

Simply Serbia - Spectacular Tour

Biking – Hiking – Food & Wine Experience

7 days Adventure



Date
26.04.-01.05.2023.



Arrival
Belgrade



Accomm.
4* hotels



Group Size
10 – 15 pax



Activity Level
Relaxed



Departure
Belgrade



**Traditional
food and
wine tasting**



Highlights

Meet lovely Zemun, baroque face of Belgrade (along the Danube)

Explore the stupendous Fruška Gora mountain in its full glory

Take a deep breath on flourishing Zlatibor, the beautiful air spa mountain



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, and cordial and generous hospitality. A visit to the heart of the Balkans shows why Serbia is seen as a "crossroad" of Southeast and Central Europe and leaves a long-lasting emotional echo that will warmly call for you to return for more.



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 nightlife, 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. After the hotel check-in, you will have free time till the evening hours. Organized welcome dinner in a traditional restaurant in the famous Bochemian part of Belgrade – Skadarlija street where you would taste traditional Serbian cuisine. **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 '80s) 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 the 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. A pleasant ride is going to take you to the bohemian Zemun set on the bank of the Danube with marvelous fish restaurants. From the Millennial tower, you will feel the echo of Central Europe and get why Zemun is the city in the city (Belgrade). The 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



Heading to the North, you will realize that Fruška

Gora Mountain is the only thing that spoils the simple, colorful plain of the 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 center in Serbia once: famous cultural and philological figure Dositej Obradović lived and worked here.

A dynamic part of the tour is about to follow. The two-and-a-half hour hike a couple of awesome viewpoints gives a full impression of idyllic Fruška Gora. Here you will arrange a break with a lovely picnic lunch in nature. After lunch, 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 (cubic-Fenster), one cannonball in a wall as a reminder, 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 a true multicultural ambiance, offers a long list of important sights worthy of attention that will make you fall in love with it. **Overnight: Belgrade.**

Day 4

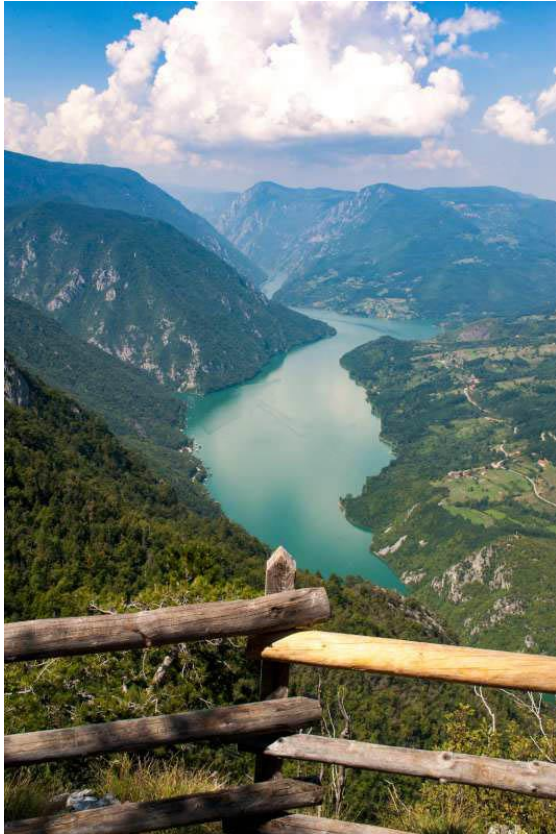
Vivid Western Serbia: Drina River – NP Tara Mountain hiking – Wooden Town – Zlatibor Mountain



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 the emerald Drina River, wide Perućac Lake, and Eastern Bosnia. A short break for lunch will refresh you enough just before a visit you will have an organized dinner in a local restaurant.
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 Zlatibor's highest peak - Tornik. Experience the stunning scenery of the lush Zlatibor meadows and the tranquillity of 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 Tornik Hill, giving you a chance to truly get the beauty of Zlatibor – wavy hills with colorful 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 a selection of dairy or meat products.

As the full stomach does not allow any intensive activity, in the second part of the tour, more leisurely sights await. The Stopića Cave, a river-type cave through which the Trnava stream flows, is known for its big tubs and is one of the most beautiful caves in Serbia. After a short drive, you will arrive at 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. The last part of this excursion we have reserved for traditionally prepared smoked prosciutto, bacon and cheese tasting together with the most famous drink. Dinner in the hotel. **Overnight: Zlatibor Mountain.**

Day 6 Zlatibor - Belgrade departure

After breakfast, hotel check out and short drive continue to Zlakusa village where we will visit Terzića Avlija, a small family owned compound to see traditional way of making pottery. Short hike

toward Potpećka Cave and nearby restaurant located on the mountain stream. Drive to Belgrade. Free time and overnight.

Day 7 Belgrade departure

After breakfast, hotel check out and airport transfer. End of services.

General inclusions

- 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®, traditional dinner in Belgrade, picnic lunch on Fruška Gora, Wine tasting in Sremski Karlovci, Zlatibor Gold Gondola ride (the longest in Europe!), Terzića Avlija, hand made pottery experience
- **Entrance tickets:** Tara NP, Wooden Town, Stopića Cave, Sirogojno Old Village
- **Meals:** Daily breakfast, dinner in Skadarlija on day 1, picnic lunch on Fruška Gora on day 3, Dinner in local restaurant on Zlatibor on day 4, Dinner in hotel day 5, lunch in local restaurant on day 6 *all lunch/dinners include following drink package: natural water, 1 tea/coffee and 1glass of wine/beer/juice per person
- Professional tour guidance throughout the tour in English
- VAT, accommodation taxes and city taxes
- Tour logistics and organization by a licensed local agency
- 4 BB in hotel Mercure Excelsior 4*
- 2 BB on Zlatibor Mountain in Hotel Palisad 4*

Notices:

- Tips and portorage 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
- 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

