

# Serbia - Bosnia & Herzegovina - Montenegro

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

## DAY 1 Arrival in Belgrade

Arrival at „Nikola Tesla“ International Airport/Belgrade Port. Meet and transfer to the hotel, check in, rest.

## DAY 2 Belgrade

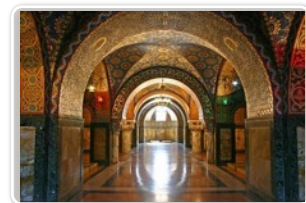
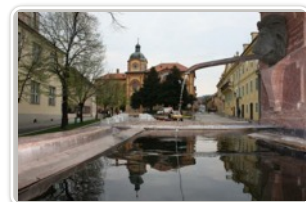
After the breakfast, we shall proceed to Belgrade sightseeing by bus and on foot. We shall pass through Belgrade's main squares: Republic Square, „Slavija“ Square, Nikola Pasic Square and University Square – four main meeting points. With the visit of „House of Flowers“ – mausoleum of late Yugoslavian president Josip Broz Tito we shall get introduced to the Communist era in Yugoslavia. Saint Sava's church is one of the largest Christian Orthodox temples in the world. Visit one admirable sanctuary among Serbian shrines. Proceed to the very heart of Old Belgrade, to Savamala district, and take a coffee break at the „?“ inn, the oldest remaining tavern in Belgrade. After a short break, we shall pass besides Patriarch's Court to the Belgrade Cathedral, one of the most beautiful Orthodox Churches in Belgrade. Just across stands Princess Ljubica's Court, museum nowadays, which will take us to the time of Serbian liberation from Ottoman reign. For the last stop we shall put away the famous Belgrade fortress, the largest fortification in Europe dating from the earliest times when Celtic tribes and Roman legions were fighting for this settlement. Stroll among the ramparts to discover the oldest Christian sanctuary in Belgrade, 14th century church of Nativity of the Holy Mother of God, known as the Rose Church; which forms a unique sanctuary complex with holy spring and chapel of St. Petka. Return to the hotel for a small break. In the evening, we recommend dinner in world famous bohemian quarter – Skadarlija, where you can enjoy national specialties in unique ambient with tambourine orchestra.

## DAY 3 Belgrade – Sremski Karlovci - Novi Sad - Belgrade

Right after the breakfast we shall make a trip to the City of Novi Sad. On our way to the second largest city in Serbia, we shall make a stop at nearby town of Sremski Karlovci, center of Serbian culture in the 18th century. Strolling through the cobbled streets of this picturesque town will lead us to the first Serbian lyceum, which gave Serbian people several great writers and poets. Along the way, we shall pay a visit to the Old Patriarch's Court and theological complex – Assembly Church and Theological lyceum. Being in the very heart of famous wine region, why not paying a visit to one of the well respected wine cellars? We shall proceed towards the City of Novi Sad, and our next stop is second largest fortress on Danube river – Petrovaradin, one of the most important strategic points in everlasting war between Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires. We shall be introduced to the legends of underground passages before we continue to „Serbian Athens“, as the City of Novi Sad is known. As we stroll among great cultural institutions and historic buildings, we shall pay a visit to the oldest part of Novi Sad, Zmaj Jovina pedestrian zone. Here we shall get introduced to the rich history of Novi Sad, as we visit the monument to Svetozar Miletic, famous Novi Sad Cathedral, Episcopis Church... Return to Belgrade in evening hours.

## DAY 4 Belgrade – Topola - Belgrade

The fourth day of stay in Serbia we shall dedicate to history of Serbian Royal family. We shall make a trip to Central Serbia and Town of Topola – the headquarters of First Serbian Uprising against Ottomans. This picturesque town, located on the sloaps of Oplenac Hill, hides one turbulent history. By visiting the Rebels' Town, we will approach the era of Serbian liberation. Locals are very proud of their legacy, especially highlighting their relationship to Serbian Royal family Karadjordjevic. On the very top of Oplenac Hill, surrounded by beautiful forest and royal vinyards, lies Serbian Royal complex, founded by King Petar I Karadjordjevic, the Liberator. Get to know Serbian modern history, admired by the whole world, as we listen to stories of bravery of this nation, and its role in First World War. The highlight of this tour is the world famous Royal Church and mausoleum, St. George's church, founded by King Aleksandar I Karadjordjevic, the Unificator. For a break, we suggest a lunch in one of the local restaurants, famous by the local cuisine and extraordinary wines...



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### DAY 5 Belgrade - Djerdap Gorge - Belgrade

A full day trip to the purest mystery one land can offer. Visit to East Serbia is always filled with a serious dose of respect to raw natural beauty this region has to offer. We shall pay a visit to a long forgotten city of Viminacium – Roman administrative center for province of Upper Moesia. Legends which are closely tied for Viminacium make it one of the most visited archaeological sites in Europe. Take a tour through the most prominent town in Upper Moesia and check the place which Romans believed was the gate to the underworld – Tartarus. Proceed adventure towards the widest flow Danube river has – famous Iron Gate. Its sheer size left no one untouched as Danube suddenly gives impression of the sea. Pass through a true keeper of realms, Golubac fortress, defensive complex which used to defend many kingdoms through centuries. We believe that you will have a completely different aspect as we return back to Belgrade in the evening hours.

### DAY 6 Belgrade - Sarajevo

After the breakfast and check out, we suggest a leisure time for shopping in some of Belgrade's shopping zones. In the evening, we shall proceed to „Nikola Tesla“ International Airport. Check in on a flight to Sarajevo, scheduled at 20:50h. Direct flight to Sarajevo, with arrival estimated at 21:30 h. After the passport control comes a transfer to hotel. Check in and overnight.

### DAY 7 Sarajevo

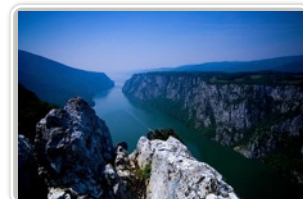
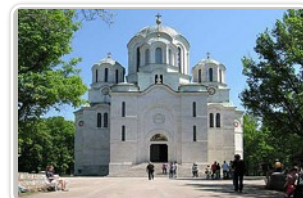
After the breakfast, take a tour to visit „Olympic Capital“, as Bosnians like to call their city. Sarajevo was a host of 1984 Winter Olympics, the largest Winter Olympic Games until then. Devastated during the Ex-Yugoslavian wars, modern Sarajevo is quickly approaching European capitals. Yet, noone can disprove the sense of being in the Middle Eastern town. With large historic core, area of Bas-Carsija returns its visitors to the time of Ottoman reign. Take a stroll through the cobbled narrow streets to see craftsmen making unique products of copper or porcelain, take a break at a genuine saray (Ottoman inn, which gave name to Sarajevo) with a cup of traditional coffee... Thing that noone must miss is the gem of visit to Sarajevo – Sarajevo kebabs and outstanding delicatessen made of honey, nuts, almonds... In the evening, we recommend to get to know of unique Bosnian frase – „sevdah“, untranslatable to any other language: a dinner in typical Bosnian restaurant, in oriental atmosphere with traditional Bosnian music.

### DAY 8 Sarajevo – Mostar

Breakfast and check out from the hotel is a start of the journey to Herzegovina, a land of proud and extraordinary people. Once a place of fatal love stories and beautiful landscapes, today it is divided between Croat and Bosnian groups. Famous „Kriva Cuprija“, literally meaning „broken bridge“, is certainly a hallmark of this beautiful town. The bridge hide all the history of this area, and is still respected as one of the „holiest“ places in Herzegovina. Take a stroll through its beautiful streets to discover the diversity between Catholic and Moslem Mostar, have a break with some of the most delicate specialties, characteristic for Mostar only.

### DAY 9 Mostar - Kotor

After the breakfast and check out from the hotel, we shall proceed towards Croatian border and Dubrovnik. Yet, on our way there are many things to be discovered. First place for a break is a marvel of nature and man – spring Buna river, with beautiful house over the river. Story of this location left noone untouched. Our next destination is a village of Medjugorje, a site of pilgrimage of millions of Christians. On this very place, a Holy Mother of God has been showing Herself in several occasions. One must not leave Herzegovina without tasting their wine. After a lunch, we shall proceed towards Montenegrin border, with occasional stopovers. Our final point for this day is the old city of Kotor.



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### DAY 10 Kotor - Boka Kotorska Bay

This day we will dedicate to beautiful history and legends of Boka Kotorska bay. We shall make a tour through the Old City of Kotor, once a major port and center of Venice Republic. Stroll among the cobbled streets of „Adriatic Pearl“, and afterwards, we shall pay a visit to the „Bride of Adriatic“, as Boka Kotorska bay is known. Once a beating heart of merchant fleets, as well as a favourite hideout of infamous Adriatic pirates, Boka Kotorska bay has a lot of stories to tell. We will pay a visit to the old town of Risan, ancient capital of Illyric civilization, brought to its peak during the reign of Empress Teuta. Town of Perast left untouched with its beautiful scenery and romantic legends. In the evening hours, we shall return to Kotor for overnight.

### DAY 11 Kotor - Mt.Lovcen - Ostrog Monastery - Mt.Durmitor

Our today's trip we will dedicate to rising of Montenegrin culture and monarchy. We shall head towards one of the most beautiful mountains in the region, Mt. Lovćen. On the very top of this mountain stands the mausoleum of the most respected Serbian-Montenegrin theocrat and literate – Pontiff Petar Petrovic Njegos. After visiting foundations of modern Montenegrin dynasty, we shall proceed towards one of the most beautiful mountain ranges in Balkan – Mt. Durmitor. On our way to Mt. Durmitor, we have one very important and unavoidable sanctuary, Ostrog monastery. Dedicated to one of the most respected Orthodox saints, St. Vasilije Ostroški, the miracle maker; this monastery represents the very soul of Christian Orthodox faith. It is believed that mere visit and paying respect to St. Vasilije's holy remain could cure and ease all the pain or trouble. After paying a visit to Orthodox shrine, we shall proceed towards the undisputed gorgeous of Mt. Durmitor lakes.

### DAY 12 Mt.Durmitor

We shall dedicate day 12 of our Montenegrin tour to get to know one of the most beautiful sceneries in the region. Famous for its „Highland Eyes“, lakes of Mt. Durmitor make one of the most desirable place to visit. Not far from Mt. Durmitor lies river Tara, with its beautiful canyon. The canyon itself is the second deepest in the world, right after the Grand Canyon. River Tara is one of the purest rivers in Europe and is considered a „heaven“ for fishermen and rafters.

### DAY 13 Mt.Durmitor - Skadar Lake - Podgorica

We shall make the last day in Montenegro the most dynamic: Starting from the Montenegrin North, we shall head South, towards Montenegrin capital – Podgorica. On our way we shall pass some of the most respected sites in Yugoslav modern history – battlefields of the Great War, near town of Mojkovac. Later we shall proceed towards beautiful Skadar lake for a short rest, and afterwards we shall meet Montenegrin capital of Podgorica for overnight.

### DAY 14 Departure from Podgorica

Transfer to the airport and departure back home.

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