

*This is for the inveterate traveler. This part of the world is unknown to most Filipinos but the marvels of architecture, history and legend, many seen in UNESCO Heritage Sites certainly deserves a second look. Here it is.*

**Day 01 MANILA/BUDAPEST**

**Day 02 BUDAPEST, Hungary**

Arrive in Budapest, capital of Hungary. Meet and transfer to hotel for accommodation. The day is at leisure. (D)

**Day 03 BUDAPEST/TIMISOARA, Romania**

Drive to the Romania and arrive in the city of Timisoara, built on the site of an ancient Roman Fortress called Castrum Regium Themes, dates back to 1212. Sightseeing will include a visit inside the Orthodox Cathedral. Drive past Victory Square, Timisoara Historical Center, Bastionul Theresia, Liberty Square. It is frequently referred to as “Little Vienna” as it is home to year-round musical and theatrical performances, art galleries, museums and bustling nightlife. Timisoara was the first city in Europe and second in the world after New York, to use electricity to illuminate its public streets. Overnight here. (BLD)

**Day 04 TIMISOARA/BRASOV**

Continue to medieval Brasov. Walk around the old city walls. See the 15<sup>th</sup> century Town Hall with its quaint Trumpeter’s Tower on top, and the Lutheran Black Church. The Black Church is the largest gothic church in the country with its stone bell which is the largest in Romania. Continue to the Orthodox St Nicolas Cathedral and then to the First Romanian School (started in 1583) and see the statue of Coresi. Spend the night here. (BLD)

**Day 05 BRASOV/BUCHAREST**

Travel to Bran and visit “**Dracula’s Castle**”. The castle was created by the Saxons in the late 14<sup>th</sup> century to defend Brasov from invasion by the Turks. Continue to **Peles Castle**, built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century for Romania’s first monarch, King Carol I which took 39 years to complete. Built in German Renaissance style and completed in 1892.

On to the Bucharest, capital of Romania. Visit the Palace Square, a historic site surrounded by highly evocative edifices and monuments- visit of the iconic Athenaeum-the Revolution Square where the communist dictator Ceausescu held his last public speech (short account on the Romanian 1989 Revolution), university square. The beating heart of the present day Bucharest. Stroll around the Old Town along Elisabeta Boulevard, passing the City Hall and Cismigiu Garden. Continue to the Cotroceni district – Ceausescu’s House of the People, the communist era legacy currently housing the Romanian Parliament. Stop at the Patriarchy Hill, a sacred site with historical significance. (BLD)

**Day 06 BUCHAREST/SOFIA, Bulgaria**

Drive to the border and cross to Bulgaria. Arrive in **Veliko Tarnovo**, the old capital of Bulgaria. Explore the capital of medieval Bulgaria, Veliko Tarnovo. Tour includes: Tsarevets architectural and museum reserve (medieval stronghold), Samovodskata charshin (lively craftsmen’s street), Assens’ monument and the museum village of Arbanassi – famous for its 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> architecture and the unique Church of the Nativity of Christ, with well preserved murals depicting over 2,000 scenes. Continue to Sofia, capital of Bulgaria for the night. (BLD)

**Day 07 SOFIA/RILA/SKOPJE, Macedonia**

Sightseeing of Sofia: Palace of Justice, St. Nedelq Church, Statue of St. Sofia, Sofia Bath House, Largo Complex, National theatre Ivan Vazov, Russian Church, Hagia Sofia Church, the Cathedral St Alexander Nevski.

Leave Sofia and travel through tranquil countryside to the heart of Rila Mountains – the highest mountain on the Balkan. Legends, history, beautiful nature and art are all abundant in and around Rila Monastery (UNESCO). Learn about the history of the biggest Bulgarian monastic complex with the lecture in the monastery museum. Inside the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church, you will see the biggest gilded iconostasis on the Balkans, the grave of the last Bulgarian monarch (who played a significant part in saving the Bulgarian Jews during WWII). It is believed to have been founded by a hermit John of Rila in the 10<sup>th</sup> century during the reign of the Bulgarian Tzar Peter. Drive to the border and cross to Macedonia. Arrive in Skopje, capital of Macedonia. (BLD)

**Day 08 SKOPJE/OHRID**

Enjoy a walking tour around the city. Today’s highlight is a visit to the **Memorial House of Saint Mother Teresa**. Visit the Old and New part of the city, Alexander the Square, cross the **Stone Bridge**, the oldest landmarks of Skopje, the Old Hammam dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Holocaust Memorial Center for the Jews of Macedonia and the Museum of the Macedonian Struggle for Independence. Spend some time at the old bazaar.

Continue towards the town of Ohrid. Walk through the Lower Gate to the Archeological museum in the Robev family house with some ancient artifacts including a statue of the Goddess Isis. Continue to the 11<sup>th</sup> century cathedral church of St. Sofia, the Ancient Theater from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC and the beautiful icons at the Church of St. Mary Perivleptos. Get fantastic views of Ohrid Lake from the medieval walls of Samuil Fortress. Descend to Plaosnik at the crossroads of civilization on Ohrid Hill. Visit the burial place of St. Kliment, and the newly reconstructed church of St. Pantelejmon. Spend the night here. (BLD)

**Day 09 OHRID/TIRANA, Albania**

Cross into Albania and drive to Tirana, renowned for its unfailingly friendly locals. While the city has a long history, you can enjoy its modern outlook, with fashionable bars and wander boulevards lined with relics of the city’s Ottoman, clubs and boutiques, Italian and communist past.

Tirana’s massive main square, Sheshi Skenderbej, is bordered by the National history Museum, the Palace of Culture, the National bank, the Et’hem Bey Mosque and Skanderbeg’s statue. Afternoon at leisure. (BD)

**Day 10 TIRANA/BUDVA, Montenegro**

Drive through mountains down to scenic Budva. Sightseeing will include a visit to the Old Town, photo stops at Shkodra and St Steven Island. Spend the night here. (BLD)

**Day 11 BUDVA/KOTOR/DUBROVNIK, Croatia**

Drive through the spectacular scenery of Montenegro to the old town of Kotor, perched beside the only European fjord outside Norway. Next we visit the World Heritage Site of **Kotor** – a town which was inhabited from the times of the Illyrians and the Romans. Our walk through the city takes us back to medieval times. Visit the Cathedral of St. Tryphon, St. Luka Church, St Mihail Church among others. Walk along maze of medieval quarter, its bustling market and beautiful Renaissance buildings. The well preserved fortified walls of Kotor protect it from the sea. Nearly three miles long it is considered one of the world’s historic values. Then continue to the Croatian border along the scenic, lovely coast up to Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (BLD)

**Day 12 DUBROVNIK**

If the Dalmatian Coast is the zenith of the Mediterranean, Dubrovnik is the jewel in the crown! Sightseeing in the Old Town ringed by a wall with its stone-paved streets inside the 16<sup>th</sup> century bastion. See Onofrio’s Fountain and the Rector’s Palace as well as the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. A surprise awaits you. Another night here. (BLD)

**Day 13 DUBROVNIK/MEDJUGORJE, Bosnia Herzegovina**

Continue to Medjugorje. You may opt to climb and pray the Stations of the Cross at Cross Hill. In this quaint village, Mary, the Queen of Peace has been appearing since June 24, 1981. The apparitions are continuing. Miracles are still happening. Rosary, prayer, praise singing. Time for religious souvenirs, reconciliation and contemplation. You may participate at the night services at St. James Church. (BLD)

**Day 14 MEDJUGORJE/MOSTAR/SARAJEVO**

Drive through the marvelous River Neretva to Mostar where you can walk across the famous **Stari Most** (Old Bridge), a World Heritage Site recently reconstructed. The cobbled old town stretches on both sides of the bridge and is filled with shops selling Turkish style souvenirs. Continue to Sarajevo. Sightseeing will lead you through the labyrinth of streets that lie within the former palace of Emperor Diocletian. See St. Dujce’s, the Temple of Jupiter (today a baptistery) and the Golden Gate. Overnight here. (BLD)

**Day 15 SARAJEVO/BELGRADE, Serbia**

Head down through the remote villages and spa resorts of the forested Bosnian mountains to Belgrade. Sightseeing will include a visit to St. Sava Church, Terazije Street, the national museum and national theater in

Republic Square. End sightseeing at the Kalemegdan Fortress, situated at the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers. (BLD)

**Day 16 BELGRADE/MANILA**

The day is at leisure until transfer to the airport for your flight back home. (B)

**Day 17 ARRIVE IN MANILA**

**COST PER PERSON: \$3,998**  
**Single room supplement add \$ 750**  
**(minimum 25 participants)**

**INCLUSIONS:**

- ☞ roundtrip airfare on economy class ticket
- ☞ hotel accommodation on first class hotels (twin/triple sharing)
- ☞ meals as indicated (B-breakfast, L- lunch, D-dinner)
- ☞ transportation on airconditioned coach
- ☞ tours with English speaking guides
- ☞ accompanied by a tour coordinator from the Philippines
- ☞ porterage of one(1) piece of luggage per person
- ☞ souvenir handcarry bag
- ☞ pre-departure briefing

**NOT INCLUDED:** All applicable taxes, cost of passport and visa documentation, Medical/hospitalization/travel insurance-ASSIST (\$95 if below 65yrs old/ \$143 for 65 yrs old and above); cost of optional tours, TIPS & GRATUITIES (\$150) for transfer guides, tour guides, drivers, restaurants, porters; cost of excess baggage, meals other than indicated, laundry, telephone calls, faxes and all other items personal in nature.

**ADD TAXES:** (subject to change) Phil. Travel Tax (P1,620), Airline Taxes/hotel taxes/border fees (\$285)

**BOOKING & PAYMENT CONDITIONS:**

1. A non-refundable deposit of **\$500** plus visa fee is required upon booking and submission of complete documents. (refundable only once visa is refused)
2. 50% of the total tour cost is required one(1) month before departure and FULL payment is due three weeks before departure
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**SAMPLE INVOICE:**

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Tipping fund	\$ 150
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Cost in USD	\$4,528

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**VISA PROCESSING /HANDLING FEE:** (subject to change)  
 Schengen P6,500

**VISA REQUIREMENTS: 3 months prior departure**

- passport valid for at least 6mos (including old passport)
  - 3 pcs passport size photos recently taken
  - Bank Books /Bank Statements/ Bank Certificate of Deposits ( 2 copies)
  - Latest Income Tax Returns
  - ASSIST CARD / **Travel Insurance**
  - Copy of Marriage Contract for married applicant
  - If in Business  Business Registration (SEC, DTI, Mayor's Permit)
  - If Employee  Employment Certificate & Leave of Absence
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