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BALKAN TOUR/ Touch the Balkan soul

(from November 2023-May 2024)



DAY 1: ARRIVAL

Meeting at the airport, transfer to the hotel. After check in, rest of the day at Leisure.

DAY 2: TIVAT- KOTOR OLD TOWN -PERAST- Lady of the Rock(MNE)

After the breakfast be ready to explore most beautiful bay in Adriatic coast. You will get know history, nature, landscapes of two UNESCO cities Kotor and Perast.

Over 2000 years old, with its Venetian palaces, churches, museums and squares, it is truly a fortification masterpiece.

Located in a surreal and unique atmosphere of Boka Bay, trapped in time, Kotor will tell you about the ancient legends and some amazing stories.

Perast is one of the most beautiful little places in Boka Bay, located just a few kilometers from Kotor. It looks like a piece of Venice that has floated down the Adriatic. This tiny town boasts 16 churches and 17 formerly grand palazzos. Perast's most famous landmarks are actually right in the middle of the waters- two picturesque islands with quite the story behind them.

In front of Perast sits Lady of the Rocks. Island is a man-made. The story begins on July 22, 1452: two sailors, returning to Perast from a difficult voyage, discovered an icon of the Madonna and Child resting on a rock in a shallow part of the Bay. Considering the find a miracle, they vowed to build a church on the spot. The sailors dropped stones around the spot where the icon was found, slowly creating an islet and building a small chapel. It soon became a tradition for sailors to drop stones in the water around the chapel before a voyage. Nowadays at sunset on July 22, countless local boats are decorated with garlands and sail out into the Bay to drop a stone around the island. Back in Tivat. Rest of the day at leisure.

OPTIONAL: Boat ride to the Lady of the Rock island (depends about weather) -7,00 euro pp

DAY 3: Old capital CETINJE- BUDVA (MNE)

After breakfast open horizon for spirit in Old capital city -Cetinje. Cetinje is located in a valley surrounded by the beautiful slopes of the National Park Lovcen. This is a marvelous city, a pure treasure of history, culture and tradition of Montenegro. When you visit Cetinje, you will have the feeling as if time had stopped. You will be surrounded by numerous old buildings, which were once important mission of all countries. Two buildings are certainly the most representative: Cetinje Monastery and Biljarda.

In Cetinje there are numerous museums and Art Academy (entrance included).

National park Lovcen, which provides an amazing opportunity for an unforgettable visit to the highest mausoleum in the world (entrance included). National Park Lovcen offers a very pleasant atmosphere.

As Montenegro's busiest tourist destination, Budva is certainly a city that should be on every traveler's list. Budva's Old Town is a Venetian maze of cobblestone streets, anchored by the 15th century citadel.

Excellent hotels, villas and apartments attract tourists to spend their vacation there. Near Budva is situated the tiny island of Sveti Stefan just off the Montenegrin coast and it used to be a fishing village. Today, it's a luxury resort ready to meet your needs. Connected to the mainland only by a narrow bridge, with the stone houses tightly packed together on top of the rocks (entrance not included 25,00 pp).

On the way back we have time to stop in Olive oil old mill manufacture (included). Hidden gem on the verge of Kotor and Tivat. Amazing place and host make this spot an incredible and interesting attraction if you are interested in learning about how to make olive oil and finding out about the tradition and history of this old mill dated its origin back to II World War. Taste different kinds of olive oil or simply buy local products (not included). Back to the hotel.

DAY 4: BAR Old town-SKADAR LAKE- SHKODRA (MNE-AL)

After the breakfast take comfortable shoes and start journey to the south. Old town Bar its first station.

On a route through the past with interesting stories, legends, rich history, we will bring you closer to life in this region 2,000 years ago. In the Old Town of Bar, where East and West merged, there are the remains of all civilizations except Austro-Hungarian Empire. Today, the Old Bar is the largest open-air museum and it is on the UNESCO list.

In addition to many interesting things you will maybe hear that Old Town is called Montenegrin Pompeii.

Many legends are associated with The Old Olive tree, and Old Lady, as locals call it, if she could speak, it would be a story over 2000 years old, a story that still lasts. It has been under state protection since 1957.

From The Old Olive Tree the road to Shkodra takes us through one of the most beautiful olive groves of the Montenegrin coast - Valdanos. A turbulent history with frequent changes of rulers, from Byzantium, Venice, the Serbian Nemanjic dynasty and the Ottoman Empire, and for a short time less than a month Shkoder was part of Montenegro. Every civilization has left its mark on this city. We get to know the spirit of Venice, which once ruled Shkoder, by visiting the Venetian factory of art masks and how to make carnival masks by hand. Entering the exhibition space is going into the world of creation, daydreaming, hinting... an expression of emotions (included).

We will have brake in one of the restaurants for the lunch (not included).

Return to Montenegro will be from the other side of Skadar Lake. If you are wondering what paradise looks like, you will find the answer while discovering the largest lake in the Balkans. During this excursion, we will visit the **Visitor Center on Lake Skadar**, where the contents of all five national parks of Montenegro (included).

After the Lake Skadar boat tour (included), before returning to the coast, we take a break in Virpazar, a small town on the shores of Lake Skadar where the history of brave people of Montenegro is written.

Virpazar is the center of Crmnica, a rural area in the hinterland of Bar, where small family wineries produce great quality Vranac wine. Return to Tivat on deserved rest.

DAY 5: TIVAT- optional PODGORICA(MNE)

After yesterday reach excursion today is leisure day. Optional Podgorica shopping day and for fun visit Donkey farm.

DAY 6: TIVAT-ZABLJAK BLACK LAKE-TARA RIVER (MNE)

From the South, today you will go in the north of Montenegro, Zabljak and Black Lake national park (entrance included) and after that small adrenalin experience Tara River and rafting (optional).

You will drive through unreal beautiful landscapes of Montenegro. Black Lake is the premium tourist attraction of the Durmitor area. It is the largest and the best known of 18 glacial lakes on the mountain.

A 3.5 km walking path circles around entire lake, and it is a popular destination for recreation and hiking. The Katun restaurant is located on the shore of the lake and serves traditional Montenegrin dishes. Sit and enjoy in the silent when you drink your coffee or tea (not included).

After short break real adventure is coming. In a magnificent ambiance, below the steep sides, one thousand meters deep, fighting its way through the mountain, flows the most beautiful and the longest Montenegrin River Tara.

Today, Tara canyon is a go to spot for adventurous tourists who want to experience the exciting and direct contact with nature. Tara River rafting represents an unforgettable and extraordinary experience (not included).

Except that before late lunch (included) you can enjoy in magnificent architecture constriction - Djurdjevica Bridge. The 365-metre-long (1,198 ft.) bridge has five arches; the largest span is 116 meters (381 ft.). The roadway stands 172 meters (564 ft.) above the Tara River. At the time of its completion, it was the biggest vehicular concrete arch bridge in Europe. After exiting day evening return to hotel.

DAY 7: TREBINJE-DUBROVNIK (BiH, HR)

Over the centuries, Trebinje has been considered as one of the most beautiful towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Old Town, situated on the shore of the river Trebisnjica, numerous bridges, the famous museum, religious legacy among which the most famous are Hercegovacka Gračanica and Tvrđos, perfect taste of famous local wines and rich gastronomic offer - are some parts of the uniqueness's of this town.

On way to Monastery Tvrđos you can see „Dolapi” on the Trebisnjica River (old wheels for irrigation). Then, we will visit the Tvrđos Monastery where St. Basil of Ostrog became a monk and a priest. This monastery was built on the foundations of a church from the 4th century AD. The Monastery harbors a tradition of the monk winemaking of the autochthonous and international wines - Zilavka, Vranac, Chardonnay, Cabernet.

After Trebinje depart to Croatia- Dubrovnik city.

The astonishing “city of stone” is surrounded by 1940 m long stone walls. During your tour, you can visit numerous cultural and historical sites (museums, churches, mansions, towers) and, at the same time, find out where the Duke of the glorious Dubrovnik Republic used to live, where grain was stored, which sailing ships formed parts of the powerful Dubrovnik Republic fleet... (included). As you know here is made movie Game of Thrones -optional. After visiting the Old town, enjoy in tasting some of delicious Mediterranean specialties at the taverns and restaurants of the Old Town and complete the treat with a cup of coffee in Stradun.

DAY 8: DEPARTURE

Breakfast, check out and be ready for airport transfer to take flight for home.

INCLUDED:

- ❖ 7 nights accommodation in 4* hotel Tivat or Budva on BB basis
- ❖ 1 lunch in Tara river restaurant (meat - lamb, beef, pork or fish menu)
- ❖ All transfers and transportations according itinerary by car/minivan/minibus

Sightseeing:

- ❖ Kotor Old town walking tour
- ❖ Perast walking tour
- ❖ Cetinje National museum, Mausoleum and National park Lovcen entrance tickets
- ❖ Tivat: Old Olive oil mill manufacture entrance ticket
- ❖ 2254 years old olive tree in Bar old town
- ❖ Skhodra Rozafa Castle entrance ticket
- ❖ Venice Art Mask factory in Skhodra
- ❖ Skadar Lake national park entrances with boat ride and Visitor Center entrance
- ❖ National park Black Lake
- ❖ Trebinje old town, Monastery Gracanica and Tvrdos
- ❖ Dubrovnik walking tour

NOT INCLUDED:

- ❖ Perast Lady of the Rock boat ride (depends about the weather ,can be book last minute) (7 euro per person)
- ❖ Any other entrance ticket not mention in included list
- ❖ Lunches, dinners, drinks gratuities and any other personal cost
- ❖ Podgorica shopping day
- ❖ Tara River rafting (40 euro per person)
- ❖ "Game of Thrones" tour in Dubrovnik (25 euro per person-some dates are not available during winter)

PRICE FROM: (EURO)	1-4 pax	5-7 pax	8-10 pax	11-13 pax	13-15 pax	REDUCTION FOR CHILD
Price per person in twin room	890	755	675	635	615	- 110
Single supplement	+400	+340	+305	+285	+275	