



## 13D10N Balkan Peninsula Tour

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

#### ATTRACTIONS

- Lake Ohrid -- UNESCO Cultural & Natural Heritage
- Old City of Kotor (UNESCO) & Cathedral of Saint Tryphon
- Mostar Old Bridge - Stari Most (UNESCO)
- Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO)
- Lake Bled, Bled Castle & St. Mary's Church Island

#### GOURMET

- 10 Breakfast / 11 Lunch / 10 Dinner
- Hot Breakfast at Hotel
- Mix of Western & Chinese Meals

#### EXPERIENCE

- Boat Cruise on Lake Ohrid to St. Naum
- Perast Cruise to Our Lady of the Rocks
- Pletna Boat Ride on Lake Bled
- Postojna Cave (Entrance Included)
- Walk the Stradun of Dubrovnik Old Town

### HOTELS

#### ACCOMMODATION

- 4-Star Hotel or Similar (10 Nights)
- Six-Country Journey: N. Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Slovenia
- Turkish Airlines -- Transit via Istanbul
- Free Travel Insurance (Up to 69 Years Old)

# DAILY ITINERARY

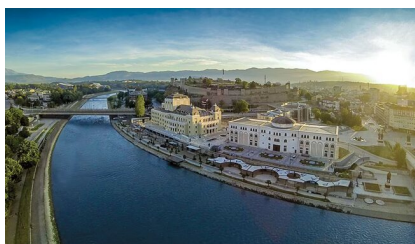
**Day 1** Kuala Lumpur -> Skopje (15H+) (Meal on Board)

**Day 2** Skopje (Lunch / Dinner)



## Macedonia Square (Walking Orientation)

The biggest square in Macedonia. It is located in the central part of the city, and it crosses the Vardar River.



## Vardar River (Drive Pass)

The longest river in North Macedonia, flowing through the heart of Skopje and spanned by the city's landmark Stone Bridge and decorative footbridges.



## Statue of Alexander the Great (Photo Stop)

A towering equestrian monument at the centre of Macedonia Square, one of Skopje's most striking modern landmarks.



## Kale Fortress (Photo Stop)

A historic hilltop fortress overlooking Skopje and the Vardar River, with origins reaching back to the 6th century.



## Mustafa Pasha Mosque (Photo Stop)

An Ottoman-era mosque located in the Old Bazaar of Skopje, Macedonia. The structure stands on a plateau above the old bazaar, built in 1492 by Mustafa Pasha, vizier on the court of Sultan Selim I.



## The Murat Pasa Mosque (Photo Stop)

An early Ottoman mosque in Skopje's old town, among the oldest Islamic monuments in the city.



## Yahya Pasha Mosque (Photo Stop)

A 16th-century Ottoman mosque noted for its slender minaret, part of Skopje's rich Ottoman heritage.



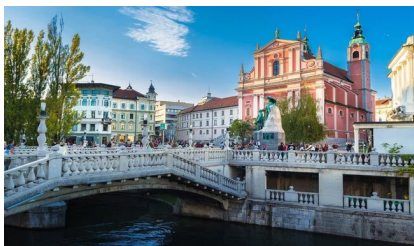
**Ohrid Lake (Photo Stop)**

Straddles the mountainous border between southwestern Macedonia and eastern Albania. One of Europe's deepest and oldest lakes, preserving a unique aquatic ecosystem of worldwide importance, with more than 200 endemic species. Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979.



**Amphitheatre (Walking Orientation)**

An ancient Hellenistic-Roman theatre in Ohrid, the only one of its kind in North Macedonia and still used for performances today.



**Cinar Square (Walking Orientation)**

A lively square at the heart of Ohrid's old town, named after its centuries-old plane tree.



**The Church of St. Sophia (Entrance Included)**

Located in the city of Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia. The church is one of the most important monuments of Macedonia, housing architecture and art from the Middle Ages.



**Boat Excursion on Ohrid Lake -- Round Trip to St. Naum (Boat Ride Included)**

A scenic round-trip cruise across Lake Ohrid to the Monastery of St. Naum, set among natural springs and woodland near the Albanian border.



**Skenderbeg Square (Walking Orientation)**

The main plaza in the centre of Tirana, Albania. The square is named after the Albanian national hero Gjergj Kastrioti Skënderbeu. The Skenderbeg Monument dominates the square.



**Et'hem Bey Mosque (Entrance Included)**

An early 19th-century Ottoman mosque on Skenderbeg Square, celebrated for its frescoes depicting trees, waterfalls and bridges.



### Podgorica Clock Tower (Walking Orientation)

An Ottoman-era clock tower in the old quarter of Podgorica, one of the few surviving monuments from the city's earlier history.



### Old Ribnica River Bridge (Walking Orientation)

A small Roman-era stone bridge over the Ribnica River, among the oldest structures in Montenegro's capital.



### Sveti Stefan (Photo Stop)

A small islet and 5-star hotel resort on the Adriatic coast of Montenegro, approximately 6 kilometres southeast of Budva. Formerly an island, Sveti Stefan is now connected to the mainland by a narrow isthmus.



### Old City of Kotor (Walking Orientation)

One of the best preserved and most beautiful medieval fortified towns in the Mediterranean.



### Cathedral of Saint Tryphon (Photo Stop)

One of two Roman Catholic cathedrals in Montenegro. Built in 1166 in honor of Saint Tryphon (local name Sveti Tripun).



### Maritime Museum (Photo Stop)

Housed in a Baroque palace, the museum chronicles Kotor's long and proud seafaring tradition.



### Shame Wall (Photo Stop)

A historic wall in Kotor's old town once used to publicly post the names of the town's wrongdoers.



### Orthodox Square (Photo Stop)

A square in old Kotor centred on the Orthodox church of St. Nicholas.



### Major Building (Photo Stop)

Landmark buildings within Kotor's old town, reflecting its layered Venetian and later history.



### Tourism School (Photo Stop)

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### Weapon Square (Photo Stop)

The largest and main square of Kotor's old town, historically used for the storage and repair of weapons.



### Boat Cruise from Perast to Monte Gospa od Skrpelja (Our Lady of the Rocks) (Cruise Included)

A boat cruise from Perast to Our Lady of the Rocks, an artificial islet in the Bay of Kotor created over centuries by sinking rocks and old ships. Its Roman Catholic church is the largest building on the islet and.

**Day 7** Dubrovnik -> Pocitelj (114KM, 2H) -> Blagaj (25KM, 30M) -> Mostar (15KM, .



### Stradun Street (Walking Orientation)

Officially called 'Placa', this is the main street in Dubrovnik Old Town. It divides the Old town (built within medieval walls) into northern and southern halves, stretching from Pile Gate to the Old Town's port. It used to be a.



### Orlando Sculpture (Photo Stop)

A stone column and statue of the knight Orlando before Dubrovnik's bell tower, a long-standing symbol of the city's freedom.



### Dubrovnik Clock Tower (Photo Stop)

A 15th-century bell tower at the eastern end of the Stradun, a defining feature of the Old Town skyline.



### War Museum (Photo Stop)

A museum set on the heights above Dubrovnik documenting the region's wartime history.



### Pocitelj Clock Tower (Photo Stop)

An Ottoman-era tower in the historic hillside village of Pocitelj, overlooking the Neretva valley.



### Hadzi-Aljina Dzamija Pocitelj (Walking Orientation)

A 16th-century Ottoman mosque at the centre of the fortified village of Pocitelj.



### Blagaj Tekija (Dervish House) (Entrance Included)

A 16th-century Dervish monastery set dramatically at the foot of a towering cliff beside the spring source of the Buna River.

## Day 8 Mostar -> Sarajevo (120KM, 2H30M) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



### Sarajevo Old Town (Walking Orientation)

The historic heart of Sarajevo, where Ottoman bazaars, mosques and Austro-Hungarian facades sit side by side, earning the city its name as the "Jerusalem of Europe."



### Stari Most (Old Bridge) (Photo Stop)

A 16th-century Ottoman bridge in the city of Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina that crosses the river Neretva and connects the two parts of the city. One of the country's most recognizable landmarks. Stari Most diving is a traditional annual.



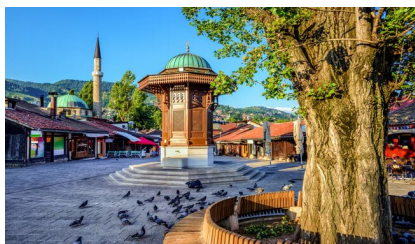
### **Eternal Flame (Photo Stop)**

A memorial flame dedicated to the military and civilian victims of the Second World War in Sarajevo.



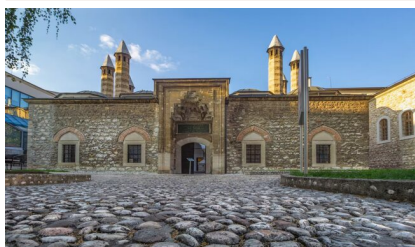
### **City Hall (Photo Stop)**

Sarajevo's grand pseudo-Moorish City Hall (Vijecnica), later the National Library, a symbol of the city carefully restored after wartime damage.



### **Bascarsija (Photo Stop)**

Sarajevo's historic Ottoman bazaar district, centred on the wooden Sebilj fountain and lined with coppersmiths, craft stalls and cafes.



### **Gazi Husrev-beg Mosque (Walking Orientation)**

The largest historical mosque in Bosnia & Herzegovina, built in 1531 and the centrepiece of Sarajevo's Ottoman old town.

**Day 9** Sarajevo -> Travnik (91KM, 1H30M) -> Jajce (68KM, 1H) -> Plitvice Lakes.



### **Travnik Fortress (Entrance Included)**

One of the most beautiful and best preserved medieval fortified buildings in Bosnia. The present appearance of the walls and towers is the result of intervention by Turkish builders of military fortifications.



### **Sulejmanije Mosque (Walking Orientation)**

An 18th-century mosque in Travnik, also known as the Coloured Mosque for its decorated facade, raised above a row of shops.

**Day 10** Plitvice Lakes -> Ljubljana (210KM, 3H15M) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



### **Plitvice Lakes National Park (Entrance Included)**

One of the oldest national parks in Southeast Europe and the largest national park in Croatia. In 1979, Plitvice Lakes National Park was added to the UNESCO World Heritage register.



### Lake Bled (Pletna Public Boat Ride Included)

A glacial lake in the Julian Alps of Slovenia, with an island church at its centre and a cliff-top castle above, reached by traditional flat-bottomed Pletna boats.



### Bled Castle (View from Boat)

A medieval castle built on a precipice above the city of Bled in Slovenia, overlooking Lake Bled. According to written sources, it is the oldest Slovenian castle and currently one of the most visited tourist attractions in Slovenia.



### St. Mary's Church Bled (Entrance Included)

Also known as the Pilgrimage Church of the Assumption of Mary, or Our Lady of the Lake, located on a small island in Lake Bled.



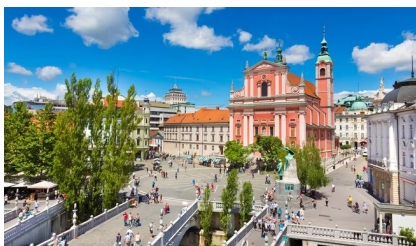
### Triple Bridge (Walking Orientation)

A group of three bridges across the Ljubljanica River. It connects Ljubljana's historical medieval town on one bank with the modern city of Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia, on the other. Since 2007, all three bridges have been part of the.



### Dragon Bridge (Walking Orientation)

An Art Nouveau bridge guarded by four copper dragons, one of Ljubljana's best-known symbols.



### Ljubljana Cathedral (Photo Stop)

A Baroque cathedral with a green dome and twin towers in the heart of the old town.



### Ljubljana Castle (Photo Stop)

A hilltop castle overlooking Ljubljana, offering panoramic views over the city and the Alps beyond.



### **Postojna Cave (Entrance Included)**

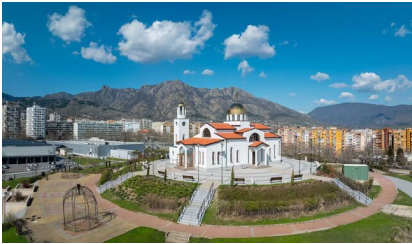
One of the world's most remarkable karst cave systems, explored partly by underground train through vast chambers of dramatic stalactites and stalagmites.

**Day 12** Zagreb -> Kuala Lumpur (15H) (Breakfast / Lunch / Meal on Board)



### **Zagreb Cathedral (Photo Stop)**

The tallest building in Croatia and the country's most monumental sacral building in Gothic style, its twin spires rising over the capital.



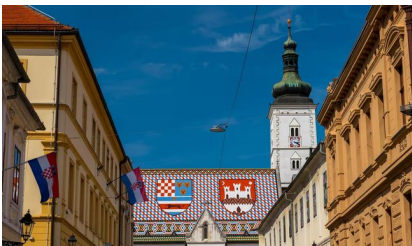
### **Main Square (Photo Stop)**

Ban Jelacic Square, the central square of Zagreb and the city's main meeting place.



### **Parliament Building (Photo Stop)**

The seat of the Croatian Parliament on St. Mark's Square in the historic Upper Town.



### **St. Mark's Church (Photo Stop)**

A medieval church famous for its colourful tiled roof displaying the coats of arms of Croatia and the City of Zagreb.

**Day 13** Arrive Kuala Lumpur