at the main street Stradun, and in between, you will hear facts, tales and legends about the Pile Gate, Big Onofrio's Fountain, the cathedral, main square Placa and wonderful ornaments of Rector's and Sponza Palaces. A lunch or refreshment in the city port will complete the story about Dubrovnik.



Even with the spectacular morning, the real highlight of the day is kept for the afternoon – time to meet Dubrovnik from a different perspective. You saddle up on kayaks, row along the coast and admire the view of the pink-grey city walls, which stand out against the azure blue water. Be sure that this experience will boost the impression about the mightiness of the city walls and give you a chance to enjoy both the attractive shore of the Lokrum isle and the cave up close. This beautiful island holds a lot of mysteries and according to the legend it was a shelter to King Richard the Lionheart in the 12th century. Our guide will tell you the whole story once you arrive there. Lokrum Island has been a set for filming the Game of Thrones, and it is another inevitable destination for the true lovers of the series. **Overnight: Dubrovnik.**

Day 15 The Bay of Kotor: Perast town – Boat ride to the Our Lady of the Rocks isle – UNESCO'S City of Kotor – Olive oil tasting



This day is devoted to the Bay of Kotor with its unique scenery. First stop is at the town of Perast, a little settlement baroque in style, where a relaxing boat ride to the picturesque island of Our Lady of the Rocks starts. This artificial islet is home to a church known by mystifying story and valuable artefacts like paintings by local artist, votive silver tablets and a hair-made tapestry. After short boat tour, marvellous Kotor kept in the mediaeval wall-frame is welcoming us. A walking tour shows multicultural richness through churches of Saint Nicholas and Saint Luka, the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon and all the glory of this UNESCO site. Use your free time to continue wandering around the stone paved town, or enjoy offer of fish restaurant at one of romantic squares. The break is perfect preparation for more than 1.500-step-hike which reaches the Fortress of St. John, point with mind-blowing panorama of Kotor Bay which for sure will become part of lifelong memories. For the end of this day, one more thing is left - a visit to the Morić Olive Farm, family-owned and operated estate, settled in Luštica Bay. It brings you an exquisite opportunity to feel the spirit and explore the rich heritage of the authentic household, taste the organic extra virgin olive oil of premium quality and simply enjoy the ambience of one of Montenegro's most famed olive growing areas. **Overnight: Budva or Kotor Bay.**



Day 16 NP Lovćen Mountain: Gastronomy, History & Adventure



 461 steps  1 h  110 m

The Lovćen massif area is considered to be one of the most important places in Montenegrin culture and history. Just getting there is a unique adventure: the stunning view of the Boka Bay will leave you in awe, while driving up the old, Austro-Hungarian 25-serpentine-road. First stop for the day is Njeguši, the village known as the birth place of the royal dynasty Petrović and a 'guardian' of the authentic architecture and cuisine in the region. Njeguški sir and pršut (cheese and prosciutto of Njeguši), a real treat for true foodies, are both genuine contributions to Montenegrin cuisine, produced only in this area, following the traditional recipe for smoking and curing meat.

Tasting the most famous specialties of the region makes us ready for one more breath-taking peak. The National Park Lovćen encompasses the central and the highest part of the Lovćen massif, covering an area of 6.400 hectares. On top of one of the mountain's two imposing peaks, lies a magnificent mausoleum – the tomb of Montenegro's greatest person in history: Petar II Petrović Njegoš. It takes 461 steps to climb to reach but it is a great adventure. The journey is well worth the effort – you will be rewarded with a spectacular viewpoint from the world's highest mausoleum. The trip continues to the Lipa Cave, one of the largest caves in Montenegro, for a great underground adventure. One-hour exploration discovers the cave's beautiful and wild system of 2.5 kilometres long trails and halls, splendid cave ornaments and gives chance to find out some fun facts about the cave and its surrounding. Back on the sunny surface is pleasing and on the way back to the hotel, a short photo-break right above the islet of St. Stefan, an emerald of Montenegro, is reward for invested energy on this day. Once a shelter for the locals during attack of pirates and Turks, today it is luxurious hotel with private access for exclusive guests: even Novak Đoković chose this venue for his wedding. Use free evening and try out some of the finest Montenegrin wines, made from the authentic red grape variety Vranac, as well as some organic honey, figs, and a homemade spirit called rakija. It is highly recommended to enjoy these delicacies at the konoba, small, traditional restaurants owned by local families and are the true essence of Montenegrin's warm hospitality and friendship. **Overnight: Budva or Kotor Bay.**

Day 17

River of Crnojević – Poseljani village - NP Skadar Lake with boat ride

 10,5 km  3:30

It is time to say goodbye to the coast and head to the heartland of Montenegro. Your day starts by passing the River of Crnojević, a small settlement dating back to the 15th century, which to this day counts only 200 inhabitants. With its strategic positioning and river flowing directly into the Skadar Lake, this settlement was the largest Montenegrin harbour and leading merchant bazaar in the 19th century.

The journey goes through the vivid, old caravan road featuring several lake viewpoints and an incredible opportunity for stunning panoramic photos. A special part of your day will be the visit of the village Poseljani with its movielike houses, mills, and small stone bridges dating back to the 18th century, all authentic scenes and examples of the architecture of this region.



Fishing village of Virpazar is a departure point for boat ride on Skadar Lake. As you glide through the mirroring water, the numerous lake's attractions reveal: the extraordinary birds, the water lilies in full bloom, and wild, secluded beaches. Skadar Lake has an area ranging from 370 to 530 square kilometres, depending on the water level and it is the biggest lake of the Balkans. The river Bojana creates a connection between Skadar Lake and the Adriatic Sea through a large mountain massive that separates the two. This day, dedicated to the rural and natural area, ends at the Montenegrin capital. **Overnight: Podgorica.**

Day 18 Departure day

Departure from Podgorica or any non-listed airport.

If you are departing from **Podgorica** a few days after the tour end, you can book additional nights with us.

Departure transfer to the listed airport is included. Private transfers to non-listed airports **are available on request.**

Please check the options with your local expert.

General inclusions // Valid both for Standard and Premium Package:

- Airport arrival and departure transfers
- All sightseeing tours and transfers that are included in the itinerary, except those marked as „optional tours“
- **Experiences:** Taste & Bike Belgrade Experience tour®, Wine tasting in Sremski Karlovci, Zlatibor Gold Gondola ride, Uvac Lake meandering and picnic lunch, Sarajevo Food Experience Walking Tour®, Lukomir Village lunch, Museum of olive oil on Brač island with tasting, Hvar Island household visit, Wine tasting on Korčula Island, Kayak ride in Dubrovnik, Boka Bay Olive Oil tasting, Njeguši Village food tasting, Skadar Lake boat ride
- **Entrance tickets:** Tara NP, Wooden Town, Stopića Cave, Sirogojno Old Village, Uvac Lake Natural Reserve, Springs of Bosnia River, Tunnel of Hope, Biokovo Nature Reserve, Boat trip from Perast to the island of Our Lady of the Rocks, Kotor Old town and St. John Fortress, Lovćen NP, Lovćen Mausoleum, Lipa Cave, Skadar Lake NP
- Professional tour guidance throughout the tour
- VAT, accommodation taxes and city taxes
- Tour logistics and organization by a licensed local agency

Standard package // Accommodation:

- 3 BB in Belgrade in Hotel Royal Inn 4* / Hotel Mark 4* / Hotel Amsterdam 4* or similar
- 2 HB (half board) on Zlatibor Mountain in Hotel Palisad 4* standard / Hotel Mir 4* or similar
- 2 BB in Sarajevo in Hotel Old Town 4* / Hotel Holiday 4* / Hotel Colors Inn 4* or similar
- 1 BB in Mostar in Eden Hotel & Spa 4* / Hotel Kriva Čuprija 4* or similar
- 2 BB in Split in Hotel Art 4* / Hotel Globo 4* / Hotel President 4* or similar
- 2 BB on Hvar Island in Hotel Lavanda by Valamar 3* / Hotel Pharia 3* or similar
- 2 BB in Dubrovnik in Hotel Lapad 4* / Hotel Uvala 4* / Grand Hotel Park 4* or similar
- 2 BB in Budva in Hotel Moskva 4* / Hotel Bracera 4* / Hotel Adria 4* or similar
- 1 BB in Podgorica in Hotel Ramada by Windham 4* / Hotel New Star 4* or similar

Premium package // Accommodation:

- 3 BB in Belgrade in Hotel Saint Ten 5* / Hotel Hyatt Regency 5* / Hotel Hilton 4* superior or similar
- 2 HB (half board) on Zlatibor Mountain in Hotel Palisad 4* superior / Hotel Buket 4* superior or similar
- 2 BB in Sarajevo in Hotel Courtyard by Marriot 4* superior / Hotel President 4* superior / Swissotel 5* or similar
- 1 BB in Mostar in Hotel Mepas 5* / Hotel Mostar 4* superior or similar
- 2 BB in Split in Marvie Hotel & Health 4* superior / Hotel Luxe 4* superior / Hotel Cvita 4* superior or similar
- 2 BB on Hvar Island in Heritage Hotel Dea Hvar Old Town 4* superior / Heritage Villa Apolon 4* Starigrad superior / Amfora Grand Beach Resort Hvar Old Town 4* superior or similar
- 2 BB in Dubrovnik in Hotel Royal Neptun 4* / Hotel Valamar Lacroma 4* / Hotel More 5* or similar
- 2 BB in Boka Bay in hotel Casa del Mare Amfora 4* / Casa del Mare Mediterraneo 5* / The Chedi Luštica Bay 5* or similar
- 1 BB in Podgorica in Hotel Hilton 5* / Hotel Cue (ex CentreVille) 4* superior or similar

Notices:

- Tips and portering services are not included in price
- Final choice of the hotels depends on current availability. The tour organiser reserves the right to change the hotel due to availability reasons but guarantees the same category, service quality and similar location of the accommodation unit
- Minimum number of passengers needed for guaranteed tour departure: 2
- The tour organiser reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour due to unexpected slow-moving traffic at international borders. These changes will not affect the basic itinerary
- It is the responsibility of the passengers to get acquainted with visa requirements of all the countries they are travelling to or will be in transit
- General Travel Conditions issued by Tour Operator d.o.o. and reconciled with YUTA standards are valid for this programme

