

GREECE – BULGARIA – ROMANIA

The program includes one overnight in Athens (Greece), one overnight in Kalambaka (Greece), one overnight in Thessaloniki (Greece), one overnight in Sandanski (Bulgaria), one overnight in Sofia (Bulgaria), one overnight in Plovdiv (Bulgaria), one overnight in Veliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria), three overnights in Bucharest (Romania), one overnight in Brasov (Romania); bus transportation; accommodation in the chosen hotel category; meals as per chosen option; local tour leader during the whole trip.

Day 1: Athens – Welcome to the Balkans! A colorful, funny and inspiring vacation awaits you!*

Arrival at Athens International Airport. Meet with the tour leader and transfer to the hotel. Check-in. Time at leisure and dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Athens.

Day 2 (350 km): Athens – Kalambaka

Breakfast. 08h00 – guided city tour of Athens – a walk through antique Athens with the beautiful neoclassical buildings of the National Library, the University, the Academy of Science, then visit the Syntagma square with the Greek Parliament, Emperor Hadrian's Arch, the Zeus statue and the antique Olympic Stadium. A professional guided tour through the Acropolis of Athens – an ancient citadel and its world most famous Pantheon. **Optional lunch** and time for pictures and souvenir shopping. Around 14h00 departure to the town of Kalambaka. Check-in and dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Kalambaka.

Day 3 (250 km): Kalambaka – Thessaloniki

Breakfast. 08h00 – transfer to „Meteora” – a unique ensemble of monasteries listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List that emerge directly out of the gigantic rocks. **Optional lunch on site.** Around 14h00 departure to Thessaloniki. Check-in and dinner at a traditional Greek tavern with folklore program. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 4 (170 km): Thessaloniki – Melnik – Sandanski

Breakfast. 08h00 – guided tour of Thessaloniki – The White Tower, the monument of St. Cyril and Methodius (the brothers, who invented the Cyrillic alphabet), the monument of Alexander the Great – the conqueror of the antique world, the unique church of St. Demetrius built out of pink bricks. Free time for souvenir shopping. Around noon – transfer to the smallest Bulgarian town of Melnik with a population of 128 inhabitants and nearly as much wineries (140km). **Late lunch with wine tasting.** Time at leisure to stroll along the romantic streets and cafes of Melnik and get a handmade souvenirs. In the late afternoon – transfer to Sandanski (30km) for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 (220 km): Sandanski – Rila monastery – Sofia

Breakfast. 08h00 – short walking tour of Sandanski – one of the famous SPA resorts of Bulgaria. About 10h00 – departure to Rila Monastery – a 10th century old estate listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hidden in the mysterious forests of the Rila Mountain it impresses the visitor with its unique architecture and art work. **Optional lunch** with a homemade meal at a local restaurant on the river shore. After lunch departure to Sofia. Check-in and dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Sofia.

Day 6 (150 km): Sofia – Plovdiv

Breakfast. 08h00 – guided tour in Sofia – a modern European city, marked by decades of communistic rule, hiding ancient Roman ruins and a thousand years of history underneath its streets. The tour includes the golden-roofed Alexander Nevski Cathedral, the beautiful medieval mosque Banya Bashi, the one-of-a-kind National palace of Culture, the Roman bath and the open-air galleries of Roman and Byzantine ruins. **Optional lunch** and free time for shopping and leisure. Around 14h00 – departure to Plovdiv – the **European Capital of Culture 2019**. Guided tour through the Old Town with its unique typical Bulgarian architecture from the 17th and 18th century. Time for shopping and afternoon tea. Check-in at the hotel and dinner in a traditional restaurant with folklore program. Overnight in Plovdiv.

Day 7 (200 km): Plovdiv – Kazanlak – Veliko Tarnovo

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to Kazanlak (100km) – the “capital” of the Rose Valley and the home of the Thracian kings. Visit of the Thracian Tomb from 4th century BCE with its memorable murals (part of UNESCO World Heritage) and the Museum of Roses (the Rosa Damascena, known as the Damask or Castile rose, is the greatest treasure in the region of Kazanlak). **Optional lunch on site**. After lunch, departure to Veliko Tarnovo (100km) – the old Bulgarian capital. Visit of the most significant monument of the city – the medieval fortress Tsarevets situated on a hill surrounded by the river Yantra. Then we will take a short stroll along the “Samovodska Charshiya” – a street that once developed as the economic center of the town and nowadays is bordered by souvenir and craftsmen shops, and inns. Check-in and dinner at the hotel. Overnight.

Day 8 (200 km): Veliko Tarnovo – Ivanovo – Bucharest

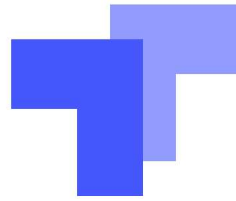
Breakfast. 08h00 – departure from Tarnovo and visit of **Arbanasi** (10km) – a jewel in the crown of the Bulgarian architectural reserves due to its rich history and large numbers of historical monuments from the 17th and 18th century. About 10h00 – transfer to the Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo (100km) – a fascinating medieval human-made wonder, carved directly into the massive rocks. **Optional lunch**. After lunch, departure to Bucharest via the longest Bridge of the Danube. Check-in and dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Bucharest.

Day 9: Bucharest

Breakfast. 09h00 – guided tour in the city of Bucharest – the National Theatre, the Temple of Music “Athene”, the Parliament – the second largest building in the world after the Pentagon, the University, the Square of Revolution. **Optional lunch** and time for leisure and shopping. At the evening, dinner at a traditional restaurant. Overnight in Bucharest.

Day 10 (200 km): Bucharest – Bran Castle – Brasov

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to the Castle of Dracula – the Bran Castle of Transylvania (180km). Guided tour at the home of the most famous vampire in history. Time for pictures and souvenir shopping. **Optional lunch on site**. After lunch, transfer to Brasov and check-in at the hotel (20km). Guided tour through the lovely medieval town of Brasov – the Black Church (the largest Gothic cathedral in Eastern Europe), the Old Town hall, the Synagogue and the Tiniest Street of Romania – Strada Sforii. Time at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Brasov.



Day 11 (170 km): Brasov – Sinaia – Bucharest

Breakfast. 09h00 – transfer to Sinaia (50km). Visit of the Peles Castle – the summer residence of the Romanian royal family and a masterpiece of German new-Renaissance architecture considered by many as one of the most stunning castles in Europe. Short walking tour through the town of Sinaia – one of the very famous mountain resorts in Romania. **Optional lunch.** Time at leisure. In the afternoon – departure to Bucharest. Check-in and dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Bucharest.

Day 12*: Bucharest – Departure

Breakfast. Transfer to the Otopeni International Airport. We hope to see you again in this theatre! 😊

**In case of an early arrival/late departure, additional activities can be provided.*

THIS ITINERARY IS SUITABLE FOR GROUPS – PACKAGE RATES ARE UPON REQUEST.

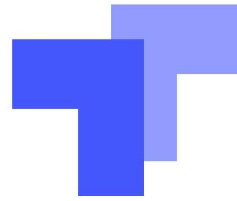
PLEASE SEND US YOUR DETAILED TRAVEL INFORMATION, e.g.:

- APPROXIMATE DATES OF TRAVELLING;
 - NUMBER OF PAX;
 - NUMBER OF ROOMS;
- PREFERRED HOTEL CATEGORY;
- ANY OTHER SPECIFIC REQUESTS.

WE WILL REVERT TO YOU WITH OUR OFFER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Our package includes:

- Eleven overnights on the preferred basis and hotel category (BB/HB/FB; 3 or 4 star hotels);
- Bus transportation during the whole trip, including road taxes and parking fees;
- Bus transfer from and to airport;
- Local tour leader during the whole tour;
- Local tour guides in the cities;
- Entrance to the Acropolis with museum;
- Entrance to Meteora (2 Monasteries);
- Entrance to the Thracian Tomb and Rose Museum with a professional guide in Kazanlak;
- Entrance to Tsarevets Fortress with scenic elevator and English guide;
- Entrance to Ivanovo Rock Churches;
- Entrance to the Parliament in Bucharest with guided tour;
- Entrance to Bran Castle and the Black Church in Brasov;
- Entrance to the Peles Castle in Sinaia;
- Three dinners in a traditional restaurant as per itinerary (for HB and FB basis);
- One lunch with wine tasting in Melnik (for HB and FB basis).



The package doesn't include:

- Airplane ticket incl. taxes from/to your home town;
- Accommodation and other costs for the representative of the arriving company;
- Tips for the driver and tour leader (obligatory – EUR 4 per person/per day);
- Medical insurance;
- Visa fees and assistance (if required);
- Entrance fees for museums or other sights (excluding the above specified);
- Personal expenses of all kind, pocket money, etc.

Important remarks (NB!!):

- Check-in is available after 14:00h, Check-out is until 12:00h;
- Hotel names will be advised latest about one month before arrival;
- In some hotels only DBL or only TWIN rooms are available. The tour operator can't guarantee the type of the rooms but will do the best to provide the requested ones;
- If TPL room is required, pls mind that the third bed usually is an extra bed or sofa bed;
- As per local regulations, city tax is applicable at some places during the tour. The city tax is payable on spot, prices vary between 2-5 euro pp/night, depending on the hotel category;
- It is obligatory that the tour operator is informed in advance about any special food requirements – e.g. vegetarians, vegans, allergies, etc.;
- All given times of arrival and departure are approximate. The tour operator can't foresee any road or boarder obstacles and cannot be held responsible for any delays;
- All objects (excluding the above specified visits) are seen from outside. Any other historical sites, museums, mountain lifts and etc. can be visited at additional cost;
- Due to local or religious festivals, changes in the museums' policy (e.g. changes in the prices or the working time tables), other unforeseen circumstances or bad weather conditions, **the tour operator reserves the right to amend the sequence of the above given itinerary or to offer an alternative sites at a short notice.**

The itinerary is subject to change upon request.
We are able to provide you with tailor-made tours according to your taste, needs and budget.

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