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7 Day Balkan Taste Tour Albania – Macedonia – Kosovo – Montenegro



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DAY ITINERARY**

Day 1 Arrival Durres: US – Durres



Meet at Tirana International Airport and transfer to the coastal city of Durres.

Short city tour of the city visiting the Amphitheater; one of the largest amphitheatres on the Balkans.

Welcome dinner by the seaside, with folk show, traditional dancers in traditional Albanian costumes. Overnight in Durres.

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Day 2 Durrës: Durrës – Berat – Pogradec



Breakfast in your hotel

After breakfast, depart for Berat, the pride of Albanian antiquity and architecture. The UNESCO city forms a wonderful combination of eastern and western cultures, costumes and traditions.

The architecture of the old houses, with large windows that overlook the town, is the first think that impresses the visitors.



First stop: the Citadel. It overlooks the river and the modern city as well as the old Christian quarter across the river. The citadel can be reached by a steep road and is still inhabited. Inside the walls, you can visit ruined mosques and several medieval Orthodox churches, all intact and with restored frescoes and icons.

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Museum is located in the inner part of “Saint Mary Church” in Castle of Berat. This Museum offers a collection of 173 belonging to the found of Albanian Churches and Monasteries.

Afterwards you can visit the Ethnographic Museum, a two storied residence, with a lobby on one side. This residence is equipped with nonmoveable furniture that serve for the preservation of the household objects, wooden case, wallclosets, chimneys, wells, etc.

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Traditional lunch in a special restaurant close to the castle; old house architecture transformed into a welcoming warm restaurant.

In the afternoon we reach the city of Pogradec, the small town by the lake Ohrid, just a few kilometers from the Macedonia border.

Overnight in Pogradec.

Day 3 Pogradec: Pogradec – Ohrid - Skopje



Breakfast in the hotel

After breakfast, we leave Albania and enter another Balkan country – **Macedonia**.

Visit St. Naum Monastery, the Cathedral of St. Sofia built between the 11th and 14th century, which was the seat of the Archbishop. St. Clement, a classic Orthodox Byzantine church

which demonstrates the link between Byzantine and Italian Renaissance art, and the Icon Gallery.



After these visits we depart to Skopje, the capital of Macedonia for a tour of the main sites. This is the birth town of Mother Teresa and many parts reflect her history.

Visit the old Turkish bazaar, Mahmut Pasha Hammam, the memorial house of Mother Teresa, stone bridge and the Macedonia Plaza.

Overnight in Skopje.

Day 4 Skopje: Skopje – Prizren – Decani Monastery - Peja

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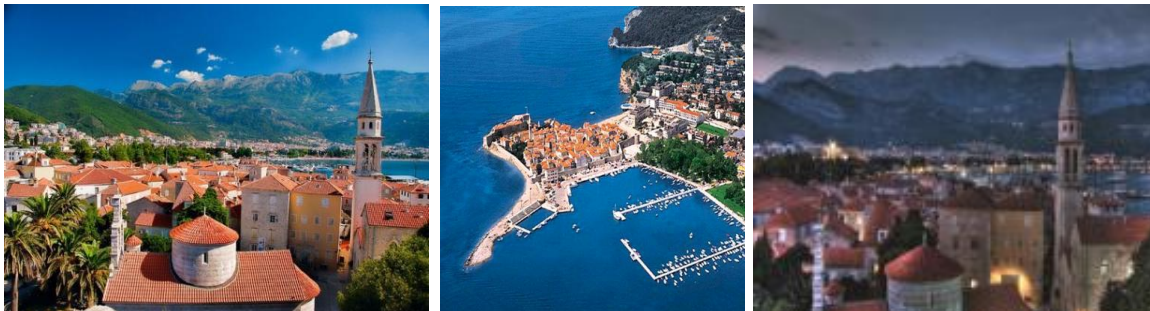
Breakfast in the hotel

After breakfast, we drive to visit Prizren, through the beautiful Sharri Mountains. Prizren is a true open air museum, one of the most beautiful towns of Kosovo which has best preserved the architectural style of the past. The craftsmen of Prizren are well known for their beautiful gold and silver articles and other folk handcrafts. Take a short tour and we suggest traditional lunch here in the old town.

Afterwards continue towards Peja through the magnificent Rugova Gorge to the Decani Monastery near it. This monastery complex is a wonderful example of the Orthodox religious architecture and art part of UNESCO World Heritage Site and a must for anyone visiting Kosovo.

Overnight in the Rugova valley near Peja.

Day 5 Peja: Peja – Kolashin – Podgorica - Budva



Breakfast in the hotel

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After breakfast, a long drive through magnificent natural beauty of the North West Kosovo and Montenegro takes us to Kolašin which is **Montenegro's** most famous ski resort, and its capital Podgorica.

We will take a driven tour of the capital Podgorica, and continue on another panoramic drive toward Budva where we spend the overnight.

Budva is rich in historic monuments. The Old town lies on a small peninsula and represents a treasure chest of culture heritage. The Budva coast is 21 km long with 17 beaches. It is among the most beautiful coasts in the world and this is the place where we will have arranged **dinner**.

Day 6 Buvda: Budva – Kotor – Cetinje



Breakfast in the hotel

After breakfast, drive to visit the Old City of Kotor a well preserved urbanization typical of the Middle Ages, built between the 12th and 14th century. Medieval architecture and numerous monuments of cultural heritage have made Kotor an UNESCO listed “World Natural and Historical Heritage Site”.

Cetinje is a town of immense historical heritage, founded in the 15th century. It became the centre of Montenegrin life and both a cradle of Montenegrin and an Eastern Orthodox religious centre. It is because of its heritage as a long term Montenegrin capital that it is today the honorary capital of Montenegro.

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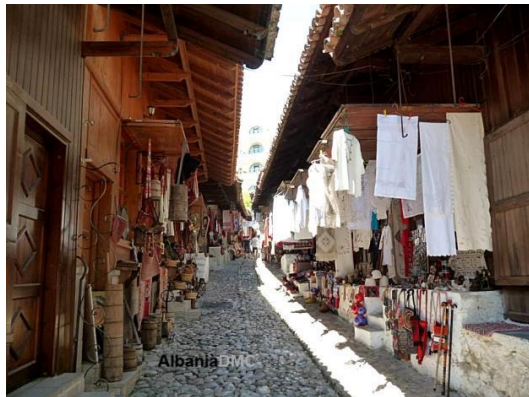
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Afterwards drive back to Albania, with overnight in Shkodra, centre of Roman Catholicism in Albania and a town with long historic roots, the only mentioned capital of the Illyrian Kingdom. Visit the pedestrian area with Italian influences and the Castle.

Dinner in a unique restaurant, build in a traditional house building, with an ethnographic museum inside of it.

Overnight in Shkodra.

Day 7 Cetinje: Cetinje – Shkodra – Kruja – Tirana



Breakfast in the hotel

After breakfast, this morning we drive to Kruja the centre of Albanian resistance against the Ottomans under our national hero Scanderbeg who defeated them in 22 battles including one of the most warriors like sultans Mehmet the Conqueror and resisted the Ottoman occupation for 25 years.

We visit the Castle with two great Museums and the Old Ottoman style bazaar. Afterwards drive to the capital Tirana where we take a driven tour of the major sites of Tirana, including the colorful buildings for which the Albanian capital is now popular for. The dull grey communist architecture buildings have been transformed into modern art canvases through splashes of bright colors and abstract shapes. An ingenious way of uplifting the facades and the moods of the inhabitants.

Overnight in Tirana.

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Day 8 Tirana: Tirana – US & Home



Free time to explore the capital before transfer time.
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