

BALKANS & GREECE ESCORTED TOUR



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Best of the Balkans & Greece with Flights

Duration: 22 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 20 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: EUBGT22M

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22 Days Balkans & Greece Tours with Flights

About the holiday

This special itinerary takes you on a spectacular journey through 8 countries over 3 exciting weeks: Bulgaria, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia and Greece.

Begin with a discovery of the iconic cities and impressive highlights of the Balkans. Get to discover Sofia, Skopje, Belgrade, Sarajevo and Tirana. Roam the ever-popular and lively Croatian coast, followed by the calming serenity and charm of Montenegro and Albania. Chase Alexander the Great from Macedonia to Greece and uncover the mysteries of floating monasteries of Meteora. Meet the Oracle of Delphi before climbing up to the Acropolis to get a panoramic view of a capital of ancient world, Athens.

For the final week, head to the legendary Greek Islands. Travel by ferry between Athens, Mykonos, Santorini and Ios. It's an easy pace, with 2-night stays and orientation walking tours on each island. There's time to relax on the golden beaches, roam the streets of the postcard-worthy towns and enjoy the glow of the gorgeous sunsets. Celebrate the ideal end to a magnificent travel experience.

Why you'll love this trip...

This comprehensive tour ticks the boxes for included highlights & free time
Travel with expert tour leaders to get the best insight and tips
Enjoy comfortable 3- to 5-star hotels, daily breakfast & escorted sightseeing
It's unbeatable value, with flights from Australia included!

Travel dates

Departs from Australia

2024 - Fridays from March to October

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Contact us for travel at other times of the year.

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Escorted tour includes:

Flights - Return economy airfares to Sofia & from Athens

Fly from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

Flying with Emirates, Singapore or Qatar Airways

Accommodation - 20 nights in 3-5 star hotels

Standard rooms with private en-suite facilities, based on twin share

Meals - 20 breakfasts

Transport - Touring in modern coaches

Greek Island transfers from the island ports to the hotels & return

Ferry transportation to the islands, economy class

Escorted Tour

Services of an experienced tour leader, to get the most from your trip

Sightseeing with entrance fees included, as per itinerary

Package excludes:

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Board your overnight flights from Australia to Bulgaria

Day 2 : Sofia

Welcome to Sofia! At the airport, keep an eye out for the local representative sign for your transfer to the hotel. At the hotel around 7pm, have an informal welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travellers. After you get all the critical information about the tour, head out for our optional group dinner around 8:15pm and walk the streets of Sofia.

Accommodation - Novotel Sofia - 4 Star

Included Activities - Welcome Meeting

Optional Activities - Group Dinner

Day 3 : Sofia, Belgrade

After a substantial breakfast, hop on the bus and make your way to the Serbian capital, Belgrade. With stunning views over the Danube and Sava rivers by the mighty medieval Belgrade Fortress, head to the heart of the capitol. Starting off at the vibrant pretty shopping street, Knez Mihailova, filled with cafes, shops and charming sites, kick off the walking tour to discover the incredible landmarks Belgrade has in store and their marvellous histories.

Accommodation - Abba Hotel - 4 Star

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Belgrade City Tour

Day 4 : Belgrade, Sarajevo

Next stop Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital, the city that has been through it all! It is where the Western and Eastern Roman Empire split and where people of many nations and religions met, lived and warred. You can still see many reminders of the Yugoslav War in bullet holes and cannon marks all around town. Though, still an oriental beauty with a unique twist, and a delight to discover on your walking tour in the old town. The city offers endless delicacies to taste, but the specialty is lamb.

Accommodation - Hotel Ibis Styles - 4 Star

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Sarajevo City Tour

Entrance Fees - Catholic Church - EUR 1

Day 5 : Sarajevo, Mostar, Trebinje

Today, we drive for the amazing Adriatic shore, but first a stop at Mostar! As you arrive in this dreamland, walk through the Old Town of this Herzegovina pearl, see the iconic highlights Old Bridge - Stari Most, and the old čaršija (market). Enjoy your lunch with an amazing view at one of the local venues, discover the old town and make sure to try the delicious Turkish coffee. In the afternoon, we ride to Trebinje for our overnight stay.

Accommodation - Hotel Central Park - 4 Star
Meals Included - Breakfast
Included Activities - Mostar City Tour
Optional Activities - Kravice Waterfalls - EUR 30

Day 6 : Trebinje, Dubrovnik, Trebinje

Get ready for a long day at Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic”. With its well-preserved majestic walls encircling the whole town and its sea of terra-cotta roof tiles, giving life to the “King’s Landing”, the whole town is an amazing UNESCO World Heritage Site. Even the drive down to town from the mountain-side is a breathtaking highlight in itself! We start off with a guided walking tour of the Old Town and marvel at the millennial history of this fairy-like town. Walk atop the mighty walls, discover cute narrow streets, taste delicious seafood or jump off into the crystal-blue waters. In the evening, we return to Trebinje for a good night’s rest.

Accommodation - Hotel Central Park - 4 Star
Meals Included - Breakfast
Included Activities - Dubrovnik City Tour
Optional Activities - Dubrovnik Boat Trip - EUR 40
Entrance Fees - Dubrovnik City Walls - EUR 15

Day 7 : Trebinje, Kotor, Shkoder

Next stop Montenegro! Arrive in Kotor after a scenic drive and meet its calming natural beauty and characteristic architecture, a less-crowded version of Dubrovnik with its impressive medieval citadel. Following a walking tour of the old town with your expert local guide and some free time. Departure to Albania, which is our final destination for the day. Shkoder is one of the most authentic cities in Albania.

Walking tour through the centre. Overnight in Shkoder.

Accommodation - Grand Hotel Europa - 5 Star
Meals Included - Breakfast
Included Activities - Kotor City Tour, Shkoder Walking Tour

Day 8 : Shkoder, Tirana, Ohrid

Hit the road after breakfast! A panoramic city tour of Tirana will introduce the best preserved and most beautiful samples of Albanian architecture, and drop us off at the town centre for some free time to discover the bustling Skenderbeg square. In the afternoon, continue towards Ohrid, Macedonia and check-in to your comfy hotel. You can rest up after a long day, or join the optional Balkan night with dinner.

Accommodation - Hotel Aqualina - 4 Star
Meals Included - Breakfast
Included Activities - Panoramic Tour of Tirana, Ohrid Walking Tour
Optional Activities - Balkan Night with Dinner - EUR 35

Day 9 : Ohrid, Skopje

Start off the day with a guided city tour of Old Ohrid hosting hundreds of chapels and churches scattered all around. In the afternoon travel to Skopje, the capital of Macedonia, for the night.

Accommodation - Hotel Next Door - 4 Star

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Ohrid City Tour

Optional Activities - St. Naum Tour - EUR 20

Day 10 : Skopje, Thessaloniki

Prepare to discover the beautiful Skopje with a guided sightseeing tour filled with stunning architecture, grand monuments and unique history. Pose with the famous statue of Alexander the Great or walk through the Macedonian Arc de Triumph. The city has countless landmarks and a vibrant street life with many cafes and bars around. In the afternoon cross the border heading towards the second largest Greek city, Thessaloniki. In the evening, join the panoramic bus tour to discover the hidden gems of the city.

Accommodation - Hotel ABC - 3 Star

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Skopje City Tour, Thessaloniki Panoramic Tour

Day 11 : Kalambaka, Meteora, Delphi

After breakfast, we depart for Kalambaka, the gateway to Meteora. Meteora is famous for its breath-taking scenery and ageless monasteries, almost suspended between the earth and sky. The town hosts one of the largest and steepest complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries, literally named as “middle of the sky”. The World Heritage-listed site is out-of-this-world with its unique landscape of immense monolithic pillars and huge rounded boulders hosting monasteries on top, and one of the most visited locations in Greece. Each monastery has a central courtyard surrounded by chapels and living cells of monks, who have inhabited the region since the 11th century - for far less than the first inhabitants from 50,000 years ago. Later in the afternoon, hop on the bus for Delphi.

Accommodation - Hermes Hotel - 3 Star

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Meteora Tour

Day 12 : Delphi, Athens

Eat up at breakfast, you will be discovering Delphi and all its wonders. Built high atop the cliffs with spectacular scenery, the town made its name in ancient Greek mythology. Chosen as the centre of the earth, here is where the famous powerful Oracles of Delphi resided. UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delphi had a tremendous influence in the ancient world, uniting many city-states under the Hellenic spirit as displayed in rich monuments and ancient stories.

In the afternoon, embark on a scenic drive to Athens. As you get your bearings and all the information you need about the capital from your guide, arrive at the hotel to freshen up. Prepare to cap off the amazing tour Greek-style; bring in the mezes, it's time to do some Sirtaki!

Accommodation - Arion Hotel - 3 Star

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Delphi Tour

Days 13 & 14 : Athens

The next two days are free to start our tour in Greece's capital, Athens, which is one of the world's oldest cities with history spanning back over 3000 years and is considered the birthplace of Western Civilization. Take a step back in time and explore an amazing array of historical and cultural sites in our city tour including: the National Library, the Academy, Constitutional Square and Parliament, The Temple of Zeus, and of course, the iconic Parthenon and Acropolis. The night is free for you to explore more of this incredible city.

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Athens city tour

Day 15 : Mykonos

Rise and shine, we have an early start to catch the ferry from Athens to Mykonos. In the afternoon, you will meet with your tour leader and your fellow travellers to explore Mykonos town, and its white washed houses.

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Orientation walk in Mykonos

Day 16 : Mykonos

The day is yours to soak up the sunshine, swim in the sea or chew through your memory card taking pics of cute windmills and quaint streets. Or discover the birthplace of Apollo by taking an optional tour to Delos Island. Tonight, hit the bars and restaurants and dance the night away!

Meals Included - Breakfast

Optional Activities - Delos Island Tour

Day 17 : Mykonos, Santorini

Next up: Santorini! After our ferry ride, we will wander through the town of Fira to get our bearings. See why the blue door houses, white church domes make Santorini the iconic postcard town of Greece. Santorini is formed from volcanic activity, and from the caldera witness the most epic sunset and breath-taking views.

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Orientation walk in Santorini

Day 18 : Santorini

We've got a free day today. Relax on the red or black sand beaches, wander the streets and browse through the shops of the main town or take an optional quad biking tour. Explore the island's volcano and check out an active crater and hot springs in our optional volcano tour. The choices are endless!

Meals Included - Breakfast

Optional Activities - Volcano Tour, Quad Biking Tour

Day 19 : Santorini, Ios

Today we are taking to the seas, and heading towards Ios. Get orientated on a tour around Ios and see its golden beaches and characteristic Aegean houses which are set on the hilltop. Tonight get amongst it, as we hit up the renowned party night life in the evening!

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Orientation walk in Ios

Day 20 : Ios

Feeling a little under the weather from last night's festivities? Nothing a gyros and a dip in the sea can't fix! It's a free day today so laze on the beach, roam the streets of the beautiful town of Chora or swoon over those awesome views.

Meals - Breakfast

Day 21 : Ios, Athens

Raise the anchor, today we are departing by ferry for our final stop, Athens. Tick off any last-minute sightseeing and soak up all that Greece has to offer.

Meals - Breakfast

Day 22 : Depart Athens, Fly to Australia

Check out of the hotel this morning. Our trip will end today as you catch a taxi to Athens Airport for flights home.

Please note: The daily schedule is intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road & sea conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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