



Ultimate Balkans

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The Offer

Journey through the heart of the Balkans and Central Europe on a grand adventure that spans 9 fascinating countries. This incredible 30-day tour takes you on a captivating journey through the gems of the Balkans, uncovering a rich tapestry of history, culture and breathtaking landscapes.

Begin in Sofia, Bulgaria's vibrant capital, before venturing to the ancient Rila Monastery. Cross into North Macedonia to explore the birthplace of Mother Teresa in the capital Skopje, and the stunning lakeside beauty of Ohrid. Albania's captivating capital, Tirana, awaits, followed by the fortress town of Kruje. Continue to Montenegro's charming coastal gem, Budva, for a two-day stay, then head to Croatia, where you'll discover the stunning, UNESCO-listed Old Towns of Dubrovnik and Split.

Experience the natural wonder of Plitvice Lakes National Park (optional) before exploring the impressive Postojna Cave in Slovenia (optional) and the picturesque capital, Ljubljana. The journey continues to picturesque Zagreb, Croatia, then onto Serbia, where you'll visit the historic

cities of Novi Sad and historic Belgrade. Next, cross into Hungary to admire the grandeur of Budapest, the "Queen of Danube."

Your tour culminates in Romania, where you'll be enchanted by the medieval castles of Transylvania, including the legendary Bran Castle. Located on a cliff, the striking building is considered to be the home of Count Dracula from Bram Stoker's novels. Finish your tour in the vibrant capital, Bucharest, with its opulent Parliament Building and fascinating Village Museum. This epic tour promises an unforgettable exploration of a region steeped in exciting history and natural beauty.

This incredible journey includes return international full-service flights, 27 nights hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, english-speaking tour guides and more.

Want more? Arrive Early in Sofia, Bulgaria, or Stay Behind in Bucharest, Romania options available.

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The Itinerary

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Sofia, Bulgaria

Today depart for Sofia the capital of Bulgaria, a Balkan nation.

Please note: Some travellers may depart on Day 2 and arrive on Day 2.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Sofia!

Upon arrival at Sofia Airport, you will be met by a representative and be transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Zoo or similar, Sofia

Meals included: None

Day 3 Sofia City Tour & Free Time

This morning you will enjoy a guided walking tour in the city centre, which will include seeing the gold-domed Alexander Nevsky Cathedral (entry included), Saint (Sveta) Sofia Church, the main shopping street Vitosha, the Synagogue, St. George Rotunda (entry included), the National Theatre and Banya Bashi Mosque.

A visit would not be complete without a stop to the country's most important museum, The Museum of National History that contains some of the most important artefacts in Bulgaria's History (entry included). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore some more of this beautiful city on your own.

Overnight: Hotel Zoo or similar, Sofia

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Sofia - Rila, Bulgaria - Skopje, North Macedonia

After breakfast, you'll travel to discover Bulgaria's most famous tourist site, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rila Monastery. Being one of the largest in the Balkans it was the centre of Bulgarian culture and Orthodox belief for more than 1000 years. The monastery was founded in the 10th century by the hermit Saint Ivan Rilsky (St John of Rila).

Next, leave Bulgaria behind and head to Skopje, Macedonia, where you will arrive in the evening. The city is famous for being the birthplace of Mother Teresa. Enjoy an orientation tour and then check into the hotel after an approximately 340 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel Gold or similar, Skopje

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Skopje Walking City Tour - Ohrid

After breakfast, you will discover the most attractive landmarks of Skopje during a walking guided tour, such as the quay of the Macedonian river 'Vardar', the Memorial house of Mother Teresa (entrance excluded), Macedonia Square with the statue of Alexander the Great on his horse, the 1500-year-old fortress Kale and the narrow streets in the Old Bazaar. As one of the oldest and largest marketplaces in the Balkans, the Old Bazaar has been Skopje's centre for trade and commerce since the 12th century and is still home to several active mosques, churches, and a clock tower.

Next travel to the town Ohrid, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you will enjoy a walking guided tour of the old city. Ohrid once had 365 churches, one for each day of the year, therefore it has been referred to as the "Jerusalem of the Balkans". You will



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have the chance to wander through the narrow streets and squares of the city situated on the banks of the lake with the same name. Lake Ohrid is famous as it's Europe's oldest lake having formed over three million years ago. The tour will include the Ancient Theatre, the Tsar Samuil's (Samuel's) Fortress, old churches, monasteries, basilicas (Sveti Sofia Church) and the famous pedestrian shopping street (entrances excluded). Unwind after an approximately 180 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel Granit or similar, Ohrid
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Ohrid Walking City Tour & Free Time

Following breakfast, you will visit the Museum On Water, also known as the Bay Of Bones, an amazing archaeological complex and a reconstruction of a pile dwelling settlement, dating back between 1200 and 700 BC. Afterwards, you will visit the Monastery of St. Naum, an amazing monastery built on a rock that offers a wonderful view of Lake Ohrid. You'll then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or take part in an optional Ohrid boat ride around the marina, the old town and the Sveti Jovan Kaneo Monastery, bookable on tour (extra charges apply, entries included).

Overnight: Hotel Granit or similar, Ohrid
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Ohrid, North Macedonia - Tirana, Albania

Today you will travel to Tirana, the capital of Albania and see the main tourist attractions during a walking guided tour of the city centre. These will include Tirana's massive main square (Skanderbeg), Et'hem Bey Mosque, & Skanderbeg's statue.

The remainder of the day will be at leisure for you to explore one of the most fascinating capitals in Eastern Europe at your own pace after an approximately 140 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel Eurostar or similar, Tirana
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Tirana - Kruje, Albania - Budva, Montenegro

After breakfast, you will travel to the nearby town of Kruje. The history of this city is very much linked to the national hero of Albania, George Castriot Skanderbeg, who made Kruje a fortress of resistance against the Turkish Ottoman empire in the 15th century. You will see Kruje Castle (entry included), which is supposed to be the headquarters of the "Dragon Of Albania". Then you will explore the souvenir market in the traditional Old Bazaar. Your day will then continue to Budva, Montenegro. Here you will enjoy a walk in the city centre and see the most famous tourist attractions: the Citadel, Ballerina and Mogren Beach, the marina, Land Gate, Square of Churches, Ancient Necropolis, Njegoš's Street, Mediternaska Street and Slovenska Plaza. Enjoy your hotel and explore more of this fascinating small port town after an approximately 200km travel day.

Overnight: Hotel Rivijera or similar, Budva
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Budva Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy time at leisure to explore the beautiful Old Town or beaches of Budva.

Overnight: Hotel Rivijera or similar, Budva
Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 10 Budva Free Day

Following breakfast, enjoy time at leisure to explore the beautiful Old Town or beaches of Budva. Alternatively you can take part in an optional Kotor City Tour & Boat Ride, bookable on tour (extra charges apply).

Overnight: Hotel Rivijera or similar, Budva
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Budva, Montenegro - Dubrovnik, Croatia

After breakfast, you'll head to Dubrovnik, Croatia, known as 'The Pearl of the Adriatic' on an Approximately 95 kilometre travel day. The medieval Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll also discover Onofrio's Fountain and walk along Prijeko Street to the Old Port, the key to Dubrovnik's trading and maritime success.

Overnight: Hotel Valamar or similar, Dubrovnik area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Dubrovnik Free Day

Today is free at leisure to explore this magical city.

Overnight: Hotel Valamar or similar, Dubrovnik area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Dubrovnik - Split

Today you will travel to Split on an approximately 235 kilometre travel day. This is one of the most important cities along the Adriatic Sea. Here you can visit the city's historical centre which is UNESCO World Heritage Listed.

Overnight: Hotel Batuda or similar, Split
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Split - Korenica - Zadar

After breakfast, you'll transfer to the town of Korenica on an approximately 250-kilometre travel day. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. You may take the opportunity to join an optional tour to travel to the nearby Plitvice National Park, Croatia's oldest National Park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you will enjoy a guided nature walking tour, a boat trip across the lakes and a panorama train ride and will be amazed by the colour of the water, bookable on tour (extra charges apply). In the late afternoon travel approximately 120 kilometre to Zadar and check in to your hotel.

Please note: The visit to Plitvice Lakes is weather-dependent. In the event of bad weather, the National Park can be closed. If possible, changes will be made to the following day's schedule, respecting all the visits included in the itinerary

Overnight: Hotel Porto or similar, Zadar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Zadar, Croatia - Postojna Cave, Slovenia - Ljubljana

After breakfast, you will cross into Slovenia and travel to the Postojna Cave (entrance not included) - one of the largest caves in Europe. For those who don't wish to enter the cave, there are plenty of cafes nearby to sit and relax in. Afterwards, you'll continue on to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, having an approximately 400 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel One 66 or similar, Ljubljana
Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 16 Ljubljana City Tour

After breakfast you will enjoy a walking guided tour to see the main tourist attractions of Ljubljana's city centre. These include the National University Library, Congress Square, Cobbler's Bridge, the New Square, Franciscan Church, the main square with the Prešeren Monument, the Three Bridges, the river promenade, the Municipality Square, the Open-Air Market, Butcher's Bridge, the Old Square, St. Nicholas Cathedral and Dragon Bridge (entrances not included).

Next you will visit Ljubljana Castle (entry included), a medieval castle with Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance architectural elements, located on the summit of Castle Hill which dominates the city centre. The visit includes a return journey by funicular. This afternoon enjoy your time at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel One 66 or similar, Ljubljana
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Ljubljana - Lake Bled - Ljubljana

After breakfast, you will be driven to Lake Bled where you can enjoy some time at leisure. Upon arrival at the lake, you can take an optional scenic boat ride on the emerald-green lake to admire lush scenery (extra charges apply, bookable on tour). After the optional boat ride everyone will visit Bled Castle (entry included), the oldest castle in Slovenia, dating back to the 11th century. Perched on a steep cliff high above the lake, the castle creates a dramatic backdrop to the city. Enjoy lunch at leisure in the fortress (not included) then return to Ljubljana after an approximately 110 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel Blue Zagreb or similar, Zagreb
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Ljubljana, Slovenia - Zagreb, Croatia - Walking City Tour

Today you will travel to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, where you will enjoy a walking tour of Zagreb's Upper and Lower Town districts with amazing city views from the Strossmayer Promenade. You will also see the main attractions including St Catherine's Church, the Stone Gate, the Lotrščak Tower and the Croatian Parliament. You will head to the Lower Town via Tkalčičeva Street and pass the Dolac Market to the medieval Kaptol (entrances excluded). Last but not least, you will enjoy the traditional architecture in Ban Jelačić Square after an approximately 140 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel Blue Zagreb or similar, Zagreb

Day 19 Zagreb, Croatia - Novi Sad, Serbia

After breakfast, start the drive toward Serbia on an approximately 380 kilometre travel day. It boasts a perfect blend between cities and nature. Enjoy the scenic ride as you go inland towards Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city.

Overnight: Hotel Garni Planeta Inn or similar, Novi Sad
Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 20 Novi Sad - Belgrade - Novi Sad

After breakfast, you'll travel to the capital of Serbia, Belgrade. Upon arrival admire the Republic Square, the National Theatre and National Museum, Bohemian Quarter (Skadarlija) which is the oldest part of Belgrade with Ottoman heritage, Bajrakli Mosque the only mosque in the city, Kalemegdan Park, Belgrade Fortress and the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers (entrances not included). You will also discover Pobednik ("The Victor"), the most famous symbol of Belgrade, built to commemorate Serbia's victory over the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian Empire during the Balkan Wars. You'll then return to Novi Sad in the evening after an approximately 200 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel Garni Planeta Inn or similar, Novi Sad
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 21 Novi Sad Walking City Tour

This morning is free for your leisure or you may take part in an optional day tour to the nearby town of Sremski Karlovci (can be booked directly during the tour). In the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour to see Zmaj Jovina Street, the promenade of Novi Sad, the Palace of the Orthodox Bishop, Dunavska Street with its long line of single-story 19th century houses, the Danube embankment and the outside of Petrovaradin Fortress on the other bank (entrances not included).

Overnight: Hotel Garni Planeta Inn or similar, Novi Sad
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 22 Novi Sad - Subotica, Serbia - Budapest, Hungary

After breakfast, you will travel to Budapest, "The Queen of Danube", and the capital of Hungary with a stop in Subotica, one of the least-known architectural gems of Serbia along the way. Upon arrival in Budapest, you may check in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure after an approximately 310 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Ibis Budapest City or similar, Budapest
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 23 Budapest Free Day

Enjoy the day at leisure in this beautiful city. In the evening take the opportunity to join an optional tour with a fantastic 2-hour folklore show which includes traditional Hungarian dances and a scenic boat ride to see the evening lights of Budapest, (extra charges apply, bookable on tour).

Overnight: Ibis Budapest City or similar, Budapest
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 24 Budapest, Hungary - Arad, Romania - Timisoara

Today you will travel to Romania on an approximately 325 kilometre travel day. The first stop in Arad where you will admire the impressive Neo-Gothic Palace of Culture, the City Hall Palace, the Red Church, the great Catholic Cathedral and the State Theatre (entrances not included). Next you will discover Timisoara, a wonderful city frequently referred to as "Little Vienna" that became the European Capital Of Culture in 2021.



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The charm of this city lies in its distinct architectural character and vibrant cultural life. In the afternoon, enjoy some free time to discover Victory Square, Union Square, the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Freedom Square or the Jewish Neighbourhood.

Hotel Ibis City Center or similar, Timisoara

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 25 Timisoara - Corvin's Castle - Alba Iulia - Sibiu

This morning you will visit the famous Corvin Castle (entry included), one of the most fascinating castles in Eastern Europe. Built in a Renaissance Gothic style the castle is full of amazing legends. Next, you will travel to Alba Iulia, the city of the Great Union Of Romania (national day). Here you will explore Alba Carolina Fortress and visit the Coronation Cathedral and St. Michael's Cathedral (entries included).

Afterwards travel to Sibiu, the European Capital Of Culture in 2007 on an approximately 330 kilometre travel day. The city is dominated by the Tower Of The Clock or the 'Council Tower' that dates to the medieval era. See the Brukenthal Museum (the former residence of the governor of Transylvania), the Big Square, the Small Square and Huet Square with the Evangelical Cathedral (entrances not included).

Overnight: Hotel Ibis Style Arsenal or similar, Sibiu

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 26 Sibiu - Sighisoara - Braşov

After breakfast, you will explore the ancient, fortified church of Biertan (entry included), a Saxon village. Discover the bastion where couples who wanted to separate were imprisoned in order to change their mind. You'll also visit the Saxon Citadel Of Biertan that has preserved and intact three city walls. Next, you will travel to Sighisoara, renowned as one of the best-preserved citadels in Europe that's still inhabited. The historic centre of Sighisoara has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999 and is dominated by the Clock Tower.

Here you will see the Church On The Hill (entry included), reachable by a wooden covered staircase. You will also admire the statue of the famous Hungarian national poet Petofi Sandor. Next to the statue, you will see the Catholic Church (entry included), reserved for the Hungarian community and the tower of the shoemakers. You have the option to enjoy lunch in the house where Vlad The Impaler was born (not included) before continuing to Brasov and checking into the hotel after an approximately 210 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel Ambient or similar, Brasov

Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 27 Brasov Walking City Tour - Bran - Sinaia - Bucharest

Today you will enjoy a guided tour of Brasov, which was once an entirely fortified town. Brasov is also an important cultural and commercial centre and one of the most charming cities of Transylvania. Brasov impresses with its typically German architecture where the Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance intersect to give life to an interesting and culturally lively city. You will see the First Romanian School, located in the oldest district of the city (the Schei district) which was inhabited exclusively by Romanians.

You will then visit the amazing Black Church (entry included), the largest evangelical Gothic church in Eastern Europe. The church houses are the most beautiful 19th century mechanical organ in Romania. Next you will see the palaces and houses of the historic centre, with the Council Square and the pedestrian Avenue of the Republic. Later you will continue travelling to Bran where you will tour Bran Castle (entry included), also known as Dracula's Castle. In the Middle Ages Bran was on the border between Wallachia and Transylvania, therefore it was essential for the inhabitants of Brasov to build a defensive stronghold.

The fortress was later transformed into a beautiful castle thanks to the intervention of Queen Maria of Romania. After lunch (not included) you will visit the famous Peles Castle (entry included), the summer residence of the first king of Romania - King Charles 1 of Hohenzollern, of German origins. The castle was built between the 19th and 20th centuries. Each room is characterised by a unique style. Afterwards, you'll continue to Bucharest and check into the hotel after an approximately 215 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel Central or similar, Bucharest
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 28 Bucharest Walking City Tour

Today you will enjoy a fantastic guided city tour of Bucharest and lunch (not included) at a restaurant in the beautiful Herastrau Park, a relaxing place with a large lake. Explore the Village Museum (entry included), founded by a Romanian sociologist, an impressive open-air museum that offers the opportunity to learn about the lifestyle of 19th-century Romanian farmers, their houses, water mills and churches made entirely of wood. You will also discover a wooden Maramures Church, which was dismantled and brought to the museum.

Next, you will see the Parliament Building, an impressive monument that was built at the command of the dictator in the 80's. You will then enjoy a tour of the historical centre of Bucharest, a completely pedestrian area, with the remains of the princely fortress of Vlad the Impaler. You will also see the 16th century Palatine Church which was built in the Byzantine style and visit the Stavropoleos Church, an architectural jewel of the 18th century that was built in typical Wallachian style with important oriental influences in its external decorations (entrances not included).

Overnight: Hotel Central or similar, Bucharest
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 29 Bucharest, Romania – Australia or (New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Australia or New Zealand after a trip of a lifetime!



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Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 30 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day.

Meals included: None



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the highlights of Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Hungary and Romania

Visit Ljubljana, Dubrovnik, Brasov, Bucharest and more

See the famous gold-domed Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Sofia on a guided tour

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Rila Monastery

See the Memorial House of Mother Teresa and more

Explore Skopje & Ohrid on a guided walking tour

Visit the amazing archaeological complex known as the 'Bay of Bones'

See the Citadel and more in Budva, Montenegro

Explore historic Dubrovnik and Split at your own pace with time at leisure

Ride the funicular to visit Ljubljana Castle and enjoy the amazing views

Enjoy an afternoon at picturesque Lake Bled and admire the Bled Castle

Wander the streets of Zagreb on a guided tour to see the Stone Gate, Lotrščak Tower and more

Enjoy a walking tour of the vibrant town of Novi Sad in Serbia

Explore at your own pace with time at leisure in the beautiful city of Budapest

Wander through Sibiu, the European capital of culture (2007)

Travel to Sighisoara, renowned as one of the best preserved citadels in Europe

Visit the Black Church, the largest evangelical Gothic church in Eastern Europe

Tour Bran Castle, also known as 'Dracula's Castle'

Enjoy a guided city tour of Bucharest

Visit Peles Castle the summer residence of the first king of Romania

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

ACCOMMODATION

27 nights in 3 and 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour leader & guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

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Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the [General Terms and Conditions](#) and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

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- **we act as your booking agent:** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the

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- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible:** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
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- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable:** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

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General Terms & Conditions

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Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 12th October 2026.

Minimum group size 21, maximum group

size 40 per vehicle.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$3,200 applies.

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 10 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, *Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane or Adelaide: \$150 per person
Auckland: \$600 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-Service Airline(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Please note: From Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 32 hours, with up to 2 stops. From Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 35 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight

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duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

Not available

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Arrive Early

Sofia, Bulgaria - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Bucharest, Romania - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.
- You can arrive early, up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or stay behind until 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to arrive earlier or stay behind for more than 60 days, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.
- High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:
 - 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
 - 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
 - 12th December 2026 - 18th December 2026
 - 19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027
 - 4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027

Stopover Packages

Not available

Flight Class Upgrades

Not available

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

3 & 4-star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Sofia, Bulgaria - Hotel Zoo
- Skopje, North Macedonia - Hotel Gold
- Ohrid, North Macedonia - Hotel Granit
- Tirana, Albania - Hotel Eurostar
- Budva, Montenegro - Hotel Rivijera
- Dubrovnik, Croatia - Valamar Hotel
- Split, Croatia - Hotel Batuda
- Zadar, Croatia - Hotel Porto
- Ljubljana, Slovenia - One66 Hotel
- Zagreb, Croatia - Hotel Blue
- Novi Sad, Serbia - Garni Hotel Planeta Inn
- Budapest, Hungary - Hotel Ibis Budapest City
- Timisoara, Romania - Hotel Ibis City Center
- Sibiu, Romania - Hotel Ibis Style Arsenal
- Brasov, Romania - Hotel Ambient
- Bucharest, Romania - Hotel Central

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and

included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

Please note: A daily City Tourist Tax (or a Docking Tax for cruise visitors) is charged in some European destinations. They are paid directly to the hotel or cruise company, and cannot be prepaid. Further details will be included in your travel.

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The

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recommended tip is 5-7 euros per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

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TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

The Balkans

The best time to visit the Balkans is from April to October when the weather is pleasant for enjoying the coast and the inland attractions from Greece to Serbia. Spring and autumn offer breathtaking views across the diverse region, and the weather is ideal for cultural trips to the historic sites that have been home to numerous empires.

Romania & Bulgaria have a temperate-continental climate with moderate features which is characteristic for Central Europe. with hot summers, long, cold winters and very distinct seasons. Abundant snowfalls may occur throughout the countries from December to mid-March.

May is when temperatures really begin to climb and the summer season truly begins. The town and ports are filling up with tourists, restaurants and bars are alive, museums open and extend their hours and the weather triumphs it all by warming up considerably. Average temperatures reach a very pleasant high of around 21°C and reach a low of a very manageable 11°C. Summers are hot and busy in the Balkan countries. From June to August, the coastal paradises of Dubrovnik and Kotor are bustling with life. It is a great time to witness memorable music and art festivals in the iconic cities and spend warm evenings surrounded by spectacular architecture.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings,

you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

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Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A Moderate level of fitness will be required.

Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

A tourist visa is not required if travelling on an Australian or New Zealand Passport.

EU Entry/Exit System (EES)

From October 12, 2025, a new European Entry System (EES) replaces the current manual passport-stamping process for non-EU travellers. Upon arrival in the Schengen area, Australian and New Zealand passport holders will have their fingerprints recorded and a photograph taken. Their entry and exit dates will be electronically registered. No previous action is required, but please be aware of longer wait times at border entry. From 10 April 2026, the EES will be fully operational at all external border crossing points of all the European countries (Schengen area) using the system.

European Travel Information & Authorisation System (ETIAS)

As an extension of the EES implementation introduced from 2025, ETIAS travel authorisation is a mandatory entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals travelling to any of these [30 European countries](#), including Australian and New Zealand citizens, that will be introduced in 2026. We advise you to monitor smartraveller.com.au closer to your departure to ensure you are up to date on the requirements at the time of entry.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*

- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

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- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.