



BULGARIA – ROMANIA – SERBIA

A Small Group Exclusive Departure

Wed, September 21 – Sat, October 1, 2016



Itinerary Map



Sophia

DAY 1- Depart for Bulgaria Sophia

DAY 2 - Arrive in Sofia

Arrive in Sofia, Bulgaria's lively capital and cultural center, and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner and briefing by your Tour Manager on the fascinating tour of Bulgaria, Serbia and Romania that lies ahead.

Overnight: Sofia

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3 - Sofia City Tour

We become acquainted with the history of Sofia on our visit to the National Museum of History. Enjoy exhibits of the Bulgarian lands dating back 8000 years, including glimpses of the unique gold and silver treasures from Thracian times. View the St. Sofia Church across the square from the impressive Neo-Byzantine golden-domed Alexander Nevsky Church, one of the largest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in the world. Next, tour the oldest architectural monument in Sofia, the 4th century Roman Rotunda, a redbrick building transformed into the present day St. George Church. Stroll the lanes of the city on your own, or, join the *optional* tour to the remarkable Rila Monastery declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight, sample typical Bulgarian hospitality at the *optional* Folklore Show that includes dinner and wine

Optional: Rila Monastery Tour (PM)

Optional: Dinner with Folklore Show

Overnight: Sofia

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4 - Sofia-Nis-Belgrade

A long and rewarding day as we cross the border into the Republic of Serbia. Arrive in Nis, an important crossroad between Central Europe and the Middle East. After an orientation tour of the city with its many historically important sites, enjoy lunch at a popular café. This emerging city was settled in pre-Roman times and flourished during the time of Emperor Constantine. See the remains of the Turkish fort from the 18th century, now a bustling central recreation area filled with shops, cafes and restaurants. Our journey continues to Belgrade, one of the oldest cities in Europe with a long and tumultuous history. This evening's dinner is at a typical restaurant in the Old Bohemian Quarter of Skadarlija, accented by music and song. Toast your fellow travelers this evening with Rakia, a delicious fruit brandy popular in the Balkans

Overnight: Belgrade

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 - Belgrade City Tour

Today's sightseeing begins at the daunting Kalemegdan Fortress, dramatically perched above the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. Built in stages between the 1st and 18th centuries, this fortress witnessed major defensive battles. View the colorful surrounding park before continuing to Slavija and Republic Squares, bustling Knez Mihajlova Street and the imposing Saint Sava Temple, one of the largest Orthodox churches in the world. Visit the Memorial to the late Marshal Tito, leader of Yugoslavia for over 40 years, resting within an encircled flower garden. Free time this afternoon Perhaps re-visit the Old Bohemian Quarter of Skadarlija, frequently compared to Montmartre in Paris, both in appearance as well as its artistic atmosphere

Overnight: Belgrade

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 - Tour Novi Sad & Timisoara

Drive through the ever-changing landscape to Novi Sad, an interesting mix of Serbian culture and Austro-Hungarian architecture, nestled on the Danube. A walking tour introduces you to the city's major highlights including the Petrovaradin Citadel, also known as the "Gibraltar of the Danube," towering over the river. Then travel to Timisoara in Romania a vibrant city on the Bega River, built around lavish parks and gardens where the Romanian revolution began in 1989. View the ruins of the Timisoara Fortress, 14th century Hunaidy Castle, Pasha's Wheel and the elegant residential section. Dinner together at the hotel. Afterwards, opt to explore the non-stop nightlife of Timisoara, named "Little Vienna," home to year-round cultural performances

Overnight: Timisoara

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 - Depart for Sibiu, visit Hunedoara En Route

Our drive this morning takes us to the region of Transylvania. Visit the mythical 14th century Hunedoara Castle built on old Roman fortifications with huge pointed towers, a massive drawbridge and soaring battlements. This fortress, transformed many times over the years, became the castle of Matthias Corvinus, known as the "Raven King." Then, we drive to the charming town of Sibiu, with its maze of cobbled streets and baroque squares. This cultural center of Europe attracted many musicians in the 19th century and today is the center of Romania's major music festivals

Overnight: Sibiu

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 – Tur Sibiu & Sighisoara, Travel to Brasov

We begin our day with a walking tour in the bohemian Old Town that still retains the grandeur of its earlier days with a medieval wall guarding the historic area where narrow streets pass by steep-roofed 17th century buildings. Linger at church-dominated Great Square, Little Square and the Evangelical Cathedral. At the Bridge of Lies, the first forged iron bridge in the country, view decorations of rosettes and geometric motifs. Then depart to Sighisoara, the best-preserved medieval city in Southeastern Europe with fortified walls, cobblestone lanes and 16th century gingerbread houses. Tour the town's famous Clock Tower Museum; view the workings of the magnificent clock with its moving wooden figurines. Then head south to Brasov, nestled at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains. Upon arrival, a walking tour of this lovely town famous for its Town Square filled with baroque architecture and the first Romanian school, with its collection of rare books. Dinner together

Overnight: Brasov

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 – Tour Bran Castle, Peles Castle & Sinaia Monastery en route to Bucharest

Surrounded by an aura of mystery, we travel to the fabled Bran Castle commonly known as Dracula's Castle. Perched high atop a 200 ft. high rock, Bran castle owes its fame to the commanding towers and turrets as well as to the myth created around Bran Sticker's character, Count Dracula. Next stop is Pele Castle, the summer home of King Carol I, before continuing to the 17th century Sinai Monastery in the Prahova valley, named after the great St. Catherine's monastery on Mount Sinai. We arrive in the Romanian capital of Bucharest with its lovely parks gardens, wide boulevards and avenues shaded by centuries old trees.

Overnight: Bucharest

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10,– Bucharest City Tour

Morning tour in Bucharest named the "Paris of the East" takes us to the replica of the French Arc de Triomphe, built in 1935 to commemorate the bravery of Romanian soldiers who fought in WWI. View the gigantic Parliament Palace, second-largest building in the world after the Pentagon in the US. See the Romanian Athenaeum, the Opera House, the National Military club and the Military Academy. Visit the unique open air Village museum, a collection of traditional farmhouses, cottages, watermills and artisans workshops from all over the country. In your free time stroll down Victory avenue, a historic street lined with shops, museums, cafes and elegant homes. Share memories at tonight's farewell dinner and festive folklore show.

Overnight: Bucharest

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, – Depart Romania – transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Trip costs:

\$3989 pp double /twin occupancy including land and air – check only –

credit card payments must add 5%

special note: price above includes estimated airfare. Actual airfare prices may affect total trip price above. Actual airfare may only be booked 11 months from last day of trip.

\$580 pp single supplement (very limited availability – please book now)

Deposit requirements: \$300 per person plus trip insurance

Final payment: July 14, 2015 – all payments must be in our office on or before this date

Travel Guard trip protection is additional and required for this small group exclusive departure
(please ask for quote)

YOUR FULLY ESCORTED TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- . ROUND TRIP AIRFARE: From Detroit – Other cities by request (prices may vary)
- . 9 nights First Class accommodations at the following hotels or similar:
 - . 2 nights Sofia at the Radisson Blu
 - . 2 nights Belgrade at the Moskva
 - . 1 night Timisoara at the Timisoara
 - . 1 night Sibiu at the Ramada
 - . 1 night Brasov at the Aro Palace
 - . 2 nights Bucharest at the Athenee Palace Hilton
- . Hotel portorage
- . All transfers
- . 17 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 7 dinners
- . Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- . Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- . Services of local guides in all major cities
- . Entrance fees per itinerary

Special Features

- . Visit Sofia's National Museum of History with its exhibits dating back 8000 years.
- . Tour historic Nis, an important crossroad between Central Europe and the Middle East.
- . In Belgrade, spend an evening in the fun-filled Old Bohemian Quarter of Skadarlija.
- . Tour of historic Belgrade includes the Kalemegdan Fortress and Saint Sava Temple.
- . Visit Novi Sad, an eclectic mix of Serbian culture and Austro-Hungarian architecture.
- . Travel to Timisoara, a vibrant city on the Bega River, built around lavish gardens.
- . Walking tour in Sibiu highlights the Old Town's charming 17th century buildings.
- . Tour Sighisoara, the best-preserved medieval city in Southeastern Europe.
- . Travel to "Dracula's Castle" surrounded by an aura of mystery and legend.
- . Visit Bucharest's Village Museum, an open-air replica of artisans' workshops.

***Not Included:**

Optional tours and gratuities.

Airfare from departure cities not listed above

Air upgrades

Entry Requirements:

US citizens require a passport valid for six months beyond travel dates.

**Bulgaria – Romania – Serbia - Registration / Trip Payment
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Legal passport name (first) _____ (middle) _____ (last) _____ Date of
birth _____ Address _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____
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(Expiration date) _____ (Place of birth) _____ US Citizen? _____

NOTE: passport expiration date must extend at least 6 mos beyond your last date of travel

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In signing this registration I understand the following terms and conditions for group travel:

- >All travelers requiring the use of hearing aids must wear them during group sightseeing activities/meetings
- > Travelers with chronic medical conditions must travel with a companion who can assist them should an early return home become necessary; Travel Visions staff will not be held responsible for trip interruption or staying back with travelers who may be hospitalized because of illness or injury during the trip
- > Travelers must bring with them only the amount of baggage they can handle themselves in & around airports , boarding or deplaning the aircraft.

Signature _____ (date) _____

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