

DISCOVERING THE BALKANS

12 days from Sofia to Belgrade, Sibiu, Brasov and Bucharest

Explore the splendour of Europe while making friends with the people from around the World.

This tour is on join in basis and you will have chance to share the bus and guide with fellow travelers. The tour will be operated on the fixed dates specified below and be conducted exactly in accordance with the itinerary.

Itinerary

Day 1, Jakarta to Sofia, Friday

Arrive in Sofia. You will be met at the Airport and transferred to the hotel. Plenty of time to relax before meeting your fellow travelers and tour director at the welcome dinner. **(D)**

Day 2, in Sofia, Saturday

Half day Sofia city tour. The highlights of the tour will be the visits to the **National History Museum** where the gold and silver Thracian treasures are displayed, the Alexander Nevski Cathedral and Alexander Nevski Crypt. Evening at leisure to relax. Overnight. **(B)**

Day 3, Sofia - Nis – Belgrade, Sunday

After breakfast departure towards Nis the third-largest city in Serbia. Here you will enjoy an orientation tour and a complimentary lunch. Proceed to Belgrade with arrival in the late afternoon. Tonight enjoy dinner with local live music in a typical national restaurant in the old bohemian quarter of Skadarlija. Overnight. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4, In Belgrade, Monday

Your morning sightseeing tour includes the city's main attractions: the imposing **Kalemegdan Fortress** dramatically situated at the joining of the Sava and Danube Rivers; the Republic Square and Knez Mihajlova street; Saint Sava Temple, the largest Orthodox Church in the city, and Tito's Memorial. **(B)**

Day 5, Belgrade –Novi Sad- Timisoara, Tuesday

After breakfast depart to Novi Sad. Capital of the Northern Serbian province of Vojvodina and Serbia's second largest city after Belgrade. Upon arrival enjoy walking tour of all the major attractions of Novi Sad including the Petrovaradin Fortress, Liberty Square, the Cathedral, City Council, Zmaj Jovina and Dunavska Street. Continue to Timisoara, the city where Romanian revolution started in 1989. Arrive to Timisoara and view ruins of Timisoara Fortress, Huniady Castle, Pasha's Wheel and Fabric residential areas, Corso shopping area, and accommodation with dinner. **(B, D)**

Day 6, Timisoara - Sibiu, Wednesday

After breakfast departure to Sibiu. On the way to Sibiu we will visit the fortress of **Hunedoara** that

become the castle of the most pre-eminent king of the medieval – Matia Corvin. The monument has a special glamour due to its different construction styles the presence of military and civil innovations as well as for the impetuous court life that animated it for more than 400 years. Arrival to Sibiu and accommodation with dinner. **(B, D)**

Day 7, Sibiu - Sighisoara - Brasov, Thursday

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Sibiu, once the richest town in Transylvania. During the tour you will see the Huet Square, the Large Square, the Evangelical Cathedral, the Liars' Bridge and others. Continue towards Sighisoara, the best preserved medieval city in South-Eastern Europe, for sightseeing tour including entrance to the famous **Clock Tower Museum**. Continue to Brasov, walking tour of Brasov including the visit of the **First Romanian School** with an impressive collection of rare books. Accommodation and dinner in a local restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 8, Brasov - Bucharest, Friday

Following breakfast departure towards Bran. Visit of the **Bran Castle** made famous by Bram Stoker's novel as the residence of the vampire count, Dracula. Continue to Bucharest and stop in **Peles Castle** built as the summer residence of King Carol I. Afterwards continue to the 17th century **Sinaia Monastery** and to Bucharest. After arrival accommodation at your hotel and dinner. **(B, D)**

Day 9, in Bucharest, Saturday

Get acquainted with Bucharest. During the tour you will visit the **Parliament Palace, the second largest building in the world** after the Pentagon and the National Treasure. Listen how the Romanian people finally succeeded to topple the last communist dictator in eastern Europe in the Revolution Square. Your tour will bring you also to the Romanian Athenaeum, the Opera House, the National Military Club, the Military Academy, Triumphal Arch and **The Village Museum**. Farewell dinner with folklore show. **(B, D)**

Day 10, in Bucharest, Sunday

While all your new friends from the group are on the way home, Asvinia Travel Services offers you one more day in the Romanian capital, once nicknamed "Little Paris". After Breakfast enjoy one more day exploring the city on your own or relax in excellence of Hotel Marriott. **(B)**

Day 11, depart Bucharest, Monday

After breakfast you have some time at leisure until the departure transfer to the airport for your flight home. **(B)**

Day 12, arrival to Jakarta, Tuesday

After transit in Doha arrive to Jakarta in the afternoon.

End of Tour.....

B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner

Hotels:

Sofia: Radisson Blu
Belgrade: Hotel Moskva
Timisoara: Hotel Timisoara or NH Timisoara
Sibiu: Ramada
Brasov: Aro Palace
Bucharest: Marriott

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STARTING DATE	TERMINATION DATE
11-May	22-May
25-May	05-Jun
13-Jul	24-Jul
03-Aug	14-Aug
31-Aug	11-Sep
14-Sep	25-Sep
05-Oct	16-oct
PRICES	
Per person in twin room	USD 2495
Single room supplement	USD 538

Features & Inclusions :

- Air ticket by QR, economy class (H)
- First class hotels, rooms with private facilities.
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 7 dinners
- Touring by modern motor coach
- Airport and local transfers
- Professional English speaking tour director
- Luggage handling
- Headsets will be provided for included sightseeing tours, so you can easily hear your guide's commentary

Not included :

- Airport Tax & Fuel (USD 314).
- Airport Tax Jakarta (IDR 150000).
- Visas.
- Beverages and food not on the regular table d'hote menu.
- Tips to Tour Director, tour driver and local city guides.
- Optional excursion.
- Other expenses of personal nature not mentioned in the program.

Asvinia Travel Services has right to correct the price with or without prior notice.

Hotel Description:

Sofia

Radisson Blu*****

Situated just in front of the building of National Assembly, National University, St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral. Walking distance to the Presidency, Ministry Court building and downtown Shopping area. Nearest airport: Sofia airport -11km.

Belgrade

Hotel Moskva****

Located at Terazije Square in city centre, 150m from Knez Mihajlova street. Nearest airport: Belgrade International airport -20kms.

Timisoara

NH Timisoara****

Distances:

- Central train station Gara Timisoara Est 1,6 km
- Airport Timisoara International 13 km

Sibiu

Ramada****

Notes:This hotel is just waiting to be discovered. All who enter it will be delighted, thanks to quality services and high levels of professionalism, as well as top comfort and modern furnishings. The 12-storey building comprises a total of 127 rooms and is fully air-conditioned. Guests are welcomed into

a lobby with a 24-hour reception and check-out service, a hotel safe and currency exchange facilities. Other on-site amenities include lift access, a cafe, a bar, a restaurant and a hairdressing salon. Business guests can look forward to conference facilities and Internet access. Room and laundry services are provided and guests arriving by car can leave their vehicles in the car park or parking garage.

Brasov

Aro Palace****

Important place or monument close to the hotel: Black church -100m, Dracula Castle -25km. Nearest exhibition centre: ITC -5min. Nearest airport: Otopeni Airport -150km.

Distances:

- 1 km to the nearest station (brasov)
- 180 kms to the nearest airport (bucharest)

Bucharest

Marriott****

The hotel is located close to the main business areas and surrounded by main government offices and ministries, Arch De Triumph - 2km, Parliament Palace - 0.5km, Bucharest Opera House - 1km. Nearest airport: 20km.

Distances:

- Bus station Arsenalului Square 0,1 km
- Shopping area Grand Avenue on site 0,1 km
- Place of interest Palace Of Parliament 0,5 km
- Tube station Izvor 0,5 km
- Train station Gara de Nord 5 km
- Exhibition centre Romexpo 8 km
- Airport OTP 20 km