

GRAND BALKAN TOUR

Beograd - Belgrade

1st day Arrival at the Belgrade airport – transfer to the hotel Best Western 4* - services half board / two days/ Later after accommodation at the hotel panoramic trip by bus organized with the local guide in English. Return to the hotel late evening for the dinner.

Belgrade is the capital and largest city of Serbia. It is located at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, where the Pannonian Plain meets the Balkans. Its name translates to White city. Belgrade Fortress, represent old citadel and Kalemegdan Park on the confluence of the River Sava and Danube, in an urban area of modern Belgrade, the capital of Serbia. It is located in Belgrade's municipality of Stari Grad. Knez Mihailova Street or Prince Mihailo Street is the main pedestrian and shopping zone in Belgrade, and is protected by law as one of the oldest and most valuable landmarks of the city.

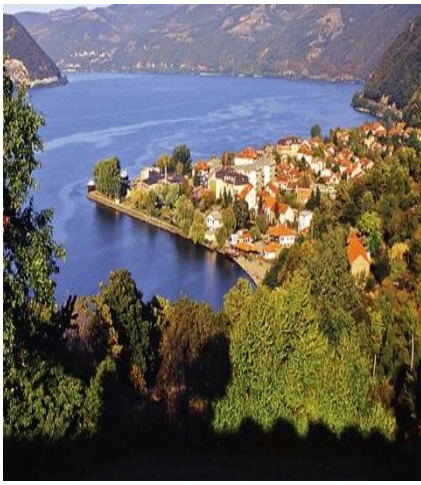
2nd day Trip by bus direction Belgrade – Novi Sad. Panoramic drive through Novi Sad, walking and sightseeing the centre of the town – later visit to Petrovaradin Fortress overlooking Danube. In the afternoon trip back to Belgrade, individual activities in Belgrade – Dinner at the hotel in Belgrade



Donji Milanovac

3rd day After breakfast trip towards Donji Milanovac, stop at the site **Lepenski Vir** Mesolithic settlement. Later visit to Roman settlement Viminacium. On arrival at Donji Milanovac a picturesque small town at the shore of Danube river - trip to the port and boarding the boat for a ride along the Danube river. Trip by boat about one hour fifty minutes. Along the route by boat famous Tabula Traiana will be seen. At a small village of Tekija leaving a boat and continuing by bus to Kladovo. Accommodation in a 4* hotel Aquastar. Services half board.

Donji Milanovac is a town in eastern Serbia. It is situated in the Majdanpek municipality, in the Bor District. It is located on the right bank of Lake Đerdap on the Danube. The population of the town is 3,132 people. Viminacium was a major city and military camp of the Roman province of Moesia, and the capital of Moesia Superior. The site is located 12 km from the modern town of Kostolac in Eastern Serbia. Near this site is the 8000 year old Mesolithic settlement, Lepenski Vir.



Kladovo, Tekija

Kladovo is a town and municipality in the Bor District of eastern Serbia. It is situated on the right bank of the Danube river. Tekija is an important strategic and touristic point on the Danube river. It lies in the Iron Gate gorge, below the Miroč mountain, overlooking the Romanian city of Orșova.



Zaječar

4rd day trip to Zajecar and visit to the Roman site Feix Romuliana. Stay at Zajecar – accommodation at the hotel 3* – services half board

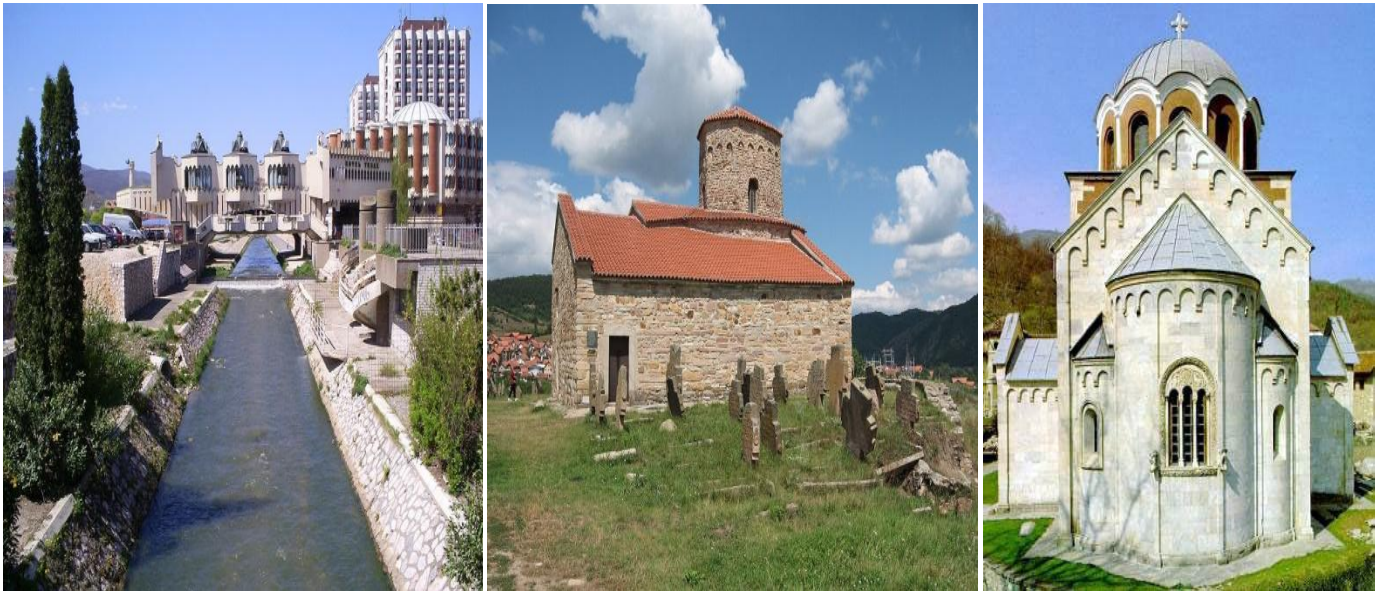
Zaječar is a city in the eastern part of Serbia. The Late Roman fortified palace compound and memorial complex of Gamzigrad-Romuliana at the outskirts of Zaječar was commissioned by Emperor Caius Valerius Galerius Maximianus, in the late 3rd and early 4th century.



Novi Pazar

5th day trip towards Novi Pazar and visits to the famous Serbian monasteries Studenica / 12th century / Unesco site / and Sopocani / 13th century .Accommodation in Novi Pazar in a 4* hotel – services half board.

Novi Pazar is a city located in southwest Serbia, in the Raška District. Novi Pazar is the cultural center of Bosniaks in Serbia and the historical region of Sandžak- Raška. One of the oldest monuments of the area is the Church of the Apostles Peter and Paul first built in the Roman era. The Studenica monastery is a 12th-century Serbian Orthodox monastery situated 39 km southwest of Kraljevo, in central Serbia. It is one of the largest and richest Serb Orthodox monasteries.



Kolašin

6th day Trip to Montenegro – entering Montenegro near the town of Rozaje and Berane and later continuing towards the town of Kolasin. Accommodation i a hotel Bianca. – services half board.

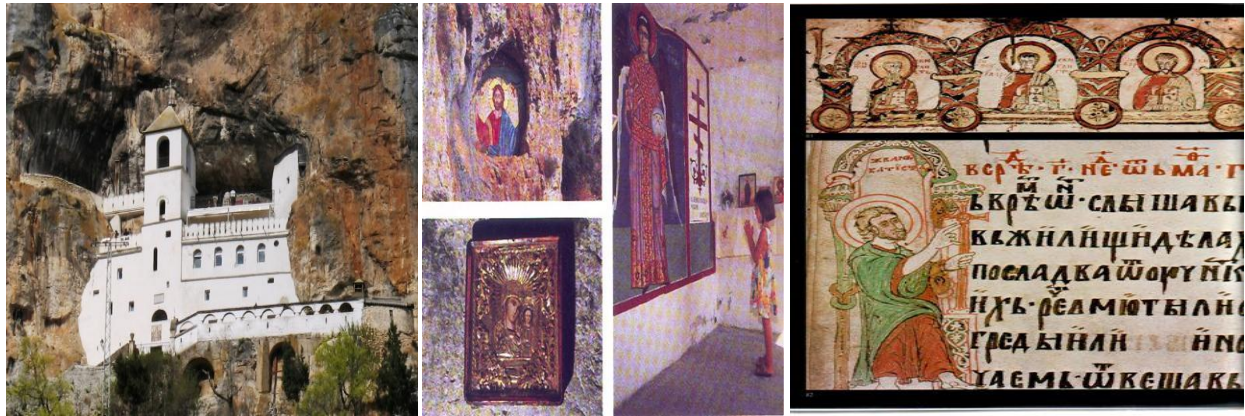
Kolašin, is a town in northern Montenegro. It has a population of 2,989. Kolašin is the centre of the municipality and unofficial centre of Morača region, named after Morača River. Lake Biograd is a lake in Kolašin municipality, in northern Montenegro. It is a glacial lake, located on the Bjelasica Mountain, within Biogradska Gora national park.



7th day after breakfast trip down to central Montenegro along the famous Moraca canyon – visiting famous Monastery Moraca from 13th century. Stop at the deepest and most attractive part of the canyon. Than approaching the capital of Montenegro and continue direction Nort – West towards the famous upper monastery Ostrog / 1665 / in a small cave where the remains of St. Vasilije are preserved – target of thousands pilgrims Orthodox , Catolic and Muslem. Unique pilgrim site in South Europe. St. Vasilije the saint taht heals... After visit to the upper monastery return direction Podgorica , than shorter stop in the capital, than trip along the Skadar Lake the biggest lake at the Balkan Peninsula. Approaching the coast of Montenegro. Accommodationj in 4* hotel Princess in Bar – services beHB for two days

Monastery Ostrog

The Monastery of Ostrog is a monastery of the Serbian Orthodox Church placed against an almost vertical background, high up in the large rock of Ostroška Greda, in Montenegro. It is dedicated to Saint Basil of Ostrog.



8th day - trip along the Montenegrin coast towards the town of Kotor /Unesco site / - visit the town of Kotor with the local guide, visit to the famous Cathedral of St. Triphon / 9th century / and visit to the famous Maritime museum of Montenegro Later continuing trip by bus around the bay, stop at Perast – picturesque baroque town. From Perast group will have a short ride by boat to the small island Gospa od Skrpjela and will visit the same name church. Interesting to know this island is man made island in 15th century From Perast / after return by boat / continuing trip by bus to Risan and visit to the famous Roman mosaics from 3rd century. Return to holiday resort of Bar– Dinner at the hotel

Kotor, Risan *Kotor is a coastal town in Montenegro. It is located in a secluded part of the Gulf of Kotor. The city has a population of 13,510 and is the administrative center of the municipality. The Cathedral of Saint Tryphon in Kotor is one of two Roman Catholic cathedrals in Montenegro. It is the seat of the Croatian Catholic Bishopric of Kotor which covers the entire gulf, currently led by Bishop Mons. Ilija Janjić. Risan is a town in the Bay of Kotor, Montenegro. It traces its origins to the ancient settlement of Rhizon, the oldest settlement in the Bay of Kotor.*



Herceg Novi, Perast. *Perast is an old town on the Bay of Kotor in Montenegro. It is situated a few kilometres northwest of Kotor and is noted for its proximity to the islets of St. George and Our Lady of the Rocks. Our Lady of the Rocks is one of the two islets off the coast of Perast in Bay of Kotor, Montenegro. It is an artificial island created by bulwark of rocks and by sinking old and seized ships loaded with rocks.*



9th Day From Bar trip towards Herceg Novi approaching the Croatian border. After about thirty minutes drive from the border we are approaching the famous Dubrovnik rivijera. Accommodation in 3* hotel in Dubrovnik. Services in the hotel bed and breakfast. Sightseeing tour with the local Croatian guide will be organised. Accommodation in Dubrovnik – hotel Petka 3* in the new part of the town. Good connections with the local bus transport to old town of Dubrovnik and other parts of the town. Accommodation for two days on HB basis

Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik is a Croatian city on the Adriatic Sea, in the region of Dalmatia. It is one of the most prominent tourist destinations in the Mediterranean, a seaport and the centre of Dubrovnik-Neretva County. Its total population is 42,615. The prosperity of the city of Dubrovnik was historically based on maritime trade. As the capital of the Republic of Ragusa, a maritime republic, the city achieved a high level of development, particularly during the 15th and 16th centuries. Dubrovnik became notable for its wealth and skilled diplomacy. According to CNNgo, Dubrovnik is among the 10 best medieval walled cities in the world.



10th day Leisure day at Dubrovnik Riviera Services in the hotel bed and breakfast

11th Day After breakfast trip towards Neum – Mostar, stop in Mostar – sightseeing of the old town with the local guide / including Old Bridge and old town bazaar local mosque and authentic Turkish house. Accommodation in 4* hotel in the new part of the town Mostar.

Services in the hotel HB

Mostar

Mostar is a city and municipality in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the largest and one of the most important cities in the Herzegovina region, its cultural capital and the center of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton of the Federation. Mostar is situated on the Neretva River and is the fifth-largest city in the country. Mostar was named after the bridge keepers (natively: mostari) who in the medieval times guarded the Stari Most (Old Bridge) over the Neretva. The Old Bridge, built by the Ottomans in the 16th century, is one of Bosnia and Herzegovina's most recognizable landmarks, and is considered one of the most exemplary pieces of Islamic architecture in the Balkans.



12th day after breakfast trip towards Sarajevo along the river Neretva. Sighseeing with the local guide organized in Sarajevo. Accomodation in the hotel 3* very close to the old town Bazaar – Bascasija. Services at the hotel bed and breakfast.

13th day Leasure day in Sarajevo

Sarajevo

Sarajevo is the capital and largest city of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with an estimated population of 327,633 people within its four municipalities. Sarajevo is the leading political, social and cultural center of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and its region-wide influence in politics, education, entertainment, media, fashion, science, and the arts contribute to its status as Bosnia and Herzegovina's major economic center. Although settlement in the area stretches back to prehistoric times, the modern city arose as an Ottoman stronghold in the 15th century.



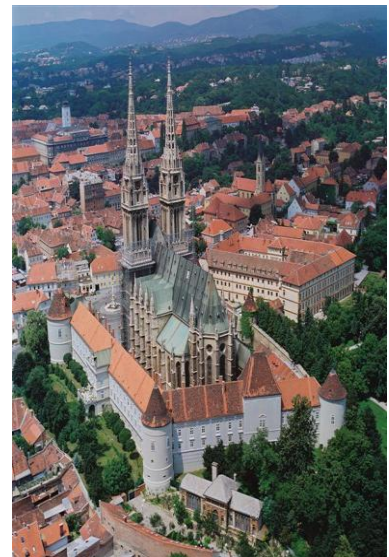
Banja Luka

Banja Luka or sometimes Banjaluka, in Cyrillic Бања Лука, or Бањалука, is the second largest city in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the administrative capital and largest city of the Republika Srpska entity. One of the most famous cultural sites in Banja Luka is the cultural centre of "Banski Dvor" (Halls of the Ban), built in the 1930s as the residence for the Bans of the Vrbas Banovina. The relatively poorly preserved fortress "Kastel" is found in the city centre.



14th day Earlier departure from Sarajevo towards Banja Luka and Zagreb. Several stops along the road through the central Bosnia. Arrival in Zagreb – capital of Croatia. Accommodation in 3* hotel. Services bed and breakfast.

Zagreb *Zagreb is the capital and the largest city of the Republic of Croatia. It is located in the northwest of the country, along the Sava river, at the southern slopes of the Medvednica mountain.*



15 th day Trip towards Plitvice lakes National Park and visit to the famous lake. In the afternoon trip towards Rijeka. Accommodation in area near Zadar - hotel Pinia . Services in the hotel 4* based on HB

Zadar,Plitvice *Zadar is a city in Croatia on the Adriatic Sea. It is the centre of Zadar County and the wider northern Dalmatian region. Zadar is a historical center of Dalmatia as well as the seat of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Zadar. Plitvice Lakes National Park is the oldest national park in Southeast Europe and the largest national park in Croatia.*



16 th day 10.07. trip towards Pula . On arrival in Pula sightseeing with the local guide will be organized to see the town and area. Accommodation in hotel Riviera or similar – Pula



17th day Pula - Rovinj – accommodation in 3* hotel at HB base

18th day 12.07. Leisure day in Rovinj

19th day trip towards Postojna cave and visit to the famous cave. Late afternoon trip towards Ljubljana. Accommodation in 3* hotel

Rovinj, Postojna Cave

Rovinj is a city in Croatia situated on the north Adriatic Sea with a population of 14,294. Located on the western coast of the Istrian peninsula, it is a popular tourist resort and an active fishing port. Istriot, a Romance language once widely spoken in this part of Istria, is still spoken by some of the residents.



Postojna

Postojna is a town in the traditional region of Inner Carniola, 35 kilometers from Trieste, in southwestern Slovenia. It is the seat of the Municipality of Postojna. Postojna Cave is a 20,570 m long karst cave system near Postojna, Slovenia. It is the second-longest cave system in the country as well as one of its top tourism sites. The caves were created by the Pivka River.



20th day Trip from Ljubljana towards airport Brnik and flight back .

- **Services** included in the tour:

- 19 days – modern tourist mini bus 17 – 19 or 25 + seats transportation
- 19 days – service of the liscensed tour guide in English
- 2 days - local guide service Belgrade and Novi Sad
- Entrance to the St. Sava's church - Belgrade
- Entrance to the Kalemegdan Fortess – Novi Sad
- Entrance to Viminacium – Roman archeological site
- Boat ride along Danube river from Donji Milanovac to Tekija / cca 3 hours /
- Entrance to Felix Romuliana – Roman archeological site
- Entrance fee to the church Studenica / UESCO site /
- Entrance fee to the church Sopocani
- Entrance fee to the monastery Moraca
- Entrance fee to the monastery Ostrog
- Mini bus transfer / 8 / to the upper monastery Ostrog
- Entrance fee old town of Kotor
- Entrance fee Cathedral St. Tripon – Kotor
- Entrance fee Maritime museum of Montenegro
- Boat ride Perast – island of Gospa
- Entrance fee to the church Gospa / Mother Mary /
- Entrance fee to the old town of Budva
- Entrance fee to the old town of Dubrovnik
- Local Croatian guide – guiding in the old town of Dubrovnik
- Local Bosnian guide – guiding in the old town of Mostar
- Entrance fee to the old town of Mostar
- Entrance fee to the mosque in Mostar
- Entrance fee to the traditional Turkish house in old town of Mostar
- Local Bosnian guide – guiding in the town of Sarajevo
- Entrance to the Plitvice lakes National Park
- Guide services of the local Croatian guide in National Park Plitvice
- Local Croatian guide in Pula and Rovinj
- Entrance fee to the Postojna cave
- Guide services of the local Slovenian guide in Postojna cave