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From Sofia to Dubrovnik

BELGRADE/SERBIA

01 - THU.Sofia.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Transfer to the hotel. City tour of Sofia.

Welcome to SOFIA!!!. Upon arrival at the airport, we will **transfer you to your hotel.** At 15.00hrs approx., we include a **tour of the capital of Bulgaria**, where we will see the Alexander Nevski Cathedral, the Russian Church, the Mosque, its squares and avenues of Stalinist architecture. Free time during the rest of the day.

02 - FRI.Sofia- Bachkovo- Plovdiv.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Plovdiv. Dinner included.

In the morning we will leave for **BACHKOVO MONASTERY**, Bulgaria's second most important monastery, founded in the eleventh century, with its three churches, we feel it as a place full of peace. Continue to **PLOVDIV**, where we will visit the city, which is one of the oldest in Europe. Here **we include tickets to the Roman Amphitheatre, the ancient chemist's and the Armenian House.** Dinner included.

03 - SAT.Plovdiv- Kazanluk- Shipka- Etara- Arbanassi- Veliko Tarnovo

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Balkans mountain.

Thracian tomb, Church of Nativity in Arbanasi. Lunch included.

Today's journey takes us through beautiful scenery across the Balkans mountain range. In the valley of the Roses, we will see **KAZANLAK**, where tickets are included to the replica of the Thracian Tomb (UNESCO Heritage) and we will

learn about the production of products derived from the roses. Amidst the mountains, we stop at the Russian church of **SHIPKA**, which commemorates the war between Russia and Turkey. Visit **ETARA** with its charming village/ethnographic museum. **Lunch included.** After this we travel to **ARBANASI**, an ancient trading city with its fortress-houses, where we visit the Church of the Nativity with entrance included. Travel to **VELIKO TARNOVO**, Bulgaria's former capital, with a very picturesque medieval center.

Note: In some cases, Arbanasi may be visited on Sunday morning instead of Saturday.

04 - SUN.Veliko Tarnovo- Dimitar Basarbovski- Bucharest.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Panoramic tour of Bucharest. Dinner included.

We travel to Romania and on our way we will stop to visit the **BASARBOVSKI MONASTERY**, a place of pilgrimage dug out of the rock. We proceed to cross the border and the river Danube, arriving to **BUCHAREST** in the early afternoon. Time for lunch, then we will take a **panoramic tour** of the city with its ancient quarter and the giant Parliament Palace. Leisure time followed by **dinner.**

05 - MON.Bucharest- Sinaia- Bran- Sighisoara.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Dracula's Castle. Transylvania region. Special dinner in Sighisoara.

Today we have a journey with great scenic beauty, travelling to Transylvania across the

Carpathian Mountains and through forests. In **SINAIA**, we will stroll through the gardens of the Peles and Pelisor Castles before going on to the 14th-century **BRAN** fortress, commonly known as Dracula's Castle (**tickets included**). Time for lunch, before continuing to **SIGHISOARA**, a very beautiful walled medieval city and UNESCO Heritage center. In the evening we will enjoy a **very special dinner, in the restaurant of Count Dracula**, at the house where Vlad Tepes was born.

06 - TUE.Sighisoara- Biertan- Sibiu- Hunedoara- Timisoara- .

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: varied landscapes, small picturesque villages on route.

In Transylvania there are numerous fortified churches in areas that were inhabited by people of German origin; some of these churches have been declared Heritage of Mankind, and we will see one of them, **BIERTAN (tickets included)**. After this, we continue to **SIBIU**, an important economic and cultural center, previously the capital of Transylvania, with its bustling narrow streets and squares. Time for a stroll and take lunch. In the afternoon, we visit the impressive **Castle of HUNEDOARA (tickets included)**, which is considered the prettiest castle in Romania. We continue to **TIMISOARA**, with time to explore its elegant central squares.

07 - WED.Timisoara- Belgrade.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Panoramic tour of Belgrade. Museum of Yugoslavia.

We set off for **SERBIA** and the border pass. After a few hours travelling, we will arrive in **BELGRADE**. Here you can enjoy a **panoramic tour** of this active capital on the shores of the Danube as it flows into the Sava. We get the chance to admire its busy center, its parliament, and stroll in the Kalemegdan Fortress. A visit to the **Museum of Yugoslavia**, where Tito's Mausoleum is located, will also be included. Free afternoon.

08 - THU. Belgrade- Zvornik- Papraka Monastery- Sarajevo.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Panoramic tour of Sarajevo. Dinner included.

We begin our beautiful stage towards Bosnia. Brief stop in the city of **ZVORNIK**, one of the oldest cities in Bosnia, crossed by a river that marks the border with Serbia and will make us remember with sadness the war in Bosnia. Its population has since changed a lot as most of it, Muslim, was expelled while Serb refugees from other regions settled. We are near the village of Srebrenica, known for the massacre. After that we continue to **PAPRAKA**, a humble Orthodox monastery established around the sixteenth century and known for its attractive church. We continue our route to **SARAJEVO**. **Panoramic tour** with a local guide of this city of strong Turkish influence, with its mosques, madrasahs and busy bazaars. **Dinner included.** **Note:** if the number of travelers is less than 10 people, the route from Belgrade to Sarajevo can be made by regular coach or plane. In this case the visits to Zvornik and Papraka are not included.

09 - FRI. Sarajevo - Mostar - Medjugorje - Dubrovnik.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Tunnel of Hope in Sarajevo. Beautiful landscapes throughout the route: mountains, rivers, waterfalls, lakes and picturesque villages. Dinner included.

Before leaving Sarajevo we visit the **Tunnel of Hope** that saved the city during the Serbian siege in the war. Later, we continue to another exciting drive of scenic beauty. Amidst deep valleys, we travel to **MOSTAR**, with its very beautiful historic center and stone bridge separating the Orthodox, Muslim and Catholic communities. We stop in **MEDJUGORJE**, a place that attracts thousands of Catholic Pilgrims. We then travel to **CROATIA**. Border procedures (which may take a while). We will then arrive into **DUBROVNIK** at the end of the day. **Dinner included.**

Note: in some departures, accommodation may be in Cavtat, a coastal town near the city of Dubrovnik.

10 - SAT. Dubrovnik Cavtat .-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Panoramic tour of Dubrovnik. Boat trip to Lokrum. Dinner included.

In the morning we enjoy a **panoramic tour** of **DUBROVNIK** with a local guide. We are undoubtedly in one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, surrounded by walls, bathed by the Adriatic Sea; its intact historic center is a jewel of world architectural heritage. The tour includes tickets to the **Franciscan Monastery** with the oldest pharmacy in Europe, and the Cathedral. We also include a **boat trip to LOKRUM**, a small island 15 minutes by boat from Dubrovnik and home to the ruins of a Benedictine monastery of the eleventh century, popular setting of the series "Game of Thrones". You can then enjoy free time, returning to the hotel at the end of the afternoon. **Dinner included.**

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Note: in the winter months, from November to March, there is no boat service to Lokrum and therefore we cannot visit the island.

11 - SUN. Dubrovnik.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



BUCHAREST/ROMANIA

Departure Dates

MAY23: 11, 25
 JUN23: 08, 22
 JUL23: 06, 20
 AUG23: 03, 17, 31
 SEP23: 14, 28
 OCT23: 12, 26
 NOV23: 09
 DEC23: 28
 JAN24: 25
 FEB24: 22
 MAR24: 07

Prices per person

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Expected Hotels

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

The price includes

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance, hotel and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** SOFIA, PLOVDIV, BUCHAREST, BELGRADE, Sarajevo, DUBROVNIK
- **Boat:** to Lokrum island in Dubrovnik
- **Ticket admission:** Roman Amphitheater, The Ancient Botica and The Armenian House in Plovdiv, Thracian Tomb Replica in Kazalnak, Church of the Nativity in Arbanassi, Basarbouski Monastery, Bran Fortress, Church of Biertan, Castle of Hunedoara, Museum of Yugoslavia in Belgrade, Monastery of Celije, Tunnel of Hope in Sarajevo, Franciscan Monastery and Cathedral in Dubrovnik
- **1 Lunch included in:** Etar
- **6 dinner included in:** PLOVDIV, BUCHAREST, SIGHISOARA, Sarajevo, DUBROVNIK, DUBROVNIK



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