

# BEAUTIFUL DISCOVERY

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10 days from Belgrade to Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice and Bled



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Belgrade:** features the most impressive reminders of the city's glorious past, including the Kalemegdan Fortress, the Byzantine Cathedral and the Parliament
- **Sarajevo:** Bascarsija, picturesque oriental marketplace, Husref Bey Mosque, Oriental Svrza's House and War museum Tunnel
- **Mostar:** The old Turkish Quarter and New - Old Bridge of Mostar, a single-arch bridge built in 16th century, destroyed in Bosnian War in 1993 and again rebuilt in 2004.
- **Dubrovnik:** Walking within old City Walls will open up the view to incredible sights of the town, with the Pile Gate, Onofrio's Fountain, Franciscan Monastery, and Rector's Palace
- **Split:** Roman emperor Diocletian palace, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral
- **Plitvice:** walk within unspoiled nature of Plitvice National Park with its 16 cascading lakes
- **Postojna:** visit the amazing underground world of the Europe largest caves
- **Bled:** enjoy the sights of Bled Lake and surrounding area from the castle perched on the cliff above the lake
- **Ljubljana:** Tromostovje "the triple bridge," the local open air market, the City Hall, Robba's Fountain, the Parliament and the famous "Dragon Bridge" – the symbol of Ljubljana



## ITINERARY

### Day 01: Belgrade

Arrive at Belgrade airport and transfer to your tour hotel. In the evening, meet your fellow travelers and Tour Director for dinner scheduled in one of the local restaurants in the bohemian part of Belgrade, Skadarlija.

Meals: WD

### Day 02: Belgrade

Morning sightseeing of Belgrade includes Byzantine Cathedral, visit to Kalemegdan Fortress, which houses Military Museum and Museum of Princess Ljubica. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Meals: B

### Day 03: From Belgrade to Sarajevo

After breakfast we depart Belgrade and drive into the wildly beautiful mountain country of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Afternoon arrival to the capital Sarajevo. Graced with spired minarets, it is a city of contrasts, a harmonious blend of East and West.

Meals: B, D

### Day 04: From Sarajevo to Mostar and Dubrovnik

The day starts with walking sightseeing of this half-oriental city including visit to old oriental quarter Bascarsija with its Mosques and small workshops. Later on proceed to a panoramic visit of the rest of the city and at the end visit to the War Museum Tunnel, through which Sarajevo had the only connection with the world during its siege. After saying good-bye to Sarajevo we depart South towards the Adriatic Sea. En route stop in Mostar to visit the famous newly rebuilt Old Bridge of Mostar. Drive along valley of blue-green Neretva river to the Adriatic coast and later on along a spectacular coast to the world's well known resort of Dubrovnik.

Meals: B

### Day 05: Dubrovnik

Morning sightseeing tour will focus on the beautifully preserved medieval town with its imposing city walls. Among the highlights are the Rector's Palace and the Franciscan Monastery, which houses one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe. The afternoon is free at your leisure to explore the narrow cobbled streets of this old city on your own.

Meals: B

### Day 06: From Dubrovnik to Split

Heading North along the Adriatic to Split, our goal is to explore the massive palace built by the 4th century Roman emperor Diocletian as his retirement home which is also on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We see Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral as well as Split's many Renaissance and Gothic

structures. Over time the city has encroached into the corners and crannies of the palace; shopkeepers and tiny restaurants now make their home within its massive walls.

Meals: B, D

### Day 07: From Split via Trogir to Plitvice National Park

After breakfast, we head North along the Dalmatian coast to Trogir, originally founded as a Greek colony in the 3rd century BC. Here we walk along the marble-covered streets to see the portal of the St. Lawrence Cathedral. Then it's on to the beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park. Walking through the natural splendor of the Plitvice Lakes National Park this afternoon, we explore the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. Each of the falls is at a different elevation and

feeds into the next through a series of spectacular cascades and frothing waterfalls. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore the wonders of the national park.

Meals: B, D

### Day 08: From Plitvice via Postojna to Bled

We return to the coast to the beautiful Bay of Kvarner and its popular resort Opatija. Then we head North to Postojna, home of the largest caves in Europe. Here we tour a fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train and on foot. Afterwards our journey continues to Bled in the Julian Alps.

Meals: B, D

### Day 09: Bled

In the morning, we drive to Slovenia's capital, where we enjoy the tour of the city that is filled with churches and fin-de-siecle palaces – reminders of the town's baroque Austro-Hungarian days. Ljubljana's castle and Roman ruins speak of even earlier rulers. The charming old town nestled between the castle hill and the Ljubljanica River is reached by the Tromostovje "the triple bridge." Here we stroll across the triple bridge and through the local market, offering typical Slovenian foods and everyday products; see the City Hall; Robba's Fountain and visit Ljubljana Castle. We also see the famous "Dragon Bridge", the symbol of Ljubljana. In the afternoon, we return to Bled to tour this lake resort with included visit to the Castle, perched on the cliff high above the lake.

Meals: B, FWD

### Day 10: Bled

Your tour finishes after breakfast in Bled and transfer to Ljubljana Airport.

Meals: B



## HOTELS:

- **Belgrade:** Best Western M
- **Sarajevo:** Radon Plaza, Holiday Inn
- **Dubrovnik:** Ariston, Dubrovnik President
- **Split:** Atrium
- **Plitvice:** Jezero, Plitvice
- **Bled:** Golf, Park, Astoria

## INCLUDED FEATURES:

- First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- Service charges and taxes
- Welcome drink upon arrival with your Tour Director
- Breakfast daily, welcome dinner in a local restaurant in Belgrade, 4 hotel dinners, dinner in a local restaurant in Dubrovnik, and farewell dinner in the Castle restaurant in Bled
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Professional Tour Director throughout
- Qualified local city guides
- Luggage handling in hotels